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Member Of Parliament Raja Sabha Calls On LG



JAMMU: Er. Gulam Ali Khatana, Member of Parliament, Raja Sabha called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan, Saturday and discussed various issues of public importance. Later, Dr Abu Adil, Director, Kelley Foundation also called on the Lt Governor and briefed him on the endeavours of his organization to spread **•P-02**

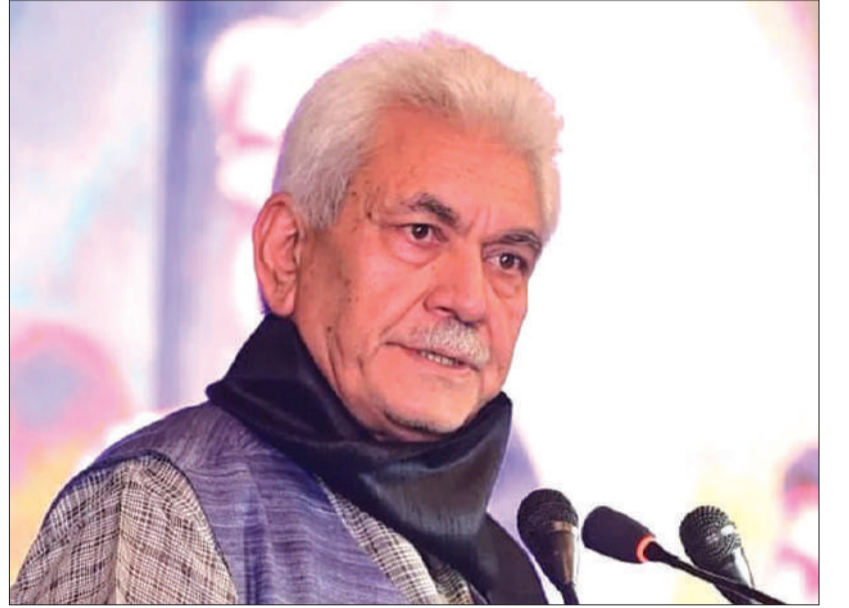
Snowfall In Higher Reaches Spark Cold Wave In Kashmir



SAJID RAJINA
SRINAGAR: The higher reaches of the Kashmir Valley on Saturday morning experienced a fresh spell of snow, while plains received rainfall, leading to a significant drop in the maximum temperatures. An official said that higher reaches of Gurez Valley including Razdan Pass experienced fresh snowfall, while plains saw heavy rains. He said that continuous rain throughout the night and snowfall on Razdan Top and surrounding areas forced the authorities to close Bandipora-Gurez road. Meanwhile, rain lashed other parts of the Kashmir valley, resulting in considerable dip in the maximum temperature. The authorities have also closer Sinthan Top and Margan Roads for traffic movement due to snowfall and heavy rain in the area. The Meteorological Department in Kashmir has also forecast rain and snow in higher reaches on Friday night at scattered locations across Jammu and Kashmir—(KNO)

Those Associated With Anti-India, Corrupt Ecosystem Have No Space To Breathe: LG

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JAMMU: "Those associated with the anti-India, separatist and corrupt ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir are worried these days as the Central government and the J&K administration have left no space for them to breathe, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said at an event after the inauguration of Apsara Road high street in Gandhi Nagar on Friday evening. Speaking at the inauguration of the Apsara Road project under the Smart City initiative, Sinha said, "I saw a news report written by an active member of the separatist ecosystem. I want to say that there are three types of ecosystems that have a problem in J&K these days: corrupt, separatist, and anti-India ecosystems. They know that this administration under the Government of India has not provided these people any kind of oxygen." Sinha also spoke about the SEHAT health-care scheme, which has



been criticized by some. He said, "In the SEHAT scheme, they raised questions. I want to say 982 crore premium, 1288 crore dispersed to patients, 5 lakh 66 thousand patients treated and 2.5 crore per day is being paid per day on this scheme." "No such scheme in the country. If poor people are treated, they have a problem. If we give 5 marla, the poor have a problem. If I say now that if those who can pay the power bills in J&K, we will give free electricity to poor people in J&K power," He added. Sinha also spoke about the inauguration of Apsara Road, the first pedestrian market in Jammu. He said that the project will benefit traders and increase tourism. On Omar Abdullah's statement that Sinha had said that 80 per cent of J&K people do not want elections, Sinha said, "I did not give such a statement. It was a media person who told me that people have said this. I am not here to contest elections. I have contested elections earlier and will contest in the future." Earlier the Lieutenant Governor inaugurated a key project **•P-02**

2 Killed After Truck Plunges Into Gorge On Zojila Pass



SRINAGAR: Two persons were killed after a truck they were travelling in fell into a deep gorge on Zojila Pass in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district on Saturday. An official said that the truck that was on way from Kargil to Sonamarg skidded off the road and fell into a deep gorge near Mandir Mode on Zojila. He said that in the accident two persons died and their bodies were **•P-02**

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POWER CRISIS

Production Declines By 65 %, Industrialists Send SoS

MUBASHIR AALAM WANI

SRINAGAR: The ongoing power crisis within the valley has brought down production by more than 60 per cent in the industrial sector, claim valley industrialists. Kashmir for the last few weeks has been witnessing an immense power crisis as such the Kashmir Power Development Corporation Limited is all set to announce its first curtailment schedule.



Shahid Kamili, president Federation Chamber of Industries Kashmir (FCIK) said that the ongoing power crisis has badly hit the industrial sector in the valley. **•P-02**

In Jammu, RSS Chief Calls For Strengthening Social Harmony

YOGESH

JAMMU: Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief, Dr Mohan Rao Bhagwa on Saturday exhorted Sangh Swayamsevak (RSS Volunteers) to work for the protection of the environment, cementing social harmony and strengthening the traditional family system of the Bharat. On second day of his three-day visit to Jammu, Dr Mohan Bhagwat addressed Samanvah Baithak of the various organizations of the



Sangh Parivar wherein 105 Swayamsevaks of 38 organizations of the Sangh Parivar attended the meeting in which various social issues were discussed. The Sarsanghchalak emphasized the need for further spreading organizational networks so as to reach out to every home with the message of the RSS. He especially focused on spreading the organization's network ahead of the centenary celebrations (100th year) of the foundation of RSS. In the Samanvah Baithak, the Sarsanghchalak **•P-02**

Local Actions Collectively Can Contribute To GES: CS



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SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta Saturday addressed the 'Manak Mohatsav' organized by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) here at National Institute of Technology (NIT) on the eve of World Standards Day. Addressing the faculty, students and other participants of the event, the Chief Secretary maintained that the event is important step towards sustainability. He observed that the period up to 2030 is very crucial during which the people across the globe should adopt changes **•P-02**

AB-PMJAY SEHAT SCHEME

Dispelling Falsehoods Through Transparency, Verified Data

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SRINAGAR: Reacting to recent social media dissemination of misleading information aiming to tarnish the reputation of AB-PMJAY SEHAT scheme in Jammu and Kashmir, State Health Agency (SHA) Saturday said the claims were found baseless after thorough examination of irrefutable facts and figures. Contrary to misinformation alleging favoritism and a multi-crore scam, the agency said the contractual agreement with Bajaj Allianz incurred a substantial loss of Rs. 93.82 crore to the Insurance Company. The contract adhered to the stipulations in the Tender Document issued by the National Health Authority, outlining a maximum three-year term with the option of annual renewal

upon mutual agreement. Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company formally communicated



their decision not to renew the contract through an exit notice issued in September 2021. Despite extensive deliberations between the State Health Agency of J&K and the insurance company, no positive response was elicited. The 4th Governing

Council meeting of SHA J&K decided to instigate a fresh tendering process, utilizing the Model tender document from the National Health Authority. The transparent process involved the participation of five insurance companies, namely IFFCO TOKIO General Insurance Co. Ltd, Reliance General Insurance Company Ltd, Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company Pvt. Ltd, United India Insurance Company, and National Insurance Company, during the pre-bid meeting. In strict adherence to the guidelines of the General Financial Rules (GFR) 2017, the procurement process guaranteed transparency, competition, fairness, and the eradication of arbitrariness. The qualification criteria mirrored those **•P-02**

LeT Module Busted, 2 J&K Residents Held: Punjab Police

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SRINAGAR: Punjab Police on Saturday said they have busted a Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) terror module with the arrest of two residents of Jammu and Kashmir. Two improvised explosive devices, two hand grenades, a pistol, two magazines, 24 cartridges, a timer switch, eight detonators and four batteries were seized from the arrested persons in the operation conducted by the State Special Operation Cell-Amritsar police along with a central agency, said Punjab Police. Director General of Police Punjab Gaurav Yadav posted on X (formerly Twitter): "In a major breakthrough, State Special Operation Cell -Amritsar in a joint operation with a central agency busted a LeT module and arrested two persons who are residents of Jammu and Kashmir." Yadav also added that the terror module was handled by one Firdaus Ahmed Bhat, an active member of the **•P-02**

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DC Budgam Inaugurates One Day Job Fair At SAM College

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BUDGAM: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Akshay Labroo Saturday inaugurated one day job fair/ placement drive at Sheikh-ul-Alam Memorial (SAM), Degree College Budgam.

The day-long fair was organised by District Employment & Counselling Centre (DE&CC) Budgam for youth (skill/unskilled) for their placement in various companies.

Youth from different colleges including ITI institutions participated in the job fair and appeared in on spot interview process for their recruitment.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC said that the exclusive job fair was organised under

the directions of Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of J&K, that students and youth of the district seeking employment are facilitated to avail job opportunities.

The DC while addressing the participating aspirants appealed to them to actively participate in such job fairs and take maximum benefits out of these placement drives.

He said such events shall be conducted in other parts of the district in future also. He said besides job fairs, the District Administration Budgam will train unemployed youth under District Skill Development Plan to bridge gap between level of skills of youth and requirement of the job providing companies. The DC said various skill



development courses shall be conducted to ready our youth for their employment as per the

demand in the market. He said that there are vast opportunities for aspiring can-

didates under different ambitious schemes including Tejaswini, Mumkin, PMEGP and

HADP not only get a job but also become a job providers themselves.

Assuring full support and handholding, the DC urged youth to register under employment schemes and set up their enterprises in hospitality, handicraft, tourism, or anywhere in the service sector to explore vast livelihood opportunities for them.

The Principal SAM College Budgam, Dr Mudasir Afshan while speaking on the occasion motivated the students to participate in such programs and avail opportunities to showcase their talent and job opportunities.

Earlier, the opening remarks were given by the officials of DE&CC, Budgam.

Various companies like Fil-Industries, Fair Deal Motors, Al-Hasain Travel, CRL Diagnostics, New Look Advertisement, Himalayan Motors, Digi-Tech, Royal International, Ashoka Leyland were the main companies that participated in the fair.

The DC also distributed sanction letters among various Tejaswini and Handicraft schemes beneficiaries.

ADDC Budgam, Dr Akramullah Tak, JD Employment Kashmir Zeenat Ara and other officers of Employment were also present on the occasion.

Various successful entrepreneurs and Tejaswini beneficiaries also shared their successful stories on the occasion.

DC Kulgam Reviews Action Plan For Implimentation Of Special Campaign 3.0



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KULGAM: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat Saturday chaired a meeting of officers to review action plan for proper implimentation of Special campaign 3.0 at mini-secretariat, here.

During the meeting, the DC instructed

the officers to ensure that the offices are kept clean and organise Special Cleanliness drives towards the furtherance of better space management of the offices.

He also instructed all offices to take initiatives under the campaign for better record management including weeding of files, review of files, etc. Special emphasis was

given on clearing the grievances received through various portals along with emphasis on disposal of stocks as per GFR.

The meeting was attended by ADDC, Showkat Ahmad Rather; ADC, Viqar Ahmed Giri; ACR, Imtiaz Ul Aziz; JDP, Zahid Sajjad; ACD, Mohammad Imran Khan; ACP, Sharjeel Ali; CEO, BDOs, EOs and other officers.

ISRO To Flight Test Human Space Mission's Crew Module Escape System On Oct 21

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CHENNAI: Indian space agency will fly the first of the four Flight Test Vehicle Abort Mission-1 (TV-D1) to demonstrate the crew escape system on October 21 as part of its human space mission/Gaganyaan, said a top official.

Speaking to reporters Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Chairman S.Somanath said the first unmanned test mission TV-D1 will happen on Oct 21. Somanath said there will be three more test flights TV-D2, TV-D3 and TV-D4 to test the systems.

"Preparations for the Flight Test Vehicle Abort Mission-1 (TV-D1), which demonstrates the performance of the Crew Escape System, are underway," ISRO had said recently.

The first development flight Test Vehicle (TV-D1) is in the final stages of preparation. The Test Vehicle is a single-stage liquid rocket developed for this abort mission.

"The payloads consist of the Crew Module (CM) and Crew Escape Systems (CES) with their fast-acting solid motors, along with CM fairing (CMF) and Interface Adapters," ISRO said.

This flight will simulate the abort condition during the



abort trajectory corresponding to a Mach number of 1.2 encountered in the Gaganyaan mission.

ISRO said the Crew Escape System with Crew Module will be separated from the Test Vehicle at an altitude of about 17 km.

"Subsequently, the abort sequence will be executed autonomously commencing with the separation of CES (Crew Escape System) and deployment of the series of parachutes, finally culminating in the safe touchdown of CM (Crew Module) in the sea, about 10 km from the coast of Sriharikota," ISRO said.

The Crew Module will house the astronauts in a pressurised earthlike atmospheric condition during the Gaganyaan mission.

The Crew Module for the Gaganyaan mission is in different stages of development.

For the Test Vehicle Abort Mission-1 (TV-D1), the Crew Module is an unpressurised version that has completed its integration and testing and is ready to be shipped to the launch complex.

This unpressurised Crew Module version has to have an overall size and mass of actual Gaganyaan Crew Module and would house all the systems for the deceleration and recovery.

With its complete set of parachutes, recovery aids, actuation systems and pyros.

The avionics systems in Crew Module are in a dual redundant mode configuration for naviga-

tion, sequencing, telemetry, instrumentation and power.

According to ISRO, the Crew Module in this mission is extensively instrumented to capture the flight data for evaluation of the performance of various systems.

The Crew Module will be recovered after touchdown in the Bay of Bengal, using a dedicated vessel and diving team from the Indian Navy.

The Indian space agency said the Crew Module after integration underwent various electrical testing, at ISRO's facility in Bengaluru, including an acoustic test and was dispatched to the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota on 13th August.

At Sriharikota, it will undergo vibration tests and pre-integration with the Crew Escape System, before final integration to the Test Vehicle at the Launch Pad.

This Test Vehicle mission with this Crew Module is a significant milestone for the overall Gaganyaan programme as a near-complete system is integrated for a flight test. The success of this test flight will set the stage for the remaining qualification tests and unmanned missions, leading to the first Gaganyaan mission with Indian Astronauts, ISRO said.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

Those Associated

of Jammu Smart City. The complete development of Apsara Road High Street area along with adjoining roads. The project has upgraded & modernized road network of 13.5 KMs in Gandhi Nagar & 600 Meter Apsara road stretch has been developed into High Street.

The JK LG said "Our prime objective is to transform Jammu City into a centre of opportunities for all, develop it as an engine of growth & incubator for young entrepreneurs. We are ensuring basic utilities are upgraded to meet demand and it is inclusive, sustainable to handle growing urbanization." (ANI Inputs)

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awareness on the pressing issues of water management systems. He also presented his book highlighting the challenges of water contamination and scarcity in the region to the Lt Governor.

2 Killed After Truck

recovered by rescue teams. He added that police have taken cognisance of the incident—(KNO)

Power Crisis

While he claimed that losses have mounted worth crores of Rupees, he said the production has gone down by 65 per cent since last one month.

"Even though we have limited hours of work, the industrial sector doesn't get the desired power supply. The situation is such that the production has gone down by 65 per cent, which means a big loss to the sector," he said.

The industries, which, as per Kamili are mostly hit include cold storage, apple grading and packaging industries and furniture industries.

"These are some of the industries, which require uninterrupted supply of electricity. The machines used in these industries are automatic, which require constant supply of electricity. Our members are constantly saying that these industries are suffering due to the non-availability of abundant electricity during peak hours," he said.

President Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industries (KCCI) Javaid Ahmad Tenga said they are getting SoS calls from various industrialists about the impact of

the poor electricity supply.

"Handicraft artisans and dealers have been constantly telling us about the suffering of the sector due to the current power crisis. The tourism sector has also started facing problems now. There is a massive drop in production by industries currently," he told KNO.

Tenga said the lack of proper electricity was leading to the cost escalation to the industries. "Everything currently works on generators which is leading to the cost escalation to the industrialists. We recently approached the government with the demand to ensure uninterrupted power supply but nothing has happened so far," he said.

The KCCI has demanded the establishment of a fact-finding committee to delve into the underlying factors responsible for the ongoing power crisis in Kashmir—(KNO)

In Jammu, RSS

reviewed various projects initiated by the J&K RSS for the development of villages and rural economy. He gave some suggestions to the Swayamsevaks who have taken projects for village development and social harmony in the society. The Sarsanghchalak met with the inmates of hostel of Sewa Bharti at Keshav Bhawan. He interacted with the students and inquired about their educational activities. Inmates of the hostel recited patriotic songs before the Sarsanghchalak.

RSS chief arrived in Jammu on Friday evening. According to sources, Dr Bhagwat will review the political situation of J&K and Ladakh UTs with top functionaries of Sangh including Prant Pracharak, Seh Prant Pracharak and Pracharaks of all districts of J&K.

On the morning of October 15, he after a meeting with Swayam Sewaks will leave for Kathua in the afternoon where he will address about 5000 Swayam Sewaks of Kathua and Samba districts in full dress at Sports Stadium Kathua. He will also visit a village on the outskirts of Kathua district and unveil the portrait of Bharat Mata there. The villagers are associated with Sangh for over seven decades. The RSS chief will be given a rousing reception by the people of the village and he besides interacting with them will have dinner with the villagers in a traditional way before his departure to Delhi in Rajdhani train during the night on October 15—(KNO)

Local Actions

in line with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as we have only one earth.

He stated that each of us have the responsibility to safeguard our environment for future. He noted that the population of this planet is soon going to reach around 9 billion and if suitable measures are not taken forthwith to ensure sustainability, the earth is not going to be able to support this huge population.

Dr Mehta mentioned that the job of BIS is in sync with the SDG framework suggested by the United Nations Organization (UNO). He said that each of the 17 goals and 169 targets are inter-related in one way or other. He made out that the humans need to understand the limitations of each system and should not exploit it beyond its resilience. He also sensitized about the benefits of having an eco-friendly lifestyle for the earth is home not only to humans but millions of other life forms.

Regarding J&K, the Chief Secretary elucidated that the UT has taken dozens of measures to conserve its environment and cut carbon emissions. He gave the examples of construction of around 2000 Amrit-Sarovars, 200 e-buses, planting of nearly 1.5 Cr saplings previous year besides making efforts to cut use of 'Single Use Plastics' in the UT.

He enumerated that J&K today has many a distinctions to its credit for its contributions towards environmental sustainability. He made out that the UT is among the top performers in Food safety, Ayushman Bharat health scheme, Agricultural income, eco-tourism, use of renewable energy, and other eco-friendly activities. He said that the administration is committed to do more to protect the fragile environment for posterity. He urged that each of us have to think global and act local to bring about a positive change.

The Chief Secretary complimented the Institute and the other organizers for conducting the event. He asked them to frame clear cut recommendations for the future course of action which each of us may adopt to make our own local area as well as the planet safe and sustainable in times to come.

