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Div Com visits Integrated Control & Command Centre, HMT

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SRINAGAR: With the official commencement of holy pilgrimage of Shri Amarnathji Yatra 2024, the Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri Friday visited Integrated Control & Command Centre HMT, Srinagar to assess the readiness of the centre to help in the smooth and successful conduct of yatra.

During his visit, Div Com interacted with the officers and officials, and enquired about the preparations by their respective departments for ensuring comfortable journey of pilgrims.

He instructed designated officers to keep themselves updated with the logistics and responsibilities of their departments at base camps to provide devotees regular and timely services.



With respect to proper surveillance of both the axis to holy Cave, Div Com directed concerned officers to keep strict vigil over the movement of yatra convoys besides other establishments including base

camps. In order to combat any eventuality or disaster during the period of Amarnath yatra through rapid response for rescue operation, Div Com asked all the officers to keep their men, machinery and logistics in a standby state to mitigate impact of hazards.

He emphasized on close synergy and coordination among the departments to deliver services efficiently and effectively.

Moreover, he directed Incharge ICC, Zahoor Ahmad Magray to ensure all the facilities to the staff deployed for yatra duty at the Control Centre.

Among others present on the occasion were Director Animal Husbandry, Chief Engineer I&FC, ADC Srinagar, Nodal Officer Yatra, officers of NDRF, SDRF, CRPF, Police, Traffic, Tourism, Information, Health, FCS&CA, ULB, etc.

SANJAY-2024

First batch of Amarnath pilgrims received warmly by DC Srinagar

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SRINAGAR: In a gesture of hospitality, the first batch of Shri Amarnathji Yatra pilgrims was received by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat, as they reached Pantha Chowk in Srinagar on Friday.

The inaugural group of pilgrims embarking on the sacred Amarnath Yatra was greeted with an enthusiastic reception from local authorities.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Srinagar



Ashish Kumar Mishra, and other civil and police officials were present to extend their greetings to the pilgrims. "The Amarnath Yatra

is a significant event for us, and we are committed to ensuring the safety and comfort of all pilgrims," stated DC Srinagar. "We welcome all the devotees

with open hearts and are here to support them throughout their journey, he said.

The district administration has put in place comprehensive arrangements to ensure the smooth conduct of the Yatra. The elaborate preparations include enhanced security measures, medical facilities, and logistical support to cater to the needs of the pilgrims, DC said.

He said the pilgrims can embark on their spiritual journey to the Amarnath cave with the assurance that the local authorities are committed to their well-being and safety.

Much awaited Lolab Parallel Bypass thrown open for traffic

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KUPWARA: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan Friday opened the much awaited Lolab Parallel Bypass road for regular traffic, providing alternative road connection for smooth traffic flow around district head-quarter Kupwara.

DDC Member Drugmulla, Amina Majeed; SE R&B, Ram Lal; Executive Engineer R&B; AE, besides, a large number of people were present on the occasion.

The 1.273 km road which



was a long pending demand of the people of Lolab sub-division has been constructed at a cost of Rs.98 lakh by R&B Department.

The road will facilitate the Lolab bound vehicles in smooth movement towards Kupwara-Srinagar national highway and shall reduce

the traffic congestion around Kupwara bus stand.

Meanwhile, various stakeholders including civil society members and common people have expressed their gratitude towards District Administration Kupwara for resolving their long pending demand of the alternative bypass road which will reduce the suffering of commuters from unnecessary traffic mess.

Later, the DC inspected the newly constructed Marriage Hall at Zangli which has been completed at a cost of Rs.2.20 crore.

Dir Agri visits Pulwama, inaugurates hi-tech polygreen houses



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SRINAGAR: The Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal Friday visited different areas of Pulwama district including Kakpora, Tral, Noorpora, Dadsar, Padgampora, etc and took stock of the agriculture scenario in the district.

He also inaugurated hi-tech polyhouses under Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) at Kakpora.

While expressing his views on the occasion, Director Agriculture marked the importance of hi-tech polyhouse technology. He said this technology has transformed the agriculture scenario in the region, and the hi-tech polyhouses provided to the farmers by the department are becoming success stories.

Director said that the

good results coming out of these hi-tech poly houses help us attract young educated farmers towards this technology. He said that the department has established polyhouses in all the districts of Kashmir.

Iqbal said that the most important characteristic of polyhouse technology, enabling round the year vegetable production is making it popular among the farming community, agri-entrepreneurs of the region. Under HADP special attention has been given to boost this technology, he added.

Director also underlined the importance of integrated farming and asked the farmers to diversify their agricultural activities. He asked the farmers that the department would provide all the technical guidance to the farmers in comprehensively performing their agriculture operations.

DC Baramulla chairs DRAC meet; approves 72 RACs



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BARAMULLA: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa Friday chaired the District Rent Assessment Committee (DRAC) meeting, here to review and determine rent for private accommodations utilized by various government offices across the district.

During the meeting, a total of 73 Rent Assessment cases (RACs) were presented for assessment, out of which 72 were approved by the Committee.

The committee undertook a comprehensive assessment of rental agreements to ensure fairness and compliance with established norms. This initiative aims to optimize resource allocation and enhance cost-efficiency in government operations.

Following meticulous deliberations, adjustments were made to align rents

with prevailing market rates, reflecting the committee's commitment to prudent fiscal management and transparent governance practices.

Minga Sherpa underscored the importance of maintaining equitable rental arrangements that uphold accountability and facilitate uninterrupted service delivery by government departments in Baramulla District.

The DC expressed appreciation for the collaborative efforts of all stakeholders involved and reaffirmed the committee's dedication to fostering effective administration and public service excellence.

Chief Planning Officer, Superintending Engineer, District Social Welfare Officer, Dy SP Baramulla besides other concerned officers and stakeholders were present during the meeting.

DCA seals 6 Medical Shops at DH Pora

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KULGAM: In a bid to achieve a satisfactory level of compliance concerning the adoption of Computerized Billing Systems (CBS) within pharmacies and ascertain the quality parameters of drugs, the Drug Control Authority (DCA) today launched intensive inspections in far flung

areas of Yarikah, DK Marg and other areas of DH Pora of District Kulgam.

The inspections were carried out by a team of officials from Tehsil office DK Marg, Executive Magistrate (Tehsildar DHPora) besides other officials.

Strict directions were passed to the chemists of the area to install computerized billing systems in

their premises for bringing transparency in sale and purchase records.

On the occasion, nine drug samples were lifted to ascertain their quality parameters and six medical shops were sealed for violation of conditions of licenses and other norms.

Records of Schedule H/H1 drugs were checked on spot and several show cause

notices were issued where the discrepancy was found.

It is worthwhile to mention that the Drug Administration has adopted a zero tolerance approach in misuse of any habit forming drug, and has taken many stringent measures like launching prosecutions, suspension/ cancellation of licenses to deal with such incidents.

Jammu & Kashmir HAJ COMMITTEE

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NOTIFICATION

In continuation to this office notification dated:27-06-2023, the tentative arrival timing of Haj flights for 29th June and 1st July, 2024 (received from Spice Jet Airline) at Srinagar International Airport shall be as under: -

Sno.	Date of Departure from Srinagar	Date of Arrival at Srinagar Airport	Flight No.	Time of Arrival
1	16-05-2024	29-06-2024	SG-5129	03:20 PM
2	18-05-2024	01-07-2024	SG-5101	03:30 PM
3	18-05-2024	01-07-2024	SG-5301	05:10 PM

The relatives of the pilgrims desiring of receiving the pilgrims at airport can download the vehicle passes from our official website www.jkshc.org.

The flight timing for remaining flights shall be notified separately. No: Haj/2024/CS/274/31 Dated :28-06-2024

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Sd/- Executive Officer, J&K Haj Committee.

Union Territory Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B DIVISION BANDIPORA

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

e-NIT No.21/ET/R&B/Bandipora of 2024-25 Dated:- 28-06-2024. (Single Cover System)

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, UT J&K, e-tenders (In single cover system) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following work:-

S.No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rupees)	Earnest Money In Rs.	Time of completion	M.H of Account	Project Authority	Class of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Construction of Elementary 01 ACR at Govt Middle School T.A. Shah, Zone Bandipora, District Bandipora.	10.15	600 (indicate name of work with NIT serial no. on TR)	20300.00	60 Days	PAB 2023-24	(SAMAGRA) Education Department	"BEE" "CEE" "DEE"
2	Construction of Elementary 01 ACR at Govt Middle School Tanghat, Zone Quilmuqam, District Bandipora.	10.15	600 (indicate name of work with NIT serial no. on TR)	20300.00	60 Days	PAB 2023-24	(SAMAGRA) Education Department	"BEE" "CEE" "DEE"
3	Construction of Elementary 01 ACR at Govt. Boys Middle School Dachigam, Zone Bandipora, Distt. Bandipora	10.15	600 (indicate name of work with NIT serial no. on TR)	20300.00	60 Days	PAB 2023-24	(SAMAGRA) Education Department	"BEE" "CEE" "DEE"
4	Construction of Elementary 01 ACR at Govt Primary School Malikdaji, Zone Quil Muqam, District Bandipora.	10.15	600 (indicate name of work with NIT serial no. on TR)	20300.00	60 Days	PAB 2023-24	(SAMAGRA) Education Department	"BEE" "CEE" "DEE"
5	Construction of Elementary 01 ACR at Govt Middle School Ahamsharief, Zone Bandipora, District Bandipora.	10.15	600 (indicate name of work with NIT serial no. on TR)	20300.00	60 Days	PAB 2023-24	(SAMAGRA) Education Department	"BEE" "CEE" "DEE"
6	Construction of SR. Secondary ACR at Govt HR. Sec. School Arin, Zone Bandipora, District Bandipora.	17.51	800 (indicate name of work with NIT serial no. on TR)	35200.00	60 Days	PAB 2023-24	(SAMAGRA) Education Department	"BEE" "CEE"
7	Construction of Sr. Secondary Strengthening 02 ACR at Govt Boys Higher Sec. School Chuntimulla, Zone Bandipora, District Bandipora.	34.95	1100 (indicate name of work with NIT serial no. on TR)	69900.00	90 Days	PAB 2022-23.	(SAMAGRA) Education Department	"AAY" "BEE"

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

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	28-06-2024.
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	28-06-2024. from 02:00 PM
3	Bid submission Start Date.	29-06-2024. from 10:00 AM
4	Bid Submission End Date.	04-07-2024 upto 4.00 P.M.
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	05-07-2024 at 10.00 A.M in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Bandipora.

2. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Bandipora (tender inviting authority) (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of bid and Bid Submission End date)

3. All bidders have to submit/upload 2% EMD of Advertised cost in shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Bandipora

4. The 1st lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 5% of contract as performance security in shape of CDR/FDR Pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Bandipora within 02 Days before fixation of contract and shall be released after completion of DLP.

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

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

7. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

7.1 Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process.

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

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

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

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

8. All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form) and detailed NIT issued.

9. Treasury Challan should indicate tender document cost deposit in-between commencement date and end date of NIT, Name of work, Advt. Cost, NIT No. and Tender inviting authority.

10. For drawing of agreement of the contract and memorandum of an agreement relating to sake of bill of exchange one rupee for Rs.10,000/- or part thereof shall have to be realized/deposited by the Contractor at his own to revenue Head of Accts.0030/ Stamps of Deputy Commissioner Stamps J&K UT.

