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Assembly Polls

## EC To Meet Home Secretary To Review J&K Security Situation



Agencies

**NEW DELHI:** The Election Commission will hold a meeting with Union Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla on Wednesday to review the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir where it plans to hold assembly polls, sources said.

The EC had reviewed the poll preparedness in Jammu and Kashmir last week.

Addressing a press conference in Jammu, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar had emphasised that the poll authority is committed to holding assembly elections in the Union Territory at the earliest.

No outside or internal forces can derail the electoral process, Kumar had asserted.

After record turnout in the Lok Sabha elections in

Jammu and Kashmir, Kumar had said, "This active participation is a huge positive for assembly elections to be held soon so that the democratic process continues to thrive in the Union Territory."

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Whenever assembly elections are held in Jammu and Kashmir, they will be the first since provisions of Article 370 of the Constitution were abrogated and the erstwhile state divided into two Union Territories in 2019. ●P-06

## J&K's Security Grid On 'High Alert' For Smooth Conduct Of I-Day

LG To Unfurl Tri-Colour At Bakshi Stadium, Advisor Bhatnagar In Jammu

Abid Bashir

**SRINAGAR:** For the first time, there was an ease in frisking operations across Srinagar city ahead of the Independence Day even as J&K's security grid is on a highest level of alert to ensure peaceful conduct of all official functions on August 15.

Reliable sources said that Srinagar city witnessed ease in frisking operations for the first time even though the main venue of Bakshi Stadium has already been fortified by the security agencies especially police and special security guards (SSGs). "We felt there was almost zero frisking in Srinagar for the first time. People were moving around the city freely without any hassle," said Ghulam Qadir, a shopkeeper at Lal Chowk.

Police sources said that ease in frisking was in the wake of improvement in the overall security situation. They said the main venue



FILE PHOTO

Bakshi Stadium has been fortified and sharpshooters have been deployed to the nearby buildings. Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha will unfurl the tri-colour at the Bakshi Stadium while as his advisor RR Bhatnagar will take salute of the parade at Moulana Azad Stadium Jammu.

Talking to reporters at Bakshi Stadium after a full-dress rehearsal, Inspector General of Police (IGP) Kashmir V K Bhirdi said that police were fully aware

of the recent terror activities in Kashmir. "We have put in place a compact security plan to ensure all official functions of August 15 pass peacefully," he said, adding that the security grid is alert to foil all "nefarious designs."

Present on the occasion, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Vidhi Kumar Bihduri said that there is a great enthusiasm among the children and people. "There is an open entry for all on August 15. Only thing is that people need to keep ●P-06

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I-Day Event In Srinagar

### J&K Admin Extends Open Invitation To People

GMK News Network

**SRINAGAR:** Jammu and Kashmir administration on Tuesday extended an open invitation to the people for the Independence Day event here on August 15.

"There will be no restrictions and I on behalf of the government extend an open invitation to the general public for attending the main event at Bakshi Stadium on Thursday", Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bihduri told media persons today.

Bihduri hoisted the National Flag on the mast at the podium amid the reverberating National Anthem and took salute of the march past during the full dress rehearsal of 78th Independence Day which was held at the Bakshi Stadium amid adequate arrangements in place.

He requested the people to be seated in the stadium on time to secure their place during the ●P-06

### MeT Predicts 3-Day Wet Spell From Aug 15

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**SRINAGAR:** With possibility of light to moderate rainfall at many places of Jammu and Kashmir from August 15, Srinagar, the summer capital of the Union Territory, continued to record heat wave on Tuesday where the mercury settled at 34.6 degree Celsius.

Director Meteorological Department (MeT), Dr Mukhtar Ahmad said that

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the hot weather conditions would continue to prevail tomorrow while there is a possibility of a three-day wet spell from August 15.

"The light rainfall is expected at multiple places of Kashmir while some of the areas would receive moderate rainfall as well. The change in the prevailing weather conditions are expected from August 15 morning," he said.

However, Srinagar has recorded a heat wave today again at 34.6 degree Celsius, which was 4.6 degree above normal.

In Qazigund, a gateway of Kashmir, the ●P-06

## HCI Invites Online Application For Hajj 2025

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**SRINAGAR:** The Haj Committee of India has invited online applications from all the aspirants who intend to undertake Hajj journey next year.

"The aspirants who wish to undertake Hajj journey during 1446(H)—2025(CE) have been informed that the Hajj Committee of India (HCI) has invited online application forms with effect from 13 August, 2024," reads the notification.

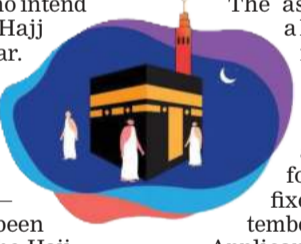
As per a notification, the aspirants are being informed that before filing the application form online, the aspi-

rants should go through the Haj Policy/Haj Guidelines available for Hajj-2025 at Haj Committee website www.haj-committee.gov.in.

The aspirants have also been informed that the last date for submission of the application form has been fixed as 9th September, 2024.

Applicants must be in possession of Machine-Readable International Passport issued on or before the closing date of application and valid at least upto 15th January, 2026.

Meanwhile, Haj Application form can be submitted online only at the ●P-06



Land Dispute

## HC Orders District Authorities To Take Over Temple, Trust Properties

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**SRINAGAR:** The High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh has issued significant directives to district authorities in Srinagar, Anantnag, and Baramulla, instructing them to take immediate control of various temple and trust properties.

In Srinagar, a division bench comprising Justice M.A. Chowdhary and Justice Sanjeev Kumar ordered the Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Srinagar to assume management of a temple and its associated properties. The case revolves around a land dispute



involving 159 kanals 10 marlas and 192 square feet, located in the Barzulla area, as per Survey No. 55 min. The court mandated that the DC either personally

manage the temple's affairs or appoint a committee of responsible officers from the revenue and other relevant departments. The bench further ●P-06

## Focus On Faculty Upgradation At New CH Sgr: CS

GMK NEWS NETWORK

**SRINAGAR:** Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, Tuesday held a meeting of Health & Medical Education (H&ME) Department to take appraisal of the functioning of newly established 500 Bedded Children Hospital.

Those present includes Secretary, Health; Principal, GMC Srinagar; Director, Health Kashmir; Administrator, Associated Hospitals, Kashmir; several HoDs of Paediatric Hospital and other concerned officers.

The Chief Secretary while taking assessment of the facilities being provided at the new 500 Bedded Paediatric Hospital at Bemina observed that the aim of shifting this hospital from GB Pant, Sonwar



was to upgrade the facilities and introduction of all the high-end procedures under one roof.

He maintained that it should be the endeavour of the hospital administration to meet these objectives without any delay as the infrastructure of the hospital has been highly upgraded. He underscored the need for introduction of all the high-end procedures and ●P-06

## NHA, MUHS Sign Mou To Drive Digital Health Education

GMK NEWS NETWORK

**NEW DELHI:** In a significant step towards driving Digital Health education across India, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the National Health Authority (NHA) and Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS) in the presence of Union Health Minister, J P Nadda here on Tuesday.

As part of the collaboration, MUHS will offer its Digital Health Foundation Course (DHFC) to NHA and co-develop additional Digital Health programs, as suggested by NHA to support the roll-out of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM).

NHA would continue to steer the government policy on the digital health landscape in the country for the development of an interoperable digital health ecosystem. The MoU also proposes to develop more such courses in the future.

Speaking on the occasion, Jagat Prakash Nadda stated that "the partnership between NHA and MUHS marks a significant milestone in integrating digital health education into medical curricula and laying the foundation for a more connected and effective health-care ecosystem."

He also stated that, "this partnership will not only enhance the skills of medi-

cal students and professionals but also drive the broader implementation of the ABDM, ultimately benefiting millions of Indians with better access to quality care."

He further added that "to ensure that our health workers can effectively implement Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY), their time-to-time capacity-building is needed. This MoU will not only pave the way for their capacity-building but also contribute to the digital teaching landscape in the country."

Nadda commended MUHS "for coming forward to create a 'need-based' designed course to ensure the capacity-building of the health workers" and added ●P-06

## J&K Govt Reconstitutes SDA, JDA, LCMA

MUBASHIR ALAM WANI

**SRINAGAR:** The administration of J&K has reconstituted the Srinagar Development Authority, Jammu Development Authority and J&K Lake Conservation & Management Authority (LCMA).

