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#### Tremors **Felt** In J&K 6.0 Magnitude **Earthquake Hits Afghanistan**

SRINAGAR: Earthquake of magnitude 6.0 hit Hindu Kush region of Afghanistan on Thursday with tremors felt across Jammu and Kashmir.

According to details available, the quake occurred at 02:50 pm. However, there were no immediate reports of any damage or loss of life reported anywhere. As per initial estimates, the epicenter was recorded in the Hindu Kush Region of Afghanistan—(KNO)

#### **LG Flags Off Exposure Visit Of Students To** IIT Kanpur



**GMK NEWS NETWORK** 

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Thursday flagged off the exposure visit of the batch of 98 Students of Secondary and Senior Secondary from Government schools

of J&K UT to IIT Kanpur. He interacted with the students and extended • P-06

## **Higher Reaches Likely To Experience Snowfall Today**



**OWAIS GUL** 

SRINAGAR: Amidst the persistent dry spell in Kashmir, the higher reaches of Kashmir, especially in northern areas are expected to receive light snowfall tomorrow while the day temperature continued to surge across Jammu and Kashmir with Banihal recording the hottest day in the month of January at 23.4 degrees Celsius, surpassing all the

previous records. A feeble Western Disturbance (WD) would likely affect Jammu & Kashmir and under its influence, there is a possibility of light snow over

higher reaches.

The higher reaches especially in north Kashmir are expected to witness light snowfall on tomorrow evening or night

Director Meteorological Department (MeT), Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad said that a feeble WD is approaching on January 17, adding that generally cloudy weather with light snow over isolated higher reaches is expected on the particular day.

He further stated that from January 18-20, the weather is expected to remain generally dry. "Overall dry weather is expected till 20th January," he stated.

Furthermore, a few areas across Kashmir and in Jammu also have recorded an unexpected rise in the maximum temperature while Banihal in Jammu division has recorded the hottest day in the month of January

at 23.6 degree Celsius. An Independent Weather Forecaster, Faizan Arif Keng informed that the previous all-time record was 22.6 degree Celsius recorded on 18 January

While the maximum temperature has plummeted further at Jammu station where the fifth alltime lowest • P-06

'Enhancing Deployment'

## **Terror Activities In Rajouri-Poonch** An Area Of Concern: Army Chief

Says Rise In Tourism Indicates Positive Change In J&K

ABID BASHIR

SRINAGAR: The Army Chief General Manoj Pande Thursday said that the past six months have been an area of concern for the troops in Rajouri-Poonch area of J&K where the adversarv has "activated proxy outfits and is abetting terrorism." He also said the army has taken "follow-up actions" to ensure people don't feel alienated and that it has also "adopted the affected village in Poonch."

Addressing the annual conference in Delhi, the Army Chief said that the past five to six months have been an "issue of concern for the army" in Rajouri-Poonch region. "After 2003, terrorism was fully dismantled in the area and peace prevailed there till 2017-18. As the situation is getting normal in the Valley, the area of Rajouri-Poonch was chosen by our adversary where it activated proxy outfits and abetted

terrorism," he said. The Army Chief said

that 45 terrorists were killed in the Rajouri-Poonch area in the past few years while five infiltration bids were foiled and 14 terrorists were killed in the hinterland

Replying to a query about lack of human intelligence in the Rajouri-Poonch area, General Pande said that strengthening human intelligence is very important and crucial. "We are focussing on synergising our efforts and with other agencies and we are working with them as well. Local sup-

port is crucial. Under

Operation Sadbhavna we are engaging with the local community (in Rajouri-Poonch). personally interacted with the local community there and the army has already adopted the affected village (in

Poonch)," he said. The Army chief said there will be a • P-06

**WE ARE FOCUSSING ON SYNERGISING OUR EFFORTS AND WITH** other agencies and we are working with them as well. Local support is crucial. Under Operation Sadbhavna, we are engaging with the local community (in Rajouri-Poonch).

## LG Reviews Dev, Security Scenario In Jammu Div



**GMK NEWS NETWORK** 

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Thursday chaired a meeting with the senior officers, Deputy Commissioners, SSPs and discussed various issues concerning development and

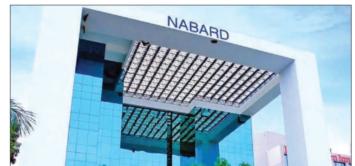
security in Jammu Division. The meeting emphasized the need for a comprehensive strategy for crackdown against drug smugglers, drug hot-spots and cross border smuggling.

The Lt Governor also took appraisal of the status of the key infrastructure projects and the steps taken by the District Administrations to facilitate industries, • P-06

## NABARD Grants Rs 37446.04 Cr To J&K Priority Sectors

**JAMMU:** In a significant stride towards fostering inclusive growth and rural development, the National Bank for Agricul-ture and Rural Development (NABARD), Jammu and Kashmir, has projected an estimated credit potential of Rs. 37446.04 crore under the priority sector for the Union Territory (UT) of Jammu and Kashmir for 2024-25.

This was announced during the UT Credit Seminar hosted by NABARD here today. The UT focus paper was launched in the



The event was attended by Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, Secretary, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Baldev Prakash,

MD, J&K Bank, Dr. B.N. Tripathi, VC -SKUAST, Jammu, Sandeep Mittal, General Manager, RBI, Ajay Kumar Jha, •P-06

## Farooq Abdullah Skips ED **Appearance Despite Summons**



IANS

SRINAGAR: National Conference MP and former J&K Chief Minister, Dr. Farooq Abdullah on Thursday did not appear before the Enforcement Directorate (ED) for questioning despite being summoned.

Dr. Abdullah had been

summoned by ED to appear before it for questioning on Thursday in connection with the financial irregularities in the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA). The ED is probing the financial scam in the JKCA during the period Dr. Abdullah headed it and it had charged him in 2022. • P-06

#### 812th Urs Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti

## PM Modi Hands Over 'Chadar' For Ajmer Sharif Dargah



#### **AGENCIES**

**NEW DELHI: Prime Min**ister Narendra Modi on Thursday handed over a 'Chadar' which will be offered on the 812th Urs of Sufi saint Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti at the Ajmer Sharif Dargah.

The chadar was presented to Bharatiya Janata Party Minority Morcha national president Jamaal Siddigui at the Prime Minister's residence in the

national capital. Soon after meeting, PM Modi took to social media

platform, X, and said, "Met a Muslim community delegation. During our interaction, I presented the sacred Chadar, which will be placed during the Urs of Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti at the esteemed Ajmer

Sharif Dargah." The delegation will visit Ajmer and offer the chadar on behalf of PM Modi. The Urs festival is an annual festival held at Aimer in Raiasthan which commemorates the death anniversary of Sufi saint

Moinuddin Chishti.

Siddiqui, after coming

out of the Prime Minister's residence, said, "This Chadar is a symbol of peace, harmony and Viksit Bharat. The Prime Minister, while maintaining the Ganga-Jamuni Tehzeeb, has presented this Chadar as a tribute to the Dargah of Khwaja Garib Nawaz."

The BJP leader said that the Prime Minister has once again given the message to Hindus, Muslims. Sikhs and Christians to work together to make India a global leader and set an example of peace and brotherhood • P-06

#### Accident Surge

### **Week-Long Road Safety Prog Begins** To Sensitize People



**GMK NEWS NETWORK** 

**SRINAGAR:** Amidst the rise in road accidents, the weeklong National Road Safety programme has commenced in Srinagar while a series of activities are expected to take place in which the commuters and general public will be sensitized about the traffic norms that will help in reducing the fatal accidents.

The Traffic Police authorities as well as the Jammu and Kashmir Transport Department launched the National Road Safety Week in Srinagar, The inauguration ceremony at Srinagar saw the presence of officials and students from various colleges and other educational institutions.

Senior traffic police • P-06

## INOX INOX CINEMA



MERRY CHRISTMAS (UA)



**CAPTAIN MILLER (UA)** 





**DUNKI (UA)** 

Friday, 12 Jan

**Movies Schedule** 



ANIMAL (A)

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## **NEWS**

# **VBSY:** Hasgmat Ali presides over awareness program in Bandipora

BANDIPORA: As part of the nationwide Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY), Commissioner Food and Drug Department Jammu & Kashmir, Hashmat Ali Yatoo addressed a mega awareness programme at Dak Banglow Sumbal on Thursday.

Yatoo, accompanied by senior officers from district administration, including ADDC Bandipora Mohammad Ashraf Bhat, SDM Sumbal, engaged with a large audience of local residents, entrepreneurs, and community leaders.

The program was organised to empower citizens with vital information regarding centrally sponsored schemes and ways to reap benefits from them.

On the occasion, Information, Education and Communication Van displayed information regarding various centrally sponsored schemes and proce-



dures to avail benefits from such schemes

In his address, Yatoo emphasized the importance of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra in bridging the gap between the government and the people. He highlighted the commitment of the government to ensure access to government services for all citizens, especially in rural areas

Yatoo stated that public awareness is crucial for effective implementation of different welfare schemes.

He said that through initiatives like Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, the government aims to equip citizens with the knowledge and tools to make informed choices and actively participate in building a devel-

Nodal officer IEC Van and publicity, Bilal Ahmad Mir, who is also DIO/ARTO Bandipora apprised the chair that yatra has already reached all 151 gram panchavats of district Bandipora, besides all 43 Urban Local Bodies were also covered during the yatra. He further informed that VBSY continues across all the panchayats and ULBs within the district.

The event also witnessed the distribution of informative pamphlets and booklets regarding various centrally sponsored schemes. Medical camps were set up to provide free health checkups and consultations to the attendees.

Revolutionizing Public Services

## DC Pulwama's extensive tour enhances Health Infrastructure in Kakapora

**GMK NEWS NETWORK** 

PULWAMA: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Dr Basharat Qayoom took proactive strides to bolster public health and water services during a comprehensive tour of Block Kakapora.

The focal points of the official visit were the Primary Health Centre Kakapora and the Jal Jeevan Mission scheme Kakapora, with an overarching commitment to advancing community well-being.

At the Primary Health Centre Kakapora, DC underscored the pressing need for operational efficiency. Delivering lucid directives to company officers, he stressed for the swift completion of essen-



tial works, prioritizing the delivery of enhanced

grammes like Pro Active

Governance and Timely

Implementation (PRA-GATI), Project Monitoring Group (Central/ UT), E-Smiksha, Prime Min-

ister's Reconstruction 20 Points Programme, Aspi-

rational District/ Block/ Panchayat Programmes,

Sustainable Development

Goals (SDG), District Good

Governance Index (DGGI)

and Departmental Deliver-

ables was also highlighted

nomics and Statistics,

informed the Secretary

that the DPCs have been

convened both at gazetted

as well non-gazetted level

and a number of officers

have been promoted to the

Secretary that the depart-

ment has undertaken 100

per cent physical verifica-

tion of completed works

besides evaluation studies

of schemes and projects.

ing the officers and officials,

asked them to lay special

emphasis on data analysis,

use of AI, capacity building

programmes and share the

data with the Deputy Com-

missioners on fortnightly

basis. He said that Sustain-

able Development Goals

are an essential component

of planning process which needs focused emphasis.

Secretary, while address-

He further apprised the

higher ranks.

Director General, Eco-

during the meeting.

health facilities to local residents.

Accompanied by Executive Engineer R&B, Chief Medical Officer, and other District and Sectoral offi cers, the DC meticulously surveyed all floors and rooms of the hospital building.

Transitioning to the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) scheme at Kakapora, Dr Basharat conducted a thorough examination of water filtration centers. He directed the executing agency to expedite the commissioning of the facility, emphasizing the paramount importance of clean and pure drinking water for the region.

The DC articulated the urgency for all necessary tasks to be completed promptly, ensuring seamless functionality.