LeT Module

Lashkar-e-Toiba and called the arrests as a major blow to terror module attempting to disturb peace in Punjab.

Dispelling Falsehoods

specified by the National Health Authority, ensuring a just selection process.

The bidding document, explicit and comprehensive, was accessible on www.jktenders.gov.in, with all modifications and clarifications duly conveyed to bidders. A generous period of 22 days was allocated for bid preparation and submission.

Following the pre-bid meeting and the public unveiling of technical bids, meticulous scrutiny by the Central Tender Committee affirmed that three out of four bidders, including IFFCO Tokio General Insurance Company, Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company, and National Insurance Company, met the specified requirements, qualifying for the subsequent stage.

Opening financial bids revealed IFFCO Tokio General Insurance Company Ltd. as the lowest (L1) bidder with a quoted rate of Rs 1840/- per family.

With the imminent expiration of the policy with Bajaj Allianz GIC on December 25, 2021, SHA J&K sought an interim arrangement to prevent service disruption. Bajaj Allianz GIC responded by offering to continue implementing the scheme at a quoted price of Rs 3,261.60 per beneficiary family unit on a Pro-Rata basis for the requested coverage period.

To prevent service interruption, SHA J&K entered into an agreement with Bajaj Allianz GIC to continue services on a Stop Loss basis until the selection of a new Insurance Company is finalized. The Insurance Company would not share the risk of loss of claims, and the entire claims outgo would be borne by the Government of J&K and the National Health Authority.

The financial details underscore that the Interim Arrangement, with 15% administrative charges, was the most cost-effective option, serving public interest during the transition period. Contrary to the misinformation circulating on social media, there were no changes or additions to the number of beneficiary families, which remained consistent throughout both the primary policy and the interim period.

Despite the necessity for retendering due to high premium rates quoted by the lowest bidder (L1), the interim arrangement with the existing insurance company continued seamlessly, benefiting over 69,000 individuals. This underscores the scheme's commitment to public interest. Contrary to misinformation, the interim arrangement was thoroughly vetted by the Law Department, Finance Department, and Learned Advocate General, contradicting claims that the government ignored advice from its own departments.

BJP's Mission J&K ensures equitable empowerment: Rana

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader Mr Devender Singh Rana Saturday said the huge transformation witnessed in Jammu and Kashmir on security and developmental fronts during the past over four years has instilled a sense of confidence and optimism among the people about better times to come. "BJP's Mission J&K has been to ensure welfare of the people by creating an atmosphere of peace and stability wherein every segment of society gets equitable opportunities to progress and prosper," Devender Rana said while interacting with the people along with senior leader Vikram Randhawa at Sattari and Chowadi in the city periphery.

He said the BJP's focus under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been to create an enabling situation for the people, who have undergone difficult



times for decades due to misgovernance and the various other challenges. The first priority in such a grim situation was to restore peace and normalcy which became possible due to strong support of the people, finally leading to unprecedented initiatives on economic and developmental fronts. The results are discernible as the people are now deriving the dividends of peace, he added.

Rana exuded confidence that under the bold leadership of the Prime Minister, all the regions and sub regions of Jammu and Kashmir will grow as vibrant units with opportunities of progress to

all, without any discrimination or any favour of appeasement. He said the voice of every region and sub-region is now being heard and course correction has been done in the process of governance. As a result of concerted efforts, the Union Territory is poised to a new era of progress, he added.

He referred to the great initiatives taken over the years and implementation of various schemes and welfare programmes with missionary zeal, saying these have resulted in the growth of every section of the society. The BJP's outreach to every single person speaks about the sincerity of intent to ensure Jammu

and Kashmir's fast track development as per the cherished agenda of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas, he added.

Rana dwelt in detail various path breaking initiatives aimed at ensuring development, creating infrastructural facilities, strengthening utility services and giving fillip to growth as a result of massive investments. He also spoke about various initiatives taken for improving the civic amenities and other totality services under the Jammu Smart City Project and said the most thronged pilgrim destination of north India is getting a renewed look and grandeur it deserved.

Among others present on the occasion included Pawan Singh, Corporator, Sarpanch Chowadi, Kali Dass President All J&K Mahasha Sadar Sabha, Muneer Choudhary, Salman Choudhary, Kaka Ram and many others.

Will regularize dailywagers, restore Roshni Scheme if elected to power: Azad

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JAMMU: DPAP chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad on Saturday met various delegations led by Sobat Ali Provincial Incharge ST wing and a delegation by district president Udhampur Ashwani Khajuria.

Azad was apprised by various issues by the delegations and he assured them they will taken for the redressal at appropriate quarters. Azad, however, asked them to intensify the party activities and reach out the people at grassroots.

While addressing the ST community leaders, Azad said the eviction drive to retrieve government land was "unlawful" and claimed he will bring back the Roshni Scheme if his party is voted to power in the next assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir. Everyone, including government officials, who used the scheme to usurp large chunks of land will face the law, he said. The Gujjars community members led by DPAP leader and JMC corporator Sobat Ali met Azad at his resi-



dence and informed him that they were being constantly harassed by the government officials who kept saying that they were living on forest land and their houses and shops would be razed.

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Meanwhile, Democratic Progressive Azad Party General Secretary RS Chib on Saturday appealed the

LG Manoj Sinha to provide compensation to the farmers of various areas of Jammu region who suffered extensive losses to their paddy crop due to heavy thunderstorm and rains. Chib said that the damage to the crops was substantial due to high velocity winds and thunderstorm. He said the poor farmers who are pinning hopes on this crop to sustain their livelihood are reeling under stress due to the huge losses. "I urge Manoj Sinha ji to ensure the farmers are fully supported and compensated for their losses," he said. He said the farmers of various parts of Kathua, Samba and RS Pura suffered the massive damage. He said the poor people who

also lost their kaccha homes due to this windstorm shall also be rehabilitated. Chib also urged government to replace the outdated infrastructure of poles in these areas.

Meanwhile, Chib assured the delegations of these affected areas after meeting them that their concerns shall be raised at appropriate quarters. Among others who were present on the occasion were G.M.Saroori, Vice Chairman, Jugal Kishore Sharma Provincial President, Anita Thakur Gen Secretary, Ch Gharu Ram Zonal President, Brig Mohan Sharma, Pritam Kotwal, Gourav Chopra, Vishal Chopra, Priti Khajuria and others.

Understanding human psychology must for advocacy skills: CJ

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SRINAGAR: Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Patron-in-Chief, J&K Judicial Academy at High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Justice N Kotiswar Singh Saturday inaugurated two day training programme on Advocacy Skills for Young Lawyers of Kashmir and UT of Ladakh organised by J&K Judicial Academy in association with Indian Institute of Legal & Professional Development (IILPD).

"Understanding the human psychology was an essential trait of the young advocates to be successful lawyers", observed the Chief Justice observed while addressing the event.

The event has brought together the enthusiastic participants i.e. young lawyers with the eminent jurists of the



country and successful lawyers who got trained decades back and have rich experience in the field. The whole day was marked by hectic activities which include case studies, practical demonstrations and

engrossing sessions filled with knowledge sharing exercises in various aspects of advocacy for the benefit of participants.

Delivering the inaugural address, Chief Justice emphasized the importance of advoca-

cy skills in the legal profession and underlined the importance of organising such training programmes which help in gaining the advocacy skills by the young and emerging lawyers. He appreciated the work done

by IILPD in achieving the said objective.

Chief Justice also highlighted the importance of lawyers and judges working together in close collaboration for achieving the common goal delivering justice to the people.

Chief Justice emphasised that there were many training programmes organised for the benefit of judicial officers at state Judicial Academies as well as National Judicial Academy Bhopal but no such training programmes were organised for the new entrants into the profession. He further observed that in given circumstances, the present Training Programme is poised to empower the young legal professionals with the knowledge, skills, and techniques which are essential for effective advocacy. This event marks the beginning of an

enriching journey for all participants and promises to contribute towards growth and excellence of legal profession in the region, he added.

In his special remarks, Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva, Judge Delhi High Court, highlighted the significance of Advocacy Skills and critically dwelt over the different facets of advocacy. He observed that it is easy to get a case and client but it is difficult to hold him back, so that he comes back happily to the same advocate. He further emphasized that a good advocate needs to develop a case concept or theory so that he knows how to present the case to the court effectively.

Director J&K Judicial Academy, Yash Paul Bourney, in his welcome address, underscored the importance of organising such programmes for the benefit of one and all. He said that it

has been a much-needed initiative to hone and upgrade legal and advocacy skills of lawyers keeping in view the fact that the legal profession needs continuous and consistent practice, the programme has been conceptualized in collaboration with Indian Institute of Legal & Professional Development.

Priya Hingorani and Rajeev Virmani set the tone for the programme by giving a succinct overview of the Indian Institute of Legal & Professional Development and various training programmes conducted by the Institute across the country and their relevance.

The working sessions during the day involved the participants to conduct a case study, mock chief and cross examination in a hypothetical case and also were involved in discussion to demonstrate how to make an oral argument.

Union Secretary Tribal Affairs tours Shopian, interacts with tribal population

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SHOPIAN: Union Secretary, Tribal Affairs, Anil Kumar Jha, Saturday conducted an extensive tour of Shopian villages to assess impact of tribal development and welfare schemes of the government on the community.

Union Secretary, accompanied by Union Joint Secretary, Dr. Navaljeet Kapoor alongwith other officers of tribal affairs department and district administration visited Heerpora, Dubjan and Peer Ki Gali.

Union Secretary interacted with tribal migratory population there and listened to their issues and suggestions for more holistic tribal welfare. He sought feedback on ground impact of schemes and programmes of the Ministry towards the goal of inclusive development of tribal population.

Scores of tribal pastoralists apprised the Secretary of their issues and concerns seeking an early redressal to the same. At Heerpora, Union Secretary met students, admitted in seasonal school for tribals, and enquired about the status of education they are being provided there. The students put forth various demands concerning further streamlining of education facilities in these schools.



At Dubjan, Anil Kumar interacted with tribal population and also visited Veterinary Mobile Camp established for livestock.

At other places en route, tribal representatives projected various development issues concerning welfare of the tribal population. Their issues inter alia included establishment of Government Degree College at Keller and establishment of Girls hostel.

Winding up his tour of higher reaches of Peer Panjal, Union Secretary visited Per Ki Gali, a mountain pass where he took stock of under construction transit accommodation for Tribal Pastoralist who transhumance between Kashmir and Jammu Pastures during the winter and summer seasons.

He was informed that the Transit Accommodation being constructed for the stay of migratory Pastoralists shall come up with an approved cost

of Rs 1.21 crore for almost 200 people consisting of 2 dormitory units.

Anil Kumar visited Gujjar and Bakerwal Hostel, Shopian, where he inspected the boarding and lodging facilities being extended there by the Tribal Affairs Department. He inspected the Smart Class room, library there and took stock of functioning of the hostel.

Union Secretary also visited Government High School, Shirmal, where he interacted with the tribal students.

On the occasion, students presented various artistic performances and exhibited their talents.

Union Secretary, while interacting with the students at the centre, stressed upon them to study with passion, set goals for career development, and take part in sports activities.

He asked them for availing 100 percent benefit of scholarship schemes of the government.

J&K Govt clarifies PMJAY-SEHAT Scheme implementation amidst misinformation

GMK NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU: In a press conference held Saturday, the Secretary Health and Medical Education, Bhupinder Kumar has addressed concerns and allegations surrounding the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana - SEHAT (PMJAY-SEHAT) scheme.

One of the key allegations was related to a loss of Rs. 500 Crores. The government clarified that the total premium paid to Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company (BAGIC) during the policy period from December 26, 2020, to March 14, 2022, was Rs. 304.59 Crores, while the total claims payout to hospitals (both public and private) by BAGIC was Rs. 398.41 Crores. Consequently, the allegation of a loss is unsubstantiated as the insurance company incurred a monetary loss of Rs. 93.82 Crores.

Misinformation about the termination clause and contract renewal has also surfaced. According to the contract between BAGIC and the State Health Agency, the maximum term was fixed for three years and renewable every 12 months. The continuation of the contract beyond the first year was to be based on mutual agreement, and the insurance company decided to exit after the first year due to incurred losses.

To avoid service interruption, the State Health Agency of J&K entered into an interim arrangement with BAGIC on a Stop Loss basis until a new insurance company was selected. During this period, the government bore the entire risk of loss of claims. The arrangement was cost-effective and served the public interest by ensuring the continuity of healthcare services.

Contrary to allegations that the number of eligible families was increased to benefit the insurance company, the government clarified that the number of families remained the same during the policy period, from December 26, 2020, to December 25, 2021, and the subsequent interim period of 79 days, totaling 21.24 lakhs.

The Government of Jammu and Kashmir emphasized its adherence to the guidelines of the National Health Authority (NHA), Government of India, for the scheme's implementation. This includes the use of the Model Tender Document for the transparent selection of insurance companies and the adoption of Health Benefits Packages (2.2 version) for implementation.

Since the launch of the PMJAY-SEHAT scheme, the government has paid Rs. 1175.32 Crores in premiums to insurance companies. In return, insurance companies disbursed a

total of Rs. 1,249.33 Crores in claims to empaneled hospitals, benefiting approximately 5.67 lakh patients. The scheme has provided crucial medical care for patients with life-consuming and life-threatening diseases.

The insurance model has shifted the risk to insurance companies, leading them to pay nearly Rs. 74 Crores beyond the premium to empaneled public and private hospitals. This model has strengthened the healthcare system within the UT and significantly reduced out-of-pocket expenses for families in need of hospitalization.

Additionally, a feedback system using QR codes and a 104 Call Centre has been implemented, with nearly 99% of patients rating their treatment experience as Excellent or Good.

The government emphasized that allegations intended to discredit the scheme are baseless, false, and aimed at maligning its image. It reiterated its commitment to providing quality healthcare services to the public.

Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar, Additional Secretary in Chief Secretary office, Vishal Sharma, Joint Director HQ Information, Naresh Kumar, Deputy Director Information PR Jammu, Dr. Vikas Sharma were also present during the press conference.

Implement SA&E scheme for preparatory stage, onwards: JKSCERT to Govt, Pvt Schools

RIYAZ BHAT

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir State Council of Educational Research and Training (JKSCERT) has asked all the government and recognised private schools to implement SA&E scheme for preparatory stage and onwards in addition to recording the progress of students on Holistic Report Card (HPC).

Joint Director Central for JKSCERT said, "All the government and government recognised private school of Jammu and Kashmir UT shall implement the 'Student Assessment and Evaluation Scheme' notified by the Council for preparatory Stage and onwards Viz: 3rd Class and onwards in addition to recording the progress of Students on

Holistic Report Card (HPC) for Preparatory Stage."

The joint director also clarified that recording for foundational stage that is upto 2nd standard shall be made exclusively on Holistic Progress Card (HPC) only.

Earlier in September, JKSCERT has said that the HPC developed by NCERT has been adopted by this Council.

"Holistic Progress Card (HPC) encompasses not only the academic achievements of a student but also captures his/her socio-emotional growth, creativity, and vocational proficiency," reads the previous communique of JKSCERT.

It also said that the progress card proposes the use of integrative pedagogy in order to track the students' performance.

Erasing tattoos: Basit takes on this mission for free of cost

REHAN QAYOUM MIR

SRINAGAR: A Srinagar native Basit Bashir has taken it upon himself to help individuals remove unwanted tattoos, all free of charge.

This compassionate mission has touched the lives of many and is earning him recognition throughout the region.

Tattoos, often inked as expressions of emotions or life events, can sometimes

become a source of regret. But for those who cannot afford the costly tattoo removal procedures, hope comes in the form of Basit Bashir, a kind-hearted resident of Hazratbal in Srinagar.

The young chiropractor and owner of Valley Care Centre said that the idea to remove tattoos free of cost stuck in his mind while continuing his daily practice at the clinic in Karan Nagar Srinagar.

Good Morning Kashmir

EDITORIAL

Mental Peace

Let us call him a common middle-aged man. He was bubbling with energy. In his friends he was a bit of a bully, his word was final in the group of friends. He always had an infectious smile on his face when he met you. All of 35 he died due to suicide last week - reason family issues, daily fights with his wife, in-laws and parents. Not that he was the first person to die due to suicide but this case is peculiar. This guy was from an upscale business family, had a great recurring monthly income, a thriving business, a lavish house in a posh colony of Srinagar, a dandy private school education, sports utility vehicles and all comforts of modern life at his disposal. Just a few family scuffles broke his morale and his desire to live further. A life lost and two small children without a father. We often ignore mental health issues as if they are not important. Mental health issues are as important as physical health issues. Both are inter-related. Here we have an example of a person who had every materialistic thing at his disposal but no mental peace. We impress upon the government to make mental health counseling accessible to a common man through multimedia sources. It is amazing that despite living in 2023 there still is a taboo attached in seeking mental health counsel openly. Society, for some strange reasons, looks down upon people who go to let us say a psychiatrist. This attitude has to change. There has to be rigorous messaging sent from multi-media sources which highlight the importance of mental health, in seeking help when in need, knowledge of guiding steps to prevent one's mental health being. The government can run counseling centres or dedicate a room or cabin at primary health centres to mental health counseling. Also, highlight the steps to be taken, the exercises to be done and highlighting the importance of seeking help when needed - this should be a top prerogative of the government. Mental peace is the most important thing in the world. It needs to be protected at all costs.

India On Moon

The Humility Of The Scientists Who Took India To Moon Is Truly Remarkable

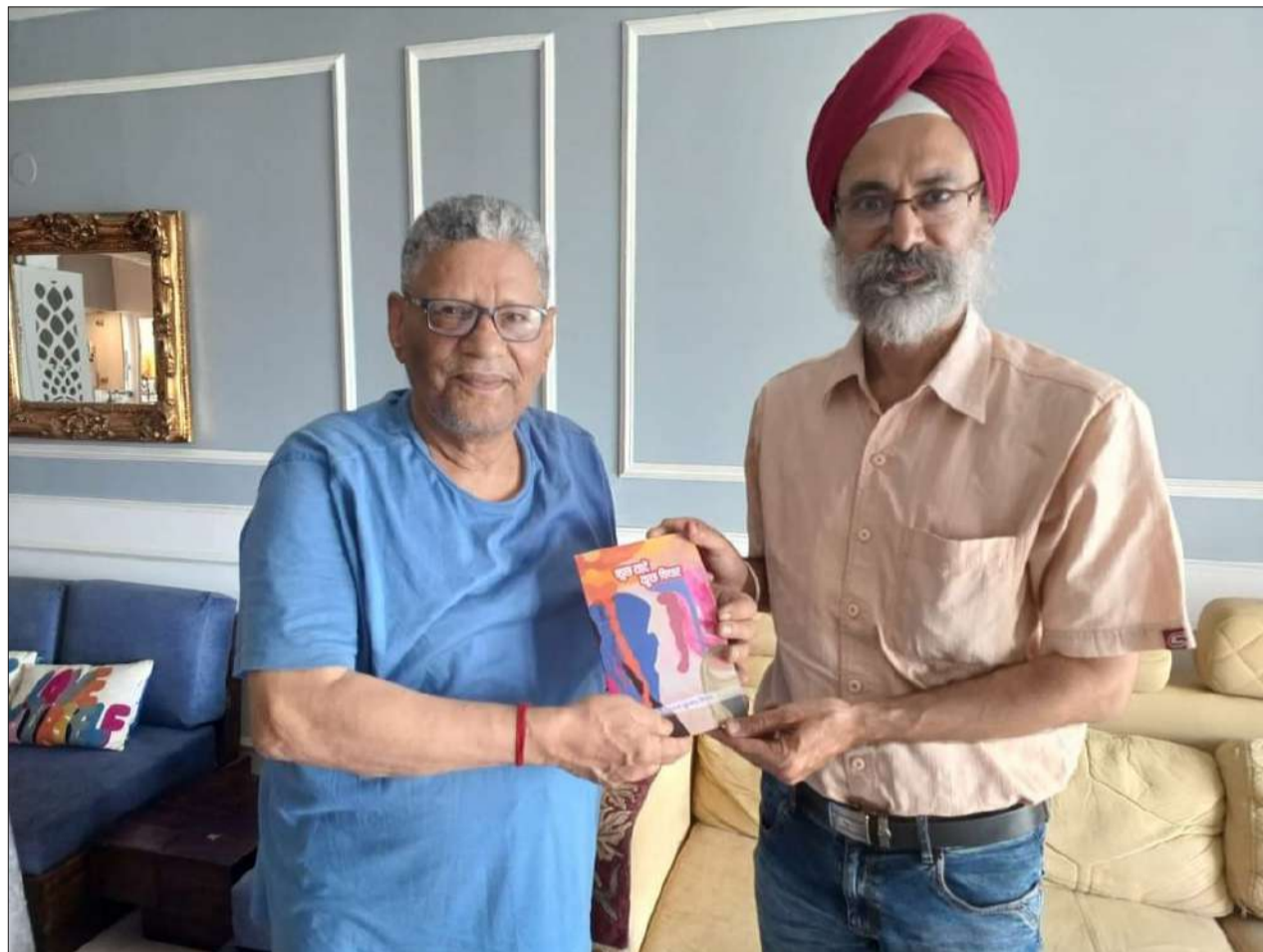


DR.SHIBEN KRISHAN RAINA

The successful landing of Chandrayaan 3 on the Moon has been a significant event and topic of wide-spread discussion. This great event has brought widespread recognition to ISRO (Indian Space Research Organization).