These three authorities have been reconstituted under the Jammu & Kashmir Development Act-1970.

While the notifications for reconstitution of SDA and JDA shall be deemed to come into effect from March 6, 2024, the notification for reconstitution of LCMA shall come into effect retrospectively from May 24, 2024.

The members of these bodies shall hold office for two years, the notifications state.

According to a notification, administrative secretary Housing & Urban Development Department would be chairperson of the Srinagar Development Authority (SDA).

The notification states that divisional commissioner Kashmir, commissioner Srinagar Municipal Corporation, vice-chairperson Srinagar Development Authority, deputy commissioner Srinagar, representative of Finance department not below the rank of additional secretary/ ●P-06

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## DC B'pora flags-off Tiranga Boat Rally, inaugurates Cleanliness Drive



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**BANDIPORA:** In a spirited celebration of Swachhta Pakhwada, a mega event was Tuesday organized at Wular Vantage Park Bandipora, highlighting the importance of cleanliness, environmental conservation and to celebrate the spirit of patriotism.

The programme was organised by Wular Conservation and Management Authority in collaboration with Forest Division Bandipora as part of the ongoing Swachhta Pakhwada, observed from August 1st to 15th, 2024, across the district.

The event featured a series of activities, including a plantation drive, a vibrant Tiranga Boat Rally and cleanliness drive.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Shakeel ul Rehman inaugurated the event by flagging-off the Tiranga Boat Rally,

which aimed to promote patriotism and the preservation of natural resources and symbolises the unity and dedication of the local community towards preserving the environment.

The rally, which showcased a fleet of decorated boats waving national flags, was a visual representation of the collective commitment to maintaining the ecological integrity of Wular Lake, one of the largest freshwater lakes in Asia.

Speaking on the occasion, DC emphasized the importance of community involvement in environmental conservation. Wular Lake is not only a natural treasure but also a lifeline for the people of Bandipora, he added.

To further enhance the significance of the occasion, Cultural programmes were organized, featuring performances by students from various schools across the district.

**INDEPENDENCE DAY**

## Full dress rehearsal held across Jammu division with Patriotic fervor

GMK NEWS NETWORK

**JAMMU:** The full dress rehearsal for 78th Independence Day was held on Tuesday across Jammu division with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervor.

At Kathua: The full dress rehearsal for 78th Independence Day was held in Kathua at Sports Stadium where contingents comprising of Police, CRPF, Army, NCC cadets presented the march past.

The rehearsal started with hoisting of National Flag by Additional District Development Commissioner, Kathua, Surinder Mohan Sharma followed by inspection of the parade.

In his address, the ADDC extended greetings to the public on behalf of the district administration. He encouraged the young children to explore various fields while contributing to the nation's technological progress and playing a vital role in achieving the vision of a 'Viksit India.' He also made a heartfelt appeal to the participating contingents to give their best in Independence Day events, including Tiranga Rallies.

On the occasion, a scintillating cultural programme featuring the rich cultural diversity of



the country and tribute to freedom fighters were presented by school and college students.

ASP Kathua, Paramjit Singh, ACR Vishav Pratap Singh, besides other senior officers of district administration was present on the occasion.

At Kishtwar: The full dress rehearsal for the main programme of Independence Day Parade 2024 was held today in the district Kishtwar at Chowgan Ground Kishtwar amid all necessary arrangements.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Kishtwar Pawan Kotwal accompanied by Addl. SP Kishtwar Mr. Pawan Sharma hoisted the National flag, took salute from parade commander and contingents besides inspecting the parade of contingents. The

parade was commanded by Dy.SP Dr Ishan Gupta.

The contingents that participated in the March past parade included Police, JKAP, CRPF, CISF, IRP, Forest Protection Force, NCC & Student contingents from schools of District Kishtwar.

Meanwhile, Artists, students performed colorful cultural programmes amid the national Patriotic Songs and local popular songs which enthralled the audience and invoked huge applause.

On this occasion SSP Kishtwar Abdul Qayoom, PO ICDS/CEO KDA Dr Rishi Kumar Sharma, SDM Paddar Dr Amit Kumar, ACD Phulail Singh, AOD Office Satinder Singh, BDO Kishtwar Sanjeev Kotwal, CEO Kishtwar Javeed Ahmed Kichloo, DYSSO

Kishtwar Jaffar H Sheikh, LDM Harsh Rawal and other officers of Police/Civil administration also attended the full dress rehearsal.

During the Full Dress Rehearsal at Kishtwar, the Chief Guest conveyed heartfelt felicitations to the entire community, marking the occasion of this year's Independence Day. The Chief Guest's speech underscored the profound significance of the day, emphasizing the spirit of sacrifice and the relentless struggle for freedom that our nation, India, has endured. The chief guest also highlighted the important developmental milestones achieved in the district. This event serves as a poignant reminder of our collective dedication to our motherland.

## DLIC approves 50 cases under Mission Youth schemes in Kulgam



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**KULGAM:** A District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) meeting was Tuesday convened under the aegis of Mission Youth J&K's Mumkin, Tejaswini and Spurring Entrepreneurship Initiative schemes, here.

The meeting, presided over by the District Development Commissioner (DDC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan was held in the Meeting Hall of Mini Secretariat Kulgam.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner, Chief Planning Officer, General Manager DIC, District Statistics & Evaluation Officer, Lead District Manager, Assistant Director Employment, Assistant Regional Transport Officer, DNO JKEDI, District Coordinator, NRLM, Employment Officer, DE&CC and Career Counseling Officer, DE&CC.

At the outset of the meeting, a comprehensive review of the progress under Mission Youth schemes was conducted.

It was reported to the chair that as on date 288 cases under Mumkin, 32 cases under Tejaswini and 49 cases under Spur-

ring Entrepreneurship Initiative have been disbursed. The chair was briefed that the released subsidy amount of Rs. 212 Lac and Rs.35.64 lacs stand utilized in full under Mumkin and SEI schemes respectively.

The Nodal Officer for Mission Youth self-employment schemes presented 38 new cases under the Mumkin Scheme, 02 cases under Tejaswini scheme and 10 cases under Spurring Entrepreneurship Initiative. The committee members scrutinized all the files and interviews were conducted under the Spurring Entrepreneurship Initiative as per the standing norms of the Scheme.

The Committee approved all 38 cases under the Mumkin scheme, 02 cases under Tejaswini scheme and 10 cases under Spurring Entrepreneurship Initiative. Further, enhancement of loan in favor of one beneficiary under SEI was also approved.

During the meeting's deliberations, the Chairman DLIC further directed the Nodal Officer for Mission Youth and Lead District Manager to expedite the clearance of pending matters.

## Sericulture Development Deptt J&K organizes Tiranga Rally

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**SRINAGAR:** The Sericulture Development Department, J&K Tuesday organized a vibrant Tiranga Rally at the Directorate of Sericulture, Tulsi Bagh, Srinagar.

The rally was organized under the leadership of Director Sericulture J&K, Ajaz Ahmad Bhat with great enthusiasm exhibited by the Officers and Officials of the Sericulture Department.

The event witnessed huge participation of employees who

proudly waved the national flag while singing patriotic songs that echoed and resonated through the entire premises of the Sericulture Dev. Department at Tulsi Bagh Srinagar.

The Tiranga Rally was not just a demonstration of national pride but also a celebration of the unity and spirit of the Sericulture community across the board. The employees, adorned in tricolor, marched through the streets of the entire premises and roads of Sericulture Complex at Tulsi Bagh, Srinagar while displaying

messages of patriotism and unity with the nationalistic spirit in the run up to the Independence Day celebrations being held on 15th August 2024.

On this occasion, the Director Sericulture took a significant step towards environmental conservation by planting a tree within the Directorate's premises. This act was part of the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign, an initiative aimed at promoting tree plantation in the name of mothers, symbolizing love, care, and nurturing

values deeply ingrained in both motherhood and environmental stewardship which will go a long way in preserving our ecology and environment.

Speaking on the occasion, he emphasized the importance of such initiatives that besides fostering a sense of national pride also contributes to the well-being of our environment. He urged all employees to take active part in the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign and plant more trees to ensure a greener and healthier future for the gen-

erations to come.