## DC B'la conducts surprise visit of PHC Sheeri

**GMK NEWS NETWORK** 

BARAMULLA: In a concerted effort to ensure optimal functioning of the healthcare facilities, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa Thursday undertook a comprehensive visit to the Primary Health Center (PHC) in Sheeri.

The visit, which spanned across all sections of the hospital, aimed at obtaining a firsthand appraisal of the services being provided to patients.

During the visit, Block Medical Officer (BMO) provided the DC with a detailed overview of the healthcare facilities available at PHC Sheeri including the current infrastructure, medical staff, and the array of services offered to the community.

As part of the assessment, the DC inspected the duty roster, emphasizing the significance of efficient

## Several Delegations call on DC B'la

BARAMULLA: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa Thursday met with various delegations from Baramulla district who extended their warm welcome to the commencement of his new assignment. The delegations representing key sectors of development such as Fruit Mandi Sopore, Chemists and Druggists Association of Baramulla, Teachers Association Baramulla among others expressed their wholehearted support for the DC towards his endeavour for development and progress in the district.

The DC conveyed his gratitude for the warm welcome extended by these delegations. He acknowledged the significance of collaborative efforts in achieving development goals and emphasized the district administration's commitment to working in tandem with various stakeholders. Minga Sherpa reiterated his openness to sustained dialogue and collaboration, underscoring the administration's firm belief in the transformative power of community engagement for the greater good of Baramulla district.

workforce management to ensure round-the-clock healthcare delivery.

Later, Sherpa directly engaged with the local community, addressing their concerns and assured them that all genuine grievances raised would be taken up in a time-bound manner. The DC expressed a firm and community well-being.

commitment to improving healthcare services in the region, acknowledging the crucial role of PHC Sheeri in catering to the health needs of the local populace. The visit reflects a proactive approach to governance, with a focus on continuous improvement

#### DC Kulgam reviews Power scenario

**GMK NEWS NETWORK** 

KULGAM: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan Thursday chaired a meeting of concerned officers to review the overall power scenario in the district.

During the meeting, the DC enquired about the availability and demand of power supply in the district. The officers intimated the chair about the overall power supply status across the district and measures being taken by the department to better the transmission and distribution system and upgradation initiatives.

The DC impressed upon the officers to follow the curtailment schedule strictly and ensure power supply accordingly without distress/

unscheduled power cuts. He also took a comprehensive review of the winter action plan of the department and instructed concerned to implement it in letter and spirit and also instructed for submission of daily reports of power provision/supply viz a vis schedule.

### Aijaz Asad reviews working of PD&MD, Statistics deptt



**GMK NEWS NETWORK** 

JAMMU: Secretary, Planning, Development and Monitoring Department (PD&MD), Mohammad Aijaz Asad, Thursday chaired a meeting of officers of PD&MD and Department of Economics and Statistics, J&K, at Civil Secretariat, Jammu.

The meeting was also attended by Kashmir based officers virtually.

A detailed presentation was displayed during the meeting highlighting various functions of Planning, Development and Monitoring Department.

The administration section of PD&MD informed the Secretary about the ongoing initiatives, court cases, RTI cases, SRO-43/ RAS cases, grievances and other administrative issues. Besides, the physical and financial progress on Centrally Sponsored Schemes like BADP, PMDP and RMIS was also presented to the Secretary.

The status of pro-

Equivalent

Animal/Sheep Husbandry and Fisheries Department

VIKSIT BHARAT SANKALP YATRA

### **IEC Van Traverses across** Nowshera, Seri in Rajouri



**GMK NEWS NETWORK** 

RAJOURI: The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) has become a driving force in the implementation of government schemes and ushering in comprehensive development in Rajouri district. This ambitious initiative is strategically crafted to transform Rajouri by extending its reach to underserved areas and ensuring the effective execution of government programs, ultimately enhancing the quality of life for its residents.

Today, the VBSY IEC vans traversed through the panchayats of Dhanaka, Nonial Upper, Nonial Lower, Chowki, Dharat, Mangal Devi-B, Dabbar Potha-A and Dabbar Potha-B of block Seri and Nowshera. This strategic journey highlights the Yatra's commitment to reaching every corner of the district and ensuring that the benefits of

government initiatives are felt at the grassroots The impact of the Yatra

is evident in enhanced access to healthcare, education, and basic amenities, contributing to the overall progress of Rajouri District. Meticulously planned and executed. this initiative aligns with the core objective of holistic development, leaving a lasting and positive impact on the community.

The VBSY symbolizes progress and collaboration, embodying the spirit of Viksit Bharat Sankalp. By bringing government schemes to the grassroots level and ensuring comprehensive coverage, it has created a platform for empowerment and upliftment. This transformative journey in Rajouri District stands as an exemplary model of effective governance, community engagement, and collective determination to build a better and prosperous India.

#### Government Of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir

#### OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MECHANICAL IRRIGATION DIVISION, KHOJA BAGH, BARAMULLA



#### Email ID: midbaramulla@gmail.com

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER** Fresh e-NIT No. MIDB/26 OF 2023-24 Dated: 11/01/2024

For and on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of J&K UT, Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Division, Baramulla, invites tenders on item rate basis by e-tendering mode for the following items of work from the reputed Original Equipment manufacturers or their Authorized contractors/ fabricators/firms having relevant experience. The bidding process shall be completed online in two covers viz Cover '1st' -Tender fee and Earnest Money details. Deposit, fulfillment of prequalification criteria, technical specifications and acceptance to terms and conditions of the tender. Cover '2nd' - Financial Bid in the prescribed BOO.

S. No.	Particulars of the work	Name of Division	Estimated Cost (In Rs. Lacs)	Cost of document/ tender fee (In Rs.)	Earnest money (In Rs.)	Validity of Rates
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Supply, installation, testing and commissioning 02 cusec x 10m head non clog submersible pump at Lift Irrigation scheme Khanpora of MISD Handwara.	Mechanical	3.80	200.00	8,000/-	90 days

Position of funds: Available Head of Account: 2702 M&E

Rey/ critical Dates:							
Date of Hosting in Website/ Publish date 11 /01/2024 (1600Hrs)							
Document download/sale start date	11/01/2024 (1600 Hrs.).						
Bid submission start date 11/01/2024. (1600Hrs)	Bid submission end date 31/01/2024 (1600 Hrs)						
Bid opening date	01/02/2024 (1400 Hrs.)						

AAA: Order No: 16-MCO of 2023-24 Dated:14-08-2023

Bid documents can be assessed at and downloaded from the websites www.ifckashmir.com / http://jktenders.gov.in

The Bids shall be deposited on the website http://jktenders.gov.in The complete bidding process will be online http://jktenders.gov.in.

The bids received shall be opened in the office of the Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Division, Baramulla on the date given above; the bids shall be evaluated online thereafter.

Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 4 & 5 of the table payable at Baramulla. Bid Security to be pledged in favour of Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Division, Baramulla Bid Security will have to be in form of CDR/

FDR/IBG of any scheduled Bank and shall have to be valid for one year or more after last date of receipt of Bid. The cost of downloaded tender documents should be in form of DD/Treasury challan (MH 0702)/GR in favor of Executive Engineer MID Baramulla payable at Baramulla

The hard copies of cost of tender document in shape of DD, Earnest money in shape of CDR / FDR /IBG must be delivered to the office of the Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Division, Baramulla as and when demanded Only the OEM/(firms authorized by OEM of Pumping Unit having sound experience can quote for the tender in similar type of job can participate

in the tendering process). The original pump characteristic curve for the quoted pump duly sealed and signed is to be uploaded with the tender without the same the tender shall be out rightly rejected without any prior intimation. The bid for the work shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids. If any bidder/tenderer withdraws

his bid/tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the said earnest money shall stand Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website <a href="http://jktenders.gov.in">http://jktenders.gov.in</a>

Queries by email if any should be made at midbaramulla@gmail.com

No: MIDB/ 4668-71 Date: 11/01/2024 DIPK-15075-23 DT: 11/01/2024

Sd/ **Executive Engineer** Mech. Irri. Division Baramulla

#### **GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR**

## JAMMU AND KASHMIR SERVICES SELECTION BOARD

CPO CHOWK, PANJITHIRTI, JAMMU/ZAMZAM COMPLEX, RAMBAGH, SRINAGAR

(www.ikssb.nic.in)

Subject: Final selection list for candidates for the posts of Deputy Inspector Fisheries/Equivalent, Level-4; (Item No. 656: Div. Jammu; Item No. 657: Div. Kashmir), Animal/Sheep Husbandry and Fisheries Department, advertised vide Notification No. 04 of 2021 dated 17.07.2021. Notification No. 03-Selection of 2024

9<sup>th</sup>of January, 2024

Whereas, the Animal/Sheep Husbandry and Fisheries Department, vide Indent No. ASH/Coord/24/2014 dated 29.09.2020, among other posts, forwarded the requisition for making direct recruitment to 42 posts of Deputy Inspector Fisheries/Equivalent, as per following details:

Cadre of the **Qualification Prescribed** Category-wise Break-up Name of the Post SC 5 1 0 10 Deputy Inspec-Div. Jammu "B.F.Sc or B.Sc. tor Fisheries / Medical (Zoology) or Equivalent B.Sc. Industrial Fish Div. Kashmir 17 **Deputy Inspec-**1 & Fisheries from a tor Fisheries/ recognized University

Whereas, the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) advertised these 42 posts, pertaining to Divisional Cadre, Jammu (10 Posts) and Divisional Cadre, Kashmir (32 Posts), vide Notification No. 04 of 2021 dated 17.07.2021, under Item Nos. 656 and 657 respectively, for seeking

Whereas, in terms of the notified selection criteria, the selection for these posts was required to be made on the basis of the written examination only and accordingly, the JKSSB conducted the Computer Based Test (CBT) on 08.02.2023, in two shifts and on the basis of the performance of the candidates in the aforesaid CBT, the Board, vide Notification No. JKSSB-COE0EXAM(UT)/06/2023-04(7110979) dated 09.06.2023, published the Result/ Score-sheet of the candidates.

This was followed by the Document Verification (DV) of the candidates falling in the consideration zone, vide Notification No. JKSSB-COE-0EXAM(UT)/48/2023-03(7207093) dated 20.06.2023 and Supplementary Document Verification vide Notification No. JKSSB-C0E0EXAM-(UT)/48/2023-03(7207093) dated 18.07.2023.

Whereas, the Board, vide Office Order No. 240-SSB of 2023 dated 25.10.2023, constituted a Selection Committee for finalizing the selection for these posts. The Committee, on the basis of the meritof the candidates as obtained in the CBT examination, preferences as exercised by the candidates and category-wise break-up of vacancies, prepared the Provisional Selection List for these posts, which was notified vide No. JKSSB-Scry/18/2023-03(E-7325184) dated 15.12.2023, seeking objections, if any, from the candidates; and Whereas, upon examination of all the issues attendant to the selection and the examination of the representations received in the matter, the Final

Selection List of these posts was prepared and placed in the Board for deliberations/decision. The Board, in its 253rd meeting held on 05.01.2024, approved its notification, including the consideration of two candidates, one each among PwBD and ESM, under Horizontal Reservation; and Now therefore, the Final Selection List, as prepared by the concerned Selection Committee, for the posts of Deputy Inspector Fisheries/Equivalent, Level-4; (Item No. 656: Div. Jammu; Item No. 657: Div. Kashmir), Animal/Sheep Husbandry and Fisheries Department, advertised vide Notification No.

04 of 2021 dated 17.07.2021, is hereby notified as per the Annexure-A & B to this Notification. It is further ordered that:

(1) The above Final Selection List shall be subject to outcome of the OAs/Writ Petition(s), if any, pending adjudication before any Competent Court

The List shall also be subject to the outcome of such enquiry, involving any candidate(s), as figuring in this List.