India, no doubt, is establishing its unique identity in various sectors worldwide today. In the world of space exploration, India is consistently advancing and achieving new milestones. ISRO, India's national space research organization, aims to provide space-related technologies for the country. The primary goal of ISRO's mission Chandrayaan 3 is to gather crucial information from the moon, which the world is currently unaware of.

I was in Bengaluru when Chandrayaan landed on the Moon. ISRO's headquarters are also located in Bengaluru. A delightful coincidence occurred during my stay in Bengaluru. I had the opportunity to meet Dr.Kamlajeet Singh, a senior scientist and group director at ISRO. He had studied at the same college where I taught for years, and during our conversation, we reminisced about our college days. I learned that he had a deep affection for the Hindi language and was a passionate reader/writer of Hindi poetry and stories. Witnessing his



dedication towards the Hindi language, I presented him with a copy of my newly published book, "KuchYaadein: Kuch-Vichar."

Dr.Kamlajeet Singh, with his humble and straightforward nature, was so

overwhelmed that he even touched the feet of my wife and myself. This gesture reflects the profound respect our scientists, who dare to touch the moon, hold for their mentors, and it's an unparalleled contribution to Indian cul-

ture. Such persons can serve as a great source of inspiration for the younger generation of our country.

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India's Diplomacy Of Peace India's Stand Against War And Violence



PROF JASIM MOHAMMAD

In a world that often finds itself grappling with conflict, violence, and uncertainty, India has consistently stood as a bastion of peace, prosperity, and development. The nation's unwavering commitment to these values, coupled with its steadfast stance against war and violence, resonates strongly on the global stage.

Recent events, particularly India's support for Israel in the wake of the Hamas attack, serve as a poignant illustration of this enduring principle.

Barely hours after the Hamas attack, India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi took to social media to express his support for Israel. In a series of posts, he reiterated India's solidarity with Israel, expressing deep shock at the news of terrorist attacks and extending thoughts and prayers to the innocent victims and their families. Such swift and unequivocal support underscores India's commitment to global peace.

The Hamas attack on Israel, the most significant since the 1973 Yom Kippur War, was a harrowing act of terror. It unfolded with ruthless efficiency, taking innocent lives, including children, the elderly, and young people attending a music festival. There was no room for justification, and the international community stood united in condemnation of this heinous act.

Israel's Ambassador to India, Naor Gilon, responded with gratitude for India's expression of solidarity during these tumultuous times. He acknowledged the extensive support received from "our Indian brothers and sisters" and conveyed his appreciation for their unwavering commitment.

In a world that sometimes struggles to maintain a unified stance against terrorism,



India's steadfast support for Israel is a beacon of hope. The nation's stance is not merely symbolic; it reflects a broader commitment to condemn terrorism in all its forms and manifestations.

The ongoing conflict in the region saw Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu engaging in a conversation with Prime Minister Modi to provide updates on the situation. In this exchange, Prime Minister Modi reiterated India's firm support for Israel, further emphasizing the nation's unequivocal condemnation of terrorism.

India's commitment to peace and stability is not confined to rhetoric but extends to active engagement on the global stage. The nation has consistently upheld the principles of non-violence, diplomacy, and cooperation as essential means to resolve conflicts. This approach aligns with India's historical role as a champion of peace and its contributions to the global community.

In the context of the Hamas attack on Israel, it's important to understand the significance of India's stance. Over the years, India has emerged as a nation that promotes international peace, advocates for the resolution of conflicts through dialogue, and emphasizes the importance of diplomacy and cooperation.

The support for Israel in the face of an unprovoked

and brutal attack aligns with India's broader foreign policy goals. It reflects a commitment to upholding international norms and principles that are crucial for global peace and security.

The recent conflict saw Hamas launching a devastating attack on Israel, using boats, motorgliders, and trucks to inflict harm. In response, the Israeli Defense Forces initiated a counterattack on the Gaza Strip, home to 2.2 million Palestinians. This escalation of violence resulted in a loss of life and heightened tensions in the region.

It is essential to recognize the complexity of this situation. Israel's response was driven by a necessity to defend its citizens and ensure their safety. The Israeli Defense Forces confronted a difficult challenge in the form of Hamas militants holding hostages, targeting civilians, and engaging in acts of terror.

India's support for Israel in this context is not an endorsement of any specific military action. Instead, it is a clear affirmation of the nation's commitment to peace, security, and the protection of innocent lives. It is a testament to India's belief that terrorism, in any form, must be unequivocally condemned.

The international community, including India, shares a collective responsibility to address conflicts and promote

peaceful resolutions. India's response to the situation in the Middle East underscores the nation's commitment to these principles.

The Israeli Ambassador to India expressed his gratitude to Prime Minister Modi for his support. In a social media post, Naor Gilon acknowledged the overwhelming support from the Indian people and expressed his inability to thank each individual personally. This response highlights the genuine appreciation for India's support and the strong bond between the two nations.

This solidarity between India and Israel is not a recent development. Over the years, the two nations have nurtured a robust relationship based on shared values, including democracy, innovation, and the pursuit of peace. India's unwavering support for Israel during challenging times further cements this bond.

The ongoing situation in the Middle East is a stark reminder of the importance of global cooperation and the role that nations like India play in promoting peace. India's role as a responsible and peace-loving nation is not confined to the events of the moment but extends to its broader foreign policy objectives.

India's foreign policy, characterized by its commitment to peaceful coexistence, diplomacy, and non-interference in the internal affairs of other

nations, has earned the nation respect on the international stage. This approach has consistently positioned India as a credible and responsible global player.

India's stance against violence and war is deeply rooted in its history and principles. The nation's commitment to non-violence, famously championed by Mahatma Gandhi, has left an indelible mark on the world. India's own journey to independence was marked by non-violent resistance, and this legacy continues to inspire peaceful movements globally.

Furthermore, India's role as a peacekeeper in various international forums, including its participation in United Nations peacekeeping missions, underscores its dedication to global peace and stability. The nation has consistently contributed troops and resources to maintain peace in conflict zones worldwide.

India's commitment to peace extends to its diplomacy as well. The nation actively engages in dialogue and negotiations to address international conflicts and disputes. This approach, based on the principles of dialogue and diplomacy, is in line with the country's historical tradition of seeking peaceful resolutions.

India's commitment to peace, prosperity, and development is an essential guiding principle. The nation's unwavering stance against war and violence sends a powerful message to the global community, emphasizing the importance of peaceful coexistence, cooperation, and diplomacy in resolving conflicts.

India stands for peace, diplomacy, and cooperation on the world stage. It's a symbol of hope for a peaceful world without war or violence. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's strong stance against terrorism, regardless of its source, has earned praise from leaders worldwide.

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When Will We Start Caring For Our Caregivers?



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A Lancet Commission report investigating the nexus of "Women, power, and cancer" says that "patriarchy dominates cancer care, research, and policy making."

The report underlines that "women experience gender bias, and are subject to overlapping forms of discrimination, such as due to age, race, ethnicity, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, and gender identity." These intersecting factors "restrict a woman's rights and opportunities to avoid modifiable cancer risks and impede their ability to seek and obtain a prompt diagnosis and quality cancer care."

But cancer is not the only disease that afflicts women. They battle a plethora of illnesses and an equitable access to healthcare services eludes a vast majority of them. Women are often diagnosed, if at all, in more advanced stages of any disease. The long-time interval between the first presentation of symptoms- be it a communicable disease (like TB, HIV, etc) or non-communicable disease (like diabetes, hypertension, cardiovascular disease) and final diagnoses not only makes recovery more difficult but also puts them under tremendous physical, mental and economic stress.

The report authors concede that "Globally, women's health continues to be focused on reproductive and maternal health, a patriarchal construct that is aligned with narrow anti-feminist definitions of women's value and roles in society."

All of us want to remain healthy. Then why is it that women often seek healthcare services very late, (or not seek them at all) as compared to men? And adding fuel to fire is that more often than not, we unconsciously put the blame on the woman for being careless regarding her health and for delaying seeking medical advice.

This is akin to blaming the victim for her deplorable situation (and poor health seeking behaviour) rather than focussing on the perpetrator-skewed social norms and gender roles arising out of patriarchy and toxic masculinity.

Why are caregivers not care seekers?

The primary role of a woman is taken to be that of a caregiver, and not a care seeker. And this is not due to the presence or absence of any gene. Granted that women and men are biologically different, is there any gene that prevents men from doing household chores and childrearing, or is there any gene that puts the onus of these on women alone? Surely not. It is not any genetic construct, but a social construct that arises from the deep-rooted patriarchy that seeps deep in every nook and corner of a woman's life and manifests itself in myriad ways due to which she suffers exploitation and discrimination at every stage of her life. These are not genetic problems but are due to gender inequality. They are due to the distorted patriarchy that is present in families and manifests itself in several ways.

Caregiving has been feminised and women have been moulded into nurturing roles which often go unrecognised by their family members, as well as by healthcare systems. It is mostly girls and women who are primary caregivers for the family. They are expected to prioritise the needs of the other family members- from an infant to the oldest member- at the expense of their own health, and this often results in women's postponement of seeking healthcare for themselves.

It is not uncommon for the females of the family to keep on doing house-



hold chores despite being sick. Any early symptoms of any illness are brushed aside by all. They ignore their health problems, and the menfolk also do not pay any attention, until they become so sick that they are unable to manage the house and family. It is only when she is bedridden that the gravity of the situation hits everyone. Very often I have heard this remark from my female acquaint-

ances- "I cannot afford to get sick." Why? Because, it would disturb the smooth running of the family; and/or it will drain the family finances. So best is to keep things under the carpet, until the carpet starts stinking itself.



It is the 'gene' of patriarchy that manifests in poor health seeking behaviour of women and prevents them from seeking timely diagnosis and treatment. It is this very 'gene' that permits menfolk to escape the chores of child rearing and become equal partners in running the household. And I quote from the report: "Since gender norms often exclude men from participating in childcare in many settings, covering these care-taking roles can act as a barrier for women to seek care for their own health needs."

Unpaid care work has a direct bearing on the wellbeing of an individual. It includes, among other chores, the time spent in cooking, looking after children, and taking care of those who are ill. Globally, women and girls perform more than 75% of all unpaid

care and domestic work is performed by women and girls, which is more than three times than that done by men. Also, two-thirds of care workers are women.

Gender roles arising out of patriarchal social norms are often very different for men and women, and lead to gender inequalities, including limiting access to healthcare. Idolising 'homemaker' and 'motherhood'

(the leading cause of which is dietary iron deficiency) than men. According to a study conducted by the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) and published in The Lancet Hematology, 444 million men and 825 million women were diagnosed with anaemia in 2021.

"Gender inequalities related to household food consumption and division of labour probably exacerbate

need to be responsible towards our health and wellbeing. Women will have increased awareness of cancers and other diseases that they deal with, either directly or indirectly, only when they become more conscious about their mental and physical health and health seeking behaviour. But for this, they have to free themselves from the poisonous patriarchal setup, and men have to free themselves from toxic masculinity. Most often men fail to see these ills of society. They do not even realise the special entitlements and privileges they enjoy by virtue of being born a male, while women are deprived of them just because of being born a female (and not because of any genetic defect).

Is there any man who has not reaped the benefits of gender inequality? Is there any woman who has not suffered this inequality at some point of her life?

Every humanitarian or health response has to be a feminist response. We need feminist systems. That does not mean putting the current development model in the hands of women. It means having a different kind of system that is based on sharing and caring. The opposite of patriarchy is not matriarchy- it is feminism. Patriarchy is about using power and violence against other people in order to gain power. Feminism is about using care and solidarity to redistribute and share power.

A feminist health system is one that is socially just and ecologically sustainable for everyone everywhere. It recognizes the power of communities when they take ownership of their well-being. A people centric feminist approach to improve health seeking behaviour as well as access to disease prevention, treatment and care is key.

I firmly believe that a world of solidarity can only be a feminist world where everyone -irrespective of their caste, creed or sexual orientation- can have a dignified, respectful and healthy existence.

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disparities in conditions such as anaemia, because women might be the most likely among household members to be affected by food insecurity, and to lack access to sufficient quantities of iron-rich foods, and be less likely to receive health screening and care, whether due to domestic work demands, lack of autonomy, or prioritisation of other family members' care," said the study authors.

Citing data from the National Family Health Survey 2019-2021, the "Women and Men in India 2022" report released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation in 2023 shows that prevalence of anaemia in women aged 15-49 years has increased by 4% - from 53% in 2015-16 to 57% in 2019-2021. This is yet another worrisome trend of women's health. Anaemia is an indicator of both poor nutrition and poor health, and failure to reduce it can result in impaired health and quality of life for millions of women, including adverse health outcomes in children born to anaemic mothers.

All of us- women and men alike-

J&K Judicial Academy organizes Orientation Programme on 'Cyber Crime and Digital Evidence'



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SRINAGAR: The Jammu & Kashmir Judicial Academy Saturday organised a One Day Special Orientation Programme on "Cyber Crime and Digital Evidence" for Judicial Officers.

The programme was inaugurated by Justice N. Kotiswar Singh, Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Patron-in-Chief J&K Judicial Academy in august presence of Justice Atul Sreedharan, Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Justice Rahul Bharti, Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Member, Governing Committee for J&K Judicial

Academy, Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva, Judge, Delhi High Court who was the Resource Person and officers of the Registry.

Delivering the inaugural address the Chief Justice stated that nature of litigation has increased multi-fold especially in cases related to Cyber Crime leading to the appreciation of digital evidence. He further stated that by the medium of this programme Judicial Officers would get a practical knowhow of how to deal with day today problems faced in appreciating digital evidence during trials and the way to tackle those problems.

The technical session

was conducted by Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva who dealt with different aspects of Cyber Law and electronic evidence from the perspective of their applicability to the judicial proceedings in the courts of law, investigating agencies and prosecuting wings. He also elaborated upon the brighter and darker side of the internet.

He highlighted the upcoming challenges and opportunities with which the courts of law and investigating agencies shall be confronted with in near future. The speaker also discussed whole gamut of case law concerning important issues coming

up before the courts of law.

Director J&K Judicial Academy, Yash Paul Bourney in his welcome address underscored the importance of organising this program. He said that the programme intends to build capabilities of judicial officers and other stakeholders in justice dispensation regarding the Cyber Laws

The orientation programme concluded with an interactive session during which the participants deliberated and discussed various aspects of the subject topic and raised queries which were answered satisfactorily by the resource person.

BEROZGAR MUKT GANDEBAL

ADDC chairs coordination meeting for smooth conduct of Mega Job Fair

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GANDEBAL: In a significant effort to create employment opportunities, the District Employment and Counseling Centre (DE&CC) Ganderalbal is organizing a mega job fair on October 21, 2023.

This initiative comes under the umbrella of "Berozgar Mukht Ganderalbal," a campaign aimed at making Ganderalbal unemployment-free.

In this regard a meeting was chaired by Additional District Development Commissioner Ganderalbal, Mushtaq Ahmad Simmani in the Conference Hall of Mini Secretariat Ganderalbal.

A diverse range of government departments will actively participate in this event, making it a comprehensive platform for job seekers to explore various career opportunities.

During the meeting it was revealed that around 15 reputed employers from different sectors are expected to grace the event, offering over 250 job openings to the aspiring youth of Ganderalbal.



This mega job fair anticipates the participation of over 7000 unemployed youth from the district. By bringing together both sides of the employment spectrum, the event aims to foster economic growth and stability in the local community.

During the meeting

detailed discussion was also held on shifting of official work to e-Office. Comprehensive directions were issued to various government departments to maintain a high level of organization within their respective offices.

To foster a conducive environment for both employees and visitors,

Officers were directed to keep their offices clean and orderly. Additionally, specific instructions were given to identify scrap materials and maintain accurate records in compliance with the GFR 2017.

Additionally, the efficient management of public grievances and the systematic handling of files were highlighted as crucial aspects of office operations.

In view of approaching winter, the meeting also discussed disaster and snow clearance plans. Directions were given to different departments to proactively prepare and strategize for potential emergencies, underscoring the commitment to the safety and well-being of the local community.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Commissioner, Mehraj-ud-Din Shah, ACR, CPO, CEO WMDA, SDM Kangan, ACD, DFO Sindh Forest Division Ganderalbal, AD Employment and other district and sectoral officers.

DC Kupwara reviews preparations for conduct of Swachta 3.0

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KUPWARA: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan Saturday convened a meeting of all district and sectoral officers to review the preparations for conduct of Swachta 3.0 in the district.

The DC impressed upon the officers that the cleanliness should not be confined to ceremonial exercise but should be impactful on the ground. She asked the officers to ensure cleanliness of their respective offices and share the photographs of pre and post cleanliness drives with the AC Pan-chayats on a daily basis.

The District Officers were asked to conduct inspection of sub offices of their respective departments to monitor the status of cleanliness and were directed to also initiate a process for weeding out of unnecessary physical files and closing of e-files. The DC said that the scrap material including machinery and old records should be disposed-off as per the circular directions of the Government.

It was given out in the meeting that every department shall designate a Nodal Official for coordi-

nating with ACP Kupwara regarding Swachhta 3.0 activities to be undertaken.

She impressed upon all the officers to initiate the process of switching over to e-office as soon as possible and also ensure the quality disposal of pending grievances on priority.

She asked the BDOs to make monitoring of Swachta activities a regular part of their duty in their respective jurisdiction. They were also asked to sensitize the people for inculcating etiquettes for promoting a healthy and hygienic environment in rural areas.

Earlier, the AC Panchayats briefed the meeting about the plan for implementation of Swachhta 3.0 Campaign which includes cleanliness at campaign sites, space management and beautification of offices, disposal procedure of scrap and redundant items, public grievance and appeals, record management etc.