The rally concluded with a renewed sense of patriotism and commitment to the environment, as employees pledged to contribute positively to the nation and the ecosystem.

The Additional Director, Sericulture Dev. Deptt., Kashmir, Development Officer, ISDP Sonawari, Project Executive Officer, Srinagar District Sericulture Officer, Srinagar/ Budgam and other Officers of the Department were also present on the occasion.

**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR**  
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**  
**IRRIGATION DIVISION OMPORA BUDGAM.**

**CORRIGENDUM**

Subject:- This office E-NIT No. 06 of 08/2024 issued vide this office No.2147-61 dated 10-08-2024. Please read an amount of RS. 17440/- as Earnest Money instead of Rs. 16000/- for Serial No. 15 of above mentioned e-nit.

All other terms and conditions shall remain intact as laid down in the NIT.

No:- 2264-78  
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**NOTICE INVITING TENDERS**

For and on behalf of the Managing Director, Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited, e-Tenders, (In Two Cover System) are hereby invited from Govt. approved Electrical Contractors, for works, as details below:-

e-NIT No.:-EDB/ 35 of 2024-25 Dated: 10-08-2024.	Name of work(s)	Adv. Cost	Completion period
	Installation Of 63Kv Transformer At Wuder Mohalla Lalpora.	INR 12.69 Lacs	60 Days
	Installation Of Sub Station Electric Transformer 100 Kv Of Dar Mohalla Near House Of Master Showket Ah Dar At She Attina		
	Improvement Of Low Tension Electric Poles At Shah Mohalla Fakirpora, Panchayat Lalpora	INR 3.98 Lacs	60 Days
	Installation Of Iron Electric Poles At Checki Sompah		
	Installation Of Ht/Lt Poles And Wires At SkMalpora		
	Lt Poles With Wires At Village Dedmaribagh		
	Installation Of Lt Poles And Wires From Main Road To House Of Mohd Shafi Bhat S/O Habib Ullah Bhat At Koolibagh Gopalsaif.	INR 4.17 Lacs	60 Days
	Installation Of Lt Poles At Check Dumjoo Kaisermulla		
	Creation Of 100 Kv Transformer At Malla Mohalla Hassipora And Installation Of Lt Poles At Wani Mohalla Hassipora	INR 11.45 Lacs	60 Days
	Installation Of 63 Kv Transformer At Jamiya Masjid Mohalla Kralwari		
	Lt Improvement At New Colony, Boudkhah Mohalla Kathair Gund Chadoora		
	Providing Of Electricity Connection By Way Of Installation Of Electric Line To Farooq Sidiq Gogni, Shabir Ah. Magloo, Nazir Ah. Magloo, Mohd Afzal Baba, Nazir Ahmad Mir Akbar, Ishfaq Sheikh And Others At Zafroon Colony and near house of altaf Shah shah mohallah Kanir.	INR 7.47 Lacs	60 Days
	Improvement Of Lt Network At Porwara Chadoora		

The tender document is available on website <http://jktenders.gov.in>. Interested bidders may view or download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid online up to date as per the details mentioned in the table below:

A	Date & Time of downloading of Standard Bidding Document	The standard Bidding Document can be downloaded over <a href="http://jktenders.gov.in">http://jktenders.gov.in</a> from 12-08-2024; 4:00PM
B	Sale of Bid Document (Start)	12-08-2024; 4:00 PM
C	Sale of Bid Document (End)	20-08-2024, 2:00PM
D	Clarification start date	13-08-2024; 11:00 AM
E	Clarification End date	14-08-2024; 4:00 PM
F	e-Bid submission (start) date and time (submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF/XLS format)	14-08-2024; 10:00 AM
G	e-Bid submission (End) date and time (submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF/XLS format)	20-08-2024, 2:00 PM
H	Hard Copy of e-tender fee and EMD Instrument & Affidavit that the Firm/ Contractor is not Black listed by any of the Govt. Offices.	Up-to 20-08-2024; 02:00 PM in office of the Executive Engineer ED- Budgam
I	Online commercial and technical e-bid opening date and time	20-08-2024; 04:00 PM
J	Online financial e-bid opening date & time (only of the technically qualified bidders)	Will be communicated to the technically qualified bidders
K	Venue of opening of technical & financial e-bids	office of the Executive Engineer ED- Budgam

Other details can be seen in the bidding documents.  
 No: EDB/3625  
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**NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER**

e-NIT No. 10 of 2024-25 Dated: 12/08/2024

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, e-tenders (in Single Cover System) on percentile basis are invited from approved and eligible contractors for the following works to be received by the Executive Engineer Flood Spill Channel Division Narbal.

S.No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (₹. In Lacs)	Earnest Money	Cost of T/Doc. (₹.)	Time of completion	Class of Contractor	M.H Account
01	Construction of protection wall on right side of Shaliganga Nallah at Dreygam U/S Steel Bridge.	₹.2.60 Lacs	5200 /-	200	10days	DEE	Distt. Capex Budget 2024-25 (PRI Grants)
02	Construction of protection wall on Shaliganga Nallah at Banderpora right side.	₹.2.30 Lacs	4600 /-	200	10days	DEE	Distt. Capex Budget 2024-25 (PRI Grants)
03	Construction of protection wall on right side of Shaliganga Nallah at village Watrad D/S Bridge.	₹.3.50 Lacs	7000 /-	300	15days	DEE	Distt. Capex Budget 2024-25 (PRI Grants)
04	Construction of protection wall on right side of Shaliganga Nallah at Hassi-gund at spots.	₹.3.00 Lacs	6000 /-	300	15days	DEE	Distt. Capex Budget 2024-25 (PRI Grants)
05	Construction of crate protection work on Apzari-Nallah at Watkaloo near Masjid Shareef	₹.2.80 Lacs	5600 /-	200	12days	DEE	Distt. Capex Budget 2024-25 (PRI Grants)
06	Construction of crate protection work on Apzari-Nallah at Loolipora U/S Steel Bridge	₹.2.50 Lacs	5000 /-	200	10days	DEE	Distt. Capex Budget 2024-25 (PRI Grants)
07	Construction of crate protection bund on Apzari-Nallah at Showpora	₹.2.50 Lacs	5000 /-	200	10days	DEE	Distt. Capex Budget 2024-25 (PRI Grants)
08	Construction of crate protection bund on Apzari-Nallah left side at Cheer-bana-gund	₹.2.50 Lacs	5000 /-	200	10days	DEE	Distt. Capex Budget 2024-25 (PRI Grants)
09	Construction of protection wall on right side of Shaliganga Nallah at Panzan D/S Bridge	₹.3.50Lacs	7000 /-	300	15days	DEE	Distt. Capex Budget 2024-25 (PRI Grants)
10	Construction of protection wall on left side of Shaliganga Nallah Buchroo	₹.3.00 Lacs	6000 /-	200	15days	DEE	Distt. Capex Budget 2024-25 (PRI Grants)

Position of AAA = Accorded vide Order No. 54 DDCB of 2024 Dated: 09/08/2024 by DDC Budgam. Position of TS = Sanctioned, Position of funds: (100% Budgetary provision 2024-25)

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, 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](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) as per schedule of date given below:-

S.No	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	12-08-2024
1.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	12-08-2024 from 1800 Hrs
2.	Bid submission Start Date	12-08-2024 from 1800 Hrs
3.	Bid Submission End Date	19-08-2024 upto 1600 Hrs
4.	Date & time of opening of Bids	20-08-2024 at 11.00 A.M in the Office of the Executive Engineer Flood Spill Channel Division Narbal.
5.	Submission of Performance Security (PS)	The bidder has to provide 3% of Adv. Cost as Performance Security within 7 days after opening of Financial Bid.