11. The successful bidder who fails to submit original copies of uploaded documents especially 2% / (EMD) security performance of NIT. Advt. Cost within five days after opening of Bid shall be debarred from participating in future tendering for a period of one year in this Department as per instructions and reference of clause 2.20.5.

12. Bidders should be fully cognizant that if the documents uploaded/submitted on the basis of which the contract was awarded are later discovered to be fake/not genuine, the contract will be cancelled and the Contractor/bidder will be blacklisted from participating in this Division/ Department for a period of three years, in addition to the performance security deposited for the said work being forfeited.

13. MSME/Start up Card holders should mandatorily be registered on JKPWDOMS for making online payments, which is mandatory to upload with BID, non submission of the same shall be rendered the Bid non responsive.

14. All other terms, conditions are as per PWD Form-25 (Double agreement)

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Glad to have attended an event organised by civil society, trade fraternity & citizens to welcome pilgrims of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra. People feel privileged to be part of holy pilgrimage and contributing to make the journey safe and a truly fulfilling spiritual experience.

FATF Recognises India's Efforts In Combating Terror Funding



NEW DELHI: India has achieved a commendable level of technical compliance with Financial Action Task Force (FATF) requirements, and its efforts in Anti-Money Laundering (AML), Countering Terrorist Financing (CTF), and Countering the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (CPF) have yielded positive outcomes, according to a statement by FATF.

India has achieved remarkable success in the Mutual Evaluation conducted by the FATF during 2023-24. The Mutual Evaluation Report of India, adopted at the FATF plenary in Singapore from June 26 to June 28, 2024, categorises India under 'regular follow-up,' a distinction held by only four other G20 countries.

This milestone underscores India's significant strides in combating money laundering (ML) and terrorist financing (TF). FATF has acknowledged India's efforts in several areas, including:

- Addressing risks associated with money laundering (ML) and terrorist financing (TF), particularly concerning the laundering of proceeds from corruption, fraud, and organised crime
- Implementing effective measures to shift from a cash-based to a digital economy, aimed at reducing ML/TF risks.

Introducing the JAM (Jan Dhan, Aadhaar, Mobile) Trinity and stringent regulations on cash transactions. These initiatives have significantly enhanced financial inclusion and digital transactions, making transactions more traceable and thereby mitigating ML/TF risks.

India's performance in the FATF Mutual Evaluation brings substantial benefits to its burgeoning

Amid Tight Security, 52-Day Long Amarnath Yatra Begins

LG Sinha Holds Deliberations With Religious Leaders, Civil Society

JAMMU: The annual pilgrimage of Amarnath will commence officially today (Saturday) as the first batch of 4603 pilgrims reached Kashmir from Jammu amid traditional ethos. The Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha held deliberations with the religious leaders, civil society and elected representatives to seek their support in making the grand success and a peaceful affair.

Amid a surcharged religious atmosphere, LG Sinha flagged off the first batch of 4603 Amarnath Yatra pilgrims from the twin tracks—traditional 48 km Nunwan—Pahalgam route in Anantnag and 14-km shorter but steep Baltal route in Ganderbal on June 29. After flagging off the first batch, in a media address, LG Manoj Sinha said, "First batch of Amarnath Yatra pilgrims have departed from Jammu. In the last 3-4 years, a lot of



Sinha also offered special prayers at the temple. The 52-day long pilgrimage to the cave shrine at a height of about 13,000 feet in South Kashmir Himalayas will commence from the twin tracks—traditional 48 km Nunwan—Pahalgam route in Anantnag and 14-km shorter but steep Baltal route in Ganderbal on June 29. After flagging off the first batch, in a media address, LG Manoj Sinha said, "First batch of Amarnath Yatra pilgrims have departed from Jammu. In the last 3-4 years, a lot of

LG Flags Off First Batch From Jammu



JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Friday flagged off the first batch of devotees for the pilgrimage to the

First Batch Of Pilgrims Reach Baltal Base Camp

GANDERBAL: First batch of pilgrims for Amarnathji Yatra 2024 successfully reached at the Baltal base camp.

The administration, in collaboration with the police, extended a warm and heartfelt welcome to the devotees at the Baltal base camp.

The welcome ceremony was attended by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal,

Vikram Misri Appointed India's New Foreign Secretary



NEW DELHI: Vikram Misri, a 1989-batch officer of the Indian Foreign Service currently serving as the Deputy National Security Adviser, has been appointed as India's new Foreign Secretary.

The Appointments Committee of Cabinet (ACC) approved the proposal made by the Ministry of External Affairs for appointing Vikram Misri as the next Foreign Secretary. He will be succeeding Vinay Mohan Kwatra as Foreign Secretary.

Misri's tenure as Foreign Secretary will begin on July 15 as the extension granted to Kwatra will end on July 14. "The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the following proposals of the Ministry of External Affairs: In partial modification of the order dated March 12, 2024, grant of extension in service of Shri Vinay Kwatra, (IFS :1988) as Foreign Secretary beyond April 30 2024 up to July 14, 2024. Curtailment of tenure of Shri Vikram Misri, IFS (1989)

MeT Predicts Rains Till July 05

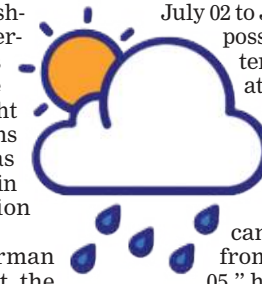
MUBASHIR AALAM WANI

SRINAGAR: Amidst the soaring temperature in Jammu and Kashmir, the weatherman here has predicted the possibility of light to moderate rains in Jammu areas and light rains in Kashmir division till July 05.

The weatherman has stated that the light to moderate at many places in Jammu division is expected till June 30 and light rains are expected at few places in Kashmir.

However, Director Meteorological department (MeT), Dr Mukhtar Ahmad said that the intensity of rainfall will gradually increase from July 02 to July 05. "There is a possibility of intermittent light to moderate rainfall at many places while the possibility of heavy showers at few places for a brief period cannot be ruled out from July 02 to July 05," he added.

Moreover, he said that the landslides and mudslides are expected at vulnerable places while a few places may experience moderate thunderstorm and



US-Based KP Org To Host Mega Kashmiri Concert In Srinagar

MANZOOR-UL-HASSAN

SRINAGAR: The summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, Srinagar, is all set to witness a musical-cum-cultural extravaganza 'Musical Harmony' at SKICC on July 6. It is expected to be attended by many Kashmiri Pandit diaspora members along with the locals.

KoshurRAAG, a non-profit organisation run by the Kashmiri Pandits in Florida, United States, is organising the mega concert in association with the Jammu Kashmir Government and the J&K Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages.

According to organisers, the event aims to honour the artistic heritage of Kashmir, which had taken a back seat due to political unrest in the valley.

Arvind Mattoo, one of the founders of KoshurRAAG, told KNO, that the event would witness a first-of-its-kind Kashmiri orchestra and soulful performances by legendary music performers and young Kashmiri artists.

"The show is dedicated to honouring musical maestros of yesteryear. It will also ignite a renaissance in Kashmiri music, fostering a new generation of songwriters, composers, singers, and musicians," he said.

Mattoo said the music would be performed by Muslim and Kashmiri Pandit artists, reflecting religious harmony and bonds of brotherhood.

He said 'Musical Harmony' is an effort towards increasing the popularity



DIPR Announces Winners Of Naya JK Short Film Making Contest



WINNERS SELECTED BY EMINENT BOLLYWOOD FILMMAKERS

SRINAGAR: Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) today declared the winners of 'Naya Jammu Kashmir Short Film Making Competition' — an initiative to promote local talent and showcase the development in J&K.

The entries for the contest were shortlisted and judged by the jury comprising renowned Bollywood filmmakers Padma Shri Madhur Bhandarkar and Mrighdeep Singh Lamba.

Outstandingly well crafted "Melting Stones" by Omprakash Singh Sambyal secured the top rank in the contest followed by Sandeep Bhagal's "I am Valmiki" and Sumaiya Mir's "Women Athletes of Kashmir" clinching the second and

Amarnath Yatra: Railways To Add Special Trains, Trips To J&K From July 3

YOGESH

JAMMU: In view of the two-month long Amarnath Yatra that commenced from here on Friday, the Indian Railways will add train trips to Jammu and also launch new trains from July 3 besides increasing the frequency of train trips between Banihal to Budgam.

Railway officials said that, to facilitate convenience of pilgrims visiting Jammu from across the country for the annual pilgrimage, Indian Railways has announced to increase the frequency of two festival special trains running from Jammu.

They said that a total of 18 trips of train number 04075-04076 New Delhi-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi-New Delhi reserved festival special train have been increased and this train will run from July 3 to August 1.

The train will depart from New Delhi Railway Station twice a week, every Wednesday and Sunday, and from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Railway Station every Thursday and Monday.

They further said that a new train will also start from New Delhi on July 3, while from Katra this train will run on July 4 and will have halts at Sonapat, Panipat, Karnal, Kurukshetra Junction, Ambala Cantt, Jalandhar Cantt, Pathankot Cantt, Jammu Tawi and Shaheed Captain Tushar Mahajan railway station on both sides.

"At the same time, the weekly special train running between Saffarjung and Shaheed Captain Tushar Mahajan Udhampur will also make five additional trips and it will start operating from July 1 till July 30."

Train number 04141 will run from Saffarjung Railway Station on every Monday whereas train number 04142 will run from Shaheed Captain Tushar Mahajan Udhampur Railway Station on every Tuesday, they said.

Moreover, railway authorities extended the Dome train service between



J&K Police Like A Sword In Fight Against Terrorism In UT: DGP




JAMMU: Describing the Jammu and Kashmir Police as a sword in the fight against terror, its chief R R Swain on Friday said no war against a terror ecosystem can be won without the police.

Pointing to a series of recent terror attacks in the Union Territory, the DGP said terrorists can neither defeat the force nor diminish its resolve.


He made the remarks at an event to regularise nine special police officers to the rank of constables, recognizing their contributions in eliminating two terrorists in the Hiranagar border belt of Kathua district.

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Good Morning Kashmir

EDITORIAL

Welcome Amarnath Pilgrims

The epitome of spirituality and the ultimate pilgrimage for salvation, the Amarnath pilgrimage started Friday. The Deputy Commissioner Srinagar was the first to welcome the pilgrims with flower bouquets. These pilgrims are the greatest brand ambassadors of Kashmir and they can carry with them stories of Kashmiri hospitality to the remotest corners of India. Braving weather vagaries, difficult terrain, and their own old age problems the steadfast pilgrims undertake this pilgrimage for the betterment of entire humanity. The administration needs to keep everything in order to ensure that pilgrims have a great time in Kashmir. It is the most important journey of their lives and the administration must ensure that no pilgrim is overcharged, the quality of food served to them maintains the highest degree of hygiene and they are properly guided towards where they can answer the call of nature, properly mark lavatories on the way so that they do not face problems. Given the tough weather conditions, the government must ensure that enough communication is sent out about carrying proper warm clothes for the journey, following weather warnings on all mediums of communications, and ensuring no stampede near the cave. The government must ensure that hourly real-time weather advisories are issued on media including the social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. The pilgrims need to know all along the way what the next hour holds for them so that they are prepared in advance. The government must ensure that smooth arrangements on the route to Yatra are provided, that there is adequate stock of oxygen cylinders, and deployment of ambulances and helicopters for any medical emergency. Also, the track needs to be monitored along with the physical abilities of ponies. The government must have its eye on the lodging facilities, electricity, water, communication, health, fire, and emergency services and have enough stocks as a backup. We are hopeful that our security forces would be able to provide adequate security along the route. May this Amarnath yatra bring peace and prosperity to the valley as well as the Jammu region. We are hopeful that with Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha as head of the administration pilgrims will enjoy their stay in Kashmir.