ADDC Kupwara, Altaf Ahmad Khan; ADC Handwara, Nazir Ahmad Mir; SDM Lolab, SDM Karnah, ACD, ACP, besides all other District and Sectoral officers were present in the meeting.

10-day EDP concludes at JKEDI Kupwara



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KUPWARA: The 10-day Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) under Mission Youth's Tejaswini (The Radiant) livelihood scheme concluded Saturday at District Centre, Kupwara of the Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute.

The EDP was organized by JKEDI for the aspiring female entrepreneurs of district Kupwara. During the 10-day EDP, the candidates were apprised about basic business concepts like business plan formulation, marketing plans, accounts management and record keeping, customer management, and other topics of relevance.

The program was coordinated by JKEDI District Centre, Kupwara while the training was imparted by a team of trainers including Ishfaq Ahmad Mir,

District Nodal Officer, EDI Kupwara and Mohsin Abrar, Assistant Faculty, EDI Kupwara.

Officials from the J&K Bank, District Employment and Counselling Centre, Kupwara, Labour Department, Kupwara, among others, were also invited as guest faculty to brief the trainees about different facets of the livelihood generation scheme.

In his address, District Nodal Officer, JKEDI Kupwara, highlighted the scope of entrepreneurship and self-employment and its contribution to the economic development of J&K.

The training program was modelled for retail and services sector activities. The aspirants were trained for establishment of small business ventures like retail outlets of footwear, ready-made, pesticides, electrical goods, cosmetics, DTP centres, boutiques in different areas of the frontier district.

CBC's two-day ICOP cum photo exhibition concludes in Kargil

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KARGIL: The two-day Integrated Communication cum Outreach Programme (ICOP) cum photo exhibition organized by Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India concluded at Kargil Saturday.

The ICOP was held at Hussaini Memorial Hall, Kargil. The programme covered the themes of "9 Years of Seva, Sushasan and Garib Kalyan", "Mission LIFE" and India's G20 Presidency besides highlighting key achievements and landmark decisions taken by the Central Government in the last nine years.

Speaking as Chief Guest on the occasion, Sh Imteaz Kacho, Joint Director DIPR Kargil congratulated CBC for organising the programme and thanked them for choosing Kargil as the venue. He expressed the desire that more such programmes are conducted in the future.

some landmark decisions of the Central Government, Sh Kacho said that the programmes of the government have resulted in an ease of living for the citizens. He said that programmes such as these act as eye-openers for the public.

Sh Kacho said that India did a commendable job when it came to holding the G20 presidency and left an impression on the whole world. He expressed happiness that Leh was chosen as the venue for the Y20 deliberations and expressed satisfaction over its smooth conduct.

The Chief Guest also said that Ladakh is highly vulnerable to the effects of climate change and every individual should take care of the environment in mission mode. He emphasized upon those present to adopt the principles of Mission LIFE and take care of their surroundings.

Sh Kacho also witnessed the photo exhibition set up on the occasion by CBC.

Medical Officer, District Hospital Kargil Dr Oliyath Ai gave a detailed presenta-

tion on the health schemes introduced during the last nine years and the progress made in the field of health care. He said that the last nine years have been a period of service to mankind and the government has made sure that the benefits of the various schemes launched reach the last person in the queue.

Dr Ali added that India's response to the Covid-19 pandemic was better than some of the most developed countries of the world and because of that, we were not only able to contain the situation in the country but also provide help to other countries in the form of vaccines and other medical aid.

He concluded by saying that various health parameters have improved as a result of the implementation and proper monitoring of the multitude of health schemes introduced in the country.

In-charge Cyber/Narcotics Cell Kargil Inspector Fazil Abbas spoke about the menace of drug abuse in the society. He said nar-

cotics have penetrated deep into the society and it is a moment of grave concern for one and all.

Sh Abbas said that the society has to play an important collective role in curbing the menace of drug abuse and we have to make efforts to nip the evil in the bud. He added that directly or indirectly, every individual is affected by the problem.

Earlier in the programme, Field Publicity Officer, CBC Field Office Leh, Aamir Amin Nowshahri welcomed the guests and thanked district administration Kargil and concerned departments for their support in organizing the programme. He also threw light on the various themes of the ICOP and photo exhibition.

More than 200 participants including school students took part in the programme. The programme also witnessed cultural performances from students of various schools. An open quiz for students was also conducted during the programme and prizes were distributed among winners.

WORLD MIGRATORY BIRD DAY

Wetlands Division organizes 'Cleanliness Drive' at RAMSAR sites

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: Under 'Swachhta Pakhwada' campaign, being organized across the country from 2nd to 15th October 2023 and in view of the World Migratory Bird Day, celebrated every year on 14th of October, Wetlands Division of Wildlife Protection

department organized 'Cleanliness Drives' and 'Awareness programmes' at all RAMSAR sites viz. Hokersar, Shallabugh and Hygam wetland conservation Reserves and also at Pampore wetlands.

Field staff of the division, students of different colleges/schools, Sarpanchs, wildlife Mitras and people living on

peripheries of these wetlands participated in the events.

During these cleanliness drives, huge quantities of solid wastes were removed from different spots of all Ramsar sites and the participants pledged to keep these wetlands solid waste free.

Further, during awareness programs students

and other stakeholders were acquainted about the importance of wetlands and the flora/ fauna therein.

The main aim of these programmes was to spread the swachhta message to the general public and raise awareness among students/stakeholders about the importance of habitats of migratory birds.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, TLMD-VI (6), BEMINA, SRINAGAR

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EXTENSION-I

e-NIT No: TLMD-VI/11 of 2023-24

Dated: 22/09/2023

Name of the work: Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of various equipments for renovation of 33kV spare bay at 100 MVA, 132/33 kV Grid Station Mattan.

Contingendum title: Extension of bid submission dates for NIT due to poor response.

Bids not accompanied with CDR/DD shall not be entertained for techno-commercial evaluation.

CRITICAL DATES AFTER CORRIGENDUM:-

S No	Particulars of the work	Tender fee (In Rs.)	Estimated Cost "Rs" in Lacs	EMD Amount	50 % Exemption Allowed for SSI/ MSE	Completion Period	Class/ Registration Type (Qualification criteria)
1.	e-Bid submission (end) date & time (Submission supporting documents in PDF formats).					25-10-2023 (2:30pm)	
2.	Online Techno-Commercial e-Bid opening date and time.					27-10-2023 (2:30pm)	
3.	Venue of opening of Techno-Commercial-Bids.					Office of the Executive Engineer, TLMD-VI, Bemina, Srinagar	
4.	Cost of e-Bid document (to be submitted in the form of DD /Online Payment Pledged to Executive Engineer, TLMD-VI, JKPTCL Bemina Srinagar.					Rs.800/-	
5.	Cost of EMD (in the form of CDR/DD)					Rs.37,200/= pledged to Executive Engineer, TLMD-VI, Bemina, Srinagar.	

All other terms and conditions shall remain same as per attached SBD, BOQ and other documents uploaded on site.

No: TLMD-VI/2187-90

Dated:- 14.10.2023

DIPK-NB-3675-23
DT: 14/10/2023

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
TLMD-VI, Bemina Sgr.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MECHANICAL IRRIGATION DIVISION SRINAGAR

NEAR J&K BANK, (Zaldagar)

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Gist of Re-tender issued vide No. 2807-2811 Dated:- 12-10-2023

of Short-Term e-NIT No. 23 OF 2023-24, Dated: 06-09-2023

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Division, Srinagar, invites e-tenders on item rate basis by e-tendering mode for:-

S No	Particulars of the work	Tender fee (In Rs.)	Estimated Cost "Rs" in Lacs	EMD Amount	50 % Exemption Allowed for SSI/ MSE	Completion Period	Class/ Registration Type (Qualification criteria)
1	Renovation and minor repairs of Divisional Stores at Gogjibagh.	100.00	0.20	2% of Estimated cost	No	05 days	Registered firms with relevant experience

The bidding process shall be completed online in single cover containing -Tender Document fee, EMD in the form of CDR/FDR, Pre-qualification & Financial Bid in the prescribed B0Q.

The critical dates are as tabulated below:-

i	Publish Date	14-10-2023 at 1600 hrs
ii	Document Download/sale start Date	14-10-2023 from 1600 hrs
iii	Clarification start date	N.A
iv	Bid submission start date	14-10-2023 from 1600 hrs
v	Clarification end date	N.A
vi	Bid submission/ Document Download/sale end date	27-10-2023 upto 1400 hrs
vii	Date and time of Bid opening	28-10-2023 at 1230 hrs

The bid uploaded on the website up to due date and time will be opened on scheduled date /time or any other date convenient to the tender opening authority in the office of the Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Division, Zaldagar Srinagar. All other terms and conditions shall remain same as laid down in PWD Form No. 25 & 33.

Position of funds	Budgetary Provisions
Position of AAA	Accorded under order No. 76-MCO OF 2022-23, Dated: - 24-03-2023
Position of Technical sanction	Sanctioned vide No.'s 58 of 2023-24 respectively

No. MIDS/TS/ 2807-2811
Dated:- 12-10-2023
DIPK-10424-23
DT: 14/10/2023

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Mechanical Irrigation Division,
Srinagar

Div Com calls for early notification of PDA's Master Plan under revision

GMK NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, on Saturday chaired a significant meeting to oversee the progress on the revision of master plan of the Patnitop Development Authority (PDA) and related issues.

During the meeting, concerned officers and stakeholders discussed various aspects of the plan and its impact on the region.

The meeting was attended by Vivekanand Rai, Director Tourism Jammu, Shiv Kumar Gupta, VC JDA (Chief Town Planner, Jammu Addl. Charge), Sachin Dev Singh, Additional Secretary, Tourism Department, Sher Singh, Chief Executive Officer, Patnitop Development Authority, besides Director CEPT University and other concerned officers of Town Planning Organization.

The CEO of the Patnitop Development Authority provided a comprehensive update during the meeting. This included an overview of the Authority's functions, its jurisdictions, and the villages proposed under revision of the Master Plan of PDA. Furthermore, the CEO reported on the progress made in the preparation of the Master Plan under revision.



The revision of existing Master Plan by CEPT University of Ahmedabad, and a draft was released for public review and feedback from locals, stakeholders and others. However, it was noted that town planning organization had raised some objections, necessitating further discussion and resolution.

In response to these objections, the Divisional Commissioner directed the Town Planning Organization to submit optimum/specific observations within a period of 15 days. The CEO of PDA was also tasked with coordinating with town planning organization, Jammu and CEPT to address the same in Master Plan which is under revision.

Divisional Commissioner stressed on the need for a time-bound notification of the final revised Master Plan. This step is crucial for the timely implementation of the plan on the ground, which is expected to alleviate challenges related to building permissions.

The Div Com emphasized with the difficulties that people face when seeking building permissions for construction of their homes. He highlighted the importance of expeditious completion of the plan to ensure that individuals do not face inconvenience.

Later, in a separate meeting, the Divisional Commissioner also reviewed the preparations for the upcoming Navratra festival in Basohli.

The meeting was attended by Director Tourism,

Secretary JKAACL while DIG Jammu-Samba-Kathua Range, Deputy Commissioner Kathua, ADC Basohli participated through video conferencing.

The Deputy Commissioner Kathua briefed the Div Com about the measures in place to ensure the smooth conduct of events during the Basohli Navratra festival.

It was informed that sanitation work on main venue has been started along with other required works like road improvements, arrangements for accommodation, cultural activities, competitions, repair work, sports activities etc.

The Div Com asked the concerned officers to ensure all the arrangements in place for smooth conduct of Navratra festival.

DDC Jammu prioritises border villages

Identifies 73 border villages for the mission

GMK NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU: District Development Commissioner, Sachin Kumar Vaishya, Saturday chaired a meeting to assess the progress of government schemes and skill development initiatives in the district's border regions here.

In accordance with the prior instructions of the DDC, all departments are to prioritise border villages. A total of 73 border villages have been identified for this mission. The DDC has also instructed all departments to organise awareness camps to reach out to the communities effectively.

During the meeting, the Chief Medical Officer reported on the status of various schemes, including Janani Suraksha Yojana, Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakaram, PMJAY SEHAT Golden Cards and ABHA cards and the number of eligible beneficiaries who have availed of



these benefits.

The Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) was questioned regarding the progress of Ladli Beti and Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana schemes, among others.

The DDC instructed the Sub-Divisional Magistrates and other relevant authorities to expedite the issuance of income certificates and necessary documents to eligible candidates, ensuring swift benefit delivery.

The Agriculture Department was pressed for updates on the Kisan Credit Card, Soil Health Card and

other schemes, with strict targets set for identification and delivery of benefits to eligible recipients.

The Animal Husbandry and Sheep Husbandry departments were also urged to accelerate their efforts and ensure the efficient distribution of benefits.

The Chief Education Officer received instructions to address the specific requirements of border area schools, emphasising the need to rationalise the teaching staff to maintain quality education.

Employment generation schemes, including Tejas-

wini, were discussed in the meeting and department heads were motivated to promptly provide benefits to eligible individuals.

In addition, activities of other departments were also discussed and their representatives instructed on the course of action to be taken.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Sandeep Seointra; Assistant Commissioner Development, Preeti Sharma; Chief Planning Officer, Yoginder Katoch and various district officers.

DTFC discusses future plan of One Stop Centre in Doda

GMK NEWS NETWORK

DODA: Deputy Commissioner Doda Vishesh Mahajan convened a meeting of District Task Force Committee (DTFC) meeting to discuss the future plan of One Stop Centre in the district.

Deputy Commissioner, who is also the chairman of the Task Force Committee, had a detailed review of the working of One Stop Centre (OSC) and discussed critical issues with the



Task Force members.

It was decided in the meeting that NGO, the

HOPE, shall cease to run the One Stop Centre in the District as is the case in

other districts of the UT. It was further decided that the One Stop Centre shall be taken over and run by the District Administration through its sub committee headed by DPO-ICDS Doda. It was also decided that until the new office bearers are engaged purely on a temporary and honorarium basis, the existing staff shall be allowed to perform their duties on the terms and conditions agreed upon by the NGO HOPE.

DC reviews progress of HAD Plan in Udhampur



GMK NEWS NETWORK

UDHAMPUR: Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Saloni Rai presided over a comprehensive review meeting Saturday to assess the progress made under the Holistic Agriculture Development Plan in the Udhampur District.

The meeting, attended by officers from various allied departments, took place at the Mini Conference Hall in the DC Office Complex, Udhampur.

At the onset, Chief Agriculture Officer, Sanjay Anand provided an overview of the achievements made under the Holistic Agriculture Development Plan within the district. In-depth discussions were held, covering several crucial aspects such as the plan's implementation, approval of beneficiaries for individual and group activities, establishment of connections with banks and financial institutions for beneficiaries, conver-

gence of activities under HADP, physical and financial progress, the status of the Kisan Sampark Abhiyan, and the receipt of online applications.

While addressing the meeting, the DC emphasized that the HADP initiative represents a significant stride in establishing a robust and profitable agricultural ecosystem. She urged banks to expedite the sanctioning and disbursement of loans to support farmers in their agricultural endeavors. The Deputy Commissioner also called upon officers from various departments to ensure the effective implementation of the Holistic Agriculture Development Plan within their respective domains, ensuring that farming communities can reap the benefits of these schemes.

The DC stressed the importance of promptly approving loans under agriculture and other allied department schemes.

DC Rajouri inaugurates Empowering Camp for Senior Citizens



GMK NEWS NETWORK

RAJOURI: In a heartwarming and community-oriented initiative, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, inaugurated a special camp for the senior citizens. The event was a step towards recognizing and enhancing the well-being of senior citizens.

Deputy Commissioner, in his address, highlighted the pivotal role that senior citizens play in our society. He not only recognized their wisdom and experience but also motivated them to take full advantage of the various government schemes. This encouragement is a source of inspiration for the senior citizens, empowering them to be active participants in their own well-being and the welfare of the community.

The primary focus of this special camp was to address the unique needs

and concerns of senior citizens. One of the stand-out features of this event was the on-the-spot sanctioning of pension cases, a critical step towards ensuring financial stability and security for the elderly.

Furthermore, a medical camp was set up, providing the senior citizens with a valuable opportunity for health checkups.

Another significant aspect of the event was the awareness drive about the rights of senior citizens. A representative from the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) played a pivotal role in this initiative by educating the senior citizens about their legal entitlements.

The DC said that it exemplified a commitment to improving the lives of senior citizens through financial support, healthcare, awareness, and empowerment.

Doda Admin discusses measures to introduce PM Vishwakarma Yojna

GMK NEWS NETWORK

DODA: Deputy Commissioner Doda, Vishesh Mahajan Saturday convened a meeting with all the stakeholders to introduce the Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma Kaushal Samman Yojana (PM Vishwakarma Scheme) in the district.

At the outset, GM Industries Doda, Idrees Lone highlighted the strategic aspects of the PM Vishwakarma Scheme. He informed that the scheme shall empower artisans, commonly known as Vishwakarmas by financial, technical, and logistic support, who form a vital part of the informal or unorganized sector of the economy.



During the meeting, the DC led discussions on various aspects of the PM Vishwakarma Scheme and emphasised for exhaustive awareness through print, electronic and social media. The key areas discussed include all the 18 trades covered under the scheme.

The DC stressed upon the significance of conducting extensive drive of identification and registration of eligible beneficiaries on the designated portal.

He also stressed about taking on board Sarpanches, who play a pivotal role in the verification of beneficiaries.

Banks have been asked to reach out to all the eligible beneficiary artisans, in collaboration with all the stakeholder government departments, whose accounts are in their bank branches.

He exhorted to use Block Diwas as special campaign days for PM Vishwakarma Yojana and the departments of Industries, Employment, and Technical education shall take lead in spreading awareness during Block Diwas and other such public out reach programmes.

The DC has asked the stakeholders to focus on women artisans to empower them and transform their lives while promoting local traditional craftsmanship.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER REW DIVISION GANDERBAL

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

NIT No.155/2023-24 of REW Ganderbal Dated: 12/10/2023

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

S. No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rs.)	Time of completion	Class of Contractor	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Major Head	Block	Treasury Challan Account Head
1	Repair and Renovation of Block Development Office Complex at Block Ganderbal PRI 302 2nd Call	14.65 Lacs	800	60 Days	BEE/CEE/DEE	44000	District CAPEX	Ganderbal	0515
2	Construction of 3 No Footpath with footsteps from main road Wajil wooder to RD 20000 canal at wajil wooder Block Ganderbal PRI 290 2nd Call	3.70 Lacs	300	30 Days	DEE	11100	District CAPEX	Ganderbal	0515
3	Const of R Wall From H/O Ali Mohd Parray To Onwards at panchayat halqa Khalmulla Block Ganderbal PRI 153 4th Call	3.05 Lacs	300	30 Days	DEE	9200	District CAPEX	Ganderbal	0515
4	Construction of CSC (Common Service Centre) for Panchayat Ghar Safapora-D Block Safapora under RGSA	4.955 Lacs	300	45 Days	DEE	14900	RGSA	Safapora	0515
5	Construction of CSC (Common Service Centre) for Panchayat Ghar Pehlipora-B Block Safapora under RGSA	4.955 Lacs	300	45 Days	DEE	14900	RGSA	Safapora	0515
6	Construction of CSC (Common Service Centre) for Panchayat Ghar Hatbura Block Sherpathri under RGSA	4.89 Lacs	300	45 Days	DEE	14700	RGSA	Sherpathri	0515
7	Construction of Culvert at Kheri Nallah fraw Haknar-B Block Gund under ABDD 2nd Call	2.97 Lacs	300	45 Days	DEE	8900	ABDD	Gund	0515

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

S.No	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	12-09-2023
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	14-10-2023
3.	Bid submission Start Date	14-10-2023 from 2:00 P.M
4.	Bid Submission End Date	21-10-2023 at 4:00 P.M.
5.	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online) -	23-10-2023 at 10:00 A.M.