Note:-

- The Bidders are advised to read all conditions laid down in the NIT carefully before uploaded softcopy any short fall if any found in the soft copy the tender shall be rejected
- As per Circular issued by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir Civil Sectt. Finance department vide No.OM No.A/24(2017)-651 dtd. 07-06-2018 which reads as under :-
- Furnishing of Hard Copies of bids immediately after submission of E-tenders is dispensed with. The same should be obtained only from the Bidder who's declared 1st Lowest (L-1) after opening of financial bids.
- The Cost of tenders should be collected by uploading a copy of necessary Treasury Challan/Receipt.
- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan/Receipt (Debited to M.H.0701 -Rev. Misc) and Earnest Money in the shape of CDR/FDR in favour of Executive Engineer Flood Spill Channel Division Narbal failing which the tender will be rejected outrightly. The issuing date of CDR/FDR uploaded must be between issuing date to Bid Submission end date of NIT. CDR/FDR (Earnest money/Bid security) and relevant bid documents shall be obtained from the lowest bidder before the fixation of contract.
- The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web site [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message through their e-mail address. The bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the office of Executive Engineer Flood Spill Channel Division Narbal.
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids.
- The normal deposits to be deducted as per GFR 2017 rules from running bills to be released after total completion of the work.
- The tender opening authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders or any part of any tender without assigning reason thereof.
- The tender/bid is liable to rejection if it does not fulfill the requirements as laid down in NIT.
- All other terms and conditions same as laid down in the PWD Form 25 Double shall also remain in force.

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Sd/-  
 Er. Zaffar Mustafa Khan  
 Executive Engineer  
 Flood Spill Channel Division  
 Narbal

# Jitendra Singh joins 'Tiranga yatra' in Kathua

GMK NEWS NETWORK

**JAMMU:** Union Minister Jitendra Singh on Tuesday joined Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha's 'Tiranga yatra' in Kathua district as part of the Independence Day celebrations.

Riding pillion on a motorcycle with a tricolour in his hand, Singh led the bike rally from Kalibari along the Jammu-Pathankot National Highway with hundreds of participants chanting slogans in praise of the country.

The rally passed through various parts of Kathua before culminating at Mukherjee Chowk, named after Syama Prasad Mookerjee, the founder of Bharatiya Jana Sangh, the forerunner to the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

The minister paid floral tributes to the statue of Mookerjee there and said, "His sacrifices and vision inspired the 'Ek Vidhaan, Ek Nishan, Ek Pradhan' movement."

Kathua is part of the Udhampur parliamentary constituency represented by Singh in the Lok Sabha. He won the seat for the



BJP for the third time in the general elections held recently.

"Such rallies by the BJYM are happening across the country (in connection with Independence Day celebrations). Kathua is the place, where the BJP founding ideologue Syama Prasad Mookerjee was arrested before his mysterious death in Srinagar," the Union minister told reporters.

The Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) is the youth wing of the BJP. He said Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government at the Centre has fulfilled the pledge taken by Mookerjee by abrogating Article 370 of the Constitution that granted special status to Jammu and Kash-

mir on August 5, 2019.

The minister also took part in a cleanliness drive around the statue as part of the ongoing Swachhhta campaign.

"The statue is a source of inspiration for the youth, signifying the sacrifices made for the nation by sons of the soil," he said, adding "By abrogating Article 370, Modi recognised the sacrifice of Mookerjee, and this towering statue vindicates his struggle for a unified India."

Later, the Union minister held a 'public durbar' as part of his concerted effort to seek swift redressal of public issues and fulfilment of their demands on the spot with the district administration. The minister said he has

issued directions to the district officers to address the people's demands without fail and furnish action-taken reports.

"Everything is being done to resolve public issues and usher in transparency in governance," he said.

According to officials, several 'Tiranga' rallies have been organised across Jammu over the last couple of days under the "Har Ghar Tiranga" campaign as part of the Independence Day celebrations.

Meanwhile, a 750-metre national flag carried by students marked the "Tiranga" rally at the world's highest railway bridge -- the Chenab bridge -- in Reasi district.

The participants chanted slogans as they stood on the 1.3 km bridge, located 359 metres above the riverbed -- 35 metres higher than the iconic Eiffel Tower in Paris.

The bridge forms a crucial link in the 111-km stretch from Katra to Banihal, which is part of the ongoing Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Railway link project. (Agencies)

# CS Social Welfare administers mass pledge against drug abuse

"Parents, teachers need to play a critical role to combat substance abuse"

GMK NEWS NETWORK

**SRINAGAR:** Social Welfare Department Tuesday organised a mass pledge-taking ceremony against drug abuse under Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA) at Govt Higher Secondary School Kothi Bagh here.

Commissioner Secretary, Social Welfare, Sheetal Nanda administered the oath in which teachers and students from different Schools and Colleges across J&K pledged to work against drug abuse. The theme of this year is Viksit Bharat Ka Mantra, Bharat Ho Nasha Se Swatantra.

NMBA was launched by the Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in 2020 and is being implemented across the country to reach out to the masses and spread awareness about substance abuse.

The mass pledge at Kothi Bagh witnessed the participation of Director Social Welfare Kashmir, Mohammad Akbar Wani, Director School Education Kashmir, Tassaduq Husain Mir, Director Social



Welfare Jammu, Bharat Bhushan, Mission Director Mission Poshan, Rubina Kouser, Heads of various Educational Institutes, students. Director School Education Jammu, Teachers, Students from Jammu attended the pledge-taking ceremony through video conferencing.

In her address, Commissioner Secretary said that the problem of drug abuse has assumed a critical proportion which needs a wholesome approach to combat it's spread.

Sheetal Nanda said that there is a need to take quick steps and discuss it in schools, colleges, homes as it is high time for us to rise to the occasion and end the menace of drug abuse for a healthy, wealthy and

peaceful future.

Emphasizing that the need of the hour is to remain vigilant at all places, Commissioner Secretary said that parents, teachers have to look for any suspicious activity around homes, schools and report it to the concerned authorities.

She also briefed about the initiatives taken by the government to help those who have become addicts and prevent others from falling prey to the menace.

Sheetal Nanda said that we don't have to look upon the addicts as criminals but to work for their rehabilitation with compassion so that they realize their mistakes and return to normal life.

Commissioner Secretary said that we need to

channel the energy of the youth towards positive things and keep them away from negative influences.

She said that we, as responsible members of the society, have to empower ourselves to become agents of change by disseminating awareness within our community about substance abuse.

Director School Education Kashmir while speaking on the occasion highlighted the importance of NMBA and said that it has emerged as a pioneering initiative to combat substance abuse in India. He impressed upon the youth to become active participants in combating substance abuse so as to make our society free the vicious cycle of drug abuse.

# BJYM, RBD hold protests against Farooq Abdullah in Jammu

GMK NEWS NETWORK

**JAMMU:** The Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha and Rashtriya Bajrang Dal staged protests here on Tuesday against National Conference president Farooq Abdullah for his remarks against the army, and asked him to apologise for allegedly hurting the sentiments of the armed forces and the people.

Voicing concern over the increasing encounters between terrorists and security forces in Jammu and Kashmir, Abdullah had questioned the infiltration of terrorists from across the border despite heavy military deployment, and said "they are all in close collaboration."

Led by BJYM Jammu and Kashmir State president Arun Prabhat, scores of workers staged a protest here against Abdullah's

statement. Carrying the tricolour, protesters raised slogans against Abdullah and the NC. They also burnt effigies of the NC president, demanding a public apology for his remarks against the army.

"Farooq Abdullah has made derogatory statements against the army, casting aspersions on its character. He is also known for his anti-army and anti-government rhetoric. We are protesting against him," Prabhat told reporters here. He emphasised that Abdullah should publicly apologise for his remarks, which allegedly insulted both the army and the sentiments of the people of India.

"He should apologise to army and people of this country. We cannot tolerate such statements when our forces are sacrificing their lives for the nation's

security," he added.

Activists of the Rashtriya Bajrang Dal led by chairman Rakesh Kumar also held a rally protesting against Abdullah and demanded an apology for his comments disparaging the army.

They too burnt effigies and raised slogans against Abdullah and the NC. Abdullah, the former chief minister, is currently on a week-long tour of Doda and Ramban districts to engage with the party's grassroots workers and prepare for the upcoming Assembly elections.

In his recent address to party workers in Kishtwar district on Sunday, Abdullah remarked, "There is so much military deployment on the borders (in Jammu and Kashmir), which I feel is not seen in any other country, yet terrorists manage to infiltrate."

# Army Commander Reviews Anti-Terror Operations In Chenab Valley

AGENCIES

**JAMMU:** Northern Army Commander Lt Gen M V Suchindra Kumar on Tuesday reviewed the ongoing anti-terrorist operations in the Chenab valley region of Jammu and Kashmir.