Clinical Outcomes And Statistics Of Knee Replacement



DR. RAKESH MATTOO

Total knee replacement or Arthroplasty is one of the most successful & gratifying surgeries in the world. In an ever-evolving world of medical advancements, TKR surgery stands out as a beacon of hope for millions suffering from debilitating knee pain and immobility. This transformative procedure now more refined and accessible than ever, offers a new lease of life for those whose activities of daily living are compromised by arthritic knee joint. This surgery is typically recommended for patients with chronic knee pain and disability due to conditions like osteoarthritis, Rheumatoid arthritis, traumatic injury.

Understanding total knee Replacement (TKR)

TKR is a surgical procedure where damaged Cartilage and bone from surface of the knee joint are removed and after proper alignment, replaced with artificial Components. These prosthetics typically made of metal and high



grade plastics are designed to mimic the natural movement of knee joint providing patients with restored functionality and significant pain relief.

Types of Knee Replacement!

Total knee replacement (TKR) - The entire knee joint is resurfaced with prosthetic components.

Partial or Unicompartmental Knee Replacement (UKR) - This is suitable for patients with arthritic damage confined to only one compartment of the joint which is replaced.

Innovations

Knee replacement surgery continues to evolve with advancements

such as improved metallurgy, minimally invasive techniques, computer assisted surgery, customized prosthetics and now new kid on the block is Robot assisted knee replacement. These continuous innovations aim to reduce recovery time, increase longevity of the implants and enhance the overall quality of life and enjoy an active life style.

Benefits & outcomes

Pain relief - The most significant benefit of TKR is alleviation of chronic knee pain. There is a marked reduction in dependence on pain medications.

Improved Mobility & function- TKR

allows patients to regain a greater range of motion and use their knees daily more effectively for daily activities like walking, climbing stairs and even engaging in some low impact sports.

Better quality of life

High Success rate & long-lasting results - Modern knee implants are designed to last 20-25 yrs with a success rate of over 95%.

Correction of Deformities - Like varus/ valgus/ fixed flexion deformities are corrected during knee replacement surgery thereby improving overall limb alignment, balance & gait.

Enhanced Physical activity - With a more stable and pain free knee, patients can engage in physical activities that were previously too painful or impossible to perform.

Improved sleep and its quality.

Economic Benefits - TKR is cost effective in the long run by reducing the need for ongoing medical treatments, pain medication or other interventions.

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Reject The Glorification Of The Ruling Class And Their Capitalist Ideologies



BHABANI SHANKAR NAYAK

In the broader social and collective conception, ideals such as human happiness, freedom, democracy, peace, equality, justice, solidarity, and prosperity have been either totally neglected or pushed aside as irrelevant in the pursuit of economic growth and development to establish and expand capitalism. Under the dominant capitalist paradigm, economic indicators like GDP growth and market expansion are prioritised over social well-being and equitable development. This focus on economic metrics overlooks the importance of comprehensive human development, which encompasses more than just economic growth.

In terms of human happiness and freedom, the ruling class often equates these with consumerism and individual liberties, overshadowing the importance of collective well-being and social justice. Mass consumerism expands commodity market for profit by commodification lives, labour and society. Democracy is presented as a hallmark of free societies, yet the ruling class influences electoral processes and policy making to ensure that their interests are preserved. The deepening of democracy is delayed for the pursuit of market interests. Human happiness, for example, is often reduced to consumer satisfaction, ignoring the deeper aspects of well-being such as mental health, community bonds, and a sense of purpose. Freedom is frequently equated with purchasing power and market freedoms, overshadowing the significance of political and social liberties. Democracy, instead of being a genuine participatory process, becomes a facade where economic elites exert significant influence over political decisions.

Peace, equality, and justice are similarly compromised. In many cases, economic growth is pursued at the expense of social harmony, leading to increased inequality and social unrest. The environmental degradation that accompanies unchecked economic development further exacerbates social inequalities and threatens long-term sustainability. Solidarity and collective well-being are often undermined in a capitalist society that champions individualism and competition. The social fabric weakens as people are pitted against each other in the race for economic success, leading to a fragmented society where the vulnerable are left behind. In pursuit



of prosperity defined by material wealth, the richer segments of society accumulate more resources, while the poorer segments face growing hardships. This disparity is rationalised by the ruling class as a natural outcome of economic growth, sidelining the moral and ethical imperatives of justice and equality.

The skewed conceptions of peace, nationalism, wars, markets, human happiness, freedom, democracy, and everyday governance in contemporary discourses are shaped by the ideas of the ruling class. These ideas are normalised and naturalised to strengthen the ruling class's grip on individuals, societies, cultures, politics, religions, the states, and governments. The ruling class uses its influence to propagate specific ideologies, presenting them as the standard and most rational approach to organising society and individual lives. This manipulation ensures that humanistic and alternative perspectives are marginalised, making it difficult for

and ensure their hegemony over people and resources. Similarly, the market is frequently portrayed as the most efficient means of resource distribution, despite evidence that it leads to significant inequality and exploitation. Everyday governance, from local municipalities to national governments, is also subject to the ruling class's influence. Through lobbying, campaign financing, and control over media, they shape public opinion and policy decisions to align with their objectives. This pervasive influence underscores the importance of critical thinking and awareness among the populace to challenge and dismantle these entrenched power structures to reclaim freedom, democracy and citizenship rights.

The ruling class continues to propagate their ideas as the only viable alternatives, presenting these ideas and projects as their own initiatives. However, they also make working people believe in these ideas and projects as if they are universally beneficial. By

For example, in many societies, the concept of success is often tied to hard work and individual effort, overshadowing the structural barriers that impede equal opportunity to majority of working people in the society. This narrative convinces working people that their socio-economic status is a result of their own actions, rather than systemic inequalities. As a result, they may resist collective actions or policies aimed at redistributing wealth and power. Moreover, the ruling class utilises political rhetoric to align their interests with national interests, often invoking patriotism and fear of external threats to justify their agendas. This tactic diverts attention from domestic issues and frames dissenting voices as unpatriotic or radical.

Through the normalisation of ruling class ideologies, the elites ensure that any alternative viewpoints are perceived as unrealistic or impractical. This control over societal values and beliefs effectively marginalises revolutionary ideas and maintains the status quo. The ruling class's ability to propagate their ideas as the only alternatives, while making working people believe in them, is a testament to their control over societal institutions and narratives. Recognising and challenging these manipulative tactics is essential for fostering a more equitable and just society. It is essential to challenge the capitalist narrative and advocate for a holistic approach to collective human development. It is also important to prioritise human happiness, freedom, democracy, peace, equality, justice, solidarity, and prosperity alongside economic growth to build a more equitable society and sustainable planet, where people are free to pursue their dreams and happiness.

The mass rejection of ruling class ideas and the end of the celebration of ruling class ideals are the first steps towards collective consciousness and the mass emancipation of human lives from the clutches of capitalism and its multiple variants in every aspect of our lives. To achieve true lib-

eration, it is crucial for people to become aware of how deeply embedded ruling class ideologies are in our daily existence. These ideologies shape our perceptions of success, happiness, and progress, often in ways that serve the interests of the elite while marginalising the needs and rights of the majority. By rejecting these ideas, individuals and communities can begin to envision alternative ways of organising society that prioritise human well-being over profit.

Developing collective consciousness involves understanding the interconnectedness of various social, economic, and political issues. It requires recognising that the struggles of different groups—whether they be workers, marginalised communities, or environmental activists—are linked by a common thread: the pervasive influence of capitalist exploitation and oppression. This awareness fosters solidarity and encourages unified action against the forces that perpetuate inequality and injustice.

Ending the celebration of ruling class ideals means challenging the narratives that glorify wealth accumulation, competitive individualism, and consumerism. It involves promoting values such as cooperation, community, sustainability, and equity. Educational systems, media, and cultural institutions play a critical role in this transformation by fostering critical thinking and providing platforms for diverse voices and perspectives. As people begin to reject the dominance of capitalist ideologies, they can start to explore and implement alternative economic and social models. These might include cooperative enterprises, community-based resource management, and policies that prioritise social welfare and environmental stewardship over corporate profits. Such models offer practical examples of how society can be organised around principles of fairness, inclusivity, and sustainability.

Ultimately, the mass rejection of ruling class ideas and the cessation of their celebration pave the way for a more just and equitable world. This process is not only about dismantling the existing structures of power but also about building new systems that genuinely reflect the collective aspirations and needs of humanity. It is a journey towards true emancipation, where the potential and dreams of every individual can be realised, free from the constraints of a capitalist framework that domesticates lives, love, liberties and livelihoods in pursuit of profit at the cost of people and planet. It is time to reject capitalism and its values in all its forms to rejoice life.

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opposing views to gain traction. By controlling the narrative around crucial concepts such as peace and democracy, the ruling class maintains its power and ensures that societal structures remain favourable to their interests.

For instance, the notion of nationalism is often framed in a way that promotes unity and pride among the populace, but it can also serve to divert attention from internal issues and justify external conflicts to manipulate the masses

dominating educational systems, media, and public discourse, the ruling class frames their ideologies as common sense or the natural order of things. This manipulation is strategic, ensuring that the working class internalizes these beliefs and supports policies that ultimately serve the interests of the elite. The ruling class employs various means to achieve this, including cultural narratives that glorify individualism, meritocracy, and free-market capitalism.

Timely And Accurate Diagnosis To Stop Misuse Of Medicines



SHOBHA SHUKLA

Drug-resistant disease-causing microbes can infect any one of us. Bhakti Chavan, a promising biotechnologist, who never had TB before, got infected with extensively drug-resistant TB (XDR-TB) bacteria. XDR-TB is one of the most serious forms of TB. After some delay, an accurate XDR-TB diagnosis helped her access the right treatment, thanks to an MSF clinic. With steely resolve and grit, she went through the difficult treatment of XDR-TB and got cured. Not only has she defeated XDR-TB, but she also champions the cause of helping those who are fighting TB as well as drug resistance or antimicrobial resistance worldwide.

Bhakti got the WHO recommended molecular test diagnosis. But 79% of people with TB disease in India are not diagnosed on WHO recommended molecular test, but through sputum microscopy which underperforms in diagnosing TB (as per India TB Report 2024). That is why WHO has called upon all the countries to completely replace microscopy with upfront molecular tests for TB diagnosis by 2027. All world leaders re-echoed this call for 100% upfront molecular test diagnosis at the UN General Assembly High Level Meeting on TB last year.

Unless we ensure that timely and accurate diagnosis for TB and all other diseases is a reality on the ground, how will we stop misuse or overuse of medicines and prevent antimicrobial resistance?