Conditions for Bidders:

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document (as mentioned above) in shape of Treasury Receipt/e-Challan in favour of Executive Engineer (REW) Division Ganderbal(Account Head-0515-Executive Engineer REW Ganderbal) mentioning therein NIT No. & Serial No. Of Work on it.

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

- At the time of tendering, all bidders must upload earnest money/bid security equal to 3% of the Advertised Cost in the form of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e. Executive Engineer (REW) Division Ganderbal. Non submission of earnest money/bid security shall render the bidder as non-responsive.
- The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD@3 % of Advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG of the successful Bidder (L1) shall be treated as Performance Security for fixation of contract.
- The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD@3% of Advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG of the unsuccessful Bidder shall be released within 15 days after opening the Tender on production of Treasury Challan.
- The Tender Opening Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders or any part of any tender without assigning reason thereof.
- Bidders have to submit Bid Security Declaration Form as per Annexure "B" given below.
- The date and time of opening of Bids Will be notified on web site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders will be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer Rural Engineering Wing Ganderbal (tender receiving authority).
- The bids for the work will remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids.
- Unbalanced Bid:- In case bid of the lowest bidder is found unbalanced, the successful bidder shall have to produce additional performance security in shape of CDR/ FDR within five days after opening of bids, as per following break-up:-

S.No	Percentage of unbalance bid viz., advertised cost on account of Low rates	Additional Performance Security to be deposited on quoted bid by L1
1	Up to and including 15% Below	Nil
2	>15% upto and including 20% Below	5%
3	>20% upto and including 25% Below	10%
4	>25% upto and including 30% Below	15%
5	>30% Below	20%

18. The works are approved under District Capex Budget -2023-24
19. All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form)
No. Xen/REW/GBL/e-tendering/ 11951-59
Dated:-12-10-2023

DIPK-10379-23
DT: 14/10/2023

Executive Engineer (REW) Division Ganderbal

G20 under India's presidency gave hope that multilateral institutions can deliver: Sitharaman

IANs

NEW DELHI: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday had an interaction with Josh Lipsky of Atlantic Council where in she spoke about India's economic outlook and the country's goals as G20 president, following the 4th G20 finance ministers and Central banks governors (FMCBG) meeting held on October 12-13 and IMF-World Bank meetings in Marrakech, Morocco.



take any decisions and deliver. "During our G20 presidency, a sense of wanting to deliver was on our minds. So it's not just to the credit of the Indian G20 Presidency but the members who felt that this

was the best opportunity to come out, showing the world that we can take decisions," the Finance Minister said. Speaking about payments infrastructure for emerging economies, Sitharaman said that for countries, particularly those in Africa and some of the island countries in the Pacific, there's a serious problem of not having enough dollars to pay for what they essentially need and we have seen this lasting for more than a desirable time. "So, in those circumstances, we have said that they can pay in their local currencies, provided that India and those countries establish some kind of equation. Equally, we are talking to countries to develop

digital payment systems compatible with one another for efficient and real-time transfer," she said during the interaction. Technology is being readily adopted by Indian citizens of different backgrounds because of the use of regional languages. Many services do not require smartphones, they can be used on feature phones as well, the finance minister added. "This use of technology isn't confined to payments. We even issued vaccine certificates on phones. Anyone travelling abroad had it on their phones. It showed when they took the vaccine, when is the next date due and where can they take it," she informed.

India likely to see 6.3 mn foldable smartphone shipments by 2027

IANs

NEW DELHI: Overall foldable shipments grew 141 per cent (year-on-year) in India till August this year, a report has shown, as the overall foldable market is set to grow at a CAGR of 56 per cent to reach 6.3 million units by 2027. For the 2023-2024 period, the overall foldable market is expected to witness 84 per cent growth (on-year). Increasing localisation of foldables, including flagship devices such as the Samsung Z Fold 5 and Flip 5, as well as Tecno fold-

ables will steer the growth of the market, according to the data by market research firm CyberMedia Research (CMR). With foldable devices becoming increasingly accessible and affordable to a broader consumer base, CMR estimates that foldables priced between Rs 60,000 and Rs 75,000 will grow at a CAGR of 50 per cent in India from 2024 to 2026. "With increasing democratisation of the fold and flip form factor, we estimate a positive long-term growth trajectory for the Android foldable market,"

said Prabhu Ram, Head-Industry Intelligence Group, CMR. Samsung foldable shipments secured a 74 per cent market share in the Indian smartphone market till August. Tecno Phantom V Fold foldable shipments captured 10 per cent market share and Oppo Find N2 Flip foldable shipments captured 2 per cent market share in the Indian smartphone market. Global tech brand OnePlus is also set to launch its first foldable flagship phone, OnePlus Open, on October 19.

Government of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir

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

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

NIT No:- 12/ ZNP/RnB/e-Tendering/2023-24 Dated: 14 - 10-2023

E-tenders (In single cover system) from qualified contractors registered with the J&K UT Government, CPWD, Railways, and other State/Central Governments are invited for Snow Clearance (Stage-wise) on a Percentage Rate basis for a contract period of one year.

S.No	Stage Name	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rupees)	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	M.H of Account	Class of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Stage - 1	500	5000/-	3054 Snow	Aay, Bee, Cee & Dee
2.	Stage - 2	500	5000/-	3054 Snow	Aay, Bee, Cee & Dee
3.	Stage - 3	500	5000/-	3054 Snow	Aay, Bee, Cee & Dee
4.	Stage - 4	500	5000/-	3054 Snow	Aay, Bee, Cee & Dee
5.	Stage - 5	500	5000/-	3054 Snow	Aay, Bee, Cee & Dee
6.	Stage - 6	500	5000/-	3054 Snow	Aay, Bee, Cee & Dee

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

Table 1:

S.No.	Particulars	Dated
1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice.	14-10-2023
2	Period of Downloading of bidder documents	From 14-10-2023 (1:00PM) To 19-10-2023 (18:00PM)
3	Bid submission Start Date	From 14-10-2023 (1:00PM)
4	Bid Submission End Date	To 19-10-2023 (18:00PM)
6	Date and time of opening of bid (online)	20-10-2023 (12.00 PM) In the office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Zainpura

2 Bids must be accompanied by a Treasury Challan (dated between the bid submission start date and the Bid Submission End date) deposited in M.H. 0059 in the name of Executive Engineer R&B Division Zainpura (tender inviting authority) as the cost of the tender document.

3 All bidders are required to submit bid security or earnest money for an amount of Rs.5000/= at the time of tendering in the shape of CDRs, FDRs, or BGs pledged to the authority responsible for receiving bids, in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Zainpura. In strict accordance with the Government's circular and other instructions as required, the successful bidder will be required to provide performance security for an amount of Rs.10,000/= at the time of contract award. The successful bidder's performance security will be released only after successful Performance/completion of the contract.

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

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

5 The earnest money shall be forfeited, if:-

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

b. Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within three days from the date of intimation.

c. Failure of Successful bidder to execute the agreement within 15 days.

6 Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process.

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

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

iii. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Table 1.

v. All bidders must UPLOAD the following information and documents with their bids, in addition to the qualification criteria / qualification information, (All documents pertaining to the bid must be in English):

vi. All bidders must submit copies of original documents defining their constitution/legal status, place of registration, and principal place of business, as well as their cell phone number and e-mail address.

vii. A valid Contractor/Firm Registration Certificate issued by a competent authority in accordance with the Contractor Registration Act.

viii. Treasury Challan/Earnest money

ix. Valid GSTIN Registration & PAN Card

x. Scanned Copy of GSTIN Registration and latest clearance certificate FORM GSTR-3B i.e. latest clearance certificate FORM GSTR-3B of the preceding Month/ Preceding quarter to the issue of NIT.

Illustrations:-

For the NIT issued in October, 2023, the bidder has to upload the latest Clearance certificate FORM GSTR-3B of the previous Quarter i.e. April-June 2023-24/previous Month i.e. August, 2023-24

xi. The bidder must make sure to upload scanned copies of all required documents, including the tender documents fee, along with the technical bid. No document(s) that haven't been uploaded will be accepted in hard copy form. However, the bidders will be required to provide original documents in support of the soft copies upon request in the event of any clarification.

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

xii. All documents relating to the bid shall be in the English Language.

7 Bidders should be fully cognizant that, in the event that documents uploaded or submitted are discovered to be fraudulent or factually incorrect, the contract would be cancelled, and the Contractor/bidder would be barred from further participation in this Division or Department for a period of three years, in addition to the forfeiture of the performance security deposited for the relevant work.

8 The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons. Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case, they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually.

9 The bidder should, at his own expense and risk, visit the worksite and its surroundings before submitting a bid in order to ascertain any limitations and thresholds. Any consequential claims on this count will not be considered.

11 The DEPARTMENT reserves the right to waive minor irregularities. The DEPARTMENT also reserves the right to waive a mandatory requirement provided that:

a) the requirement is not mandated by law;

b) all of the otherwise responsive proposals failed to meet the mandatory requirement; or

c) in the sole discretion of the DEPARTMENT, the failure to comply with the mandatory requirement does not materially affect the procurement or the Department's interests associated with the procurement.

12 In response to the evaluation of bid proposals, the evaluation committee may ask one, some, or all of the bidders to clarify specific aspects of their proposals. A request for

clarification may be made to address minor ambiguities, irregularities, informalities, or typing errors. With the exception of apparent clerical errors, deficiencies or material omissions cannot be fixed by clarifications, and proposals cannot be revised or modified. The bidder might be required to make an oral presentation about its bid proposal to the Department. Bidders are not permitted to attend the oral presentations of their competitors. Action by the Department in this regard should not be construed to imply acceptance or rejection of a bid proposal.

SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT & FLEET REQUIREMENTS

13 To fulfill the requirements of this contract, the Contractor will inevitably be required to present documentary proof in support of contractor owned or leased vehicles. The company name must be prominently displayed on both sides of any vehicles used by the Contractor to carry out this contract.

14 All vehicles used in the performance of this contract shall be in operable condition and meet the safety requirements. The Department may inspect the Contractor's vehicles at any time and direct the removal of any unsafe or non-functional vehicles. All vehicles shall be registered, licensed, having Department of Transportation numbers visible and insured, and operated by a licensed driver as required by law; and follow all regulations related to parking, driving, and licensing.

15 The equipment used by the Contractor must be of a caliber, size, and type appropriate for carrying out the required work. The equipment of the Contractor must be in good condition and capable of running effectively and safely.

16 The Contractor's equipment shall be of a quality, size and type suitable for accomplishing the required work. The Contractor's equipment shall be in good repair and able to operate efficiently and safely.

17 The Contractor's equipment shall have the proper safety devices maintained at all times while in use. If equipment does not contain proper safety devices and/or is being operated in an unsafe manner, the Department shall direct the Contractor to remove such equipment and/or operator until the deficiency is corrected to the satisfaction of the Department.

18 The Department may inspect the Contractor's equipment and tools at any time.

19 The Contractor will be required to procure its own attachment compatible with JCB machines and/or use snow plough attachments provided by the DEPARTMENT. The Department will provide the attachment on a nominal rental basis based on the cost of procurement and the functional life of the attachments to be fitted on the Machine/JCB listed on the snow clearing equipment submitted with this bid, and the Contractor must acknowledge receipt of it. The Department may ask the equipment to be returned at the end of the winter season. All equipment shall be subject to inspection, retrieval, repair or maintenance at the end of each snow fall and at any time during this contract period. In the event of any negligence or carelessness in the use and maintenance of the provided equipment, the DEPARTMENT will determine the amount of the loss or value of the damaged equipment, for which the contractor will be charged the replacement cost of the equipment less appropriate depreciation that will be billed to the contractor or deducted from due claims.

20 All required snow plough apparatus shall be properly installed on the Machines, and the Machines will have to be ready to respond to a snow callout by October 15th of each contract year. During each winter season in which this contract is in effect, the equipment shall be installed continuously from October 15th to April 30th of the following year. Machines listed on this contract shall not be used on any other plowing or spreading contracts. The contractor shall not use DEPARTMENT equipment for any purpose other than the plowing of targeted roads and/or as directed by DEPARTMENT representatives. Any violation will result in a minimum penalty of Rs5,000.00 per offense to be deducted from accrued claims in the contractor's account and may result in termination of the contract.

21 The Contractor shall remain in communication with the Department prior to, during, and after each Snow Fall. The Contractor shall report its hourly activities to the Department through Departments online snow clearance management system. The Contractor's reporting must be done "real time" and include: (i) Roads/lengths Cleared (ii) date and time of operations; (iii) quantity of snow and/or ice removed; (iv) equipment and materials used; (v) staff utilized; (vi) challenges or problems encountered during the operations; and (vii) time and date stamped photographs of snow removal operations (including before, during, and after photographs). The Contractor shall submit its claim supported with these documents.

22 The Contractors personnel should have the necessary experience and licenses to perform the required work. Key personnel shall include, at a minimum, the individual who has the authority and responsibility for ensuring that the Contractor's responsibilities are properly discharged and will be responsible for dispatching crews and equipment; and the key foreman who will oversee and supervise the work in the field. The Contractor will not be permitted to reassign any of the key personnel unless the Department approves the proposed reassignment and the proposed replacement. Besides the Contractor shall have to designate two Key Personnel to be available to communicate with the Department by telephone and email twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week over the course of the contract.

23 Upon execution of the Contract, the Contractor and all its member firms, if any, and each of its Subcontractors (if any permissible) shall submit to the Department a list of current employees that will be assigned to the Contract, the date they were hired and whether or not they live in the UT. The Contractor shall maintain detailed records relating to the general hiring of community residents and non-residents.

24 The Contractor will be required to maintain the following types of insurance throughout the life of the contract.

a) Commercial general public liability insurance ("Liability Insurance") against liability for bodily injury, death and property damage arising from any one occurrence and from the aggregate of all occurrences within each policy year. The policies shall contain blanket contractual coverage (including coverage for the indemnity clauses to be provided under the Agreement) and completed operations coverage (for 3 years).

b) Workers' compensation providing statutory benefits for all persons employed by the Contractor, or its contractors and subcontractors (permitted, if any) at or in connection with the Work.

c) Automobile Liability, including Hired and Non-Owned Auto Liability for each occurrence for bodily injury and property damage Continued.

25 The Contractor shall perform the work with its own forces. In the event that the Contractor desires to engage one or more subcontractors to assist with the work, it shall obtain the Department's written approval of any such subcontractor. All subcontractors shall be required to comply with the insurance requirements set forth herein. In addition, the Contractor shall be responsible for all work performed by the subcontractors and shall assume the risk of the subcontractors' non-performance.

26 The Contractor shall submit with each claim cost backup supporting such claims.

27 The Department will notify the Contractor within fifteen (15) calendar days after receiving any claim for payment of any defect in the claim or the work which may result in the Department's declining to pay all or a part of the claimed amount. The Department may withhold payment from the Contractor, in whole or part, as appropriate, if any.

28 The Contractor shall perform the Services hereunder in accordance with all applicable local and Union statutes, laws, codes, ordinances, regulations, rules, requirements and orders ("Applicable Laws").

PWD (R&B) DIVISION ZAINAPORA		
Stage Wise List of Roads to be cleared manually during the winter of 2023-2024		
Stage 1st		
S.No	Name of the Road	Length to be cleared (in Kms)
1	Momen Karewa road	2.0
2	Allaypora Link Melhura	0.3
3	Awneera Asthan Mohalla	0.3
4	Awneera Cheemarg Road	0.3
5	Babapora Canal Road	1.5
6	Fukhi Mohalla Link	0.8
7	Koka Mohalla Melhura	1.3

8	Kumar Mohalla Link	0.5
9	Naghar Ahanpora road	2.0
10	Awneera Nadpora Kralcheck road	1.5
11	Temple Road	1.3
12	Temple Road Watchi	0.8
13	Tunel Road Safnagari	2.0
14	Main Road to Maderwooder Awneera	1.2
15	Awneera Tazkipora road	1.6
16	Arampora Randkipora road	1.10
17	Dablipora Link	1.30
18	Durpora - Check road	1.50
19	Loli Wagay Mohala to Mokdam Mohala Awneera	0.70
Total Length of Stage (1st)		22.0
Stage 2nd		
S.No	Name of the Road	Length to be cleared (in Kms)
1	Higher Secondary road	1.2
2	Aetypora Link	0.3
3	Babapora Link	1.0
4	Malpora Link road	0.2
5	Zainpora Lone Mohalla Link	0.2
6	Ziyarat Shareef Link zain pora	0.3
7	Ziyarat Shareef Reshipora road	2.0
8	Shalwoder Link road	1.0
9	Babapora Mujmarg Nadimarg road	2.0
10	Wagay Mohalla Aglar road	1.5
11	Zahidbag Safanagri Randkipora	4.0
12	School Link Reshipora	1.0
13	Ziyarat Shareef Link chitragam	1.2
14	Dhobi Mohalla Link road	0.20
15	Khujpora Link	1.60
16	Ganie Mohalla Link	0.40
17	Shirmal Link	1.00
18	chitragam Lone Mohalla Link	0.20
19	chitragam Hospital Link	0.7
20	Bhat Mohalla Link	0.50
Total Length of Stage (2nd)		20.5
Stage 3rd		
S.No	Name of the Road	Length to be cleared (in Kms)
1	Shalinard Alshipora Via Wadipora	1.7
2	School Link Gund Darwesh	0.5
3	Sugan Malnard road	1.0
4	Sugan Link	1.2
5	Chilipora Panzrain road	1.00
6	Shirmal Kumar Mohalla Link	1.0
7	Pir Mohalla Link	0.3
8	Panchayat Link	0.4
9	New Colony Darazpora	0.5
10	Narwani Badimarg Road	1.5
11	Urpara Link	1.5
12	Main road leading to Transit Accommodation Allowpora	1.0
13	Dachoo Hushangpora road	1.0
14	Dachoo Chitragam Road	1.5
15	Mogdam Mohalla Link	0.3
16	Malkha Link	0.8
17	Turkawangam Sarafiam Road	0.5
18	Peshwara Link	0.5
19	Ganowpora Link	0.4
20	Bondal Link Thokerpora	0.2
21	Bonpora and Herpora Link Bandpawa	0.7
Total Length of Stage (3rd)		17.5
Stage 4th		
S.No	Name of the Road	Length to be cleared (in Kms)
1	Tharain Link	1.5
2	Trenz Khar Mohalla i/c Ziyarat Shareef	1.5
3	Trenz Nadanard road	1.0
4	Haripora Link	1.00
5	Votepora Gulshanpora Road	1.50
6	Khurampora Pargochi road	1.50
7	Dobipora Pahalanwal Dal Badigam road	1.00
8	Muloo to Gonchipora i/c School Link	4.00
Total Length of Stage (4th)		13.0
Stage 5th		
S.No	Name of the Road	Length to be cleared (in Kms)
1	Nadigam Dugpora road	3.0
2	School Link Nadigam	0.5
3	Manihal Asthanpora DK Pora road	1.2
4	Jogi Handew road	1.5
5	Mailkund Asthanpora Link	1.0
6	Mailkund Chanchward Zainbatoo road	1.0
7	Ziyarat Shareef Link at Loosedanew	1.0
8	Manihal Palpora road	0.5
9	Manihal Chotipora Narwani road	2.0
10	Imam Sahab Hospital Link i/c Police Station	0.5
11	DK Pora Panchayat Link road	0.50
12	DK Pora Nildora Link road	2.00
13	Pandit Mohalla Link	0.50
Total Length of Stage (5th)		15.2
Stage 6th		
S.No	Name of the Road	Length to be cleared (in Kms)
1	DK Pora School Link Badimarg road	2.0
2	Hermain Hardpora road	1.0
3	Braripora Rakhama Tengpora road	1.5
4	Aloora Link road	1.0
5	Alamgunj Link road	1.0
6	Ranipora Khasipora road	2.0
7	Gahand Muradpora road	2.0
8	Hamambal Link	1.00
9	Pratabpora Takipora	1.50
10	Chinar Tree Link to Manzimpora	0.50
11	Alamgunj Daruloom Link road	0.50
Total Length of Stage (6th)		14.0
Total Length of all Stages (in kms)		102.2

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People From Gaza Should Evacuate Between 10 A.m To 4 P.m: IDF

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JERUSALEM: The Israeli military has asked people from northern Gaza to evacuate southwards using two routes between 10 a.m. in the morning to 4 p.m. in the evening, a spokesman said on Saturday.