(2) Formal recommendations to the concerned Indenting Department shall be forwarded separately.

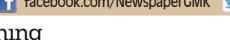
The candidate(s), whose recommendations are kept withheld, shall submit the requisite documents within a period of one month.

The Selection of the candidates has been made on the basis of Self- declaration/Certificates submitted by them and if at any stage, it comes to the light that any candidate(s) has submitted false information or has secured selection on the basis of fake documents/certificates, the selection shall be liable to cancellation at any stage.

By Order No. JKSSB-Scry/18/2023-03(E-7325184) Dated:09.01.2024 (Sachin Jamwal) JKAS, Secretary DIPK-15113-23 DT: 11/01/2024

J&K Services Selection Board.

/Institute.'



### **NEWS**



## Admin decides to act against machine-made copper manufacturers

**MUBASHIR AALAM WANI** 

SRINAGAR: Sajad Ahmad Dar, a coppersmith from Baramulla has dissociated himself from the art for the last two years

After an invasion by machine made of copper, he moved to the hospitality sector by working as a waiter in a hotel in Sri-

While he regrets leaving the art which he imbibed from his ancestors, he calls his waiter's job a compulsion to make ends meet.

He, however, is hope ful to return to his ancestral profession especially after the government started taking measures to check manufacturing of machine-made copper utensils in the valley.

"Designing copperware is my ancestral profession. I was hopeful that the government will take some measures to promote the art. I am now thinking of starting my work of

aspiring athletes

TASADUQ HUSSAIN

HANDWARA: Aimed at

growing sports culture

among youth in the valley,

Multipurpose indoor sports

district is helping aspiring

athletes train there and real-

wara was inaugurated by

Lieutenant GovernoManoj

said that they are very happy

and thrilled to avail the facili-

ties saying that the compe-

tent coaching staff and other

required times have also been

ensured at the sports hall

enabling them to practice to

a greater extent. Kabaddi,

Wushu, Taekwondo, and

other sports are practiced

there and some sports are

expected to begin very soon.

Wushu practicing athletes

said that since the facility

was inaugurated, they had

to go to Kulangam to prac-

tice under open sky. "It was

very difficult to undertake

all the practice moves. Since

we have shifted to this multi-

purpose indoor sports hall,

things have become very

convenient for everyone and

each of us can give the best to

of Handwara said that they

are happy with the practice

space given they used to face

Another Wushu player

the game," he said.

Sahil Ahmad, one of the

The Sports Hall at Hand-

Athletes practicing there

hall at Handwara in Kupwara

ize their dreams.

Sinha last year.

**Kupwara Sports Hall opens** 

doors for opportunities to

making and designing copperware again," he said.

against machine made copper, the Director of Handicrafts and Handloom (H&H) Kashmir has been appointed by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir as the person in charge of implementing the J&K Prohibition of Manufacture of Specified Copper Utensils (by machine) Act.

The step is aimed to combat the introduction of machines in crafting copper utensils which has resulted in marginalization of traditional artisans, and has allowed individuals without specific copper working skills to enter the industry, adversely affecting traditional craftsmen.

'This move has given us hope for the future of our craft. We have seen a decline in demand for our handmade products, but with the ban on machinemade copperware, we

immense challenges practicing under open sky earlier.

ties are available here. We

can practice for every game

which is very encouraging

coach appointed there said

that he is deployed there

as a part of the Khelo India

scheme given no coaches

were available here before

and there were no such facili-

He said that there are 100

"I train about 200 students

Khelo India facilities avail-

able in J&K which is encour-

each day in 3 different shifts.

Students from Lolab, Kup-

wara, and different parts of

Handwara are availing the

facility to practice. All the

required equipment is avail-

Aijaz said that the play-

ers trained there have been

taking part in the national

games and achieving encour-

aging results. "5 girls who

recently were part of Khelo

India games won medals."

event."—(KNO)

able for players," he said.

aging for aspiring athletes.

Aijaz Hassan, Wushu

for all.'

ties available.

"All the required facili-

manship will be valued once again," said Nazir Taking strict measures Ahmad Wani, a coppersmith, who has been associated with the art for over 40 years.

> Pertinently the handicrafts department has recently included copperware, along with 20 other crafts, in the category of 'Notified Crafts' to support local artisans. This inclusion facilitated the registration of copperware artisans, granting them access to various government sup-

> port programs. Director of Handicrafts and Handloom Kashmir Mahmood Ahmad Shah said the identification of deceptive artisans and manufacturers of copperware by the Quality Control Division will be given top priority.

He urged the public to purchase copper items labelled with QR codes, as this supports authentic artisans—(KNO)

## **Secy Tourism reviews** functioning of JKTDC

Asks Corporation to make their assets profitable GMK NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU: Commissioner Secretary, Tourism, Yasha Mudgal, after taking the charge of the department. recently chaired a meeting to review the functioning of J&K Tourism Development Corporation

(JKTDC). Besides Managing Director JKTDC, the meeting was attended by other office bearers of the corporation and senior officers of the Tourism Department here.

The Commissioner Secretary had a holistic overview of business of the corporation. She enquired about its assets, their upkeep and utilization in realizing the revenue for JKTDC. She also asked about the staff strength of the corporation and their roles and responsibilities in running the business of the entity successfully.

Describing tourism business as highly profitable, the Commissioner Secretary asked the offi-

for optimum utilization of all assets of the corporation so as to fetch a good revenue and make the busi-

ness profitable. Yasha Mudgal directed the officers to hold the board meetings on regul basis for deciding the matters of the corporation and carrying out its activities smoothly. She asked them to be proactive in realizing all their outstandings besides being competitive in doing the business in the

Regarding assets of the corporation, the Commissioner Secretary was apprised that it possesses 36 Hotels comprising 780 rooms, 46 restaurants, 14 shops, 5 cafeteria, 199 huts and 133 dormitory rooms, conference halls etc. It was also given out that the corporation bears a staff strength of 622 in position at different designations.

The meeting was further apprised that a number of achievements have been recorded during 2022-23 including upgradation and renovation of different properties. The corporation has also installed e-payment system at its 23 units in collaboration with Paytm for ease of customers.

### 20-Member delegation of Jamat-E-Ahle Sunnat calls on LG



**GMK NEWS NETWORK** 

JAMMU: A 20-member delegation of Jamat-E-Ahle Sunnat Jammu called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan, Thursday.

The delegation comprised of Islamic Scholars and community members expressed gratitude to the Lt Governor for the progress made in the establishment of the Madrasa

#### Former Mayor SMC calls on LG

JAMMU: Junaid Azim Mattu, former Mayor, Srinagar Municipal Corpora-

tion Thursday called on Lieutenant Governor Manoi Sinha at Raj Bhawan

## LG's upcoming visit to B'la; DC



**GMK NEWS NETWORK** 

BARAMULLA: In lieu of the upcoming visit of the Lieutenant Governor to Baramulla and holding of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra programme, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa Thursday convened a meeting to review the preparatory arrange-

During the meeting, the DC emphasised the importance of the LG's visit to a Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra and directed the concerned departments to make appropriate arrangements and provide wide publicity to the event so that more people come forward to avail the benefits of the schemes to be showcased.

He directed the R&B, PHE and Municipal department to ensure cleanliness, water supply, heating facility and other basic amenities at the venue while the police and healthcare department were entrusted with the security and emergency medical arrangements at the venue respectively.

Further, all departments were asked to set

up stalls at the venue providing information on various UT based and Centrally Sponsored Schemes to the local public. It was also informed that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's message about the Yatra would be telecasted on the occasion through the Information Education and Communication vans and LED walls.

Additionally, the DC directed the department heads to extend invitations to beneficiaries, sports personalities, youth icons, and individuals of merit for the upcoming event, where they will be felicitated by the Lieutenant Governor, while the Sports Council was asked to hold sports activities on the occasion.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Dr. Zahoor Ahmad Raina; Chief Planning Officer Baramulla, Javaid Ahmad; Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Peerzada Mumtaz Ahmad; Chief Education Officer Baramulla, Balbir Singh Raina; Tehsildar Baramulla, Manager Sports Council, Executive Officer Municipal Council Baram-

#### **E-RICKSHAWS IN SRINAGAR**

## Demand increases manifold, dealers sell almost 7-8 vehicles in a week

**REHAN QAYOOM MIR** 

SRINAGAR: With e-rickshaws turning out to be a major relief for the local people here, the sale of electric vehicles has surged across the summer capital.

The dealers in Srinagar stated that the demand has increased manifold as they are selling nearly 7-8 electric-rickshaws in a week.

The emergence of these electric-powered rickshaws

rise in recent months, marking a shift towards sustainable transport alternatives. After the E-rickshaw

has witnessed a notable

gained momentum in Srinagar, more new companies like Rani, Exide, Kuku and others started investing in these electric-rickshaws. Inavat Ahmad, a dealer

of e-rickshaws in Srinagar, told KNO, "I personally have six to seven bookings for this week, and my previous stock has been sold out. I started selling e-rickshaws in 2021 after the government gave the green signal to the services in December 2020, and since then, the demand has increased manifold,' said Inavat.

"Till now, I have sold around 200 e-rickshaws since the beginning and the demand is very high. My order book is filled with advance bookings, said Inayat.

dent Zahoor Ahmad, who frequently uses e-rickshaws for daily commuting, said, the number of e-rickshaws has increased in different routes. "Earlier, there were

Moreover, a local resi-

only 10 to 20 e-rickshaws present in our locality. but now the number has increased." he said, adding that the services have provided a heave of relief to the people—(KNO)

## Secretary Revenue visits Kulgam, conducts public darbar

**GMK NEWS NETWORK** 

KULGAM: Secretary Revenue, Prasanna Ramaswamy G. Thursday visited Kulgam and convened a public drabar, under the ambitious public outreach initiative of the government, to take stock of public welfare and development issues.

Nahida Nabi, a kabbadi Deputy Commissioner, coach, said that athletes training there are now taking Athar Aamir Khan, Addipart in national events in diftional District Developferent parts of the country. Commissioner, Showkat Ahmad Rather, "Some of our Kabaddi players are already attending a Additional Deputy Comcamp at Jammu and hopemissioner, Vikar Ahmad fully few of them will take Giri and other district part in the upcoming national and sectoral officers were present on the occasion alongwith scores of public delegations, activists and

Transporters delegation, Fruit Growers and Traders Association, Tribal delegation, Auqaf Committee Kulgam besides deputations from Kund, Devsar, Brazloo, D.H.Pora, Manzgam, Pombay, Pahloo, Qaimoh, Frisal, Yaripora and other areas participated in the camp and projected various issues and concerns relating welfare and development of their

areas. The issues included transfer of land for augmentation of fruit Mandi Kulgam, establishment

of Eklavya Model School at Kund, provision of adequate water supply at Pahloo, augmentation of power infrastructure, Cardiologist in DH, road constructions, betterment of urban amenities. provision of revenue and patwar khana at Kakran. adequate sanitation services and removal of garbage, sanction of SDH at Devsar besides other demands of public importance.

Secretary also took stock of revenue related demands and grievances and instructed for prompt redressal of the same. Some of the demands were

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redressed on the spot. Secretary, while responding to issues raised by the public, instructed the concerned officers to initiate necessary action for redressal of the same. He said that accountable and transparent administration is hallmark of the present government and holding of these grievance camps is a step forward

towards that direction. Later, Secretary distributed Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra T Shirts and caps among the public besides presenting Abhinandan Partas under JJM to Pani Samitis of Okey and Poniwah

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ulla among others.