People-centred diagnostics, treatment and care is key

Even though they face the brunt of it, most people have very little understanding and awareness about antimicrobial resistance (AMR). Bhakti Chavan blames it on the lack of people-centred responses to address AMR.

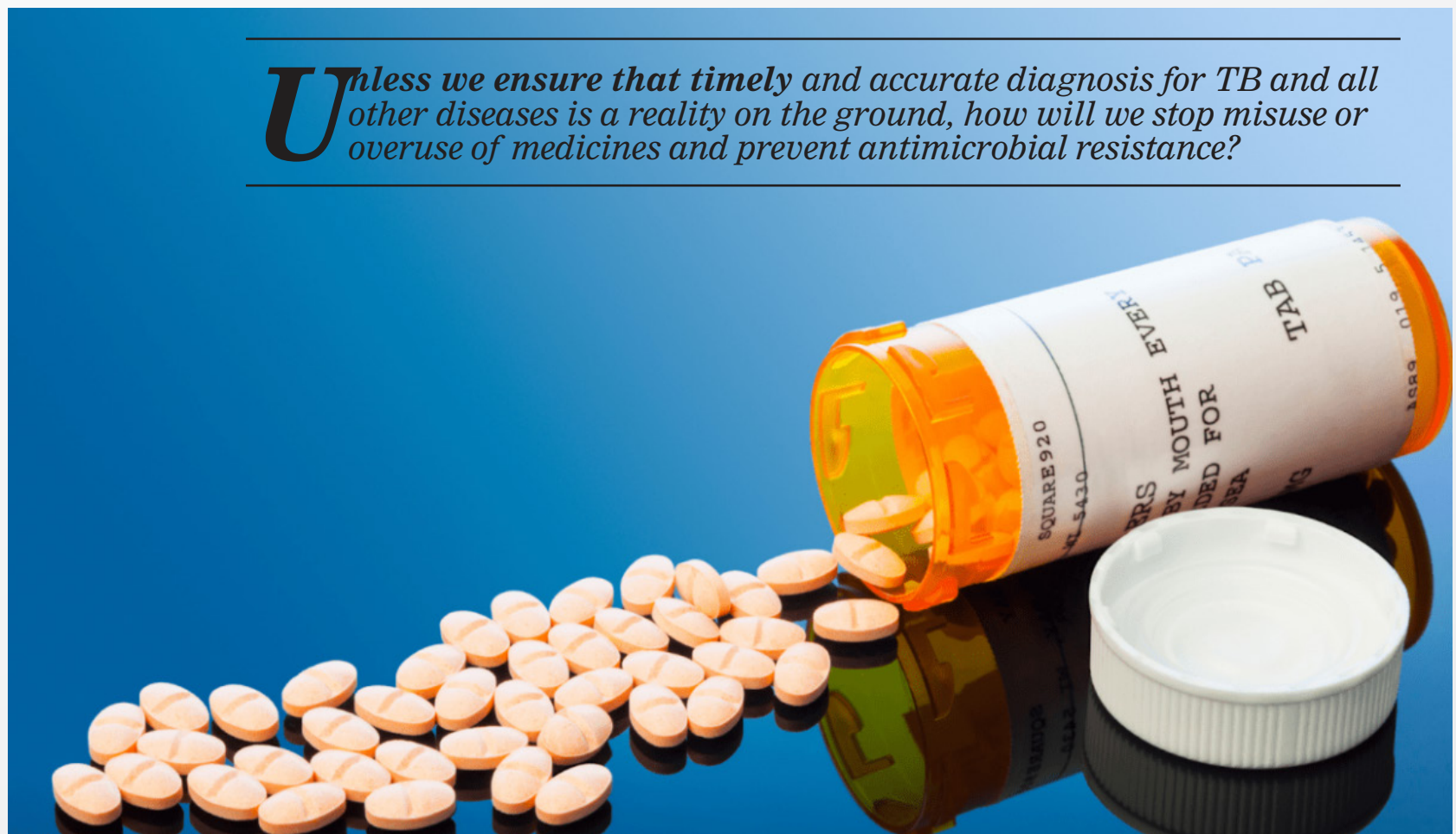
Bhakti, who has done her post graduation in Biotechnology and currently works with a biotech company, says that, "Many countries have National Action Plans to address AMR, but the ground level realities are very different. Take for example TB. Despite India having a National Strategic Plan to end TB (2017-2025), there are many gaps in TB care- like shortage of medicines, restricted access to novel medicines, diagnostic delays due to non-accessibility of molecular tests. All these act as roadblocks for the underprivileged in accessing the best of diagnostics and treatment. Our public health programmes must ensure that the best possible care is available to all those in need, and also ensure prevention of spread of infection. So patient-centred diagnostics (including upfront drug sensitivity testing), treatment and care is most important to combat AMR."

Bhakti is one of the 12 members of the World Health Organization (WHO) Task Force of AMR Survivors, which consists of persons who have survived drug-resistant infections or have cared for those with such infections. It was established by the WHO with the aim to humanise the narrative around AMR. Bhakti wants more such committees or task forces to be formed at national level so that more survivors can join them to create awareness and literacy around AMR and help in combating it.

Antimicrobial resistance

The world is abuzz with the ever-increasing menace of AMR which is listed among the top 10 global health threats, and kills more people than TB, HIV or malaria combined. The year 2024 is particularly an important one for the global response to AMR, with the UN General Assembly (UNGA) High Level Meeting on AMR due to take place on 26 September 2024 in New York.

Dr Sangeeta Sharma, Professor Head, Department of Neuropsychopharmacology, Institute of Human



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Behaviour and Allied Sciences (IHBAS) and President of Delhi Society for Promotion of Rational Use of Drugs, calls for coordinated efforts that are focused on diagnostic stewardship, antimicrobial stewardship and infection prevention and control, to deal with this manmade crisis.

But for the layperson (who is at the receiving end of this threat) what do these medicalised terms mean? What do words like 'antimicrobials' and 'antimicrobial resistance' signify?

To put it simply, antimicrobials are medicines that are used to treat and prevent infections in humans, animals and plants by killing the germs (or pathogens) - like bacteria, parasites, viruses and fungi- that cause these infections. However, the germs fight back and, over a period of time, some of them become resistant to these medicines, making them ineffective. In scientific language we call this phenomenon antimicrobial resistance

tions alone were directly responsible for 1.27 million deaths in 2019. And 20% of these deaths were in children under 5 years.

Antimicrobials (that include antibiotics, antivirals, anti parasites, antifungals) target specific pathogens. They are not directed against specific body conditions- like diabetes, hypertension, calcium deficiency, etc. Thus they are very different from analgesics, antipyretics or blood pressure control pills, and need to be handled with care, explains Dr Sharma.

Multi-pronged approach to control AMR

We can control AMR by implementing the triple shield strategy comprising:

- Timely and accurate diagnosis to avoid unnecessary use of antimicrobials (called Diagnostic Stewardship);
- Appropriate and rational use of

control measures.

Correct diagnosis is the foundation for initiating effective treatment

Diagnostics stewardship involves the various stages of microbiological diagnosis to identify the infection causing pathogen and to do its culture and sensitivity testing to find whether it will respond to X, Y or Z antibiotic or not.

Dr Sharma calls diagnostic stewardship the roadway to antimicrobial stewardship: "It is an important first step that helps in doing the right testing for the right patient at the right time, so that appropriate decisions can be taken for the management of the infection. Antimicrobial misuse is driven by diagnostic uncertainties. We have very good molecular and rapid diagnostic tests available for many diseases. But unless we use them at the right time for the right patient, it

Underuse and overuse fuel AMR

Dr Sharma points out that both overuse and underuse of antibiotics fuel AMR. "Underuse happens if the patients in need of antibiotics are not able to get them, either because of accessibility or availability issues, or perhaps the diagnosis was not done. So, in the absence of treatment the person [with an infectious disease] remains infectious for a longer period of time and infection spreads to more and more people," said Dr Sharma.

More emphasis needs to be put on infection prevention and control. Strong infection prevention and control is a very effective approach to control the spread of AMR. WHO recognises that "the most effective intervention is to improve hygiene in healthcare facilities, including promotion of hand hygiene. Safer hospitals mean fewer infections and every infection prevented is an antibiotic avoided."

Proper sanitation, including proper waste disposal, simple hand cleaning practices, and availability of clean drinking water can go a long way in fighting infections, both in and out of hospitals.

Antibiotics are not a 'shortcut' to circumvent infection prevention and control

Dr Sharma cautions that antibiotics should not be used as a shortcut (as they often are) to circumvent infection prevention and control activities. She also advises against the use of antibiotics in situations like treating a wound (debridement or simple cleaning would do) or dealing with a normal vaginal delivery.

All these efforts will not only help in managing the individual patient well, they will also slow down the process of AMR and help preserve existing antimicrobials for use by the future generation.

Will world leaders include AMR survivors at the UNHLM on AMR?

World leaders would be meeting at the upcoming 2024 United Nations General Assembly High Level Meeting on AMR. Bhakti Chavan calls upon them to include the voices and faces of AMR survivors in all deliberations at the forthcoming UNHLM on AMR, as they are the ones who suffer the worst consequences of AMR.

And as Bhakti rightly says: "AMR might be invisible, but the survivors are not."

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Bhakti Chavan

Dr Sangeeta Sharma

Right & timely diagnosis, & right treatment is key to stop misuse and overuse of medicines

(AMR) - meaning the microbes or the disease causing germs have become resistant to the drugs and no longer get killed or destroyed by them. So treatments become less effective (or ineffective) and infections persist, spreading to other people too.

AMR is a natural phenomenon, as the pathogens evolve over time to evade their enemy- the antimicrobials. However the process is hastened and escalated by overuse and misuse of antimicrobials in humans, animals and crops. We cannot stop this phenomenon, but we can definitely slow down the process, in the interest of one and all.

A report in The Lancet estimated that drug-resistant bacterial infec-

antimicrobials (including antibiotics), to improve treatment outcomes, reduce antimicrobial resistance, and decrease the spread of infections caused by drug-resistant organisms (called Antimicrobial Stewardship); and

- Reducing spread of infections by practicing hygiene and other infection control methods (called Infection Prevention and Control).

While the onus of implementing diagnostic stewardship and antimicrobial stewardship lies largely with the healthcare facilities, the public and medical fraternity are equal partners in implementing infection

may not give the right kind of results to help tailor the antimicrobial prescription."

Antimicrobial stewardship is about preventing misuse of antimicrobials by optimising their use- that is, preventing their over use- as soon as a correct diagnosis has been made.

"This optimisation can happen in the form of switching from broad spectrum to narrow spectrum (or targeted) antibiotics, or reducing the number of antibiotics which may no longer be needed for patient management, or prescribing shorter duration antibiotics, or switching from intravenous antimicrobials to oral ones, depending upon the patient situation," said Dr Sharma.

Try These Home Remedies For Bloating For Better Gut Health

Bloating is a condition where the abdomen feels full, tight, and often swollen due to an excess accumulation of gas in the digestive tract. It can be a sign of poor gut health, typically resulting from factors like overeating, food intolerances, constipation, or imbalances in the gut microbiota. While bloating is generally not a serious condition, persistent or severe bloating can indicate underlying digestive issues. Home remedies can be effective in alleviating bloating by addressing its root causes. Keep reading as we share a list of home remedies you can try to reduce bloating.