Lt Gen Kumar visited the forward locations of counter-insurgency Delta force in Doda and Kishtwar and exhorted all ranks to maintain a high tempo of operations, ensuring security and safety for ongoing and upcoming events, the Army's Northern Command posted on X.

The Army shared four pictures of the General Officer Commanding-in-chief, northern command's interaction with the troops on the ground.

"He (Lt Gen Kumar) assessed the options for deployment of additional forces being inducted into the area and emphasised on

synergy with Jammu and Kashmir police and paramilitary forces," the post read.

While higher reaches of Doda district of Jammu region have witnessed over half-a-dozen encounters at different places since June 12 that left four soldiers, including a captain and three foreign terrorists dead and some security personnel injured, a briefgunfight between terrorists and security forces took place during search operations in Nowhatta and Naagseni Peyaas in Kishtwar district on August 11.

Security forces are engaged in a massive search operation in the upper reaches of both the districts to track down and neutralise the terrorists who are believed to have infiltrated from across the border and managed to reach the dense forests in their effort to revive terrorism in the peaceful Jammu region. (AGENCIES)

# Prerna Puri presides over Public Darbar in Kathua

GMK NEWS NETWORK

**KATHUA:** Commissioner Secretary Information Technology, Prerna Puri, Tuesday presided over a public grievance and redressal camp and took stock of issues of people here at Kathua.

The camp witnessed an overwhelming response from all sections of the society and sought intervention and redressal of the issues being faced by them.

Speaking on the occasion, Prerna Puri said that the motive behind holding the Public Darbar was to take first-hand appraisal of the public issues and to resolve those on priority.

She highlighted Jammu and Kashmir's leading position in providing online government services, with a remarkable

1162 services currently available. Emphasizing the government's commitment to enhancing service quality, she informed the public about the recent launch of the 'Samadhaan' portal by the Information Technology department.

This platform is designed to efficiently address public grievances and suggestions, she said.

Prerna Puri commended Kathua Administration and its residents for securing the top position in the HADP initiative.

She also applauded the district's efforts in beautifying Lakhampur, a crucial entry point into Jammu and Kashmir. Puri assured the public that issues raised during the camp would be addressed promptly and efficiently. Responding to differ-

ent queries flagged by people, Deputy Commissioner, Dr.Rakesh Minhas, informed the public that all their issues are noted by officers which would be redressed in a phased manner.

On the occasion, DDC Nagri Sandeep Majotra, raised several issues of public importance.

Former Sarpanchs and several social activists of different panchayats presented concerns regarding the slow pace of JJM works, the dilapidated condition of the link road, monkey and drug menace and Ration Card bifurcation.

Among others, ADDC, SDM Hiranagar, CPO, ACD, XEN Jal Shakti, XEN PDD, XEN PWD, XEN Irrigation, XEN REW, DFO Kathua, CDPO Barnoti were also present.

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## OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B DIVISION BARAMULLA.

### NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

e-NIT No: 47/4429-38/2024-25/RnB/Bla Dated 12.08.2024

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT e-tenders (In Single Cover System) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors Regd. on JKPWDOMS With J&K UT Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works. The Contractors should mandatorily be registered on JKPWDOMS for making online payment to the agency as per Govt. Order No.: 186-PW(R&B) of 2023 dated 08-05-2023:-

S. No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Earnest money (In Rs.)	Cost of T/ Doc. (In Rs.)	Time of completion	Class of Contractor	Major Head of Account	Project Authority	Position of AAA	Position of funds
1	Renovation and Laying of Pipes from H/O Peer Mohd Maqbool Upto H/O Bashir Ahmad Bhat at Syed Karim Old Town Baramulla.	1.35	2700/-	200/-	15days	DEE	MPLADS	District Development Commissioner Baramulla	Accorded (No: 67/DDC of 2024 dated: 10.08.2024)	Available (Rs 10.00 lacs Approved for the year 2024-25)

- 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](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) as per the scheduled date given below.
 

1	Date of issue of Tender Notice	12.08.2024
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 13.08.2024 to 19.08.2024 4:00PM
3	Bid submission Start date	13.08.2024
4	Bid Submission End Date	19.08.2024 upto 4:00PM
5	Date and time of Opening of Bids (Online)	20.08.2024 upto 11:00AM in the office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Baramulla
- Bids must be accompanied by a Treasury Challan (dated between the bid start date and the Bid Submission End date) deposited in M.H. 0059 mentioning there in the name of work/ NIT No. in the name of Executive Engineer R&B Division Baramulla (tender inviting authority) as the cost of the tender document.
- At the time of tendering, all bidders must upload earnest money/bid security equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost in the form of CDR/FDR (dated between the bid start date and the Bid Submission End date) pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Division Baramulla. Besides that, the successful bidder will have to provide Performance Security @ 5% at the time of contract award, strictly in accordance with the Government's circular instructions from time to time. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of a Performance Security of 5% of the total cost, which will be released after successful completion of the DLP/Maintenance Period.
- The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://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 at the office of the Executive Engineer, R&B Division Baramulla.
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of technical bids.
- The bidder shall be debarred for tendering process if:-
  - Any bidder/ tenderer withdraws his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.
  - Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.
  - Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.
- Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.
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- To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendors.
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- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with bid. Besides, original documents related to bid be submitted physically by the bidder who is declared as L1 immediately after opening of financial bid.
- Bidder shall upload a Self-Certified Performance declaration (Annexed format) in support of performance in respect of Works executed/ under execution by the agency during the year 2023-24
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of necessary documents in terms of soft copies with the technical bid & no documents in terms of hard copies shall be entertained. However, in case of any clarification, the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need arises.
- All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form).

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1.	Upgd. Of Malpora Wanseeran Road by way of R B Walls & RCC pipes 36" dia and Upgd. Of Nardari Dangerpora Road Via Kawhar Payeen by way of RB Walls & CC Drain & Laying of Pipes at Baramulla	24.27	48540/-	800/-	240days	B&C	MH-4059-UT Sector	Superintending Engineer PWD (R&B) Circle Baramulla	Accorded (SEB(R&B)149 of 2024-25)	Available (Rs 10.00 lacs Approved for the year 2024-25)
2.	Construction of Fatehgrah Ziyarat Sharief Road by Way of CC Pavement at Baramulla	14.57	29140/-	600/-	240days	B,C&D	MH-4059-UT Sector	Superintending Engineer PWD (R&B) Circle Baramulla	Accorded (SEB(R&B)151 of 2024-25)	Available (Rs 5.00 lacs Approved for the year 2024-25)

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Good Morning Kashmir

EDITORIAL

# Boulevard Of Our Dreams

For every city there is one street, one thoroughfare which is its heartbeat. For us, it is the Boulevard road on the banks of Dal Lake. It is one of the rarest of the rare lakes in South Asia where you drive a car along the banks at almost the same level as that of water surface. Motorists throughout the length and breadth of the country have a dream to drive along this scenic road. The Boulevard road in the 70s and 80s was a proper cosmopolitan culture when tourists from European countries used to visit Kashmir valleys. A majority of the shikarawallas those days were polyglots who could speak multiple languages including French, German, and Spanish. It was a time when white-collared ambassador cars delivered rich European tourists on the various ghats of Dal Lake. These were tourists who were among the most famous and the richest in Europe. The moneyed tourists from Indonesia, Japan and Malaysia also visited Kashmir those days. It was, in short, the beating heart of Srinagar.

In the 1990s this street wore a deserted look as the tourists began to thin out. A few journalists on assignments, peace activists and other tight-fisted sorts were the only visitors that graced this boulevard. The ghats wore the looks of stations that somehow stood in their decay. In the first decade of the 2000s things began to accelerate again and tourists were on this street again but in reality it were for the efforts of the current Lieutenant Governor who single-handedly brought about an almost tenfold increase in tourism footfall. The people of Jammu and Kashmir must be thankful to LG Manoj Sinha for massively overhauling the tourism scenario in the last three years.

The Boulevard road is back to business. In the peak hours, there are so many tourist vehicles that locals find it hard to navigate quickly to their homes. One can easily find tourists negotiating the price of Shikara rides with the Shikara owners. The crowd is mainly from the Indian sub-continent but of late there has been more than 300 percent increase in the tourist footfall from countries like Finland, England, France, Germany and Spain. Even though we have not been able to successfully woo tourists from the gulf region but with the investment by EMAAR group one expects that gap to get filled up. This Boulevard is indeed the Boulevard of our dreams, Picture-perfect postcard from Srinagar. It is hugely emblematic of the health of Kashmiri tourism.