Office of the Executive Engineer, R&B Division Pattan Fresh NIT No. 43 OF RnB/PATTAN/2023-24 /E-TENDERING/ DATED 11-01-2024

Expression of interest for engaging of Architect/Consultant for providing of DPR's and Drawing etc.

Expression of interest is invited for & on behalf of Lt. Governor of Jammu & Kashmir UT for providing consultancy services from reputed Architects/ consultancy agency/ company duly registered with the council of Architects/any other statutory body, for hiring their services for drawing project design & allied services for the following proposed projects in R&B Division Pattan: -

**Particulars** 

Preparing of drawings, Designing and BOQ/ Providing Consultancy

	pora at Sheerabad Khore						
1.	Date of	Issue of Tender Notice	11-01-2024				
2.	Period o	of downloading of bidding documents	12-01-2024 11:00 AM				
3.	Bid sub	mission Start Date	12-01-2024 from 11:00 Am				
4.	Bid Sub	mission End Date	18-01.2024 4:00 PM				
5.	Date &	time of opening of Financial Bids(On-	19-01-2024 at 11.00 am in the office of Executive Engineer				
	line)		P&R Division Pattan				

The scope of work includes contouring with ETS, Conceptual Architectural Designs Layouts for all the components, Designs etc. Architects/agencies / companies of repute who have executed 03 projects of similar nature during last 5 years with consideration for environment may submit their offers. The interest's bidder shall submit his offer and other relevant proposals along with following details: -

Company Profile/ Agency Profile with detail of the projects executed by them during last three years.

- Copy of Registration with Council of Architects/registrar of companies or any other relevant 2. competent authority
- 3. Income Tax return for last three years with audited certificate as per enclosed format. The rate shall be quoted in terms of percentage of the Total cost of work and shall be quoted for
- The BOQ uploaded shall be accepted on percentage basis. The Department reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal without assigning any reason thereof.

DIPK-15096-23 Sd/-DT: 11/01/2024 Dated:11-01-2024 **Executive Engineer** 



**Government of Jammu & Kashmir** 

#### DIRECTORATE OF TOURISM, KASHMIR

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Subject:- Change of Title and location of the Travel unit running under the name & style "M/s M/s Shanu Tour & Travels". PUBLIC NOTICE.

Whereas, Mr. Shabir Ahmad Makei S/o Mr. Mohammad Akbar Makei R/o Salamabad Dachina Boniyar Baramulla proprietor of M/s Shanu Tour & Travels has applied this office for change of Title from M/s Shanu Tour & Travels to M/s Glowing Tour & Travels and change of Location from Nagarmal Bagh Srinagar to

dated 06.09.2022 and is renewed upto 31.12.2023. Whereas, the applicant along with his application has submitted the requisite documents as mention below:-

Nawab Complex Nawabazar Srinagar under Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011-12. Whereas, the unit is registered with this office vide Registration No:-(JKEA000001434)

- 1. Registration Certificate.
- 2. Rent Deed.
- 3. Affidavit.
- 4. NOC from concerned Bank

Now therefore, in exercise of powers conferred on me under section 39 of Registration of Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011/12, before the request of the applicant is considered for change of Title and location of the unit, the matter is hereby notified for information of General Public/Financial Institutions/Bank/Organization, etc for objection if any. The same should reach this office within a period of 7 days from the publication of this notice in the local newspaper. Objections received beyond period of 7 days will not be entertained and request of the applicant will be considered as per rules.

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# Morning Kashmir

## Alpine Lakes

ashmir is blessed to have the jagged peaks of mountains and in the lap of those mountains we have hundreds of alpine lakes. Alpine lakes form the pulse of the highland environment and are the most critical metric of flora and fauna of this region. While thousands of trekkers worldwide visit these alpine lakes, camping on their shores and angling in their waters. Right from the early part of the twentieth century many tourists have visited these places for spiritual and mental peace.

The lakes like Gangbal and Kaunsarnag hold special significance for Hindus as these lakes are considered holy places. There is always a solace and peace which overwhelms one when one visits these places. There is a calming effect which overcomes one when going trekking to these places. These lakes are full of fish like brown trout and rainbow trout. A permission for angling is provided by the fisheries department where an angler can use an unanimated non-living bait and is allowed to catch a specific number of fish per day.

These lakes are our treasures. We need to preserve them at all costs. Most of these lakes are fed by mountain-top or mountain-bottom glaciers. With the absence of snowfall in the core period of winter from two consecutive years the water supply to these lakes could get adversely affected. Consequently, the water fed to rivulets downstream from these lakes could also get affected thus resulting in general water supply shortage.

Also, the fact that hundreds of tour operators are offering affordable packages to trek these mountains makes it a matter of concern. These places are ecologically very sensitive and every care must be taken to ensure that overtourism should not harm this fine balance. Large footfalls can wreak havoc with the ecology of the place.

The tour operators who operate these tours must be told to follow a certain protocol like how many nights they are allowed to stay at these lakes, what stuff they can use as bait for angling and strictly advised to clear the area before leaving. These alpine lakes are our most important assets. We need to protect them at all costs.

# Concept Of Tawheed

"The Belief In Lailla Ha I'll, Hah Creates An Attitude Of Peace, And Contentment And Keeps Away The Tempetations Of Resorting To Base And Unfair Means For Achieving Success"



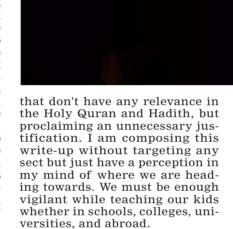
**QYSAR UL ISLAM SHAH** 

raise be to Allah (SWT) Tawheed (Arabic word) means attributing Oness to Allah (SWT) and describing him as being one and unique, with no partner in his attributes. Allah (SWT) created man and settled him on the earth. Allah (SWT) has kept an unceasing watch over him. Life and death are equally in his hands, whatever a man gains or loses it is all a matter of the will of God. He (God) neither slumbers nor sleep takes over

Let us introspect ourselves whether we are following oneness or we attribute to his majesty. In contemporary times I have seen many so-called welleducated people visiting shrines and paying their obeisance not in a proper way, which is quite disheartening. How long shall we dwell in this darkness? Don't we remember the time when prophet Ibrahim (AS) propagated the Oneness, even if he didn't accept his father's saying who was fallen in worshiping idols? The whole incident is revealed in the Holy, "O my father there has come to me a knowledge that which came not unto you, so follow me I will guide you to a straight path, his father said, do you reject my gods O Ibrahim? If you don't stop, I will indeed stone you. So get away from me before I punish you. Ibrahim said, Peace be upon you I will ask forgiveness of my Lord for you. I will turn away those whom you invoke besides Allah. So tawheed is an indispensable part of your Imaan.

The Quran emphasizes the importance of Tawhid in several verses. One of the most significant verses is Surah Al-Ikhlas, which is also known as the chapter of Tawhid. In this chapter, Allah declares: "Say, He is Allah, the One and Only; Allah, the Eternal, Absolute; He begetteth not, nor is He begotten; And there is none like unto Him." [Quran

The strong belief of Tawheed gives you mental peace. All the Messengers from time to time began their call with Tawheed which they were commanded by Allah to convey to the people. Keeping in mind the teachings of the Holy Quran we must not bow or seek wishes to fulfill before anyone except Allah. Let everything be handed over Almighty to do good for us. Looking at our surroundings people are discussing and debating over the things,



The concept of Tawheed and its teachings is dwindling gradually in the younger generation which is a serious cause of concern. We shouldn't rely upon unorthodox mental setup by not sending our wards to different schools prevailing in our state or others but the responsibility that everyone should have in this regard is the strong idea of Tawheed(Oneness). A believer can never be narrow in outlook. He believes in God who is the creator of this universe, after this belief, he/she doesn't regard anything in the world as a stranger to himself. He looks at everything in the world that belongs to Almighty none can even make a dust particle.

Let me share the story of a couple whom I met years and they don't have a child of their own, and they have been running from pillar to post/medical consultation, peers, and so on. As soon as they put everything aside and prayed and lamented before the Almighty they got their child in their family. Look what the Holy Quran says, It is me and my will I give someone only sons, someone only daughters, someone both sons and daughters, someone neither daughters nor sons, then why should we attend the worldly peers, and others and others? This is prima facia from the sacred book to every human being. So having a strong belief in Tawheed in contemporary times is just walking on the edge of the

Another verse that highlights the importance of Tawhid is Surah Al-An'am, in which Allah says: "Say (O Prophet Muhammad): 'I am but a man like yourselves, but the inspiration has come to me that your Allah is One God: whoever expects to meet his Lord, let him work righteousness, and, in the worship of his Lord, admit no one as partner.'" [Quran

The believer never becomes despondent. He has a firm faith in Allah who is master of all the treasures of the earth and heavens, whose grace, and mercy have no limit, and whose powers are infinite. This faith imparts to his heart extraordinary consolation, fills it with satisfaction, and keeps it filled with hope, although he may meet rejection from all sides of this world, faith in and dependence on Allah never leave him. Strong belief produces in man a very strong determination, patience, and trust in God. When an individual makes up his mind and devotes his resources to fulfilling the divine commands to secure Allah's pleasure he is sure

that he has support and backing from the Almighty. The believer understands that everything is subject to his will, if He wills to give no power in the world can prevent Him from doing so, and if He doesn't will no power can force Him to.

Finally, the Quran emphasizes that belief in Tawhid is not just a matter of words but must be reflected in one's actions. In Surah Al-Ma'idah, Allah says: "They have certainly disbelieved who say, "All h is the Messiah, the son of Mary" while the Messiah has said, "O Children of Israel, worship AllAh, my Lord and your Lord." Indeed, he who associates others with AllAh — AllAh has forbidden him Paradise, and his refuge is the Fire. And there are not for the wrongdoers any helpers." [Quran 5:72]

One who has a belief that Allah knows everything hidden or open is a true believer in Him. People at the helm of affairs must ensure that the education they provide their children is going under the umbrella of Tawheed Or not, if they show a lackadaisical approach at this juncture then it is surely a matter of grave concern. Let Almighty Allah's blessing be upon us and the shadow of Tawheed remain forever there. Then we will be among the successful units of Ummah here and hereafter.

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## Amma Ji: The Beauty Of Simplicity In Wisdom



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n the bustling rhythm of our daily lives, we often overlook the profound lessons hidden in our routine encounters. This truth was beautifully illuminated through my interactions with an elderly woman who, for many years, worked with us assisting in daily chores. Her punctuality, dedication, and the gentle rhythm of her daily work were as reliable as the dawn. But it was in the subtlety of our everyday conversations that her profound wisdom impressed me, leaving a lasting impact that has remained with me long after her passing away. All of our family members would fondly call her Amma Ji.

Our interactions were not filled with grand philosophical discussions but rather with the simple, yet meaningful exchanges of everyday life. Our greetings, inquiries about her

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health, and comments on the weather, or the local economy were imbued with an authenticity that is rare in today's fast-paced world. There was a certain rhythm in these conversations, a dance of words that weaved the fabric of a deeper connection.

One day, driven by a spur of curiosity, I posed a question to her about her religious preferences. Her response: The one who brings benefit Babuji," was a reflection of her practical and unsophisticated spirituality. It wasn't just her answer that struck me, but the unassuming way she delivered it, a testament to her unpretentious wisdom. It revealed a profound understanding of the divine, seen not in stately or mystical terms but in the real, tangible benefits brought to everyday life.

This brief exchange opened a window into her philosophy of life. Her words were a representation of her simplicity and depth, embodying a worldview where the divine is not an abstract entity but a real presence, discerned in the benefits and blessings of daily existence. It was a stark reminder of how true wisdom often lies not in complex theories but in the simple truths spoken by



those who have lived and experienced the rare realities of life.