10 Home remedies for bloating and better gut health:

- 1. Ginger**
Ginger contains compounds like gingerols and shogaols that stimulate digestive enzymes, reduce inflammation, and relax the gastrointestinal muscles. Boil a few slices of fresh ginger in water for 10 minutes. Add honey and lemon for taste.
- 2. Peppermint**
Peppermint contains menthol, which has an antispasmodic effect on the muscles of the digestive tract, helping to relieve gas and bloating. Steep a peppermint tea bag or fresh peppermint leaves in hot water for 5-10 minutes.
- 3. Fennel seeds**
Fennel seeds have carmi-



native properties that help expel gas from the intestinal tract, reducing bloating. After meals, chew on half a teaspoon of fennel seeds in hot water for 10 minutes.
- 4. Chamomile tea**
Chamomile has anti-inflammatory and antispasmodic properties that help relax the digestive muscles and relieve bloating. Steep a chamomile

tea bag in hot water for 5-10 minutes. Try drinking chamomile tea before bedtime for better relief.
- 5. Lemon water**
Lemon juice stimulates the production of hydrochloric acid in the stomach, which aids in digestion and reduces bloating. Squeeze half a lemon into a glass of warm water and drink it in the morning on an empty stomach.
- 6. Apple cider vinegar**

Apple cider vinegar increases stomach acid production, improving digestion and reducing gas and bloating. Mix one tablespoon of apple cider vinegar in a glass of water. You are encouraged to drink it before meals.
- 7. Pineapple**
Pineapple contains bromelain, an enzyme that helps break down proteins and improves digestion, reducing bloating. Eat a few slices of



fresh pineapple after meals to reduce bloating. You can also add pineapples to smoothies or fruit bowls.
- 8. Probiotics**
Probiotics introduce beneficial bacteria into the gut, which can improve digestion and reduce bloating. Include yogurt, kefir, sauerkraut, and other fer-

mented foods in your diet. Follow the dosage instructions on the package or incorporate small amounts into your daily diet.
- 9. Bananas**
Bananas are rich in potassium, which helps regulate fluid balance and prevent water retention, a common cause of bloating. Eat a ripe banana as

a snack or add it to smoothies and breakfast cereals.
- 10. Water**
Drinking enough water helps maintain proper digestion and prevents constipation, which can lead to bloating. Drink at least 8 glasses of water throughout the day, especially before and after meals.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

FATF Recognises India's

economy, showcasing the stability and integrity of its financial system. Positive ratings promise improved access to global financial markets and institutions, boosting investor confidence. Additionally, it supports the global expansion of the Unified Payments Interface (UPI), India's rapid payment system. This recognition from FATF underscores India's decade-long commitment to implementing rigorous measures safeguarding its financial system from money laundering (ML) and terrorist financing (TF) threats. It sets a benchmark for regional countries to adopt international standards effectively in combating terrorist financing. India's outstanding rating enhances its capacity to lead global efforts against cross-border terror financing and money laundering.

Since 2014, India has enacted legislative changes and strengthened enforcement to combat ML, TF, and illicit funds effectively. These efforts align with international standards and have proven successful, particularly in disrupting terror funding networks based on actionable intelligence. Operations have curbed the flow of terror funds, illicit money, and narcotics, even along coastlines.

According to experts, this recognition from FATF suggests that India is making significant strides in strengthening its financial regulatory system to combat illicit financial activities and ensure compliance with international standards aimed at maintaining global financial stability and security.

Established in 1989, the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) is an intergovernmental organisation tasked with overseeing global efforts to combat money laundering, terrorist financing, and other threats to the integrity of the international financial system.

India joined FATF as a member in 2010.

Amid Tight Security,

devotees for the pilgrimage to the holy cave of Shri Amarnath Ji. My best wishes to all the pilgrims for a safe, blessed, and spiritually enriching journey. May the blessings of Baba Amarnath Ji bring peace, happiness & prosperity to everyone's life". Ahead of the Amarnath Yatra, thousands of pilgrims have reached Jammu. The first batch will travel in high security in a convoy and reach Pahalgam and Baltal base camp where they will start their Amarnath Yatra. The pilgrims were seen chanting "Bham Bham Bholey" and dancing in excitement to be part of the first batch of Amarnath Yatra. Among the 4603 pilgrims, 3631 were male, 711 females, 252 Sadhus and nine children. They were travelling a cavalcade of 231 vehicles. Meanwhile, the BJP leader Devender Singh Rana, who also accompanied LG at the ceremony said, "We hope that with the grace of Bhole Shankar, this year also the yatra will bring happiness and would be a good experience for everyone...like every year. People will get Jammu and Kashmir resident's love, affection and care.

The CCTVs have also been installed on National Highways to strengthen the security and address the traffic related issues. The 52-day long pilgrimage to the cave shrine at a height of about 13,000 feet in South Kashmir Himalayas will begin on June 29. The yatra will continue till August 19. So Over 4.5 lakh pilgrims had paid their obeisance at the naturally

formed ice—shivlingam inside the cave shrine in Kashmir Himalayas last year. So far 3.5 lakh pilgrims registered for Yatra , while a large number is expected due to increased quota of spot registration. Meanwhile, LG Sinha held deliberations with the religious leaders, civil society and the elected representatives at SKICC this evening and sought their support in making the Amarnath Yatra a grand success and a peaceful affair. Talking to reporters, the LG said "From last few years, it has become a mandatory trend to hold talks with the religious leaders, civil society and elected representatives whenever there is a big religious ritual of any community. As the first batch of Amarnath pilgrims were flagged off today from Jammu, I met people from different walks of life today and sought their support in making the Amarnath Yatra a peaceful affair so that a message of peace and love goes across the country," he said—(KNO)

LG Flags Off First

holy cave of Shri Amarnath Ji, from Yatri Niwas, Bhagwati Nagar. The Lt Governor extended his best wishes to all the pilgrims for a safe, blessed, and spiritually enriching journey.

"May the blessings of Baba Amarnath Ji bring peace, happiness and prosperity to everyone's life," the Lt Governor said.

Amidst chanting of Vedic Mantras, the first batch of 4603 Yatrins was flagged off for the holy Cave Shrine from Bhagwati Nagar Jammu base camp in a cavalcade of 231 light and heavy vehicles.

Eminent spiritual leaders; heads of religious organizations; public representatives; senior officers of Civil Administration, Police, Security Forces and Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board, prominent citizens, and devotees in large number were present on the occasion.

First Batch Of

Shyambir; SSP Ganderbal, Sandeep Gupta; Camp Director Baltal, SDM Kangan, local communities, and other officers from Civil and police administration.

Special arrangements have been made to ensure the safety, security, and comfort of all pilgrims as they begin their sacred journey to the revered Amarnath Cave Shrine.

In line with the commitment to providing seamless support, comprehensive measures have been implemented to address the needs of the pilgrims, including medical facilities, sanitation, and round-the-clock security.

The authorities are dedicated to ensuring a smooth and spiritually fulfilling experience for all participants in this year's Yatra.

On the occasion, the DC extended his best wishes to all the pilgrims undertaking this holy journey and assure them of full support throughout the Yatra.

The pilgrims appreciated the goodwill gesture of Civil and Police Administration for according them rousing reception and cooperation.

Vikram Misri

as Deputy National Security Advisor in the National Security Council Secretariat," the official order said.

"Appointment of Shri Vikram Misri, IFS (1989), Deputy National Security Advisor in the National Security Council Secretariat

to the post of Foreign Secretary w.e.f. July 15, 2024 vice Shri Vinay Kwatra," it added. Kwatra had been given a six-month extension in March this year.

Misri, 59, has the unique honour of having served as private secretary to three Prime Ministers – Inder Kumar Gujral in 1997, Manmohan Singh in 2012, and Narendra Modi in 2014.

Misri was born in Srinagar in 1964 and received his early education in Gwalior. He holds a Bachelor's degree in history from Delhi University's Hindu College and an MBA from XLRI.

Misri was India's ambassador to China and played a significant part in discussions between India and China following the 2020 Galwan Valley clashes that resulted from the actions of the Chinese military in Eastern Ladakh.

In his early career, Misri worked at Indian embassies in Brussels and Tunis. He became India's ambassador to Spain in 2014 and to Myanmar in 2016. He has also held positions in several Indian diplomatic missions across Africa and North America.

MeT Predicts Rains

lightning as well during the period. Besides, Jammu & Kashmir continued to witness soaring temperatures for the last few days with Srinagar, the summer capital of the Union Territory, today recording 32.8 degree Celsius.

As per the details, the majority of the places recorded above 30 degree Celsius temperature today. Qazigund, a gateway of Kashmir, recorded 32.1 degree Celsius while Kupwara also recorded 31.7 degree Celsius.

Kokernag in South Kashmir recorded 31.9 degree Celsius while Pahalgam, a famous tourist destination and Gulmarg, a famous ski-resort recorded 29.4 degree Celsius and 24.0 degree Celsius respectively.

Although there was a bit respite from the heat wave in Jammu areas, but the temperature continued to settle around 40 degree Celsius with Jammu City seething at 38.6 degree Celsius while Banihal, Katra and Bhaderwah recorded 30.4 degree Celsius, 34.6 degree Celsius and 35.4 degree Celsius respectively.

Batote in Jammu division recorded a maximum temperature of 28.4 degree Celsius, the details reveal—(KNO)

US-Based KP Org

of Kashmiri music and cultural heritage as the people of both communities show great enthusiasm towards indigenous music, art, and culture.

There would be performances by maestros like Pandit Abhay Rustum Sopori, Munir Ahmad Mir, and Sunayana Kachroo of Boston, US, besides performances by Mir Iqbal, Masarat Un Nisa, Shabbaz Gul, Rahul Wanchoo, Krishna Bhat, and Meeru Daman Raina, Mattoo said.

The event will likely be attended by legendary Kashmiri singers, music composers, and folk singers, including Shameem Azad, Kailash Mehra, Dhananjay Kaul, Gulzar Ahmed Ganai, Neerja Pandit, Deepali Wattal, Renu Malla (the wife of music legend Vijay Malla), and Jaan Nissar Lone.

The event would also facilitate different artists from Kashmir and highlight their contributions—(KNO)

DIPR Announces Winners

third place respectively.

The consolation prize winners include Atul Vinod Duggal for "Viksit Jammu Kashmir", Irtizah Yousuf and Mantasha Binti Zahoor for "Naya Kashmir" and Raghunandan Singh Charak for "Unicorn".

The selected films, showcasing the talent and creativity of the artists from Jammu and Kashmir, will be screened shortly.

Director Information and Public Relations, Jatin Kishore, congratulated the winners and the other participants of the completion. He also expressed gratitude towards the jury members for shortlisting and selecting the outstanding productions.

With this, the hugely successful and unique initiative of the Department of Information and Public Relations concluded on a very positive note.

The initiative was aimed at identifying local talent, encouraging them and giving them a platform to showcase their unique skills and immense potential to the fullest. The competition also envisaged showcasing of the positive developments and progress achieved in Jammu and Kashmir through the lens of local filmmakers.

The event caught the imagination of the local artists and filmmakers, who participated in large numbers in the competition with great enthusiasm.