In a statement posted in Arabic on X, Israel Defense Forces (IDF) spokesman Avichay Adraee said the routes can be used between the said period of time "without any harm", reports CNN.

Those living in Gaza City have been advised to move south from Beit Hanoun to Khan Yunis, ahead of a potential ground offensive by the Israeli army, Adraee said.

People living near the beach and west of Olive will also be allowed to move on Daldul and Al-Sana Streets towards Salah Al-Din and Al-Bahr, he added.

On Friday, the IDF had called on "the evacuation of all civilians of Gaza City from their homes southwards for

their own safety and protection and move to the area south of the Wadi Gaza".

Wadi Gaza, known for its coastal wetlands and biodiversity, is a river valley located around the centre of the Gaza Strip, snaking across its entire width and ending in the Mediterranean Sea.

"You will be able to return to Gaza City only when another announcement permitting it is made," the military had said, adding that the Hamas militants were hiding inside tunnels underneath the city and inside buildings populated with civilians.

It urged civilians to evacuate the city "for your own safety and the safety of your families and distance yourself from Hamas terrorists who are using you as human shields".

"In the following days, the IDF will continue to operate significantly in Gaza City and make extensive efforts to avoid harming civilians."

But the announcement has



received widespread criticism over fears of spiralling the already dire humanitar-

ian condition in the Hamas-controlled enclave..

The UN has warned that the

evacuation order was "impossible" without causing major humanitarian consequences.

The world boy strongly appealed for the order to be rescinded, saying that it could lead to a "calamitous situation".

On Friday, European Union foreign policy chief Josep Borrell told reporters that the evacuation order was "utterly impossible to implement", the BBC reported.

"To imagine that you could move one million people in 24 hours in a situation like Gaza can only be a humanitarian crisis," Borrell said.

Despite the EU's expression of support for Israel, he also warned that it was also obligated to follow international humanitarian law in the process of defending itself.

"The position is clear. But, as any right, it has a limit. And this limit is international law."

Also on Friday, UN aid chief Martin Griffiths had said that "order to evacuate 1.1 million people from northern Gaza defies the rules of war and basic humanity", CNN reported.

"Gaza is under intense bombardment. Roads and homes have been reduced to rubble. There is nowhere safe to go," Griffiths said on X, formerly Twitter.

"Forcing scared and traumatized civilians, including women and children, to move from one densely populated area to another, without even a pause in the fighting and without humanitarian support, is dangerous and outrageous."

He reiterated that "without safe passage and access to basic services, such mass displacement of civilians will have catastrophic humanitarian consequences and long-term implications".

At least 1,900 Palestinians have been killed by near-constant shelling in Gaza, according to the Health Ministry, including journalists and medics.

Prior to the evacuation warning, more than 400,000 Palestinians had been internally displaced, according to the UN.

Trump Trolled By Media For Comments On Israel-Hamas Conflict

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WASHINGTON: Former US President Donald Trump has gone into damage control mode after being heavily trolled widely in the US and the Israeli media for privately calling for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's impeachment for failing to anticipate the brutal Hamas onslaught.

After his remarks on Netanyahu garnered unwanted attention in Israel and the US, he went on to say that the "Hezbollah was smart", and now, Trump's team has some damage control by issuing a statement, which said: "There was no better friend or ally of Israel than President Donald J. Trump."

As he continues to come under fire, Trump is also continuing the damage control.

In a post on his Truth Social social media platform, the former President wrote: "I have always been impressed by the skill and determination of the Israeli Defense Forces. As they defend their Nation against ruthless terrorists, I want to wish every soldier the best of luck. May you return home safely to your families, and may God bless you all!"

Rolling Stone magazine was the first to report that Trump has privately been calling for Prime Minister Netanyahu to be "impeached" for failing to anticipate the brutal Hamas attack on October 7.

As the Rolling Stone report rolled on, Trump was already under heavy fire from Israel, President Joe Biden and even Republican rivals over comments he made at a campaign rally on Wednesday, criticising Jerusalem over the intelligence failure that led to the Hamas assault, calling Defence Minister Yoav Gallant a "jerk" and the Hezbollah terror group "very smart", ABC News reported.

Trump laid it on thick by saying Netanyahu did not do enough to assist the US in the latter's 2020 killing of Quds force Chief Qassem Soleimani.

His campaign later issued an additional statement listing all of the steps Trump took as President to support Israel.

On Friday, Trump spokesman Steven Cheung said the Rolling Stone report was "100 per cent untrue" and "never happened".

Meanwhile, the Guard-

ian newspaper said that the White House in a rare move on Thursday publicly pushed back against Trump after his remarks on the Israeli Defence Minister and the Hezbollah.

Trump in a campaign speech in Florida referred to Hezbollah, based out of Lebanon to the north of Israel and the Pentagon's deep concern about the militants attacking Israel from the north, opening up two fronts.

"Two nights ago I read all of Biden's security people... they said, 'Gee, I hope Hezbollah doesn't attack from the north, because that's the most vulnerable spot'. I said, 'Wait a minute. You know, Hezbollah is very smart'. They're all very smart," Trump said, going on to add that "the press doesn't like when" he says things like that, as he has when praising the effectiveness of China's President Xi Jinping.

Trump swiped at two top Israeli officials, Defence Minister Gallant and Prime Minister Netanyahu, with whom Trump once appeared to be close.

"They (Israel) have a national defence minister... if you listen to this jerk, you would attack from the north because he said that's our weak spot," Trump said.

Gallant's office reportedly said in response that Trump was making "far-fetched speculation" and attested to the military's strength.

Of Netanyahu, Trump said he "let us down" while talking about the US killing of Soleimani.

Biden spokesman Andrew Bates said in a Thursday statement that what Trump said about Hezbollah was "dangerous and unhinged".

"It's completely lost on us why any American would ever praise an Iran-backed terrorist organization as 'smart'... This is a time for all of us to stand shoulder to shoulder with Israel against 'unadulterated evil,'" Bates said.

Trump's comments also drew criticism from his former Vice President Mike Pence, who is challenging him for the 2024 Republican presidential nomination.

"Hezbollah aren't smart. They're evil," Pence said during a New Hampshire radio appearance on Thursday.

Trump, the frontrunner for the nomination so far, is "simply not expressing -- and his imitators in this primary are not expressing -- the same muscular American foreign policy that we lived out every day", Pence said. (IANS)

S. Korean Military Jet To Bring 163 Nationals Home From Israel



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SEOUL: A South Korean military aircraft was bringing 163 nationals home from Israel, along with some 60 foreigners on Saturday amid the raging conflict between the Jewish nation and the Hamas militant group, the Foreign Ministry here said.

A KC-330 military transport plane carrying the South Koreans departed from Tel Aviv early Saturday and is expected to land at Seoul Air Base in Seongnam, just south of Seoul, later at night, Yonhap News Agency quoted the Ministry as saying.

The plane is also bringing 51 Japanese and six Singapore-

an nationals, as part of Seoul's efforts to provide humanitarian cooperation, it added.

The plane left for Israel the previous day.

It marks the first such transportation of South Koreans by a military plane and the second flight to bring citizens home from Israel following the return of 192 people aboard a Korean Air plane on Wednesday.

The government decided to dispatch the military plane as air carriers increasingly suspended flight operations to and from Ben Gurion International Airport on the outskirts of Tel Aviv amid the intensifying conflict, officials said.

Of the 163 people on board, 82 were short-term travellers, while the rest were residents.

About 470 South Koreans remain in Israel.

Most of them are residents living there long-term and have chosen to stay behind of their own accord, a Foreign Ministry official said, adding the diplomatic mission there continues to advise them to leave the area for safety.

Roughly 630 South Koreans had been staying in Israel before the military plane took the people aboard.

No South Korean casualties have been reported since the conflict began.

ISRAEL-HAMAS WAR

Security Heightened In US Cities Amid Protests, Mounting Tensions

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WASHINGTON: As the Israel and Hamas conflict has continued to rage for a week now, protests were erupting and tensions are mounting across the US, prompting an enhancement in security.

Major American cities, including New York, Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, Portland and Pittsburgh, are on a heightened alert in bracing for protests and potential violence this coming weekend, reports Xinhua news agency.

Hundreds of people joined a rally at the Times Square in Manhattan on Friday afternoon, chanting and waving the Palestine's red, black and green flag.

Some held signs reading "Free Palestine" and demanded ending the bombardment of Gaza and the funding of Israeli military.

On Thursday evening, two groups of students gathered in dueling rallies at the Columbia University in New York, in support of either Israel or Palestine in the wake of the Gaza conflict.

Tensions also heated as pro-Palestine and pro-Israel groups clashed on campus at The University of North Carolina at Chapel

Hill on Thursday.

The scene turned hostile and chaotic as the two sides shouted and argued back and forth with physical confrontations in some cases, according to a report of the WRAL News.

The demonstrations came after former Hamas leader Khaled Mashal called for Friday to be a global day of protests against Israel's retaliation against Hamas, and urged supporters to send a "message of rage to Zionists and to America".

Law enforcement agencies across the US have stepped up their presence around synagogues, places of worship in the American Jewish community, and Israeli diplomatic posts.

During a press conference Thursday evening, New York City Mayor Eric Adams and New York Governor Kathy Hochul stressed that the safety of New Yorkers is of the utmost concern.

"We have directed the NYPD (New York City Police Department) to surge additional resources to schools, houses of worship, to ensure they are safe and that our city remains a place of peace," Adams said.

NYPD canceled all training for

officers Thursday and ordered the force to be in uniform and on patrol, NBC News reported.

In Washington, D.C., police said that there were no credible threats to the area, but they were expecting increased law enforcement visibility to help ensure the safety of the community.

Police also enhanced security in the Capitol complex.

Meanwhile, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis has declared a state of emergency to enhance security around pro-Israeli and pro-Palestinian demonstrations, including on campuses.

In most major Texas cities, including Austin, Dallas and Houston, police issued advisories about increased vigilance or patrols in response to the call for Friday demonstrations.

According to the Center on Extremism at the Anti-Defamation League, at least 140 protests across the country have been tracked since the Hamas attack on Israel on October 7, in which some protesters glorified violence and attacks on civilians.

Online threats against Jewish people have increased 400 per cent since the conflict erupted, the group said.

Union Workers Reach Tentative Deal After Largest Healthcare Strike In US



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WASHINGTON: Kaiser Permanente, the largest healthcare nonprofit organization in the US, has reached a tentative deal with the unions representing over 75,000 employees, after the largest healthcare workers' strike on record in the country.

"The frontline healthcare workers of the Coalition of Kaiser Permanente Unions are excited to have reached a tentative agreement with Kaiser Permanente," union officials said on X on Friday.

Kaiser Permanente also posted a similar announcement on the platform.

Both sides expressed their gratitude to the instrumental involvement of Acting US Labor Secretary Julie Su.

More than 75,000 workers with the California-based healthcare provider went on strike for three days last week, demanding better pay and benefits.

Union officials had warned that the three-day strike "will be the initial demonstration of our strength to Kaiser" and "another longer and stronger" strike would be staged next month if a new contract agreement couldn't be reached by then.

Kaiser admitted staff shortages in a statement, saying it's a problem that every healthcare provider in the nation has been facing.

The organisation's data confirm a chronic trend of staff shortages in the US healthcare industry, which was exacerbated by the pandemic.

This year saw a record of labor activities in the US, as the number of workers involved in strikes has reached at least 411,000, the highest since 2019, recent data showed.

This year's strikes also lasted longer than those in recent history, according to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and Cornell University's Labor Action Tracker.

Workers have walked out from various industries such as healthcare, entertainment, automobile, hotel and airlines.

Negotiations between Hollywood studios and the US entertainment industry's largest union representing 160,000 actors and performers were suspended on Wednesday night after the two sides failed to reach a deal.

Hollywood has shuttered to standstill since the start of the Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (SAG-AFTRA) strike in mid-July.

In another high-profile strike, more than 34,000 auto workers from the "Big Three" automakers -- Ford, General Motors and Stellantis -- are on strike, which has lasted nearly one month.

2 Men Charged For False Bomb Threat In Singapore

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SINGAPORE: A 30-year-old Australian man and a 39-year-old man were charged with false bomb threats in two separate cases on Saturday, according to a statement by the Singapore Police Force.

During a Scoot flight to Perth, Australia, on Thursday, the 30-year-old passenger informed cabin crew members repeatedly that he had a bomb. As a result of the threat, the plane had to turn back to Singapore, the statement noted.

The man may be liable to an imprisonment term of up to 10 years, a fine up to 500,000 Singapore dollars (about 365,000 U.S. dollars), or

both, for making false threats of terrorist acts, according to the statement.

In another case on Friday, the police were alerted to a bomb threat onboard a cruise ship berthed at Marina Bay Cruise Center. However, no threat items were found on the ship after extensive security checks.

After follow-up investigations, the police identified the suspect and arrested the 39-year-old man.

The man may be liable to an imprisonment term of up to seven years, a fine up to 50,000 Singapore dollars (about 36,500 U.S. dollars), or both, for communicating false information about a harmful thing, according to the police.

PM Launches Ferry Services Between TN, Sri Lanka, Terms As Important Milestone

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CHENNAI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday launched the ferry services between Tamil Nadu and Sri Lanka and termed it as an important milestone that would enhance connectivity between the two Nations and brings the people, countries and the hearts closer.

Modi launched the service via video conferencing from New Delhi when the ferry left Nagapattinam port in Tamil Nadu to Kankesanthurai in the

Island Nation, marking the commencement of its three hour journey.

Speaking on the occasion, he said the ferry services between India and Sri Lanka will enhance connectivity, promote trade and reinforce the longstanding bonds between our nations.

"It is my privilege to join you on this important occasion. We are embarking on a new chapter in the diplomatic and economic relations between India and Sri Lanka. The launch of ferry service between Nagapattinam (Tamil Nadu) and



Kankesanthurai (Sri Lanka) is an important milestone in strengthening our relations", he said.

Pointing out that India and Sri Lanka share a deep history of culture, commerce and civilisation, Mr Modi said Nagapattinam and towns nearby have long been known for sea trade with many countries including Sri Lanka.

The historical fort of Poompuhar has been mentioned as a hub in ancient Tamil literature and the Sangam age literature like Pattinapalai and Mani-

megalai speaks about boats and shops moving between India and Sri Lanka.

"Great poets brings the two countries closer, the hearts closer and the people closer", he added.

He said connectivity enhances trade, tourism and people to people contacts, and also creates opportunities for youths of both the countries and recalled the launch of direct flight between Delhi and Colombo during his visit to Sri Lanka in 2015 and the resumption of flights between Chennai and Jaffna.

Tiriya Encounter: NIA Files Chargesheet Against 12 People



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NEW DELHI: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has filed a chargesheet against 12 individuals in connection with the 2019 CPI (Maoist) attack on security forces, in which six Maoists and one civilian were killed near Tiriya village in Chhattisgarh, an official said on Saturday.

The accused have been slapped with charges under various sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), the Arms Act, and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UA (P) Act) in the charge sheet which was filed on Friday.

In a statement issued by NIA on Saturday, it said that the investigation unveiled a sinister plot by a group of Maoist cadres, led by senior figures including Sanju, Lxman Nag, Dashri Kawasi, Dubasi Shankar, Jalimuri Srinu Babu, Vijayalaxmi, Ramesh Kunjami, and others, who conspired to execute this violent act.

The assailants, armed with sophisticated weaponry, targeted combined teams from the District Reserve Guard (DRG), Special Task Force (STF), State Police,

and the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) that were engaged in a search operation near Tiriya Village in Jagdalpur.

"In addition to the primary suspects, further individuals linked to the case have been identified, including B. Ch. Padma, Dubasi Devender, Dongari Devendra, Duddu Prabhakar, and Kandula Sirisha. These accused were clandestinely associated with various organisations while actively supporting the CPI (Maoist)," it said.

"These accused maintained close ties with the top leadership of the CPI (Maoist) and played pivotal roles in furthering the unlawful and violent agenda of the banned organisation. They received funding from the CPI (Maoist) to facilitate their operations and used various front organisations to disseminate Maoist ideology," read the NIA statement.

The case was originally registered on June 28, 2019, encompassing various sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), the Arms Act, and the UAPA Act.

Subsequently, on March 18, 2021, the NIA assumed control of the case.

CPI(M) Committee Controlled Benami Loans At Karuvannur Coop Bank: Ed

IANs

KOCHI: The Enforcement Directorate (ED), which provisionally attached assets worth Rs 57.75 crore of various individuals under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 as part of its probe into the Karuvannur Service Co-op Bank fraud case, on Saturday revealed that a CPI(M) committee controlled the distribution of illegal loans.

In its report, the ED attributed the information to the former manager of the bank Biju Karim.

It further added that a special committee of the CPI(M) was the deciding factor when it came to distribution of illegal loans and disbursement to persons without any sufficient collaterals as part of a systematic conspiracy and that's what led to the massive loan scam.

The central agency had initiated investigation on the basis of an FIR registered by Kerala Police under Section 420 of IPC.

Kerala Police (Crime Branch) had registered more

than 16 FIRs in Thrissur district in 2021 regarding the fraud in Karuvannur Service Co-Operative Bank.

So far, four individuals - Sathish Kumar, Kiran P. P, Aravindakshan and C.K. Jils - have been arrested under the provisions of the PMLA, 2002, who were beneficiaries of the illegally sanctioned loans.

The fresh revelation has left the top brass of the CPI(M) jittery as former State Minister and present party legislator A.C.Moideen is under the ED radar. A raid and one round of questioning already over and he failed to turn up again for questioning twice. Likewise, former party legislator M.K.Kannan has finished two rounds and the probe agency is unhappy with the statements of his assets that was submitted.

Expressing uneasiness was former State Minister and party central committee member A.K.Balan who this morning slammed the ED for their ongoing probe saying the agency has no business to conduct the probe. He also took on the Centre for playing truant using the ED to unsettle the Cooperative sector.

India's Presidency Has Given G20 A Human-Centric Vision: LS Speaker



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NEW DELHI: Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said that India's presidency has given the G20 an inclusive, aspirational, future-oriented, decisive and human-centric vision.

In his inaugural address at the 9th G20 Parliamentary Speaker's Summit (P20) here today, Birla said that P20 summit reflects India's commitment to democratic values, international cooperation and joint parliamentary efforts to address issues of global importance and contemporary challenges.