Sadly, she passed away last year due to an incurable illness. Her physical presence may have left us, but the essence of her wisdom continues to resonate. In our oftenmaterialistic and superficial world, her words serve as a

grounding force, a reminder of the profound truths that can be found in simplicity and practicality. Her views on divinity, grounded in the practicalities of life, challenge us to reconsider our perspectives on faith, spirituality, and the divine.

Her legacy is not just in the memories of those who knew

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her but in the timeless wisdom she imparted. She taught us that wisdom does not always come from the learned or the famous but often from those whose insights are sharpened by the ups and downs of life. Amma Ji's words continue to inspire and guide us, a beacon of wisdom in a world that often overlooks the quiet voices that have so much to teach us.

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### **NO MORE VIOLENCE**

# Are We Prepared To Combat Online Gender-Based Violence?



#### SHOBHA SHUKLA

ender-based violence is among the most prevalent human rights violations globally. Urgency is palpable as governments worldwide have less than 7 years to end all forms of gender-based violence and deliver on the promise of gender equality for all by 2030. But instead of declining, gender-based violence has become even more sinister and complex because technology-based and technology-facilitated online genderbased violence is also on an alarming

Online gender-based violence is casting a long, oppressive shadow on the freedom and safety of women, girls, and gender-diverse individuals globally. Also, the impact of gender-based violence committed in the virtual space is increasingly spilling over into offline real spaces, sometimes with severe con-

#### Most of the online violence goes unreported

According to a study, the overall global prevalence of online violence against women was estimated to be 85% in 2021. The corresponding figure for the Asia Pacific region was 88%, with adolescent girls and those from vulnerable backgrounds disproportionately affected. And yet most of it goes unreported. Only 1-in-4 women reported online violence to the online platform(s) on which it occurred, while only 14% reported it to any offline protective agency. More than half (54%) of the women who reported personally experiencing online violence knew the perpetrator. Nearly 75% of women surveyed expressed concern about online abuse escalating to offline threats.

"In a 2022 study in Nepal on online violence targeting women journalists, 88.6% of women journalists reported to have been subjected to online violence," said Kalpana Acharya, Editorin-Chief of Health TV Online, Nepal, who was among the keynote speakers of the first Gender Equality Talks of 2024, hosted earlier this week.

#### Online gender-based violence is a multi-headed monster

Hafsah Muheed, who is an intersectional feminist and human rights advocate from Sri Lanka, is a member of the 30 for 2030 network hosted by UN Women Asia Pacific. She explained in the Gender Equality Talks that online gender-based violence can take several forms, such as:

Cyber-flashing: targeting persons for their sex, gender, or sexual orientation by sending unsolicited photographs with the intent of silencing a person.

Cyberstalking: surveillance of a person through digital technology. It is often used to prevent victims from escaping an abusive situation, like domestic and intimate partner violence.

Doxing: disclosure of personal data online with malicious intents.

Sextortion: extorting sexual favours by threatening to disseminate a person's intimate images and footage of rape.

Zoom bombing: people joining online gatherings to post racist, sexist, pornographic or anti-Semitic content to shock and disturb viewers.

Impersonation and creation of fake profiles by posing as a person to others, either acting in a harmful manner or extorting money from those the target knows.

Morphing, superimposing, and splicing photographs or videos of the targeted person to create "deep fakes" and uploading them on pornographic platforms.

Non-consensual dissemination of intimate photos, videos and audios of the targeted person, along with threats to circulate these images with the intent of blackmailing the target.

Online sexual harassment and bullying in the form of messaging, emailing, calls, and direct-messaging through a variety of online platforms.

Online threats to share information about an individual (including images or videos) to the public, their friends or family online, unless a demand is met. And many other forms!



"Online gender-based violence is a mirror of some form of violence happening in our offline world - by way of attitudes, and by the way we behave with one another. We are a patriarchal and an ableist society, because of which we have wrongly 'normalised' harmful narratives, social norms or attitudes," rightly said Kirthi Jayakumar, a women's rights activist, researcher. peace educator, lawver and writer. She founded and runs The Gender Security Project and is the Head of Community Engagement at World Pulse

Anonymity, which is one of the elements of online violence, "is a deciding factor on how the recurrence or prevalence of someone harassing you online or committing any form of online violence, multiplies by unimaginable numbers," said Tanmaya Kshirsagar, an Indian classical vocalist, writer, and an intersectional feminist. She is also part of 30 for 2030 Network of UN Women Asia Pacific.

#### How online gender-based violence **impacts us**There is documented evidence to

show that survivors of online genderbased violence have experienced emotional and physical harm, sexual assault, femicide (in the form of so called 'honour their jobs as a result of it. Survivors tend to delete accounts or quit online platforms altogether. It thus restricts their freedom of expression and increases the digital gender divide.

#### Media's role in combating online violence

Media must play a role in minimizing online violence by promoting digital literacy, raising awareness, initiating gender sensitive education, and advocating for a strong legal framework, added Nepal's former President of Health Journalists Association Kalpana Acharya. Media must combat harmful narratives and social norms within itself as well as through its channels - and this includes all forms of online violence

"Indonesia is experiencing a surge in cases of online gender-based violence since the last few years. A report from the National Commission on Women states that cases of online genderbased violence have risen by 300% since 2021. The Woman National Commission Annual Records 2021 showed that online gender-based violence during the pandemic era had increased manifold - from 241 cases in 2019 to 940 cases in 2020," said Rita Widiadana, former Editor of The Jakarta Post, and Board

and online gender-based violence while carrying out their journalistic duties,

Rita shared that Indonesia has implemented a number of programmes to protect girls and women against online violence such as SafeNet Programme: Perempuan Aman Internetan (How to use Internet safely for women): Respect (UN Women, WHO, UNFPA, and other partners); among others. The Indonesian government has also enacted laws which guarantee the right to protect personal data. But there are no clauses in this law that specifically protect survivors of sexual violence in cyberspace. Rita called upon revising this law so that survivors of online gender-based violence can receive full protection against cyber criminals.

Xari Jalil, a senior journalist and Editor of VoicePK (prominent digital media for human rights in Pakistan) said that women journalists are facing offline and online violence even within the media houses. "Most women have been targeted by some form of online gender-based violence whether it is revenge porn, or other forms," said Xari. She shared a case study of a "woman who was victim of revenge porn and killed herself leaving

Zevonia Vieira, Chief Editor of Neon Metin Media and President of Association of Journalists of Timor-Leste. She stressed upon the need for better digital security training and the campaign against a draft cybercrime law in her country, which she believes is more aligned with political interests rather than protecting people's rights.

What do the youth say? Bangladesh enacted a law in early 2000s to address online violence against women and girls but it was not enough. Cyber Security Act (CSA) which was being discussed recently also became more of a political instrument, said SM Shaikat of SERAC-Bangladesh. "We have to look at these laws in a different way: is it working for those more at risk of online violence among women, girls, gender diverse peoples, and others?"

Tanya Khera of Samanta Foundation in Uttarakhand state of India shared the data from National Crime Records Bureau: "50,035 cases were registered in 2020 for cybercrime. In 2022. the number of such cases went up to over 66000 (30% increase). Among the motives behind such cases of cybercrime, the biggest one was sexual exploitation.

Joshua Dilawar who leads Y-PEER Pakistan and is a peer youth leader for gender equality, stressed upon the need for male engagement in helping combat online violence. He shared about a transgender woman who is contesting national assembly elections and has faced a barrage of online harassment, bullying, hatred, and doxing.

#### Indigenous and gender-diverse

peoples more vulnerable Matcha Phorn-In, who is a feminist leader and a force for change on gender equality, indigenous rights and human rights, and leads Sangsan Anakot Yawachon in Thailand, said that "during the pandemic, students were forced to use online tools for education without necessary safeguards to protect them against online violence and abuse. For indigenous peoples the challenge has gone up manifold as they are still fiercely struggling to get justice in terms of sexual orientation, gender identity and expression. They have many levels of vulnerability that also puts them at heightened risk of online violence and abuse."

Matcha is right: All forms of genderbased violence (including online and technology-facilitated ones), are deeply rooted in discriminatory social norms and gender inequality. They intersect with racism, homophobia, transphobia, ableism and other discriminatory systems prevalent in our patriarchal societies and all of them have harmful consequences

#### The way forward

Technology-based and technologyfacilitated online gender-based violence is certainly preventable. But prevention efforts must be suitably tailored and directed at all levels to end

online violence. Also, youth involvement is important to tackling online gender-based violence, as consumers aged 13-39 years form the largest group (65%) of all social media users worldwide (with those in the 20-29 years making up nearly one-third of these).

Keeping this in mind, UN Women Asia Pacific, and the '30 for 2030' Network facilitated by it, has launched a "Youth Guide To End Online Gender-Based Violence" toolkit. This toolkit provides the young people with the tools and expertise to become aware of, and understand the various forms of online gender-based violence, to educate and involve peers and others in the community to work to prevent such violence.

We have to invest in feminist technologies, involving more women, girls and gender-diverse peoples, in design and development of digital solution and close the gender digital gap ensuring equitable and safe access to virtual spaces for everyone. A coordinated multi-stakeholder action is necessary to bring about systemic changes.

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killings'), and even suicide.

It results in social isolation, with the survivor withdrawing from public life, including their family and friends. Girls skip or drop out of school to avoid bullying connected to online genderbased violence, and women have guit

member of Global AMR Media Alliance (GAMA) and Asia Pacific Media Alliance for Health and Development.

The National Commission and the Indonesian Press Council stated that women journalists in Indonesia face a high risk of experiencing both offline

her children behind" - another grim reminder of serious consequences of virtual violence.

Online attack against gender diverse peoples in Timor-Leste

Cyber-bullying and harassment is on the rise in Timor-Leste for girls.

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# SRINAGAR | Friday-12-January-2024

# DC B'pora Tours Main Market, Interacts With Traders

Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Shakeel Ul Rehman Rather, Thursday undertook a comprehensive inspection of the Main Market including Gulshan

multi-storey car parking and the S K Sports Stadium.

On the occasion, the DC interacted with shopkeepers and members of the market association, assessing their beautification of the Main Market, especially Gulshan

He emphasized the importance of maintaining cleanliness and hygiene, urging

able waste management practices. He also assured them of full support from administration in addressing infrastructural challenges and promoting beautification within the

under-construction multistorey car parking facility, a much-anticipated project aimed at alleviating traffic congestion in the town. He reviewed the progress of the construction work, urging

quality standards.

He also toured the S K Sports Stadium, where he took stock of the condition of the old pavilion besides proposed site for new pavilspectator experience.

The DC was accompanied by ADC Bandipora Umar Shafi Pandit, Tehsildar Bandipora Sheikh Tariq besides

## DEO Shopian Reviews Spl. Summary Revision

**GMK NEWS NETWORK** 

SHOPIAN: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Faz Lul Haseeb, who is also District Panchayat Election Officer Thursday, chaired a meeting of BLOs, VLWs to review the preparations for Revision of Panchayat Electoral Roll.

The meeting discussed various modalities for revision of Electoral roll.

The DC on the occasion, instructed officials to work dedicatedly and urged the participants to expedite the process of registrations with full efficiency and give 100% accuracy. He emphasised for door-to-door survey and said that no laxity of any kind will be tolerated in this regard.

Haseeb instructed the concerned to conduct revision strictly in accordance with the guidelines and complete the process within the given timelines. He also emphasized upon the concerned to take utmost care while making the addition of new voters/left out voters.

On the occasion, SDM, Zainapora, Mushtaq Ahmed insisted on making the electoral process voter friendly and assisting citizens at every stage for greater participation and said that the special camp dates should be made successful with good enrollment and making



voters informed and empowered.