Railways To Add

Banihal and Bdogam in view of the Yatra toll September 9, 2024—(KNO)

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Centre okays Rs 700 crore to set up institutes of pharma, medical technology

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NEW DELHI: The Central government has earmarked Rs 700 crore to set up centres of excellence at the National Institutes of Pharmaceutical, Education & Research (NIPER) over the next five years to boost pharma and medical technology in the country.

Of the Rs 700 crore, a sum of Rs 243 crore has been approved for 2024-25, according to a notice issued by the Department of Pharmaceuticals (DoP), under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers.

There are currently seven NIPERs spanning seven states in the country -- Mohali (Punjab), Ahmedabad (Gujarat), Hajipur (Bihar), Hyderabad (Telangana), Kolkata (West Bengal), Guwahati (Assam) and Rae Bareilly (Uttar Pradesh). These will broadly focus



on research ranging from medical device manufacturing, bulk drug R&D, phytopharmaceuticals, biological therapeutics, and antiviral and antibacterial drug discovery and development.

Former health minister Mansukh Mandaviya said that the Union Cabinet had in 2023 approved the Promotion of Research and Innovation in Pharma-MedTech sector (PRIP) scheme with an outlay of Rs 5,000 crore for five years,

from 2023-24 to 2027-28.

Again in 2023, a Parliamentary Panel recommended the government allocate more funds for new initiatives, such as the establishment of the National Institute of Medical Devices Education and Research (NIMERs) and Indian Council of Research & Development and Innovation in Pharma-MedTech Sector (ICPMR).

It was mentioned that the DoP had asked for Rs 1, 286 crore for FY24, of

which Rs 560 crore was to set up NIPERs, and the remaining amount to be used for new initiatives under the NIPER scheme, such as NIMERs (Rs 200 crore), Centres of Excellence (Rs 233 crore), ICPMR (Rs 50 crore), and Promotion of Research & Innovation in Pharmaceutical Sector (Rs 243.00 crore).

Meanwhile, as per media reports, a production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme for domestic production of Glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) drugs -- used in the treatment of obesity and diabetes -- is also expected to be rolled out in India by 2026.

It is important for the Indian population, with rising incidences of diabetes and obesity. The current formulations of GLP-1 drugs by the US' Novo Nordisk (Ozempic) and Eli Lilly (Zepbound) are unavailable in India.

Centre to conduct thorough check of airports, says Civil Aviation Minister

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NEW DELHI: Following the canopy collapse at Terminal-1 of Delhi's Indra Gandhi International (IGI) Airport on Friday, the Centre will conduct a thorough check of all the airports in the country.

Union Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu Kinjarapu, who visited the Terminal-1 site soon after the incident, said, "We will conduct a thorough check on all the airports that come under our purview...we will make the necessary report and see if there is a requirement for an independent body for this."

At least one person died and four others were injured when a canopy at Terminal 1 collapsed on Friday amid heavy rain.



After inspecting the spot, the Minister said, "We have asked the Delhi International Airport Limited to do a verification and inspection from their side. But we are not leaving it up to them. From the Ministry, we have the DGCA, which underlooks the safety aspect, which will be supervising this inspection and will submit its report."

"From the ministry side, I can assure you that this is taken as a serious issue, not just in this airport but all across the country, with similar structures," the Minister said.

While giving details of the incident, the Minister said, "Today morning at 5, a very unfortunate incident happened at IGI Airport Terminal-1, when a section

of the canopy outside of the Airport building collapsed due to heavy rain since night. I express my condolences to the life that has been lost in this tragic incident, and along with that, we are taking care of the four people who are injured. As soon as the incident came to our notice, we reacted immediately, we sent the emergency response team, safety team, CISF and NDRF teams for a thorough inspection to ensure no other casualties were there."

"The Minister further said, "...we have informed the airlines that passengers should not face any inconvenience... The passengers will get full refunds and other than that if they want to travel from the alternative routes, they will be assisted."

Rain submerges Delhi-NCR, breaks 88-year-old record

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NEW DELHI: Heavy rainfall in Delhi-NCR that started on Thursday, led to widespread waterlogging and severe traffic jams on Friday morning.

According to the Meteorological Department, Delhi received 228 mm of rainfall from 8:30 A.M. on Thursday to 8:30 A.M. on Friday, marking the highest 24-hour rainfall in June since 1936, when 235.5 mm of rain was recorded.

Typically, Delhi receives an average of 80.6 mm of rain in June.

The deluge significantly impacted daily life in Delhi-NCR, with commuters facing severe waterlogging and traffic jams during their morning commute.

However, the downpour

provided respite from the intense heat of the past two months, with the minimum temperature on Friday recorded at 24.7 degrees Celsius, 3.2 degrees below normal.

This unprecedented rainfall has highlighted the shortcomings in the city's infrastructure.

Despite claims by Delhi Mayor Shelly Oberoi on June 18 that the city was prepared for the monsoon, the first significant rain has already caused substantial waterlogging.

Shelly Oberoi had previously assured that the storm drains were clean and ready, promising a hassle-free monsoon for Delhi residents. Major intersections like ITO saw about two to three feet of water accumulation, causing extensive traffic jams.

Thales inks pact with Adani Defence to manufacture 70mm rockets in India

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NEW DELHI: In a major fillip to the government's local manufacturing push, Adani Defence & Aerospace - the defence arm of the Adani Group -- has signed an agreement with the Thales Group to manufacture 70mm rockets in India.

Thales said that this partnership is not only significant for their commitment to India, "but it also allows us to strengthen our partner network worldwide."

"We congratulate the Adani Group on this partnership. Together, we seek to contribute to the further growth and success of India's defence sector," the Thales Group said in a post on X.

"We are thrilled to

announce our partnership with the Adani Group in India. We look forward to collaborating on the manufacturing of Thales' 70mm rockets in India," said the Thales Group.

This partnership is a key milestone in our continued support of 'Make in India' and 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' vision for India's growing defence industry, the Thales Group added.

Adani Defence & Aerospace, part of the Adani Group, is a pioneer in the design, development and manufacturing of state-of-the-art defence products.

The company signed a significant agreement with EDGE Group - one of the world's leading advanced technology and defence groups in the UAE - earlier this month.

Jharkhand HC grants bail to ex-CM Hemant Soren

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RANCHI: The Jharkhand High Court on Friday granted bail to former Chief Minister Hemant Soren in the land scam case.

On June 13, Justice Rongon Mukhopadhyay reserved the decision on Soren's bail plea.

Soren was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on January 31 in connection with money laundering linked to the land scam. He was lodged at Birsa Munda Central Jail in Ranchi since then.

During the hearing, Soren's counsel, Kapil Sibal and Meenakshi Arora, argued that the land in question was "bhuihari", under the Chotanagpur Tenancy Act, and could not be sold or

transferred to anyone. They also claimed that Soren had no connection with the land and that the ED had no evidence to prove his involvement in the scam.

On the other hand, Assistant Solicitor General SV Raju, representing the ED, argued that there was sufficient evidence to prove that Soren had illegally occupied 8.86 acres of land in Bariatu and had plans to build a banquet hall on it.

Assistant Solicitor General Raju also alleged that Soren had misused his position to influence the investigation and might try to disrupt it further if granted bail.

The court, however, accepted Soren's bail plea, providing relief to the former CM after over five months in judicial custody.

BJP Councillor takes 'boat ride' in waterlogged Patparganj, slams AAP govt

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NEW DELHI: BJP Councillor Ravinder Singh Negi was spotted boating in the waterlogged Patparganj locality of Delhi on Friday.

He said that despite raising the issue in Delhi Assembly several times, of PWD cleaning the drains maintained by it before the onset of monsoon, no action was taken by the AAP government, and Friday's waterlogging crisis was a result of this negligence.

"Delhi is drowning," he added in the video of him boating in Patparganj.

A flooded government school lane and vehicles stuck in a waterlogged road were visible in the footage, which he cited as 'evidence' that "Delhi was drowning while the AAP government was doing nothing."

"People are facing hardship due to waterlogging, and the AAP government is responsible for this," he said.

Government of Jammu and Kashmir

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

NIT No: CEO/IT&C/02 of 2024 Dated:26/06/2024

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, e-Tenders (in two cover system, Part I - Techno-Commercial Bid & Part II - Price Bid) are hereby invited from suppliers for the supply of following items:

- Supply of Original Ribbon Cartridges for LIPI make 6800/6600 Printers (Tally Genicom). (Quantity:240 Nos.)
- Supply of Original Ribbon Cartridges for LIPI make 6306 Printers. (Quantity:40 Nos.)

1. Bidders are advised to study the Bidding Document carefully. Submission of e-Bid against this SBD shall be deemed to have been done after careful study and examination of the procedures, terms and conditions of the Standard Bidding Document with full understanding of its implications.

2. The tender document is available on website <https://jktenders.gov.in>. Interested bidder may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid online up to the date and time mentioned in the table below:

A	Date & Time of downloading of Standard Bidding Document	27/06/2024:12:30Hrs
B	Clarifications start date	27/06/2024:14:00Hrs
C	Clarifications end date	28/06/2024:14:00Hrs
D	e-Bid submission(start)date & time(Submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF/XLS)	28/06/2024:14:30Hrs
E	e-Bid submission (end) date & time (Submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF/XLS)	06/07/2024:14:30Hrs
F	Online Technical e-Bid Opening date and Time	06/07/2024:15:00Hrs
G	Venue of opening of technical Bids	Office of the CEO IT and Communication Division, KPDCCL, Bemina, Srinagar
H	Online Financial e-Bid Opening date and Time	Will be separately communicated to the technically responsive bidders
I	Estimated Cost inclusive of Taxes No. of 6800/6600 Ribbon Cartridges: 240 No. No. of 6306 Ribbon Cartridges: 40 No.	Rs.9,96,000.00(Approx.) (Rupees Nine Lacs and Ninety-Six Thousand only(Approx.))
J	Cost of e-Bid document	Rs.500.00 (Rupees five hundred only, Non-refundable)
K	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs.20,000.00 (Rupees Twenty Thousand only)

- The bidders need to submit the proof/cost of e-Bid document as stated in the above table through treasury receipt or Demand Draft payable in favour of the Chief Executive Officer, IT and Communication Division, KPDCCL Bemina, Payable at Srinagar. The scanned copy of the treasury receipt/demand draft must be enclosed along with the e-Bid, but the original Demand Draft should reach the office of the Chief Executive Officer, IT & C Division, PDD Complex, Bemina, Srinagar by or before the scheduled date of technical bid opening.
- The bidders shall be required to submit EMD for an amount of Rs.20,000.00/- (Rupees Twenty thousand only) in the form of CDR, FDR payable in favour of the Chief Executive Officer, IT and Communication Division, KPDCCL Bemina, Payable at Srinagar. The hard copy of the CDR, FDR must be signed by the person authorized to bid and shall be submitted to the office of the Chief Executive Officer, IT & C Division, PDD Complex, Bemina, Srinagar by Registered post/courier/By Hand and should reach before the scheduled date of technical e-bid opening. The EMD in the form of CDR, FDR shall also be uploaded with the technical bid.

The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Web Site <https://jktenders.gov.in>. This is conveyed to the technically qualified bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial-bids shall be opened accordingly online on the same Web Site at the office of the Chief Executive Officer, IT & C Division, PDD Complex, Bemina, Srinagar.