Mentioning the theme of the Summit, Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam - One Earth, One Family, One Future', he said that the theme

is rooted in the cultural ethos of Bharat which has been pursuing inclusive development incorporating the interests and priorities of the world at large since ancient times.

"Bharat has always considered the world to be one family on the principle of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' which speaks of our commitment to unity, cooperation and a shared future," he stated.

Elaborating on the Summit themes, Birla noted that the objective of the Sustainable Development Goals is to create a better world through holistic human development.

He further said that sustainable energy transition is the biggest need of today's time from the

perspective of climate change and India is taking several initiatives in the field of sustainable energy transition, giving priority to green growth and green future.

Referring to the recent enactment of 'Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam', the Lok Sabha Speaker noted that women empowerment is a reflection of the development of any country and now India has moved from women empowerment to women-led development.

Speaking on transforming people's lives through public digital platforms, Birla noted that through these platforms we have been successful in bringing a change in the life of the last person in the society.

High Speed Passenger Ferry Service Between India-Lanka Resumes After 4 Decades

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CHENNAI: A high speed passenger ferry service between Nagapattinam in Tamil Nadu to Kankesanthurai in Sri Lanka was resumed on Saturday, (October 14) after a gap of 40 years.

Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Water Ways, Sarbananda Sonowal and Tamil Nadu Minister for Public Works and Ports, E.V. Velu flagged off the ferry service from Nagapattinam port on Saturday.

The Union minister in his inaugural address said that the operation of ferry service would increase the cultural ties between Tamil Nadu and the Northern Province of Sri Lanka. He also said that severing pilgrims from Sri Lanka would be benefitted given the proximity of Nagapattinam to religious centres like Thiruvannalur, Nagore and Velankanni.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Sri Lankan Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe hailed the launch of high speed ferry service between the two nations through video messages.

Modi said that the ferry service will help strengthen the cultural, commercial and diplomatic ties between the two countries. He said, "Connectivity is the central



theme of the joint vision of the Indo-Sri Lanka economic partnership and we will resume the ferry service between Rameswaram and Talaimannar".

Sri Lankan Prime Minister, Ranil Wickremesinghe said that ferry service was an important step in improving connectivity between the two countries. He said that the earlier ferry service was suspended due to the civil war (1983) in Sri Lanka.

The high speed ferry craft, Cheriyanpani has 50 passengers, 12 crew members and Captain Biju George on board.

A private agency will be selling the tickets of the ferry service operated by the Shipping Corporation of India. The ferry can accommodate 150 passengers and will start from Nagapattinam at 7 a.m. and reach Kankesanthurai by 11 a.m. The ferry will return at 1.30 pm and reach Nagapattinam by 5.30 pm.

The operations will be conducted till October 23 when the Northeast monsoon sets in and the sea would turn rough. The service will be resumed again in January 2024, according to State Port officer, Anbazhagan.

Centre Notifies Appointment Of 2 Additional Judges In Madras Hc



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NEW DELHI: The Centre has issued a notification regarding the appointment of two additional judges in the Madras High Court, acting on the recommendation made by the Chief Justice of India (CJI) D.Y. Chandrachud-led Supreme Court collegium.

The President appointed advocates N. Senthilkumar and G. Arul Murugan as judges of the Madras High Court from the date they assume charge of their respective offices.

"In exercise of the power conferred by clause (1) of Article 224 of the Constitution of India, the President is pleased to appoint S/Shri (i) N. Senthilkumar and (ii) G. Arul Murugan, to be Additional Judges of the Madras High Court for a period of two years, in that order of seniority, with effect from the date they assume charge of their respective offices," said a notification issued on Friday.

The Supreme Court Collegium recommended their appointment after the Collegium of the Madras High Court had forwarded its recommendation for these names on August 3, 2022.

Advocate N. Senthilkumar has a standing of over 28 years at the Bar. He has an experience of appearing before the Sessions Court

and the Madras High Court.

He has been practicing in constitutional, criminal, service and civil cases and specialises in criminal and constitutional law. He has been on the panel of government in various positions on different occasions.

"The candidate belongs to a Scheduled Caste. His appointment as a judge of the High Court will enhance the representation on the Bench to marginalised communities. Having regard to the above factors, the Collegium is of the considered opinion that Shri N. Senthilkumar is suitable for elevation to the Madras High Court," the Collegium had said.

Advocate G. Arul Murugan has an experience of over 24 years at the Bar. He has appeared before the Madras High Court and various Tribunals.

He specialises in civil, criminal and writ cases.

"The candidate belongs to the OBC category. His appointment as a judge will facilitate greater representation to the OBCs in appointment to the higher judiciary. Having regard to the above aspects, the Collegium is of the considered opinion that Shri G. Arul Murugan is suitable for the elevation to the Madras High Court," the Collegium noted while making its recommendation.

'BRING BACK MANY MEMORIES'

PM Modi Thanks Artists For Rendition Of Garba Penned By Him

IANs

NEW DELHI: Prime minister Narendra Modi on Saturday thanked Dhvani Bhanushali, Tanishk Bagchi and team of Jjust Music for musical, rendition of a Garba that he had penned years ago.

Sharing the Dhvani's post on X, PM Modi thanked her and said that the song has brought back many memories.

He also informed that he will share a new Garba during the upcoming Navratri.

"Thank you @dhvani-vinod, Tanishk Bagchi and

the team of @Jjust_Music for this lovely rendition of a Garba I had penned years ago! It does bring back many memories. I have not written for many years now but I did manage to write a new Garba over the last few days, which I will share during Navratri. #SoulfulGarba," Modi posted on X.

The Garba song which is penned by PM Modi has now been turned into a music video.

The song which is sung by Dhvani Bhanushali and composed by Tanishk Bagchi was released on Saturday.

MEN'S ODI WC

Rohit Sharma's scintillating 86 powers India to seven-wicket win over Pakistan

AHMEDABAD: India skipper Rohit Sharma smashed six fours and as many sixes en route to top-scoring with a scintillating 86 off 63 balls in powering the hosts' to a comprehensive seven-wicket victory over Pakistan in a highly-anticipated clash of 2023 Men's ODI World Cup here at the Narendra Modi Stadium on Saturday.

In the afternoon, Jasprit Bumrah's intelligent variations and Kuldeep Yadav's accurate wrist-spin, along with other bowlers amongst the wickets, meant India bowled out Pakistan for just 191 in 42.5 overs. From being 155-2 at one point, Pakistan lost eight wickets for just 36 runs in 13 overs.

In the chase of 192, apart from Rohit's efforts, Shreyas Iyer got crucial game time to make 53 not out off 62 balls, to give India its eighth straight victory over Pakistan in Men's ODI World Cups in an utterly one-sided match, also its third consecutive win of the ongoing competition.

Chasing 200, Shubman

Gill didn't look like he was back after missing first two games due to illness - striking three absolutely gorgeous boundaries through the off-side, before tickling one through fine to hit his fourth four in nine balls.

His promising knock ended in the third over when he flashed hard at a short and wide delivery from Shaheen Shah Afridi and picked out backward point. Rohit struggled to get his timing initially, but found groove when he carved Hasan Ali over point and flicked sweetly through mid-wicket for two fours.

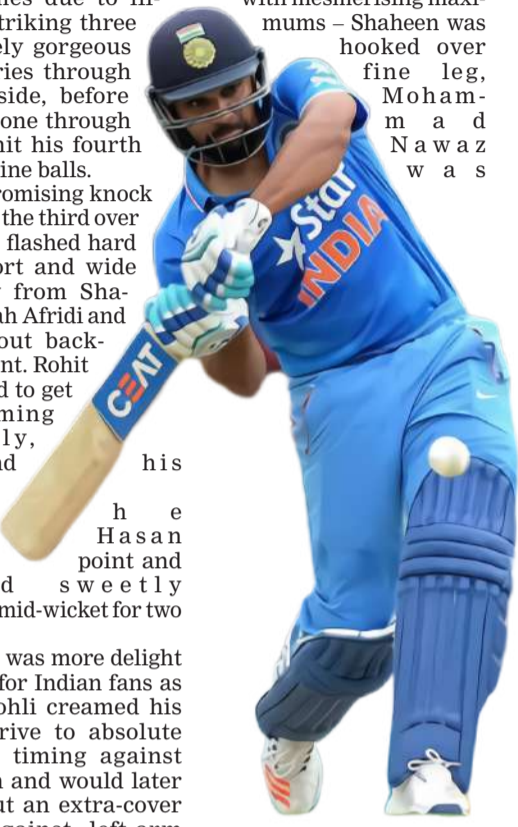
There was more delight in store for Indian fans as Virat Kohli creamed his cover drive to absolute pristine timing against Shaheen and would later bring out an extra-cover drive against left-arm pacer for two unforgettable boundaries.

Rohit, meanwhile, entertained the crowd with mesmerising maximums - Shaheen was hooked over fine leg, Mohammad Nawaz was hooked over long-on, also his 300th ODI six. He hit his 301st six by crunching Rauf over cover for six, before Pakistan hit back as Hasan got Kohli to mistime to mid-on, leaving the crowd silent.

After getting his fifty in 36 balls, Rohit continued to thunder boundaries effortlessly and got good support from Iyer, who also joined him in raining fours and sixes against Pakistan's bowlers, especially against the spinners.

Though Rohit fell short of his second successive century by 14 runs after mistiming a slower ball to mid-on off Shaheen, Iyer and KL Rahul knocked off the remaining 36 runs with ease, with the former reaching his fifty through a winning six down the ground, to secure an emphatic win for India.

Brief Scores: Pakistan 191 in 42.5 overs (Babar Azam 50, Mohammad Rizwan 49; Jasprit Bumrah 2-19, Hardik Pandya 2-34) lost to India 192-3 in 30.3 overs (Rohit Sharma 86, Shreyas Iyer 53 not out; Shaheen Shah Afridi 2-36, Hasan Ali 1-34) by seven wickets



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Inter Zone District Level Basketball Selection trials conclude in Lar



GANDERBAL: The ongoing Inter Zone District Level Basketball selection trials for Girls organised by Youth Services and Sports (YSS) Ganderbal concluded, here Saturday.

The trials were conducted at the picturesque

ground of BHSS Lar. A large number of student players from all four zones of the district enthusiastically participated.

The selected student players will participate in the upcoming inter District provincial level competition which will be conducted very soon.



DC Rajouri inaugurates Divisional Level Kabbadi tournament

RAJOURI: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal Saturday presided over a momentous occasion as he inaugurated a Divisional Level inter-district Kabbadi tournament for girls under fourteen years.

Among others who were present on the occasion were the CEO Education, Sultana Kouser, DYSSO Sunil Samyal besides other officials from the DYSS.

The tournament marks a significant step in promoting physical activity and competition among girls, with Kabbadi being the chosen medium for their talent and vigor.

Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal, addressing the attendees, expressed his best wishes to all the participating teams, applauding

their dedication and spirit for the sport.

He emphasized the grave issue of drug abuse in society and the critical role that sports can play in eradicating this menace. He took a moment to educate the youth about the pernicious effects of drug addiction, urging them to choose the path of sports as a healthy alternative.

A significant highlight of the event was when all the participants pledged their commitment to taking an active part in games and sports, recognizing the transformative potential it holds in steering young minds away from the allure of drugs. Furthermore, a solemn pledge was taken by all attendees, reiterating their resolve to contribute to a "Nasha Mukta Bharat" (Drug-Free India).

Indian Sub Junior Teams shine in maiden Tour

NETHERLANDS: The Indian Sub Junior Women's Team (U17) and Sub Junior Men's Team (U17) both began their historic maiden tour with victories in their respective matches against the Senior EDE Women's and Men's teams.

The Women's team won 3-2 while the Men's team won 8-0 as the victories in foreign conditions augured well for the squads gearing up for the remainder of the campaign.

In the women's game, despite EDE taking the early lead, goals from Ravina, Karuna Minz, and Bhavya helped India secure a lead of 3-1. While the third quarter saw EDE reduce the deficit to bring the scoreline to 3-2, a determined Indian team ensured that there were no more defensive lapses for the remainder of the game to complete a landmark victory for India.

Indian Sub Junior Women's Team Coach Rani, who is a former India Captain, expressed her immense pride in the Sub Junior Team's performance during their first international game.



"We are immensely proud of our team and the way they performed in their first international game," she said, before adding, "On the pitch, their determination, teamwork, and resilience were truly inspiring. And this victory demonstrates that we are on the right track. Of course, the work is not finished, and we have a lot more to do. But we are

extremely pleased with their performance because this victory reflects not only their abilities but also their heart and spirit. We will carry on this momentum and strive for excellence in the upcoming matches. The future of Indian women's hockey is indeed bright."

The men's game saw complete dominance from the Indian side with Aashu

Maurya scoring the first goal followed by a hat-trick from Ajeet Yadav, a brace from Rohit Irengbam Singh, and goals from Srijan Yadav and Rahul Rajbhar. This, combined with an impenetrable defense throughout the game, ensured that they would go on to secure an 8-0 win over the Senior EDE team.

"This win marks a historic moment for our young squad," Indian Sub Junior Men's Team Coach Sardar said, before adding, "Their performance on their first international tour illustrates their potential and the bright prospects of Indian men's hockey. We faced a formidable opponent, but our players demonstrated exceptional skill and tenacity. This victory demonstrates their dedication and the progress we are making in the world of hockey. We will build on this success and strive for even greater heights in future games."

The Indian Sub Junior Women's Team will next be in action against the Netherlands Girls U18 Team followed by the Indian Sub Junior Men's Team taking on the Netherlands Boys U18 team on Saturday.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B DIVISION TANGDAR

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

Endt No: 4905-15 NIT No: 157 DATED: 12.10.2023

S. No	Stage Name	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rupees)	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	M.H of Account	Class of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Snow clearance winter season for the year 2023-24 Stage 1 st Block Tangdar	200	5000	3054 Snow	All classes
2.	Snow clearance winter season for the year 2023-24 Stage 2 nd Block Tangdar	200	5000	3054 Snow	All classes
3.	Snow clearance winter season for the year 2023-24 Stage 1 st Block Teetwal	200	5000	3054 Snow	All classes
4.	Snow clearance winter season for the year 2023-24 Stage 2 nd Block Teetwal	200	5000	3054 Snow	All classes

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

Sl. No.	Particulars	Date
1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	12.10.2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	12.10.2023
3	Bid submission Start Date	12.10.2023
4	Bid Submission End Date	20.10.2023 upto (04 Pm)
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	21.10.2023 at 10:00 am in the office of the Executive Engineer R&B Div Tangdar

- Bids must be accompanied by a Treasury Challan (dated between the bid submission start date and the Bid Submission End date) deposited in M.H. 0059 in the name of Executive Engineer R&B Div Tangdar (tender inviting authority) as the cost of the tender document.
 - All bidders are required to submit bid security or earnest money for an amount of Rs.5000/- at the time of tendering in the form of CDRs, FDRs, or BGs pledged to the authority responsible for receiving bids, in this case Executive Engineer R&B Division Spl Sub Div. Tangdar. In strict accordance with the Government's circular and other instructions as required, the successful bidder will be required to provide performance security in the amount of Rs.10,000/= at the time of contract award. Following the fixing of the contract in favour of the successful bidder, the unsuccessful bidders will receive the earnest money/bid security. The successful bidder's performance security will be released only after completed successfully performance of the Contract. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Div. Tangdar (tender receiving authority).
 - The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 30 days from the date of opening of technical bids.
 - The earnest money shall be forfeited, if -
 - Any bidder/ tenderer withdraws bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.
 - Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within three days from the date of intimation.
 - Failure of Successful bidder to execute the agreement within 15 days.
 - Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.
- Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process.
- To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate' (DSC) as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved Vendor.
 - The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature.
 - No bid will be accepted in physical form.
 - Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Table 1.
 - All bidders must UPLOAD the following information and documents with their bids, in addition to the qualification criteria / qualification information, (All documents pertaining to the bid must be in English):
 - All bidders must submit copies of original documents defining their constitution/legal status, place of registration, and principal place of business, as well as their cell phone number and e-mail address.
 - A valid Contractor/Firm Registration Certificate issued by a competent authority in accordance with the Contractor Registration Act.
 - Treasury Challan/Earnest money
 - Valid GSTIN Registration & PAN Card
 - Valid Latest clearance certificate FORM GSTR-3B of last quarter or latest month, whichever is applicable. i.e.
 - Illustration: Latest quarter 2023-24 for those who file GSTR-3B quarterly and proceeding month i.e., for those who file GSTR-3B monthly.
 - The bidder must make sure to upload scanned copies of all required documents, including the tender documents fee, along with the technical bid. No document(s) that haven't been uploaded will be accepted in hard copy form. However, the bidders will be required to provide original documents in support of the soft copies upon request in the event of any clarification.
- Note- Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option
- All documents relating to the bid shall be in the English Language.
 - Bidders should be fully cognizant that, in the event that documents uploaded or submitted are discovered to be fraudulent or factually incorrect, the contract would be cancelled, and the Contractor/bidder would be barred from further participation in this Division or Department for a period of three years, in addition to the forfeiture of the performance security deposited for the relevant work.
 - The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.
 - Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case, they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually.
 - The bidder should, at his own expense and risk, visit the worksite and its surroundings before submitting a bid in order to ascertain any limitations and thresholds. Any consequential claims on this count will not be considered.
 - The DEPARTMENT reserves the right to waive minor irregularities. The DEPARTMENT also reserves the right to waive a mandatory requirement provided that:
 - the requirement is not mandated by law;
 - all of the otherwise responsive proposals failed to meet the mandatory requirement; or
 - in the sole discretion of the DEPARTMENT, the failure to comply with the mandatory requirement does not materially affect the procurement or the Department's interests associated with the procurement.
 - In response to the evaluation of bid proposals, the evaluation committee may ask one, some, or all of the bidders to clarify specific aspects of their proposals. A request for clarification may be made to address minor ambiguities, irregularities, informalities, or typing errors. With the exception of apparent clerical errors, deficiencies or material omissions cannot be fixed by clarifications, and proposals cannot be revised or modified. The bidder might be required to make an oral presentation about its bid proposal to the Department. Bidders are not permitted to attend the oral presentations of their competitors. Action by the Department in this regard should not be construed to imply acceptance or rejection of a bid proposal.
 - The tender / bid is liable to rejection if it does not fulfill the requirements as laid down in NIT.