# Hasrat Jaipuri - From The Conductor's Seat To The Bollywood Beat

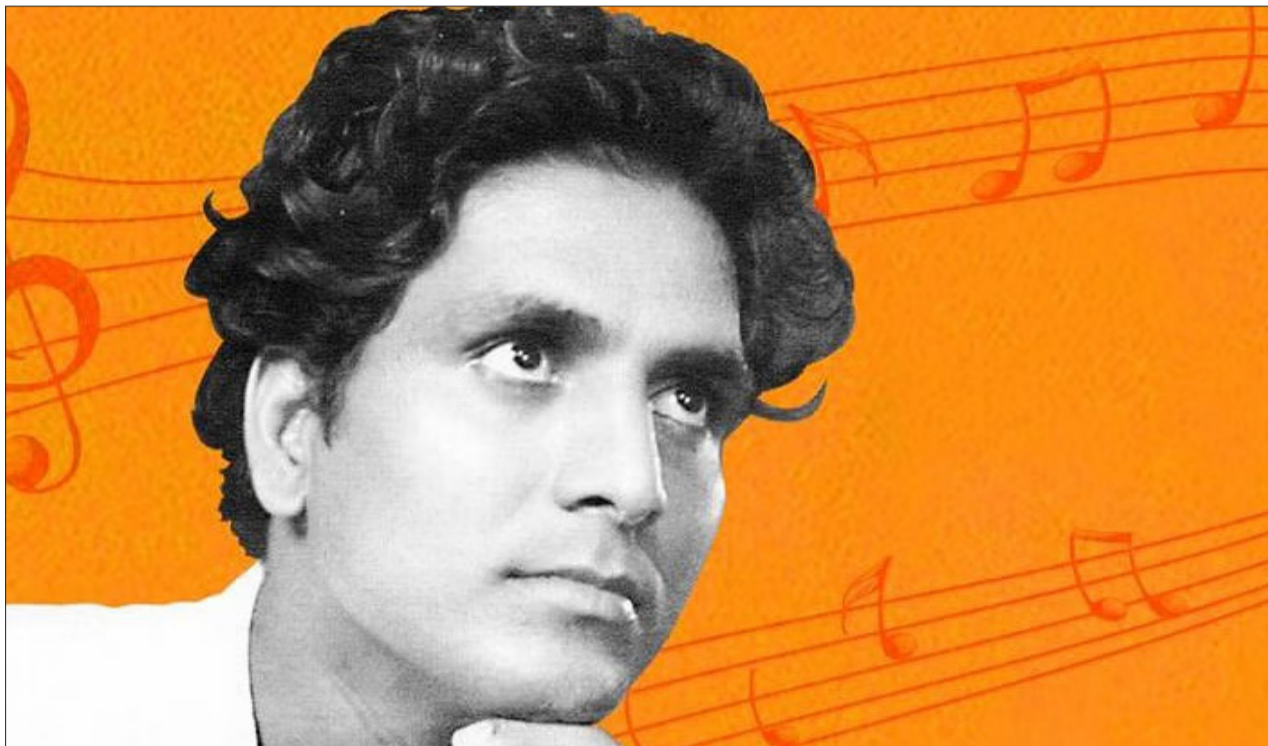
RAMEEZ RASOOL MIR

Main Akela Hi Chala Tha  
Jaanib-E-Manzil Magar  
Log Saath Aate Gaye Aur  
Kaarwaan Banta Gaya

Iqbal Hussain, a young man born in Jaipur in 1922, fell in love with a Hindu girl named Radha. He expressed his feelings through poetic love letters, but his pursuit was unsuccessful. Seeking a new path, he moved to Mumbai in search of work. Initially, he found jobs in toy and textile shops, and later secured a position as a bus conductor with BEST. This job brought him joy, and he spent nearly eight years in the role, recalling later how much he enjoyed those years.

Despite his job, Iqbal's true passion was poetry, and he began participating in Mushairas, or poetry gatherings. At one of these events, the legendary actor and founding figure of Hindi cinema, Prithviraj Kapoor, was a guest. Kapoor was greatly impressed by Iqbal's poetry and recommended him to Raj Kapoor for the film (Barsaat) as a lyricist. Iqbal Hussain then wrote the famous and beautiful song "Jiya Bekaraar Hai Aaye Bahaar Hai," marking the beginning of his new identity as Hasrat Jaipuri.

Career As a Poet: As a poet and lyricist, Hasrat Jaipuri enjoyed equal popularity. He composed a number of poems that were eventually included in his Hindi and Urdu poetry volumes. In his writings, he primarily used these two languages. According to Hasrat Jaipuri, the Hindi and Urdu languages are complementary to one another and cannot exist separately. Hasrat Jaipuri saw himself as a messenger whose primary goal in life was to share love with others via his art. This emotion expressed by Hasrat Jaipuri was reflected in all of his writings. He claimed to be a "shayar,"



someone who came into the world to bring love into every void. Knowing full well that he would not be here much longer, he felt it was his responsibility to bring joy and love to everyone he met.

Career as lyricist: Renowned Hindi film lyricist Hasrat Jaipuri was renowned for penning exquisite and enduring melodies. He collaborated closely with well-known music directors like Shankar-Jaikishan and played a significant role in Raj Kapoor's productions, including the hits "Awaara" and "Shree 420." Many people could relate to and admire his songs since they were straightforward but incredibly moving. His compositions, which ranged from ecstatic to romantic, had a long-lasting influence on Bollywood music. His songs continue to be loved today, making him a significant character in the heyday of Hindi film.

Awards and Recognition: Hasrat Jaipuri was undoubtedly successful in capturing the hearts and minds of Bollywood viewers as a lyricist for Raj Kapoor films. Regarding his contribution to Bollywood film, Hasrat Jaipuri also won a great deal of praise from critics. The amazing lyrics in the song "Phool Barsao" from "Suraj" brought him his first Filmfare award in 1966. With "Zindagi Ek Safar Hai Suhana" from "Andaz" in 1972, the Filmfare victory was repeated. Hasrat Jaipuri also won the Dr. Ambedkar Award for his lyrics in the Brajbhasha song "Jhanak Jhanak Tori Baaje Payalia" and the Josh Malihabadi Award from an Urdu conference.

Personal Life and Death: Hasrat Jaipuri never lost sight of his origins and continued to be the straightforward man he had been since his first

day in Bombay, despite his incredible ascent in the Bollywood industry. Several people attribute his manner of life to his incredibly encouraging wife Radha, who supported him and kept him grounded despite receiving wealth and recognition. Even although Hasrat Jaipuri was unemployed and therefore had no money on him, his wife had given him sufficient property savings to enable him to live a luxurious lifestyle. As to the accounts, Hasrat Jaipuri always took the train instead of flying, even though he could have afforded it because he saw himself as an extremely ordinary man. September 17, 1999 was Hasrat Jaipuri's death date.

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# GOI Initiatives For Women And Child Development



DR. RAJKUMAR SINGH

The Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) is a government department in India responsible for the formulation and administration of rules, regulations, and laws relating to women and child development in the country. Its primary objectives include promoting the welfare and empowerment of women and children, ensuring their safety and well-being, and addressing issues of gender discrimination and inequality. Its key functions include: a. Policy Formulation and Implementation: Developing and implementing policies, plans, and programs for the advancement and empowerment of women and children. Ensuring the implementation of laws and regulations related to women and child welfare. b. Programs and Schemes: Launching and managing various schemes aimed at improving the health, education, and overall well-being of women and children. Providing support for women in difficult circumstances, such as widows, victims of violence, and women in distress.

Awareness and Advocacy: Raising awareness about issues affecting women and children, including health, education, nutrition, and rights. Advocating for gender equality and women's rights through various campaigns and initiatives. d. Collaboration and Coordination: Collaborating with other government departments, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and international agencies to promote women and child development. Coordinating efforts to address issues such as child labour, trafficking, and domestic violence. Recently, the ministry has initiated several schemes for the



welfare of women and childcare which include: a. Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP): Aimed at promoting the survival, protection, and education of the girl child. Focuses on improving the child sex ratio and ensuring education and empowerment for girls. Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS): Provides food, preschool education, and primary healthcare to children under six years of age and their mothers. Focuses on combating malnutrition and ensuring early childhood development.