Note: In case of bidder being a registered Micro and Small Enterprise (MSE), they shall be exempted from payment of cost of tender document and EMD, subject to furnishing of relevant valid certificate for claiming exemption.

- The e-Bids will be electronically opened in the presence of bidder's representatives, who choose to attend at the venue, date and time mentioned in the above table.
- The purchaser reserves the right to cancel any or all the e-Bids/ the e-Bid process without assigning any reason thereof if any major lapse/deviation is found. The decision of purchaser will be final and binding.
- In the event of date specified for e-Bids opening being declared a holiday, then the due date for opening of e-Bids shall be the following working day at the appointed time and place.
- All the required documents excluding Price Schedule/BOQ should be uploaded by the Bidder electronically in the PDF format, whereas Price Schedule/BOQ should be uploaded electronically in the same BOQ sheet provided with the SBD.
- Only those bidders shall be considered who deposit the tender cost and submit the EMD in the form of CDR/FDR.
- Corrigendum, if any would be published on the website.
- No hard copy of the technical bid is required to be submitted.

No: CEO/IT&C/534-36 Dated:26/06/2024

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
PHE Mechanical Division,
South Awantipora.

DIPK-NB-663-24
DT: 28/06/2024

Chief Executive Officer
IT & C Division, KPDCCL

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR,

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI (PHE) MECHANICAL DIVISION SOUTH AWANTIPORA

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

GIST of e-NIT No. 05 of 2024-25 Dated: 27-06-2024

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division South (Awantipora), invites e-tenders from reputed and resourceful Bidders/Firms/Companies/Consortiums between bidder/firm and Financier of all classes registered in JKPWD/CPWD/Railways or any other state Government for "Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of electro-mechanical equipments at water supply scheme Laribal Begumbagh of Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division South Awantipora". The bidding process shall be completed online on www.jktenders.gov.in in two covers viz. Cover 1st consisting of Pre-Qualification Criteria, General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications and Cover 2nd shall consist of Financial Bid on percentage basis, in the prescribed BOQ.

Sr No	Particulars of the work	Esttd. Cost (Lacs)	Tender fee (in Rs)	Earnest money Deposit	Bid Validity	Time of Completion of work
1	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of electro-mechanical equipments at water supply scheme Laribal Begumbagh of Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division South Awantipora	Work/Scheme wise details given in Form-I of Tender Document	Rs. 1,000/-	02% of the estimated cost of each work	120 days	As indicate against in Form-I of Tender Document

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

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

Critical Dates:

I	Publish Date on Tender Portal	28-06-2024 (03:00 PM)
II <th>Document Download/sale start Date</th> <th>28-06-2024 (03:00 PM)</th>	Document Download/sale start Date	28-06-2024 (03:00 PM)
III <th>Bid submission start Date</th> <th>28-06-2024 (03:00 PM)</th>	Bid submission start Date	28-06-2024 (03:00 PM)
IV <th>Pre-Bid Meeting Date</th> <th>04-07-2024 (11:00 AM)</th>	Pre-Bid Meeting Date	04-07-2024 (11:00 AM)
V <th>Document Download/sale end Date</th> <th>08-07-2024 (06:00 PM)</th>	Document Download/sale end Date	08-07-2024 (06:00 PM)
VI <th>Bid submission end Date</th> <th>08-07-2024 (06:00 PM)</th>	Bid submission end Date	08-07-2024 (06:00 PM)
VII <th>Date and time of Bid opening</th> <th>09-07-2024 (01:00 PM)</th>	Date and time of Bid opening	09-07-2024 (01:00 PM)

- Bid documents can be accessed and downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in
- The pre-bid meeting will be held in the office chamber of the Superintending Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Circle South Srinagar.
- The whole bidding process shall be completed online on tender portal www.jktenders.gov.in. The intending bidders can download the bid document from the tender portal and can submit their bids by uploading them on the tender portal.
- The bids received shall be opened online in the office of the Superintending Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Circle South Srinagar.
- a. Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document as specified against each item of work.
b. Bid Security to be pledged in favour of Superintending Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Circle South Srinagar. Bid Security will have to be in form of CDR/FDR/BG of any scheduled Bank and shall be valid for a period of 120 days from the last date of submission of bid.
c. The cost of tender documents should be in form of TR/e Challan in favour of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division South Awantipora.
- The hard copies of cost of tender document in shape of DD/TR/e-Challan, Earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR/BG and other relevant documents shall be obtained from the bidder who is declared as L1 after opening of financial cover.
- The bid shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the last date of submission of bids. If any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the said earnest money shall stand forfeited and the bid shall be declared non-responsive.
- Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website www.jktenders.gov.in.
- Queries by email if any should be made at semehsouthsgr111@gmail.com / xenphemechsouthawp@gmail.com.

No: JSD/MDSA/1506-08 Dated: 27-06-2024
DIPK-2036-24
DT: 28/06/2024

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
PHE Mechanical Division,
South Awantipora.

LG addresses Public Grievances at LG's Mulaqaat

Directs officials to resolve public issues on priority



GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Friday interacted with applicants of J&K Integrated Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (JK-IGRAMS) and addressed their grievances, through video conferencing, at the Civil Secretariat.

In today's "LG's Mulaqaat"- Live Public Grievance Hearing programme, several grievances of the complainants were redressed on the spot by the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor directed the officials to resolve the public issues on priority and ensure that the benefits of social welfare schemes reach all the needy people.

He reiterated the resolve of the UT Administration to build a caring, sensitive, accountable and effective public service delivery system.

"Empowerment of the disadvantaged sections of society is our prime objective. All the districts have a robust monitoring and evaluation mechanism for ongoing schemes and they also look into needs and concerns of the citizens," the Lt Governor said.

He said the government is consistently working on capacity building at various levels to strengthen the people-centric administration.

Responding to the complaint of Sh Balwant Singh from Jammu pertaining to the issue of illegal mining in Panchayat Atham Mohra Pandoo, the Lt Governor directed the concerned officials to take strict action against the violators.

Sh Ajay Kumar from Danjashdar Ramkote Kathua drew the attention of the authorities on

AMARNATH JI YATRA

LG interacts with prominent citizens, various stakeholders in Srinagar

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Friday attended an event organised by civil society, trade fraternity and citizens, in Srinagar today, to welcome pilgrims of Amarnath Ji Yatra.

In his address, the Lt Governor lauded the significant contribution of the people of Jammu Kashmir in smooth and successful conduct of the annual holy yatra.

"People feel privileged to be part of holy pilgrimage and contributing to make the journey safe and a truly fulfilling spiritual experience. The spiritual journey to the holy cave is the symbol of faith and unity. For centuries, it has been the collective responsibility of the society to make every step of this journey blissful," the Lt Governor said.

Interacting with various stakeholders, the Lt Governor highlighted the important role of civil society groups, trade bodies and local citizens in the hassle-free pilgrimage. He urged them to come forward and welcome the devotees of

Shri Amarnath Ji coming from across the country and abroad. The responsibility of carrying forward the great tradition of serving pilgrims our ancestors followed with full devotion rests on the shoulders of all of you, he said.

"J&K has glorious heritage of harmony, tolerance and brotherhood. It is the land of almost all religions known to mankind. These values deeply embedded in society are expressed in this Yatra and everyone irrespective of religion and caste participates in serving the pilgrims," the Lt Governor said.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor also spoke on the arrangements made by the administration, Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board, Police, Security Forces and various stakeholder departments for the safe and secure pilgrimage of the devotees.

Addressing the Traffic management related issues, the Lt Governor said the Divisional Commissioner Kashmir has been directed to take comprehensive measures to provide resolution to ease traffic congestion, especially in Srinagar.

The Lt Governor also observed that the arrangements for Muharram have already started. The administration is taking all the stakeholders onboard for Muharram, he added.

Sh Aftab Malik, Chairman, DDC, Srinagar; Ms Safina Baig, Chairperson, DDC Baramulla; Mohammad Yousuf Gorsi, Chairman DDC Anantnag; Ms Nuzhat Ishfaq, Chairperson DDC Ganderbal; Dr Darakhshan Andrabi, Chairperson J&K Waqf Board; civil society members, representatives of various organizations and community leaders shared their inputs and extended all support and cooperation to the administration in the peaceful and smooth conduct of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra.

The Lt Governor assured that the valuable suggestions received from various stakeholders will be incorporated for the convenience of the yatrins and the general public.

Sh Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; Sh Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Sh Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir and other senior officers were also present.

the issues of construction of boundary wall at Government Middle School Mallar, village Danjashdar zone Bhaddu. The Lt Governor directed for immediate measures for the construction of the said boundary wall to prevent any hazard.

On the grievances of complainant namely Sh Zubair Sultan, a resident of Seer Hamdan, Anantnag pertaining to construction of Seer to Nambal Bridge on river Lidder, the Lt Governor was apprised that the effective measures are

being taken for the completion of the balance work.

Sh Musharaf Naik, resident of Poonch who had registered a grievance regarding delay in issuance of Domicile and ST certificates thanked the Lt Governor for addressing his issue. A complainant from Ganderbal namely, Sh Tanveer Ahmad Mir also expressed his gratitude to the Lt Governor for his intervention in making the defunct filtration plant functional at Buderkund.

The Lt Governor further directed the District

Administrations to ensure all facilities to Shri Amarnath Ji pilgrims and take necessary measures in advance regarding forthcoming Muharram.

Sh Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Sh Dheeraj Gupta, Additional Chief Secretary Forests; Principal Secretaries, Administrative Secretaries; Divisional Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners, SSPs, HoDs and other senior officers were present during the interaction, in person and through virtual mode.

Murderers of democracy claim to be its guardians: Chugh

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: In a step to bolster party unity and prepare for the upcoming Assembly polls, BJP National General Secretary and In-charge of Jammu & Kashmir, Tarun Chugh, convened a seminar at Church Lane in Srinagar today. Stressing the importance of grassroots organization for the upcoming Assembly polls, Chugh urged the workers to fortify the party's presence.

Reflecting on the 50th anniversary of the Emergency imposed in 1975, Chugh highlighted its lasting impact on Indian democracy. He noted, "It has been 50 years since the imposition of the Emergency in this country. Yet, the Congress Party still bears the burden of this sin. Why do they become so agitated and restless whenever this issue is discussed? It is essential to tell the country why the Emergency was imposed."

Chugh recounted the events leading up to the Emergency, beginning with the Allahabad High Court's invalidation of Indira Gandhi's election from Rae Bareilly. Indira Gandhi's election was invalidated by the Allahabad High Court, leading



her to seek a stay from the Supreme Court, which did not grant a complete stay. This legal predicament set the stage for the imposition of the Emergency.

"Those who murdered democracy during the Emergency now hypocritically claim to be its guardians," said Chugh. "It is outrageous that the very people responsible for that dark chapter in our history now present themselves as the protectors of democratic values."

"Leaders like Lok Nayak Jayaprakash Narayan, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Lal Krishna Advani, and many others were arrested," he recounted. "Press censorship was imposed, and the publication of Indian Express was shut down. No one could write or say anything against the gov-

ernment. Thousands were forcibly sterilized, and Turkman Gate in Delhi was destroyed."