Dy. DEO, Jahangir Ahmed explained the process and methodologies to be adopted for 100% coverage by door-to-door visit of the households and also briefed about the forms to be used during the revision process

He urged the PEBO's to take all the stakeholders on board by ensuring that no voter is left behind. It was also advised to the PEBO's to take help from assembly BLO's in identifying voters who are enrolled in mother roll but are not included in Panchayat roll and the same need to be included in Panchavat rolls.

It was urged that special focus should be given to PWD voters, migrant voters and senior citizens and other vulnerable sections of the society and special camps should be organised with much publicity.

The meeting was attended by SDM Zainapora, Mushtaq Ahmed, Dy.DEO, Jahangir Ahmed, BDOs, PEBO's and other concerned officers. officials of the election department.

# DC Kupwara, VC DDC Inaugurate Different Power Projects In Lolab

**GMK NEWS NETWORK** 

**KUPWARA:** Deputy Commissioner Kupwara Ayushi Sudan along with Vice Chairman DDC Kupwara, Haji Farooq Ahmad Mir Thursday visited various areas of Lolab sub division in district Kupwara during which they inaugurated different power augmentation projects and inspected developmental works.

At Receiving Station Krusan, the Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman inaugurated 11 ky VCB Panel and Segregation of 11 KV Wavoora Feeder under ADF 2023-24. They also inaugurated 11 kv VCB Panel and Segregation of 11 ky Potushai Feeder at Receiving Station Khumeriyal. Both of these projects were funded through Area Development Fund.



BDO, Tehsildar, Officers from KPDCL/STD and a large number of local people were present during these inaugura-

tions. Meanwhile, the people present on the occasion, expressed their gratitude towards the District Administration and hoped for better power supply in Later, the DC along

with Vice Chairman DDC visited NTPHC Lalpora and took stock of health care facilities available in the hospital. The Deputy Commissioner interacted with the people and the patients and enquired about the health services provided by the hospital.

#### FROM THE FRONT PAGE .....

Higher Reaches
maximum temperature in the month of

January was recorded today at 8.6 degree Celsius, which is 9.3 degree Celsius below lue the normal temperature. The all-time lowest maximum temperature in Jammu is 5 degree Celsius recorded in 1986.

In Srinagar, the maximum temperature of 13.0 degree Celsius was recorded today while Qazigund recorded 12.2 degree Celsius.

The other parts of Kashmir also recorded a rise in the maximum temperature.

However, the night temperature continued to settle below freezing point in the Valley with Srinagar recording a low of minus 5.0

Qazigund, the gateway of Kashmir recorded a low of minus 4.6 degree Celsius while Gulmarg, a famous ski resort, has recorded a low of minus 3.5 degrees Celsius.

Pahalgam, a famous tourist place, recorded a minimum temperature of minus 6.3 degree Celsius. In Kupwara, the mercury settled at minus 5.3 degree Celsius while in Kokernag. a minimum temperature of minus 2.4 degree Celsius was recorded—(KNO)

zero tolerance for human rights viola-

tions in J&K. "Clear cut directions have been

issued to the army to act in a professional manner. Our operations against the terror-

ists will continue relentlessly," he said. "In year 2023, the army recorded 20 casualties

in Jammu. There are some tactical lessons for (us) and we are studying the methods

used by our adversary." About the Kashmir

situation, the Army chief said that the nor-

malcy is returning and the terrorism activi-

ties have witnessed a significant dip. Despite

the ceasefire being intact, the army saw con-

tinuous infiltration attempts that were foiled

along LoC, he said. "On the international

border, narco-smuggling attempts also con-

tinued. The rise in tourism indicates a posi-

tive change in J&K. The Army is working

with other security agencies to ensure peace

that the talks are taking place at various

levels—at the diplomatic and military level.

There are positive result.... The talks are

held frequently," he said when asked about

the result of the ongoing talks. "Currently,

our endeavour is to go back to the 2020 status-

quo. Once we achieve that, we may look at

that they have got good feedback from across

the board. "This scheme came after consulta-

tions and we have taken into account what-

ever issues popped up. We need to move for-

ward. There are a few challenges in terms of

training that are being looked into. These are largely management issues," he said. "Ang-

inveers are being imparted quality training

ting up of a separate corps to meet the drone

challenges, the Army chief said that enough

measures have been taken to counter drone

threats and challenges. "We have procured

adequate counter-drone equipment and the

soldiers are getting high-quality training to

said in reply to a query. "At present we have

a very robust counter-drone equipment/

Army Rolls Out 5-G Ready Handset: The

address and counter-drone challenges,'

Counter Drone Equipment: Ruling out set-

On Agnipath Scheme: The Army chief said

To find the resolution is an ongoing process.

On Indo-China talks: The army chief said

prevails," he said.

troop-reduction etc.

across the country.

mechanism in place.'

**Terror Activities** 

#### tioning," he said, adding that the 2024 will be a year of technology for the army—(KNO)

Army Chief said that under the army mobile

ecosystem, 5-G ready handset will be rolled out for the soldiers. "These sets will have all security features and by the middle of this

year, we will be able to roll out 35000 such

sets. Some 2500 such sets are already func-

LG Flags Off Exposure
his good wishes for the 5-day visit which will include a 3-day stay at IIT Kanpur and also the visit to Regional Science City Luc-

The visit will provide an opportunity to students to learn about the latest technologies like robotics, IT arena, Artificial Intelligence etc and research being conducted by IIT Kanpur. Students can also explore various career opportunities available in the

field of Engineering and Technology.
Under the exposure visit, an MoU has been signed with IIT Kanpur by Samagra Shiksha,

On their return, the students will also visit India Gate, Rashtrapati Bhavan, Red Fort and

Dr. Piyush Singla, Secretary to Government, School Education Department and senior officers of Samagra Shiksha were also

J&K under the aegis of School Education Department.

other historical places at New Delhi.

## LG Reviews Dev, saturation of government schemes, imple-

mentation of Holistic Agriculture Development Programme and promotion of tourism. He directed the district administrations to

ensure saturation of schemes in all border villages and to connect youth of all Panchayats to self-employment and entrepreneurship opportunities.

The Lt Governor further instructed the officials to prepare regular outcome reports of Block Diwas, Thana Diwas and other Jan-Abhiyan programmes. Quality disposal of grievances and effective delivery of public services should be the priority of the administration at all levels, he said.

The meeting was attended by Sh Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; Sh Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Sh R K Goyal, Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department; Sh R R Swain, DGP, other senior officers. Administrative Secretaries; DIGs, Deputy Commissioners and SSPs.

General Manager, SBI and officers of line departments and other distinguished digni-

Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, while addressing the event, commended NABARD in finalizing the Union Territory's focus paper for 2024-25 and highlighted suggestions in the presentations, as given by NABARD. He urged upon all stakeholders to synergize their endeavors for collectively realizing the credit potential outlined in the UT Focus Paper for the fiscal vear 2024-25.

Bhallamudi Sridhar, Chief General Manager (CGM), NABARD, Jammu & Kashmir, highlighted the pivotal role of NABARD in development of Jammu and Kashmir. In his address, CGM, NABARD emphasized on the need to boost priority sector credit through meticulous planning, credit delivery, monitoring and collaboration with diverse stake-

"The focus of NABARD will be on community-based business entities like Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), cooperatives, SHG federations etc. Similarly, harnessing the potential of horticulture crops such as Walnut, Saffron and Apple through area expansion and productivity improvement will be of special significance and focus area for NABARD", he added.

Sridhar assured that efforts will be directed towards creating a conducive ecosystem for promotion of Handloom and Handicraft products through Off-Farm Producers Organizations (OFPOs), Marketing Assistance, and Geographic Indication (GI) registration. He said that the Primary Agriculture Credit Societies (PACS) are being computerized on priority basis and efforts are on for their transformation to multifunctional societies.

A presentation was given by the CGM on the issues, challenges and status of KCC dis-bursement across the 20 districts of UTs. The presentation was based on the primary data collected by the NABARD officers from 5000farmers in 175 blocks of 20 districts

Anamika, General Manager, NABARD, Jammu & Kashmir, made a presentation on the trends in ground level credit flow in priority sector and the potential estimated by NABARD in 2024-25. She also highlighted the priorities for rural development to be emphasized by the NABARD in 2024-25.

On the occasion, Shahid Iqbal Choudhary also released a compendium titled "NAB-ARD's Intervention on the Field" along with a booklet titled "Indicative Unit Cost for Investment in Agriculture and Allied Activities for 2023-24"

Sandeep Sharma, General Manager, NABARD, presented vote of thanks and assured that with support and cooperation of UT Government and all other stakeholders, NABARD will strive to achieve the set

## Farooq Abdullah Skips The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)

is also probing the scam in which huge funds of the JKCA were funneled out to parties not even remotely connected with the bona fide use of these funds.

Week-Long Road

officials said that a series of events and initiatives are planned throughout the week to engage the community and promote responsible road behavior.

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Traffic, Srinagar City, while speaking to the media, highlighted the alarming rise in road accidents and stressed the importance of fostering a culture of adherence to traffic rules. "The campaign aims to educate citizens

about the significance of road safety, including the proper use of helmets, seat belts, and adherence to speed limits," he said. Students from various Colleges said that

being a part of the inaugural programme was insightful for them and that everyone should play his or her part of driving discipline. Transport officials said that various inter-

active sessions and awareness drives will be organized across the city.

The traffic police official further said that the week-long initiative also involves deploying additional personnel for intensified traffic checks, ensuring strict enforcement of traffic rules—(KNO)

**PM Modi Hands** 

in the country.

On this occasion, Union Minister of Minority Affairs Smriti Irani, Syed Farid Nizami (Nizamuddin Auliya Dargah), Salman Chishti (Ajmer Sharif), party national vice president Tariq Mansoor, Delhi Haj Committee chairman Kausar Jahan, and Sufi Hazrat from Nagpur, Ahmedabad Jammu and Kashmir were present at the Prime Minister's resi-

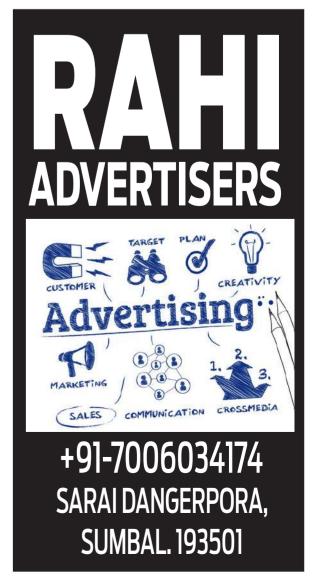
BJP Minority Morcha's national media incharge Yasir Jilani informed that PM Modi has sent flowers and 'Chadar of Aqidat' to be offered on the occasion of Urs of Khwaja

He said, "Tomorrow we will head for Ajmer Dargah from Mehrauli Dargah and will present the Chadar at Ajmer Dargah on Satur-

Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti is a Persianorigin Sunni Muslim philosopher and religious scholar who is considered one of the most outstanding saints of the Indian subcontinent. He is also known as Garib Nawaz.

Chishti was born in Sijistan (modern-day Sistan) in Iran in 1141-42 CE. He came to the Indian subcontinent in the 13th century and settled in Ajmer, Rajasthan. He founded and spread the Chishti Order of Sunni Islam in the Indian subcontinent.

The Chishti Order emphasised the doctrine of the unity of being with God and members of the order were also pacifists. Chishti made Ajmer his home from 1192 till his death in 1236 AD. The shrine was built by Mughal King Humayun in honour of this saint. (ANI)



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### **NATIONAL**



# Rajnath calls on Sunak during UK visit, discuss enhancing defence ties

NEW DELHI: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh called on British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak at 10 Downing Street, London, said officials on Thursday, adding that both discussed enhancing defence ties between the two countries.