National Nutrition Mission (Poshan Abhiyaan): Aims to reduce stunting, undernutrition, anemia, and low birth weight in children. Promotes nutritional practices and education for mothers and children. One-Stop Centre Scheme: Provides integrated support and assistance to women affected by violence, including medical aid, police assistance, legal aid, and counselling. Thus, the MWCD continues to work towards creating a safe and equitable environment for women and children in India, addressing their needs and challenges through various policies, programs, and initiatives.

The Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) in India was established with the objective of addressing the specific needs of women and children, ensuring their welfare, development, and empowerment whose overview include: a. Origin and Evolution: Early Efforts (Pre-Independence): Before India's independence, efforts to address women's and children's issues were largely driven by social reformers and voluntary organizations. Issues such as child marriage, female infanticide, and the plight of

widows were prominent concerns. The British colonial government had a limited role in welfare activities, focusing primarily on health and education. Post-Independence (1947-1985): After gaining independence in 1947, the Indian government began to take a more active role in addressing social welfare issues.

The Department of Social Welfare was established in 1964 under the Ministry of Education to coordinate activities related to social welfare, including women and children. b. Formation of a Separate Department (1985): Recognizing the need for a dedicated focus on women and children, the Department of Women and Child Development was created in 1985 as part of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD). This move was aimed at giving special attention to the issues and challenges faced by women and children, ensuring that their welfare and development were prioritized in national policies and programs. c. Elevation to a Full-Fledged Ministry (2006): In 2006, the Department of Women and Child Development was elevated to the status of an independent ministry, becoming the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD). This elevation signified the government's commitment to addressing the distinct and critical needs of women and children, providing a more focused and comprehensive approach to their development. It was established with the following key objectives: a. Promoting Gender Equality: Ensuring that women have equal opportunities in education, employment, and all other aspects of life. Address-

ing issues of gender discrimination and promoting women's rights. b. Empowering Women: Enhancing the socio-economic status of women through various programs and initiatives. Providing support to women in difficult circumstances, such as victims of violence and widows. Child Development: Focusing on the overall development of children, including health, nutrition, education, and protection. Implementing programs to combat malnutrition, improve early childhood education, and ensure child protection. d. Policy Formulation and Implementation: Developing and implementing policies and schemes aimed at the welfare and development of women and children. Ensuring effective implementation and monitoring of these policies at the national and state levels. From the beginning the Ministry of Women and Child Development continues to play a crucial role in shaping policies and programs that aim to create a more equitable and just society for women and children in India.

The Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) in India has introduced several aspirational schemes aimed at improving the lives of women and children across the country. These schemes focus on health, education, nutrition, safety, and overall empowerment. Some of the key schemes include: a. Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP): Objective: To address the declining child sex ratio and promote the survival, protection, and education of the girl child. Components: Awareness and advocacy campaigns, multi-sectoral action in selected districts, and effective enforcement of Pre-Conception and Pre-

Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PCPNDT) Act. b. Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS): Objective: To provide food, preschool education, and primary healthcare to children under six years of age and their mothers. Components: Supplementary nutrition, immunization, health check-ups, referral services, preschool education, and nutrition and health education. c. Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY): Objective: To provide partial wage compensation to pregnant women and lactating mothers to ensure proper rest and nutrition. Components: Cash incentives of ₹5,000 in three instalments for the first live birth, to promote health-seeking behaviour and reduce maternal and child mortality. d. One-Stop Centre Scheme (Sakhi): Objective: To provide integrated support and assistance to women affected by violence, in both private and public spaces. Components: Medical aid, police assistance, legal aid and counselling, psycho-social counselling, and temporary shelter.

Ujjawala Scheme: Objective: To prevent trafficking, rescue, and rehabilitate victims of trafficking. Components: Prevention, rescue, rehabilitation, reintegration, and repatriation of victims. e. Swadhar Greh: Objective: To provide shelter, food, clothing, and care to marginalized women and girls in need. Components: Basic amenities, vocational and life skill training, counselling, and legal aid. f. STEP (Support to Training and Employment Programme for Women): Objective: To provide skills that give employability to women and to provide competencies and skills that enable women to become self-employed/entrepreneurs. Components: Training, skill development, and employment opportunities in various sectors. These schemes represent the MWCD's comprehensive approach to addressing the diverse needs of women and children in India.

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# Midwinter Antarctica 50°F Above Average

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**T**emperatures for the entire month of July in Antarctica were 50°F above average, but it also experienced days when temperatures spiked up to 82°F above average. Yes, Antarctica is the world's deepfreeze, and it is the dead of winter. What does this portend?

For starters, according to Michael Dukes, director of forecasting at Met-Desk: "In Antarctica generally that kind of warming in the winter and continuing into summer months can lead to collapsing of the ice sheets." (Source: Antarctica Temperatures Rise 10C Above Average in Near Record Heatwave, The Guardian, August 1, 2024)

Already, the summers of 2022 and 2023 saw unprecedented loss of Antarctic sea ice, which fell below 2 million square kilometers for the first time in the satellite record going back to 1979. Moreover, the year 2023 marked the 8th year of steep decline in sea ice. (Source: The Sleeping Giant Awakens, Climate Adaptation Center, May 21, 2024)

Antarctica is massive with total area as large as the US and Mexico combined and average ice thickness of 7,200 feet covering 98% of the continent which is 90% of the world's ice and 70% of the fresh water of the world. There's plenty for global warming to work with!

A primary ongoing concern is sea level rise. According to NASA, the rate of sea level rise has tripled in the 21st century.

**What's Next?**

As for future expectations, there is a paleoclimate record that spells out what to expect:

"While today's CO2-driven climate change scenario is unprecedented in human history, similar circumstances existed in the geological record that give us an idea of what to expect in the way of global sea level rise, and the process that will get us there. About 3.2 million years ago, during the Pliocene epoch, CO2 levels were about 400 ppm, and temperatures were 2-3°C above the "pre-industrial" temperatures of 1850-1880. At the same time, proxy data indicate global sea level was about 52 feet (within a 39-foot to 66-foot range) higher than today," Ibid.

Maybe that is why the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) strongly suggests keeping temperatures ideally below 1.5°C but not above 2.0°C pre-industrial, at all costs, or big trouble ensues. FYI- The IPCC looks for sustained temps above 1.5°C for several years to declare it official. And the world has already blown thru the 1.5°C barrier. Hopefully, that barrier eases up or stabilizes, but it requires cutting emissions almost immediately. Good luck with that. Global CO2 emissions are blasting off to the upside and not looking back.

- **Status of Atmospheric CO2 (Mauna Loa):**
- **August 2, 2024 - 424.76 ppm**
- **August 2, 2023 - 421.52 ppm**
- **One-year change: 3.24 ppm**



• **1960-year change: 0.71 ppm**

CO2 affects temperature, which, according to Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S), exceeded 1.5°C (2.7°F) above preindustrial for the first time in a 12-month period from February 2023 to January 2024. This is the level that 195 countries that signed onto the 2015 Paris Agreement agreed to stay below. Oops! It only took 9 years.

For the record: "The annual rate of increase in atmospheric carbon dioxide over the past 60 years is about 100 times faster than previous natural increases, such as those that occurred at the end of the last ice age 11,000-17,000 years ago." (Source: Climate Change: Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide, Climate.gov, April 9, 2024)

That explains why it only took 9 years to hit 1.5C. Paleoclimate research of the above-mentioned Pliocene era shows a CO2 rate of increase of 0.02 ppm/annum in nature without humans around. But human influence has cranked it up to 2.80 ppm/annum (the 2023 full year rate) more than 100 times faster. Ipso facto, global warming is on a war-path.

According to Climate Adaptation Center: "Research supports the conclusion that by 2°C, virtually all of Greenland, most of West Antarctica and part of East Antarctica will be locked into long-term, irrevocable sea level rise, even if we succeed in drawing down temperatures at a later date. This is primarily because the warmer ocean will hold heat much longer than the atmosphere, and because of a number of self-reinforcing feedback mechanisms. As a result, it takes ice sheets much longer to grow back (tens of thousands of years) than to

lose their ice," Ibid.