Highlighting the judicial compromises during this period, Chugh pointed out the example of Justice H.R. Khanna. He said, "Justice H.R. Khanna, who stated that fundamental rights cannot be suspended even during an Emergency, was not allowed to become the Chief Justice of India. RSS volunteers in jail were tortured, leading to many deaths."

He criticized the Congress for never apologizing for the Emergency and pointed out their discomfort during recent commemorations. "When a two-minute silence was observed in memory of those who died, the Congress was disturbed. What is the problem with dis-

cussing this dark chapter after 50 years?"

Chugh called on current leaders to remember the impact of the Emergency on their predecessors. "Akhilesh Yadav, Stalin, Kanimozhi, and Tejashwi should remember that their fathers were also in jail during the Emergency," he said. "This is Congress's true history—no faith in democracy, nor in democratic traditions."

Reassuring the party's commitment, Chugh highlighted that the BJP, under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, is dedicated to preventing such an event from happening again. "Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji and the BJP have clearly stated that there will never be an Emergency in this country again. No citizen's rights will be violated again under the rule of Dynastic politics"

He concluded by celebrating the resilience of Indian democracy and the electorate's response in the 1977 general elections, where Indira Gandhi faced significant losses. "The strength within this country defeated the dark chapter of Emergency, and on its completion of 50 years, we proudly acknowledge this and commemorate it so that such a thing never happens again."

Anjna Panwar inaugurates Medical Camp at SMC Headquarters



GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: In order to provide essential healthcare services to Safai Karamcharis, a free medical camp; a healthcare services outreach program was inaugurated at the Central Office of SMC Karan Nagar by Anjna Panwar, Vice Chairperson (V.C) National Commission for Safai Karamcharis, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India.

The initiative was graced with the presence of Anjna Panwar, who served as the chief guest for the event.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by the Joint Commissioner Adm SMC, Gh. Nabi Bhat; Joint Commissioner SMC, Syed Abul Qasim; Health Officer SMC, Fauzia Habib; Chief Sanitation Officer SMC, Nazir Ahmad Baba and other senior officials of the Corporation.

During the ceremony, the chair was briefed on

the meticulous planning and execution of the medical camp, organized to cater the healthcare needs of Safai Karamcharis.

In her heartfelt interaction with the Safai Karamcharis present at the camp, Anjna attentively listened to their everyday challenges and concerns. She assured them that their issues would be given due attention and advocated for their rights at appropriate platforms.

Stressing the crucial importance of healthcare access for Safai Karamcharis, she directed officials to maintain comprehensive medical records for all sanitation workers and ensure prompt provision of necessary medical facilities.

The medical camp witnessed enthusiastic participation from Safai Karamcharis, who availed a wide range of medical services including general health check-ups, consultations with specialists, and distribution of essential medicines.

Minga Sherpa visits Uri, reviews developmental initiatives



GMK NEWS NETWORK

BARAMULLA: The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa Friday visited Uri to conduct a comprehensive review of developmental projects and service delivery and assess progress, address community concerns, and enhance administrative efficiency in the region.

At the outset, the DDC chaired a comprehensive meeting to evaluate the progress of ongoing developmental works. Sub Divisional Magistrate Uri, Javed Ahmad, briefed the chair on the current status of the overall situation in Sub Division Uri.

The DDC directed the officers to ensure all the developmental projects are being worked on efficiently and are completed in a time bound manner.

During the meeting, Minga Sherpa also

reviewed the Border Village/ Model Village plan, a flagship initiative aimed at transforming border villages into hubs of development and prosperity and to uplift the living standards of residents in border areas through infrastructure development, education, healthcare, and economic activities.

The DDC inspected the functioning of the Revenue Department, urging officials to enhance service delivery mechanisms. Additionally, he directed the officers to streamline processes and improve public service standards across the region.

During the visit, Minga Sherpa interacted with the locals, representatives from border villages and listened to their demands and aspirations. He directed the concerned officers to promptly resolve the grievances put forth by the representatives.

HIRANAGAR ENCOUNTER

Nine SPOs regularised as constables in J&K Police

AGENCIES

JAMMU: A few days after the encounter in the Hiranagar border area in which two terrorists were killed, nine Special Police Officers (SPOs) were regularized as constables in the police by the Director General of Police (DGP) R. R. Swain as a reward for their exceptional action.

Swain announced that the village defence groups and SPOs will be strengthened in Kathua and other areas of Jammu and Kashmir.

The encounter took place in Saida Sukhal village in Kathua district's Hiranagar area near the International Border on June 12, left two unidentified terrorists and one CRPF jawan dead, and a civilian was injured.

The DGP, flanked by Additional Director Generals of Police (ADGPs) M K Sinha and Anand Jain, regularised SPOs with ranks of constables and appointment letters at a function organized by the district police. The SPOs who were regularized include Amit Sharma, Karanveer Singh, Sumeet Verma, Anil Choudhary, Sham Lal, Pankaj Sharma, Mukesh Rajput, Lovepreet Jatt, and Sahil Singh.

"The SPOs were regularized for the good work they did. We have an SPO component in the police that must be taken care of separately and in a fast-forward mode. We went out of the usual procedure to regularize them on a fast track to reward them," DGP Swain told reporters.

He emphasized that when the resolve is strong, people

come together. "The SPOs are performing well. We have an SOP to bring everyone together, whether SPO or otherwise, through conversion or felicitation," he said.

The DGP also appreciated the role of other police officers and said that medals and awards for other constables or officers would be proposed separately.

He said that the senior leadership of the police has decided to strengthen village defence groups in Kathua and other areas. "SPOs will also be strengthened," he added.

DGP reminisced about his tenure as Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) of Kathua district and praised the locals for their patriotism and bravery. "There is a feeling of homecoming. When I travel from here, I feel happy. My heart is filled with happiness because Kathua is a place where people are always filled with patriotism. I have served here as an SSP for two years and have seen people with a strong commitment to safeguarding their country. It is a natural behaviour among them," he said.

He further recounted stories told to him by the people about the 1965 and 1971 wars and how the people of Kathua stood firm against the enemy and fully supported the armed forces.

"They have performed exceptionally important roles during these periods. The Jammu and Kashmir Police come from the public of Kathua. Police and public work in close coordination and are a great power," he said.

Ayushi Sudan reviews launch of Sampurna Abhiyan in AB Keran

GMK NEWS NETWORK

KUPWARA: The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan Friday convened a meeting of concerned officers to review the launch of Sampurna Abhiyan in Aspirational Block (AB) Keran and Aspirational District (AD) Kupwara and formulate the Action Plan for saturation of 06 identified Key Performance Indicators.

It was informed in the meeting that NITI Aayog has launched the Sampurna Abhiyan to achieve

saturation of 6 identified Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) at District level and Aspirational Block level (Keran) under the thematic areas of Health, Nutrition, Education, Agriculture and Social Development.

It was also given out that the aim of Sampurna Abhiyan is to saturate these identified KPIs within a span of three months starting from 4th July to 30th September 2024 through an Action Plan working towards saturation for fulfilling the benign principle of Sampurnnata.

3-day Int. Conference 'MAiTRI' Concludes at NIT Srinagar

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: The National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar, in collaboration with Dr. B.R. Ambedkar National Institute of Technology Jalandhar, successfully hosted the 2nd International Conference on Machine Intelligence for Research and Innovations (MAiTRI 2024) from June 21st to 23rd.

The three-day hybrid event, marking the 112th birth anniversary of the legendary Alan Turing, was a significant milestone for the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Management Research Society.

The conference was supported by MeitY, the Government of India, Digital India, and G20 India 2023. MAiTRI 2024 showcased groundbreaking developments in intelligent and autonomous systems. Its proceedings will be published by Springer Nature, ensuring global dissemination of the innovative research presented.

The event featured renowned mentors and guests of honor, con-

tributing to its high-caliber discourse. Among the distinguished mentors were Prof. Leo Joskowicz, Director of CASMIP Lab, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel; and Prof. A. Ravinder Nath, Director NIT Srinagar and Vice-Chancellor of Central University of Kashmir, who served as the Patron of the conference.

Prof. Roohie Naaz, Dean, R&C NIT Srinagar, Prof. Tapan Kumar Gandhi, Department of Electrical Engineering, IIT Delhi, and Prof. Puspendra P. Singh, Director of AWARD and Dean R&C, IIT Ropar were special guests.

In his key address, Prof. A. Ravinder Nath emphasized that the summit highlighted a diverse range of topics including machine learning, deep learning, real-time computer vision, and computational intelligence.

He stated that the main aim of this conference was to inculcate a sense of urgency among budding researchers to incorporate sustainability into their future endeavors.

"NIT Srinagar is committed to supporting such conferences in

the future," Prof. Ravinder Nath added.

Prof. Tapan Kumar Gandhi and Prof. Puspendra P. Singh, who were Guests of Honor, stated that MAiTRI 2024 offered a dynamic environment for scholars and practitioners to discuss the latest advancements in machine intelligence.

They emphasized the necessity of such conferences, which focused on intelligent and autonomous robots (IAR), unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV), autonomous underwater vehicles (AUV), autonomous surface vehicles (ASV), autonomous land vehicles (ALV), swarm robots, humanoid robots, and autonomous household robots.

Prof. Roohie Naaz, Dean, R&C, noted that NIT Srinagar is open for collaborations, research projects, and joint publications.

"We are committed to expanding our research domain not only by reaching out but also by our attitude. We want our research to have a significant impact," she added.

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Affairs Prof. Nazir Ahmad Sheikh and Dean Students Welfare Prof. Abdul Liman remarked that the conference provided a vibrant platform for participants from across the globe to discuss ground-breaking research ideas about nanotechnology and its relevance.

They lauded the organizers for successfully conducting the two-day conference.

Head of CSE, Dr Md Ahsan Chisti said that MAiTRI 2024 paved the way for future innovations in machine intelligence.

"The conference underscored the importance of interdisciplinary research and collaboration in advancing technology for societal benefit. The success of this event sets a promising precedent for future editions, reinforcing India's position as a global hub for technological innovation and research," he added.

Dr Tarun Kumar Sharma said that "MAiTRI 2024 has set a new benchmark for international conferences on machine intelligence. The diverse range of topics covered and the quality of research presented are truly commendable.

"This platform not only facilitated the exchange of innovative ideas but also strengthened the global research community. I am confident that the insights gained here will propel future advancements in the field," he added.

The organizing committee, which played a crucial role in the success of MAiTRI 2024, included Dr. Shaima Qureshi, Dr. Ranjeet Kumar Rout, Dr. Jigneshkumar V. Rohit, Dr. Mohammad Mohsin Khan from NIT Srinagar; Dr. Anupam Yadav, Department of Mathematics, NIT Jalandhar; Dr. Om Prakash Verma, Department of Instrumentation and Control Engineering, NIT Jalandhar; and Dr. Tarun K. Sharma from Shobhit University Gangoh.

The organizing secretaries were Dr. H. S. Pali, Dr. Vijay Kumar, Dr. Chilaka Ranga, Dr. Sparsh Sharma, and Dr. Pramod Kumar Yadav from NIT Srinagar, and Dr. Sayed Umer from the Department of CSE, Alia University, Kolkata, Dr. Venignton K and Dr. Tawseef from Department of CSE and Dr. Om Prakash Verma for NIT Jalandhar