The meeting took place on Wednesday during which Singh recalled the recent enhancement in bilateral defence engagement, spanning joint exercises, training, capability building, increased interoperability and military-to-military ties especially in the maritime

Sunak fully agreed with Rajnath Singh on the need for UK and India to work in the domains of trade, defence and technology. In particular, he expressed hope that the ongoing Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations could be brought to a successful conclusion soon. He was keen to bloster defence and security pillar of India-UK ties, officials said.

Sunak also underlined his keenness, and that of his government, to strengthen the defence and security pillar of the bilateral relationship, including through government backing for stronger business and technology partnerships with



Indian counterpart entities, a Ministry of Defence (MoD) official added.

The Ministry of Defence said that Singh emphasised the ongoing efforts to enhance defence industrial cooperation, including in the technology domain.

The meeting was warm and cordial, said the official, adding that the Defence Minister highlighted that both nations have made significant strides in moulding and recrafting the historic ties into a modern, multifaceted and mutually beneficial partnership, under the direction of the leaders of

both the countries. According to the MoD, Rajnath Singh briefed Sunak about his positive interactions with the UK defence industry and the new positive energy in the bilateral

defence relationship. The Defence Minister stated that the UK and other like-minded countries should work with India for strengthening a peaceful and stable global rules-based order, including through partnering India in its inexorable rise, which can be strengthened, reinforced and speeded up with friendly collaboration.

Rajnath Singh further stated that at the international level, the Government of India is ready to partner with friends like the UK to strengthen the rule-based world order.

Singh gifted a Ram Darbar statue to the UK PM during the meeting, which was also attended by UK National Security Adviser (NSA) Sir Tim Barrow.

Singh also met with the UK's Foreign Minister Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office. The Ministers appreciated the new momentum and direction of the India-UK partnership, symbolised by intense engagements at various levels, the official said.

The India Defence Minister outlined his goal of integrating defence industries of both countries, including through supply chain integration to build resilience. He also emphasised the importance of bilateral startup level interaction, and identification and discussion of joint projects which India and UK could implement together.

Foreign Secretary Cameron reiterated the UK government's desire to collaborate with India in the defence areas, particularly in the field of defence industrial collaboration, as one of the means by which the UK hopes to strengthen the support for a rule-based international order, official added.

Later. Singh interacted with the Indian community at India House, London. Over 160 prominent persons of Indian origin attended the interaction. A number of Indian military ex-servicemen, including few family members of World War II veterans, were also present.

## PM Modi to inaugurate National Youth Festival, hold road show in Nashik

NASHIK: The stage is set for Prime Minister Narendra Modi to inaugurate the 27th National Youth Festival (NYF) and hold a 1.2 km long road show, here on Friday, an official said on Thursday.

The 27th NYF shall be inaugurated by PM Modi at Tapovan Maidan to mark the 161st birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda (Jan 12, 1863-July 4, 1902), in the presence of other top state and national leaders.

The road show will start from the Mirchi Circle to the Janardhan Swami Math Chowk on the Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar-Nashik Highway along with a cultural show in which over 1,50,000 people are expected to participate. Organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs in collaboration with other departments, the NYF theme this year is 'MyBharat-ViksitBharat@2047 - By the Youth, For the Youth' to herald the aspirations of the youth for India's future.

Besides Nashik, 750 districts and major cities will host various events like road safety, cultural pro-

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grammes and events showcasing India's diverse heritage, to foster a spirit of national unity and progress among the youth.

The NYF will feature informative stalls and awareness drives by various ministries, departments and districts covering topics nutrition, traffic rules, KVIC start-up initiatives, empowering young minds with knowledge and actionable insights, among others.

The Nashik administration and police have completed elaborate preparations and security for the mega-event, the district has been declared 'drone-free' till January 16, the route for the road-show has been inspected with strict norms for entry to the venues.

#### **UP STF arrests brother of** ISI agent from Shamli

IANS

LUCKNOW: The UP Special Task Force (STF) on Thursday arrested Tehseem, brother of ISI agent Kaleem, who was arrested in August last year, from the state's Shamli.

According to STF officials, Tehseem of Shamli, accused of being in contact with ISI agents, was arrested by the police and STF in a joint action.

The accused is being questioned by the police and raids are being conducted in search of absconding gang members.

Kaleem, a resident of Barf Wali Gali, was arrested by the STF on August 17 on the charges of being an agent of Pakistan's intelligence agency ISI.

He had been absconding after his brother's arrest.

A report was lodged by STF Inspector Prashant Kapil in the city police station against Kaleem, his brother Tehseem a.k.a. Mota and Yusuf Shamsi, resident of Saharanpur. Tehseem was also in contact with ISI and had sent photos of India's military areas and other places on WhatsApp.

According to the police, Tehseem was also wanted in the fake note case. He used to supply fake notes in Shamli and surrounding districts.

## SRINAGAR MUNICIPAL CORPOR

#### **OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RIGHT RIVER WORKS DIVISION**

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**FRESH SHORT TERM** 

Dated: 10.01.2024

For and on behalf of the Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Commissioner, e-tenders are invited on a percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the below mentioned works.

S. No.	Name of the Work	Adv. cost in lacs	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Cost of tender documents	Time of Completion	Head of Account	Class of contractor	AA order No	T.S. Order No. dated
1	Construction of drain by way of MS pipes &tileing from H/O Ab Hamid Wani to Dr.Ali Jan Road at Zoonimar	9.98	19960	300	6 Weeks	City Grants 2023-2024	CEE/DEE	Order No. 1501 of 2023 dated: 13.11.2023	583 21- 12-23
2	Construction of lane from main road to land of Mehraj-Ud-Din Bhat & lane of Late Mohammad Sideeq Bhat at Moti Mohalla Shalimar	2.90	5800	203	4 weeks	URBAN DE- VELOPMENT 2023-2024	DEE	Order No. 1569 of 2023 dated: 21.11.2023	584 21- 12-23
3	Constt of protection bund near the Masjid sharief at Dar Mohalla Chatterhama W-No.73	3.34	6680	201	4 Weeks	URBAN DE- VELOPMENT 2023-2024	DEE	Order No. 1569 of 2023 dated: 21.11.2023	585 21- 12-23
4	Constt of Lane from graveyar to H/o Lt. Peer Mohammad Sdidiq Colony at Wanihama W.No.67	4.06	8120	206	4 Weeks	URBAN DE- VELOPMENT 2023-2024	DEE	Order No. 1569 of 2023 dated: 21.11.2023	586 21- 12-23
5	Construction of Footpath and near H/o Mohammad ShafiBota at Bota Mohalla AbiKarpora	0.89	1780	200	2 Weeks	URBAN DE- VELOPMENT 2023-2024	DEE	Order No. 1569 of 2023 dated: 21.11.2023	587 21- 12-23
6	Construction of tile path from H/o Ab. Salam Kutoo Wadi Mohalla to Mulfaq Ahal via Mavs Canal at Chatterhama	2.08	4160	201	4 Weeks	URBAN DE- VELOPMENT 2023-2024	DEE	Order No. 1569 of 2023 dated: 21.11.2023	588 21- 12-23
7	Constt of Lane from link road to H/O Abdul Hamid & Gulam qadir Mir at Pati Qureg Batpora	1.20	2400	204	2 Weeks	URBAN DE- VELOPMENT 2023-2024		Order No. 1569 of 2023 dated: 21.11.2023	589 21- 12-23
8	Improvement / upgradation of link Firdous colony main near masjid Taqwa onwards at Eidgah	22.04	44080	800	8 Weeks	City Grants 2023-2024	BCC/CEE	Order No. 1501 of 2023 dated: 13.11.2023	590 21- 12-23
Position of AAA: Accorded, Technical Sanction: Accorded									

**Executive Engineer** 

**Right River Works Division** 

**Srinagar Municipal Corporation** 

The NIeT consists of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q) set of terms and conditions of contract other details

can be seen/ downloaded from the departmental website <u>www.jktenders.gov.in</u> as per the date schedule given below:-						
S. No.	Particulars	Date from to				
1	Date of publication of e-portal	10.1.2024				
2	Date of Downloading of bid documents for said e-NIT	10.1.2024 from 06:00 PM				
3	Date of uploading of bid document / bid submission starts	10.1.2024 from 06:00 PM				
4	Date of uploading of bid document/ bid submission Ends	24.1.2024 at 06:00 PM				
5	Date of Bid opening	25.01.2024 at 11:00 AM				
6	Date of Submission of Uploaded documents (Hard Copies) by Successful Bidder including Bid Security (CDR/FDR), Tender document fee.	26.01.2024 up to 04:00 PM				
Note: - (The Date of EMD/Challan must be from the date of start of bid upto Bid Submission End date,						

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS** 

The intending tenders should attach a call deposit receipt equivalent to 2% of the advertised cost / total cost of the work shown against each work pledged to the Executive Engineer Right River Works Division, SMC, drawn from any scheduled Bank without which no tender will be entertained. Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in the shape of Bank Receipt / challan as a tender fee paid in the Municipal Account No. 021601020000007 payable at J&K Bank Branch Dood Ganga Balgarden, Srinagar payable at Srinagar (with NIT No and Serial No of work mentioned and Division name Viz RRWD) and Earnest Money/ bid security in the shape of CDR/FDR (The date of Bank Receipt/ Challan and earned money/hid security should be between the date of start of hid and Bid Submission End date). The tender fees is non-refundable and can also be paid through online mode via NEFT/RTGS in favour of F./A/ Chief Accounts officer, Srinagar Municipal Corporation with Bank Details as

given below: Name of the Bank: -Jammu and Kashmir Bank Ltd. Branch: -Balgarden, Srinagar 0216010200000007

Bank Account No: -**JAKAOGARDEN** IFSC code: MICR CODE: 190051008

Any payment for Tenders fees through online mode shall necessarily mention the following information. (Sender Name, Account No of Sender/ Beneficiary, Transaction ID, Reference ID, Transaction date and time, The Remarks should necessarily mention NIT NO, SNO and RRWD viz. NIT 03. SNO. 10. RRWD) For one particular work, only one bank Receipt / challan (not more than one) of the exact amount of tender fees (neither lesser nor greater) as

shown against that particular work must be paid and uploaded with the tenders. The same tender fees paid and uploaded for a particular work should not be again used/uploaded for any other work in the NIeT (i.e. one Bank Receipt / Bank Challan for one work only) Tender Fee and other relevant documents including Bid security (CDR/FDR) duly filled up, if found uploaded, with any ambiguity or un-attested

correction/over writing for any work such tender /bid shall be considered as invalid bid and shall be out rightly rejected and action under rules shall be initiated. Further use of pencil in writing (NIT No and S. No) on tender fees and EMD must be avoided.

The participating agencies/ contractors are advised in their own interest not to resort to any cheating while submitting and uploading the tender document Fees or any other document.

The bidders are requested to uploadfollowing documents:

EMD in the shape of CDR and FDR.

PAN Card.

Dated: - 10-01-24

DIPK-NB-5206-23

DT: 11/01/2024

Registration card and its latest renewal

Verification of Registration Card from competent Authority Latest GST clearance.

Correspondence Address of the Agency with active Mobile No. Bank Account details (16-digit Bank Account No, Branch office, IFSC code)

Any other document required to be uploaded as per the NIeT.

The date and time of opening of bids shall be notified on website www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an E-mail message on their email address. The bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online on the same website in the office of the Executive Engineer, Right River Works Division, SMC (Regal Lane, Lal Chowk, Srinagar) or in the office of the Informatics officer, SMC (Karan Nagar Srinagar). In case of holidays/ offices happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids, or there is any Net problem the same will be opened

on the next working day at the same time and venue. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of technical bids.