Stages of snow clearance for the winter season 2023-24							
S No	S no	District	Division	Name of Road	Block/Municipal Ward	Total Length in kms	Clearance by Stage Contractor (Km)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Stage- 1st Block Tangdar							
1	5296	Kupwara	Tangdar	Bagh Bella ChowanMohallah Road	Tangdar	0.30	0.30
2	5493	Kupwara	Tangdar	Dumba Link Road	Tangdar	0.17	0.17
3	5533	Kupwara	Tangdar	GomalBagh Bella via BSF camp Road	Tangdar	0.50	0.50
4	5534	Kupwara	Tangdar	GomalBudwan Road	Tangdar	0.50	0.50
5	5535	Kupwara	Tangdar	GomalDakBangluwuptoSomu stand Road	Tangdar	1.20	1.20
6	5579	Kupwara	Tangdar	Hajinar Link Road	Tangdar	0.67	0.67
7	5625	Kupwara	Tangdar	Hospital Halipad By Pass road uptoShrthpallah	Tangdar	0.80	0.80
8	5736	Kupwara	Tangdar	Khowerpora Kandi Road	Tangdar	0.50	0.50
9	5737	Kupwara	Tangdar	KhowerporaQuary Road	Tangdar	1.00	1.00
10	5910	Kupwara	Tangdar	Nachain Dar Mohallah road	Tangdar	1.24	1.24
11	5932	Kupwara	Tangdar	NowporaGomal Road	Tangdar	0.50	0.50
12	5933	Kupwara	Tangdar	NowporaSulaman Road	Tangdar	2.00	2.00
13	6148	Kupwara	Tangdar	Tangdar Buikayan Road	Tangdar	1.00	1.00
14	5649	Kupwara	Tangdar	Jamia Masjid Kandi Tangdar road via vill Jada	Tangdar	4.00	4.00
15	6149	Kupwara	Tangdar	Tangdar Hajitra via Gabra Road	Tangdar	15.00	15.00
16	5926	Kupwara	Tangdar	Neeti Top Churkunji Road via Kona Gabra	Tangdar	5.50	5.50
						Total	34.88
Stage 2nd (Block Tangdar)							
1	5315	Kupwara	Tangdar	BatporaKursiChota Road	Tangdar	3.75	3.75
2	5504	Kupwara	Tangdar	Gabra Mandayan Road	Tangdar	2.00	2.00
3	5520	Kupwara	Tangdar	Geeta Post Churkunji Road	Tangdar	1.00	1.00
4	5521	Kupwara	Tangdar	Geeta Post to Dana Road	Tangdar	1.00	1.00
5	5527	Kupwara	Tangdar	Gether to Tere Road	Tangdar	0.50	0.00
6	5598	Kupwara	Tangdar	Harar Karanoo Road	Tangdar	4.90	3.00
7	5681	Kupwara	Tangdar	Kandi Jada Road	Tangdar	5.50	5.50
8	5689	Kupwara	Tangdar	Karjal Banda Link Road	Tangdar	0.50	0.00
9	5771	Kupwara	Tangdar	Kundian Road	Tangdar	1.00	1.00
10	5927	Kupwara	Tangdar	Neeti Top PathanGali Road	Tangdar	2.50	2.50
						Total	19.75
						G Total	54.63
Stage 1st Block Teetwal							
1	5461	Kupwara	Tangdar	Dhani Tadd Surmapadi Road	Teetwal	6.00	6.00
2	5998	Kupwara	Tangdar	Prada Padna Road	Teetwal	1.25	1.25
3	6119	Kupwara	Tangdar	Sikh Bridge Teetwal Road	Teetwal	4.00	4.00
4	5637	Kupwara	Tangdar	IbkoteBahaderkote Road uptoDabar	Teetwal	4.00	4.00
5	5391	Kupwara	Tangdar	Chiterkote Gundi Gujran Road	Teetwal	3.00	3.00
6	5946	Kupwara	Tangdar	Pandove PangtaranPadna road	Teetwal	4.00	3.00
7	6144	Kupwara	Tangdar	Tadd Mandayan Road	Teetwal	2.50	2.50
8		Kupwara	Tangdar	Chitterkote Chamba via Khoriyan	Teetwal	5.00	5.00
						Total	29.75
Stage 2nd Teetwal Block							
1	5369	Kupwara	Tangdar	Chamber Yari Ban Road	Teetwal	0.50	0.50
2	5389	Kupwara	Tangdar	Cherry Link Road	Teetwal	1.00	1.00
3	5413	Kupwara	Tangdar	Dahani to Upper Tadd QAZI Mohallah Road	Teetwal	2.50	2.50
4	5463	Kupwara	Tangdar	Dildar Karham via Batlan road	Teetwal	6.00	5.00
5	5482	Kupwara	Tangdar	DringlaBayadi Road	Teetwal	2.80	2.80
6	5565	Kupwara	Tangdar	Gundi Sharth Link Road	Teetwal	0.50	0.50
7	5638	Kupwara	Tangdar	IbkoteReyallaMurchana Road	Teetwal	5.00	5.00
8	5694	Kupwara	Tangdar	Kathban Link Road	Teetwal	0.50	0.50
9	5954	Kupwara	Tangdar	Pandove ParadaAmrohi Road	Teetwal	8.00	8.00
10	5955	Kupwara	Tangdar	Panjtaran Haridal Road	Teetwal	0.50	0.00
11	6142	Kupwara	Tangdar	Surmapadi Link Road	Teetwal	1.00	0.00
12	6207	Kupwara	Tangdar	Ustad MohallahHaridal Road	Teetwal	0.50	0.50
						Total	28.80
						G Total	55.05

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FIVE-DAY CONFERENCE

Top Army commanders to deliberate on national security challenges

YOGESH

JAMMU: Top commanders of the Army will carry out a comprehensive review of national security challenges along the borders with China-Pakistan and ways to boost the combat capability of the force at a five-day conclave beginning Monday October 16 at New Delhi.

This will be the year's second conference where top commanders will also focus on the ongoing reform process in the 1.3 million-strong force and the use of high technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, robotics and virtual reality for various purposes.

A Delhi-based army spokesman said, the apex-level biannual event is an institutional platform for deliberations at the conceptual level, facilitating important policy decisions for the Indian Army. In continuation with the new format adopted this year, the upcoming Army Com-

manders' Conference is also being conducted in a Hybrid format wherein Army Commanders and



other senior functionaries will meet virtually on the first day followed by remaining deliberations being conducted in a physical format.

The spokesperson informed that Defence minister Rajnath Singh is scheduled to attend the conference on 18th October 2023. General Anil Chau-

han, Chief of Defence Staff, General Manoj Pande, Chief of the Army Staff and Air Chief Marshal VR Chaud-

hari, Chief of the Air Staff will address the gathering. Dr Ajay Kumar Sood, Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India will also deliver a talk on "Leveraging Technology for National Security".

The apex leadership will brainstorm current/emerging security scenarios besides reviewing the

operational preparedness of the Indian Army. They will also delve into pivotal subjects including review

of the ongoing transformation process, training matters, HR management aspects and issues impacting serving personnel and veterans. The Army Commanders' Conference, with its broad scope, ensures the Indian Army remains progressive, forward-looking, adaptive, and future-ready—(KNO)

P20 summit concludes with call for need to resolve conflicts through dialogue

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NEW DELHI: The G20 Parliamentary Speakers in a joint statement issued at the conclusion of the P20 summit on Saturday, reaffirmed their commitment to continue to engage in parliamentary diplomacy and dialogue in relevant fora as a catalyst for promoting international peace, prosperity and harmony, including supporting peaceful resolution of conflicts and disputes.

The P20 Parliamentarians also underscored the urgency for disaster risk reduction in the face of natural disasters and other emergencies, sometimes with magnitudes beyond the response capacity of affected countries.

"We affirm that international cooperation among countries at all levels, including Parliaments as well as public and private and philanthropic organisations, is essential to mobilise flexible and sustainable resources, for preparedness and disaster risk reduction, for anticipatory and early action, for rapid response and early recovery activities, as well as for building community-level resilience," the joint statement said.

The Parliamentarians also condemned terrorism

in all its forms and manifestations, including those on the basis of xenophobia, racism and other forms of intolerance, or in the name of religion or belief, recognising the commitment of all religions to peace. They said it constitutes one of the most serious threats to international peace and security.

"We strongly condemn all terrorist acts against critical infrastructure, including critical energy facilities, and against other vulnerable targets. All acts of terrorism are criminal and unjustifiable, regardless of their motivation, wherever, whenever and by whomsoever committed," the statement noted.

"Effective counterterrorism measures, support for the victims of terrorism and the protection of human rights are not conflicting goals, but complementary and mutually reinforcing. A holistic approach on the basis of international law can effectively counter terrorism," it said further.

"Efforts to increase the effectiveness of international cooperation should be strengthened to deny terrorist groups safe havens, freedom of operations, movement and recruitment, as well as financial, material or political support. In the light of

our legislative, budgetary and oversight functions, we pledge to play our role in combating terrorism and violent extremism," the statement elaborated.

The statement noted with concern that globally women remain significantly under-represented in national Parliaments.

"As leaders in our Parliaments, we commit to assessing and improving the level of gender-sensitivity of our Parliaments by taking steps to close any gaps identified through this process. In this context, we welcome the adoption of the Women's Reservation Bill, 2023 by the Parliament of India in September 2023.

"We also thank the United Nations and the IPU for their efforts and affirm that gender equality and youth participation are essential for achieving the 2030 agenda," the statement read.

It also welcomed the African Union as a permanent member of the G20 and strongly believed that inclusion of the African Union into the G20 will significantly contribute to addressing the global challenges of present times.

"In this context, in the framework of P20, we will develop close parliamentary ties with the Pan-African Parliament," the

statement added.

"We acknowledge the role of G20 as the premier global forum for international economic cooperation, and for delivering effective policy solutions to address current and future global challenges in order to promote sustainable and inclusive development across the world.

"We also emphasise the importance of the G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit as a multilateral forum for parliamentary diplomacy, and the parliamentary contribution to the G20 process," it noted.

It added that it also welcomed the comprehensive and constructive dialogue held during the G20 Leaders' Summit and India's G20 Presidency, focusing on the issues related to accelerating progress on Sustainable Development Goals, technological transformation and inclusive digital economy, global economic recovery, food and energy security, addressing climate change, inclusive energy transition, promotion of sustainable production and consumption patterns, reinvigorating multilateralism, peace building, counterterrorism, global skill mapping, disaster risk reduction, and strengthening global health architecture.

Staff shortages, lack of vital facilities plague GMC B'la-associated hospital

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SRINAGAR: The Government Medical College (GMC) associated hospital in Baramulla is grappling with a severe shortage of staff, along with the unavailability of essential MRI and Cath Lab facilities.

Official sources revealed that around 100 positions are vacant at GMC-associated Baramulla, significantly hindering the hospital's day-to-day operations.

They said that out of the 228 sanctioned positions, only 131 are currently occupied, leaving 97 posts across gazetted, non-gazetted, and Class IV categories unoccupied. Among these vacancies, there are 23 gazetted posts, 62 non-gazetted posts, and 12 Class IV positions.

The shortage of staff is adversely affecting the hospital's ability to maintain daily operations, causing inconvenience for both patients and healthcare providers.



Notably, hundreds of patients at the Government Medical College Baramulla are left without a cath laboratory, a specialised area where minimally invasive tests and advanced cardiac procedures are performed to diagnose and treat cardiovascular diseases.

According to officials, the cardiology unit is operational at GMC Baramulla, but the absence of a cath lab necessitates the referral of patients with minor or major heart issues to hospitals in Srinagar.

According to the Centres for Disease Control

and Prevention (CDC), nearly 47% of deaths occur due to sudden cardiac arrests before an individual reaches the hospital.

The critical "golden hour" following a heart attack, within which timely intervention can save a patient's life, is compromised. The absence of a cath lab significantly impacts the ability to perform primary angioplasties, a crucial procedure for clearing blocked arteries, during this crucial time.

In the absence of a cath lab, patients lose precious time travelling to hospitals in Srinagar. Doctors

stressed that establishing a cath lab at the hospital could potentially save the lives of numerous patients who currently lose valuable time in transit.

Additionally, patients in north Kashmir face hardships due to the unavailability of Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) facilities at Government Medical College Baramulla. They are forced to visit private diagnostic centres, incurring substantial costs for MRI scans.

Patients in Baramulla are facing undue hardships due to the lack of MRI facilities at GMC Baramulla, compelling them to resort to expensive private diagnostic centres.

Suhail Ahmad, a resident of Baramulla, shared his ordeal, stating that doctors recommended an MRI, but due to the absence of the facility at the hospital, he had no choice but to visit a private diagnostic centre. He revealed that undergoing an MRI at these private

facilities costs approximately Rs 5000-6000, putting a financial strain on patients already burdened by medical expenses.

Residents from north Kashmir highlighted the scarcity of MRI facilities in government hospitals, despite the presence of around 700 health facilities across three districts.

They have urged the authorities to address the staff shortages, equip the hospital with Cath Lab, MRI, and other vital facilities, and expedite infrastructure development to improve healthcare access.

Principal GMC Baramulla, Dr Ruby Reshi, told KNO that they have raised the issue of vacancies with the relevant authorities and remain hopeful that these positions will be filled shortly. She noted that the lack of space and infrastructure has delayed the establishment of both MRI and Cath Lab facilities, as all construction work has been halted for the past several months—(KNO)

7 years on, authorities yet to make power receiving station functional in Pulwama

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PULWAMA: After more than seven years, authorities are yet to make the power receiving station functional in Charipora village of Pulwama.

Locals said that a receiving station was sanctioned for the Charipora area on the Pulwama-Budgam boundary in 2016. They said if made functional, it will cater dozens of Pulwama and Budgam villages.

At present residents of many villages from Pulwama and Budgam are receiving power supply from Pulwama but due to long distance they are getting unscheduled power supply, said Zakir Ahmad

a local resident.

"Even if it rains for a few minutes, our power supply remains cut off for hours together," he said.

Locals said that around seven years have passed now since the receiving station was sanctioned but the station is yet to be made functional.

They said that it was a long pending demand of dozens of villages of Pulwama and Budgam district as it will provide power supply to dozens of villages as these areas are suffering from decades.

Work on it was started years ago and completed this year besides that it was commissioned in March 2023 and since then six

months more months have passed but it has not been made functional yet.

Locals from Pakherpora, Kamrazipora, Thokerpora, Aiglar Kandi, Kanigam, Charipora, Mohanpora, Mirgund, Khaigam, Kanedajan and its adjacent areas said that they are hardly receiving power supply in winters but if authorities will make this receiving station functional the issue of power crisis will be mitigated once for all.

Locals demanded authorities must fulfil their demand at the earliest.

An official of the concerned department assured that the power receiving station will be commissioned soon—(KNO)

Pesky power cuts irk Kupwara residents

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KUPWARA: As the winter approaches, the residents of north Kashmir's Kupwara district Saturday complained about unscheduled power cuts and extended containment thus leaving them including commercial establishments to suffer.

People from parts of Handwara including Rajwar (Upper & Lower), Pohru, Qalamabad, Main Town, Langate areas, and the other places in Kupwara like Sogam, Lalpora, Kralpora, and Hyhama few other locations also complained about the unscheduled extended power curtailment.

Expressing their anguish the concerned residents said, that even ahead of the bone-chilling harsh winter season Power Development Department (PDD) has to unscheduled and extended power curtailments thus leaving all to suffer, students and those associated with different business in

particular. Majeed Ahmad, a Handwara resident said that they are facing various problems due to unscheduled power cuts. "Those associated with works that require electricity are the worst sufferers. Students also aren't able to complete homework at home given dark evenings."

Ahmad Khan, another resident, said that people belonging to poor backgrounds can't afford advanced gadgets to not worry about unscheduled power cuts. "All can not afford inverters and big batteries. Authorities also need to think about people and manage the load accordingly," he said while suggesting PDD issue a curtailment schedule that is for the good of people.

Ashraf Ahmad a resident of Sogam while complaining about unscheduled power cuts said that PDD also needs to be at least sympathetic towards consumers. "Like, they urge the consumers, simi-

larly they also need to think about people given the amount of dependency on electricity. Almost everything these days depends on it varying from different requirements," he said.

Firdous Ahmad, another Lolab resident, said that students are suffering due to extended unscheduled power cuts. "Children back home in the evening don't get enough time to complete homework and other assignments. They don't get fair opportunities to learn some important topics and lessons," he said.

The residents also said that those associated with different businesses are also suffering due to prolonged power cuts thus causing losses.

They have urged the authorities concerned to rethink power curtailment schedules. Authorities need to consider the amount of dependency of consumers on power—(KNO)

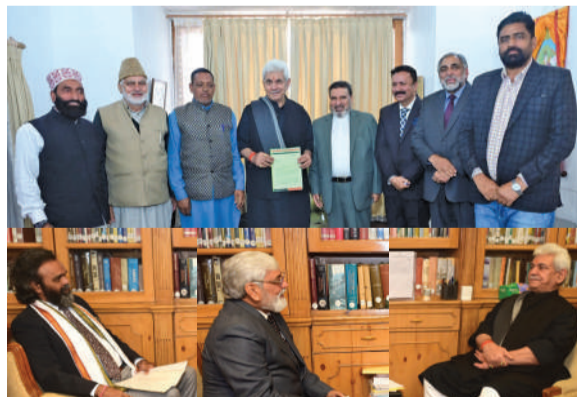
Apni Party delegation, Prez Indian Newspaper Society call on LG

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SRINAGAR: A delegation of J&K Apni Party led by its President, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan Saturday.

The delegation comprising of Ch Zulfikar Ali, former Minister; Ch Qamar Hussain, former Legislator, along with Sh Manzoor Hussain Shah, District President JKAP and Sarpanches from Rajouri apprised the Lt Governor on various development issues of the district.

The Lt Governor assured the members of the delegation of appropriate



redressal of the issues and demands projected by them during the interaction.

Sh Rakesh Sharma, President Indian Newspaper Society met the Lt Governor

and shared his views on the developmental scenario in Jammu Kashmir. Later, Prof. Sudhakar Yedla, Director NIT Srinagar also called on the Lt Governor.

Int'l HR Conference, HR Conclave 6.0 organised at IIM Jammu

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JAMMU: The first day of HR Conclave 6.0, the signature event of the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu, was a resounding success, with industry experts sharing their insights on a plethora of topics related to the theme of the Conclave, "HR in a Dynamic Business Environment."

The Chief Guest of the event was Prof. Pragati Kumar, Vice-Chancellor of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University. The day began with an inaugural ceremony presided over by Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu; Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean, Academics and Chairperson, Placements at IIM Jammu; and Dr. Baljeet Singh Sani, Co-Chairperson, Placements at IIM Jammu, Dr. Guangpuanang Kahmei, Conference Chair, IIM Jammu, Mr. Deepak Taduru, Northern Trust VP Talent Acquisition and Dr. Roy Kshemendra Sharma, Head of Communications & Customer Centricity, Tata AIA Life Insurance.

Dr. Baljeet Singh Sani, Co-Chairperson (Placements), IIM Jammu, welcomed the audience to the HR Conclave 6.0 and introduced the theme of

the Conclave, "HR in a Dynamic Business Environment." He highlighted the importance of HR in helping organizations navigate the ever-changing business landscape and achieve their business goals.

He affirmed that HR Conclave 6.0 is an exceptional forum where human resources professionals from the industry convene to share insights, teach students how to navigate the challenges they will inevitably encounter on their path through the dynamic corporate world, and exchange ideas.

In his welcoming remarks, IIM Jammu Conference Chair Dr. Guangpuanang Kahmei provided an overview of the proceedings that were scheduled for the following two days. The special issue of journals was announced by him during this HR conclave. He emphasized that the HR conclave's connections and experiences will prove to be beneficial and enjoyable.

In his address, Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean, Academics, IIM Jammu, provided the audience with an insightful overview of multiple programs in accordance with its mandate to cultivate transformational leaders.

Srinagar Food Safety organises Training programme under FoSTaC

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SRINAGAR: With a view to make all Food Business Operators (FBOs) of Srinagar District well versed about Food Safety Standards Act,

a one-day training programme under Food Safety Training and Certification (FoSTaC) was organised here Saturday by the Srinagar Food Safety Department.

The Training programme was organized on the directions of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad in Boulevard, Dalgate and other adjoining areas with an objective to make Food Business Operators of Srinagar District well versed with Food Safety and Standards Act and ensure that no unhygienic food is

cooked and served to consumers.

The Training programme was held under the supervision of Assistant Commissioner Food Safety, Yameen ul Nabi in which more than 50 Food Business Operators (FBOs) especially dealing with Hotel Industry and Dhabas participated in the training program with the concept to avoid any mishandling of food items while manufacturing. The participants were given training on how to maintain the highest standards of Hygiene in the manufacturing of plants.