The lowest successful bidder has to furnish 5% of the contract value/ allotted cost cost as performance security in the shape of CDR/FDR immediately after opening of tenders. .The performance security required as per NIT conditions shall be released after DLP is successfully over. Earnest money in the shape of CDR/FDR shall be released after performance security is received. The earnest money in favour of the unsuccessful bidder

shall be released only after submission of Bank Receipts/challans.

The earnest money shall be forfeited, if: -Any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender during the period of bid validity or makes any Modifications to the terms and conditions of the bid.

Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.

Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.

Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process No: SMC/EERRWD/ 2185-90

#### **LUCKNOW:** In view of the fact that the newly inaugurated Ayodhya airport will witness unprecedented rush on January 22 when

follow 'drop-and-move'

Ayodhya airport to

the Pran Pratishtha ceremony takes place at the Ram temple, concerned officials have decided to adopt the 'drop-and-move'

Airports Authority of India (AAI) engineering incharge and project director Ayodhya Airport Rajeev Kulshreshta said, "We have completed all the civil and technical work inside the airport and only final touches are being given to the rest of work. However, on January 22 only about 100 flights (coming and going) would be accommodated. The airport is meticulously managing influx of these flights, mostly of VVIPs, by allocating tight time slots for both landing and take-off, necessitating efficient coordination to avoid congestion. It would be a drop and move affair for all the aircraft as we have limited parking facil-

ity in Ayodhya. The Ayodhya airport is preparing to handle the January 22 rush on a war footing. Requests for more than 200 flights (chartered and private) have been received by the airport authorities but only about 110 can be accommodated on that day.

A senior official of the Airports Authority of India (AAI) said, "Ayodhya airport is gearing up to handle more than 100 flights (coming and going included) on January 22, with over 200 flight requests pouring in, comprising both chartered and private flights." Director, Ayodhya air-

port Vinod Kumar said, "To handle the overflow, designated parking spaces in nearby airports such as Prayagraj, Kushinagar, Varanasi and Gorakhpur are being utilized. All these aircraft have been given parking slots at different nearby airports like Varanasi, Gorakhpur, Kushinagar and Prayagraj. This strategic approach aims to

policy on Jan 22 alleviate the pressure on Ayodhya airport, ensuring a smooth flow of air

> An official of Air Traffic Control said on condition of anonymity, "Strict adherence to allocated time slots is crucial, as any delay in reaching the airport on time may lead to the cancellation of landing permission or, at least result, in extended wait

time in airspace. This comprehensive preparation reflects the airport's ability to manage the flight operations effectively, at the same time safeguarding operational efficiency and minimizing disruptions during this anticipated rush on January 22.

He said, "The airport has a 2,200 metres long and 45 metres wide runway which can handle landing and take-off of Airbus A320, ATR-72 and Bombardier private jets. In the second phase the airport would be opened for international flights with the expansion of the runway to 3,200 metres. For night landing, we have IFR (Instrument Flight Rules) and CAT-1 landing facility for landing during fog. Under CAT I facility, the aircraft can land even when the visibility is as low as 60 metres.'

The 848-metre-long threshold has also been created which is in addition to the 2.200-metrelong runway. For commercial aircraft operations from Ayodhya airport, the runway has Doppler Very High Frequency Omni Range (DVOR), a homing gate system which is a standard International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) ground-based radio navigational aid besides having Instrument Landing System (ILS)

This is the most modern technology used for giving information to aircraft to define air traffic control routes for landing and take-off and its further

journey. This technology helps in terminal and instrument approach and departure procedures of the aircraft.

## PM Modi to inaugurate India's longest sea bridge today



IANS

NEW DELHI: Minister Narendra Modi will visit Maharashtra on Friday where he will hold a series of events, including the inauguration of the 21.8-km Mumbai Trans Harbour Link (MTHL), which will connect Sewri in South Mumbai to Chirle

near Navi Mumbai. The Mumbai Trans Harbour link (MTHL), now named as 'Atal Bihari Vajpayee Sewari - Nhava Sheva Atal Setu' is the longest bridge and also the longest sea bridge constructed in India. The foundation stone of the bridge was also laid by the Prime Minister Modi in Decem-

ber, 2016. The PMO said that 'Atal Setu' has been constructed at a total cost of more than Rs 17,840 crore, is about 21.8 km long 6-lane bridge having about 16.5 km length over sea and about 5.5 km on the land.

It will provide faster connectivity to Mumbai International Airport and Navi Mumbai International Airport and will also reduce the travel time from Mumbai to Pune, Goa and South India. It will also improve connectivity between Mumbai Port and Jawaharlal Nehru Port, officials added.

The PM will also inaugurate, dedicate to the nation and lay the foundation stone of multiple development projects worth more than Rs 12,700 crore in the public programme in Navi Mumbai. The Prime Minister

will lay the foundation stone of the underground road tunnel connecting Eastern Freeway's Orange Gate to Marine Drive. The 9.2 km tunnel will be built at a cost of more than Rs 8.700 crore and will be a significant infrastructure development in Mumbai which will reduce travel

Prime added The Prime Minister will dedicate Phase 1 of the Surva regional bulk drinking water project to the Nation. The project, developed at a cost of more than Rs 1,975 crore will provide drinking water supply to the Palghar and Thane district of Maharashtra,

> population, officials added. During the programme, the Prime Minister will dedicate about Rs 2,000 crore railway projects to the Nation. These include the dedication of 'Phase 2 of Uran-Kharkopar railway line' which will enhance connectivity to Navi Mumbai as suburban services running between Nerul/Belapur to Kharkopar will now be extended

> benefiting about 14 lakh

time between Orange Gate

and Marine Drive, officials

to Uran. Other rail projects that will be dedicated to the Nation include a new suburban station 'Digha Gaon' on the Thane-Vashi/ Panvel Trans-harbour line and the new 6th Line between Khar Road & Goregaon railway station. The projects will benefit the thousands of daily commuters in Mumbai.

According to the PMO, the Prime Minister will inaugurate 'Bharat Ratnam' (Mega Common Facilitation Centre) for Gems and Jewellery sector at Santacruz Electronic Export Processing Zone-Special Economic Zone (SEEPZ SEZ).

It is first of its kind in India with the best available machines in the world, including 3D Metal printing. This will house a training school for skilling of workforce for this sector, including speciallyabled students. The Mega CFC will transform the export sector in Gems and Jewellery trade and will help the domestic manufacturing also.

### **NEWS**



## MP Khatana commends **Govt's Developmental** Initiatives in J&K

BARAMULLA: In a significant address at the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra program held at Government Higher Secondary School, Pattan, Member Parliament (MP) Rajya Sabha, Er. Gulam Ali Khatana Thursday lauded the efforts of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led central government in the comprehensive rebuilding and development of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

During his speech, MP Khatana underscored the remarkable progress witnessed in the region's infrastructure, attributing it to the steadfast commitment of the government. He highlighted ongoing projects that have played a pivotal role in reshaping the landscape of Jammu and Kashmir, with several

nearing completion. In an impassioned plea to the local community, MP Khatana urged citizens to actively engage



in the reconstruction of what he termed as "Naya Kashmir" (New Kashmir). He expressed optimism, noting the improved situation in Kashmir and citing statistics of over 2 crore tourists visiting the region in the past year. He also commended the groundbreaking decision to host the G20 meet in Kashmir.

Anticipating the completion of the Railway project for Kashmir in the near future, MP Khatana highlighted its significance in connecting the Valley with the rest of India, fostering economic and cultural

Enumerating key developmental initiatives, Khat-

ana detailed ongoing road infrastructure projects, power initiatives, and the concerted effort to boost tourism in previously unexplored areas. Encouraging citizens to avail themselves of various government schemes, Khatana stressed their potential to uplift the common masses.

Post his address, MP Gulam Ali Khatana actively engaged with the public, inspecting stalls set up by government departments to disseminate information public awareness of government initiatives.

#### on implemented schemes. This gesture exemplified his commitment to transparency and ensuring

## Katra earns recognition as 'Best Clean City within Union UT'

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KATRA: In a significant milestone, Katra has been honored as the "Best Clean City within Union Territory" with population 1,00,000, showcasing its commitment to environmental sustainability and community well being.

The Holy Town was conferred the honour at Swachh Survekshan 2023 awards ceremony held today at Bharat Mandapam, Convention Center in New Delhi.

This prestigious accolade is a testament to the tireless efforts put in to maintain highest standards of cleanliness, implementing effective waste management practices and fostering a sense of civic responsibility among its residents.

Key highlights contributing to this achievement include innovative waste disposal initiatives and a sustained community awareness campaign. The award was received by Puneet Sharma, Director, Urban Local Bodies, Jammu alongwith Rajat Abrol, Chief Executive Officer, Municipal Committee, Katra and Nitin Sharma, Sanitary Inspector, Municipal Committee, Katra.

JAMMU: Secretary Health & Medical Education, Dr.

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Syed Abid Rasheed Shah Thursday conducted a surprise inspection at Shri Maharaja Gulab Singh (SMGS) Hospital to assess the medical facilities provided there.

Accompanied by Principal GMC Jammu & Associated Hospitals, Dr. Ashutosh Gupta, Medical Superintendent SMGS Hospital, Dr. Dara Singh, EXEN, Heads of Departments, Senior Professors, Doctors, Paramedics, and other stakeholders, Dr. Abid Rasheed in detailed examined various departments.

The Secretary's inspec-



tion covered ENT Head & Neck Surgery wards, NICU, Triage, Ayushman Bharat facilitation center, ICU of Gynecology & Obstetrics, and MICU.

During his visit, Dr. Rasheed actively engaged with patients, their attendants, doctors, and paramedics, seeking valuable

feedback on the quality of

services and healthcare facilities at the hospital.

Addressing the medical professionals, he emphasized the importance of promptly addressing any issues flagged by the staff. The Secretary assured that the government considers the health sector a top priority and is committed to resolving identified concerns.

Dr. Abid Rasheed also inspected the new block building, assessing key infrastructure components such as the oxygen plant, laundry, and parking space. He issued onthe-spot instructions to

and mechanical engineering aspects. Highlighting the hospi-

prioritize works in civil

expressed optimism about its growth. Dr. Rasheed inspected a 240-bedded maternity hospital and directed executive agencies to complete pending work within stipulated time, pledging enhanced maternity care services for the population of Jammu division.

The Secretary also reaffirmed the administration's commitment to delivering the best possible treatment and health facilities to the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

The department continues to work tirelessly towards this goal, striving for excellence in healthcare provision, he added.

### Prerna Puri chairs public darbar in Budgam

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BUDGAM: Commissioner Secretary, Information Technology, Prerna Puri, Thursday visited Budgam and presided over a public darbar to take stock of public issues besides reviewing developmental activities in the district.

Deputy Commissioner, Akshay Labroo, Additional District Development Commissioner, Dr. Akhramullah Tak, Assistant Commissioner Development, Sub District Magistrates, Executive Engineers of different wings besides other district and sectorial officers were present on the occasion.

The locals from different villages and towns, social activists, youth delegations and other prominent figures participated im the event and raised issues concerning their respective areas besides giving their suggestions on further streamlining of government functioning.

Addressing the public

darbar, the Commissioner Secretary exhorted upon the district administration for ensuring timely resolution of public issues besides extending prompt service delivery to common masses

Prerna Puri said that aim of conducting this people friendly event is to bridge gap between the administration and the people ensuring effective implementation of all government programs and policies. She said such events provide opportunities for government representatives and general public to share the same platform, listen to each other and discuss things threadbare to take them to their logical end.

Commissioner Secretary appreciated the district administration Budgam for its commitment towards sustainable development of the area specifically beautification of Budgam. She hoped that the administration shall continue to work with same spirit ensuring holistic development of all towns of the district.

# REMEMBRANCE DR. GULZAR SAHIB

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