All of which leads to when or if Antarctic sea ice will reach a serious breaking point. This challenging supposition has possibly been answered: "What happened in the winter of 2023 shocked scientists. 'It was completely off the rails,' according to Ted Scambos, senior researcher at Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences (CIRES). 'Throughout the 2023 austral winter, sea ice was far below any previous winter extent in the 45-year satellite record.'" (Source: Has Antarctic Sea Ice Hit a Breaking Point? Earth Data, National Snow and Ice Data Center, NSIDC, July 4, 2024)

**Regime Shift in Antarctica**

There's clear evidence of what's referred to as a "regime shift" in Antarctica, to wit: "Low sea ice extent once dominated certain areas, especially near the Antarctic Peninsula, but now all sectors surrounding Antarctica are responding together. Referred to as 'spatial coherence,' this is yet another sign that something is shifting for Antarctic sea ice, not just in some areas, not just in some years, but on larger scales and for longer periods. These Antarctic-wide sea ice changes, together with their greater variability and persistence, are three main factors that indicate a regime shift," Ibid.

Additionally, sea ice is taking longer to recover from low extents and the recovered ice is thinner than decades earlier. All of which is attributable to a warming planet, with Antarctica experiencing bouts of excessively high anomalous temperatures more frequently, even during winter, but winter-time temperatures do remain below freezing. Nevertheless, the major concern is the warming

trend and "regime shift," moreover, what's not seen is most concerning, for example: A headline in Live Science d/d May 21, 2024: Warm Ocean Water is Rushing Beneath Antarctica's 'Doomsday Glacier,' Making Collapse More Likely.

Indeed, it would be enormously comforting if scientists could say for sure that the prospect of collapsing ice sheets and rapidly flowing glaciers on a major scale, taking sea levels far too high, flooding coastal cities, are not a concern this century, so, no sweat, don't worry. But they can't say that because climate change is moving much faster than scientists' models predict. For example, nobody in 2000 or 2010 or even a few years ago foresaw a major "Antarctic regime shift" or a 12-month consecutive increase of +1.5°C above pre-industrial by 2024. In point of fact, climate change is so far ahead of schedule that it's ridiculous.

If climate models missed identifying the shockingly rapid onset of two extremely powerful climate-altering events, signaling deep trouble dead ahead, what are they missing now? According to Sharon Stammerjohn, senior researcher at the Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research, INSTAAR, University of Colorado, Boulder: "Conceptually, I just see this wall of heat knocking at the door in the Southern Ocean, and it's starting to find ways to come in," Ibid.

Here's what UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said at World Environment Day June 5, 2024, about heat finding its way: "The truth is the world is spewing emissions so fast that by 2030, a far higher temperature rise would be all but guaranteed... The truth is we already face incursions into the 1.5-degree territory..."

In 2015, they said the chance of such a breach was near zero." He calls for nations of the world to come together to halt fossil fuel emissions.

Similarly, the International Energy Agency (IEA) Declaration of 2021: "There can be no new oil and gas infrastructure if the planet is to avoid careering past 1.5C (2.7F) of global heating, above pre-industrial times."

However, the truth is revealed only three years later, Global Energy Monitor 2024 Report: "The world's fossil-fuel producers are on track to nearly quadruple the amount of extracted oil and gas from newly approved projects by the end of this decade, with the US leading the way in a surge of activity that threatens to blow apart agreed climate goals."

That'll crank up Mauna Loa's CO2 readings to "spinning out of control" mode. And, just for good measure: "We should abandon the fantasy of phasing out oil and gas." (Amin Nasser, Head of Aramco, speaking in Texas, March 2024).

A wall of heat hitting Antarctica is bad news and "regime shift" tells a worrisome tale. And with CO2 already cranking 100+ times faster than all history, and with fossil fuel interests on a road to madness, where does this leave Antarctica? No comment.

Still, where do things stand? There are scientists on both sides of the maxim "we are screwed," some say, "we can still work out of this self-inflicted disaster," but others say, "it's already too late." Usually, these situations end up somewhere in the middle. So, what will "we are partially screwed" look like? (C-Counter Currents)

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# Diabetes & Diet: Best & Worst Drinks To Have If You Have High Blood Sugar Levels

Certain drinks can significantly impact people with diabetes, either positively or negatively. Drinks high in sugar can cause rapid spikes in blood sugar levels, leading to poor glycemic control and increased insulin resistance. These spikes can contribute to complications associated with diabetes, such as cardiovascular disease and nerve damage. Conversely, some drinks can help manage blood sugar levels by promoting hydration, providing antioxidants, and improving insulin sensitivity. Therefore, selecting the right beverages is crucial for maintaining stable blood sugar levels and overall health in people with diabetes. Keep reading as we share a list of drinks you should and shouldn't add to your diet if you have diabetes.

**5 Best drinks for high blood sugar levels**

- 1. Water**  
Water is the best drink for managing high blood sugar levels because it helps maintain hydration without adding calories or sugar. Proper hydration aids in kidney function, which is essential for flushing out excess glucose through urine.
- 2. Green tea**  
Green tea is rich in antioxidants, particularly polyphenols, which have been shown to help regulate blood sugar levels. It can improve insulin sensitivity and lower fasting blood sugar levels.
- 3. Herbal tea**  
Herbal teas such as chamomile, ginger, and peppermint can help manage blood sugar levels. They are naturally caffeine-free and contain various compounds that can reduce inflammation and improve insulin sensitivity.



**4. Vegetable juice**  
Fresh vegetable juices, particularly those made from leafy greens, cucumbers, and celery, are low in sugar and high in fibre and essential nutrients. These juices can help stabilise

blood sugar levels, provide necessary vitamins and minerals, and improve overall health.

**5. Apple cider vinegar drink**  
Diluted apple cider vinegar (ACV) in water can help lower blood sugar levels. ACV

has acetic acid, which can slow down the conversion of complex carbohydrates into sugar in the bloodstream. This results in a more gradual increase in blood sugar levels.

**5 Worst drinks for high**

**blood sugar levels**

- 1. Sugary sodas**  
Sugary sodas cause rapid spikes in blood sugar levels, which can lead to insulin resistance over time. Regular consumption of sugary sodas can contribute to weight gain, increase the risk of type 2 diabetes, and negatively impact overall health.
- 2. Energy drinks**  
Energy drinks often contain high amounts of sugar and caffeine. The sugar content can cause significant blood sugar spikes, while the caffeine can lead to increased insulin resistance.
- 3. Fruit juices**  
Even though fruit juices are perceived as healthy, they are often high in natural sugars and lack the fibre found in whole fruits. Consuming fruit juices can also contribute to caloric intake and weight gain, which can worsen insulin

resistance and overall blood sugar management.

- 4. Alcoholic beverages**  
Alcohol can also interfere with liver function, which plays a crucial role in glucose regulation. Regular alcohol consumption can lead to unpredictable blood sugar levels and exacerbate diabetes-related complications.
- 5. Sweetened coffee drinks**  
Coffee drinks that contain added sugars, syrups, and whipped cream can significantly increase blood sugar levels. These drinks often contain hidden sugars and high-calorie counts, contributing to weight gain and insulin resistance.

By choosing the right drinks and avoiding those that can spike blood sugar levels, individuals with high blood sugar can better manage their condition and improve their overall health.

## FROM THE FRONT PAGE .....

### EC To Meet Home

The electoral exercise in Jammu and Kashmir is usually spread over a month. Following a delimitation exercise, the number of assembly seats has gone up from 83 to 90, excluding those allocated to Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. Last December, the Supreme Court directed the poll panel to hold assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir by September 30. In a fresh indication that assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir are imminent, the EC last month asked the Union Territory administration to transfer out officers posted in their home districts, an exercise it holds ahead of conducting elections. The commission has been following a consistent policy that officers directly connected with the conduct of elections in a poll-bound state or Union Territory are not posted in their home districts or places where they have served for a considerably long period. It is usual for the poll panel to issue instructions related to transfers of officers ahead of Lok Sabha and assembly elections. Recently, it had ordered the updation of electoral rolls in Jammu and Kashmir and three other states. In June, it decided to accept applications seeking allotment of 'common symbols' from registered unrecognised parties in the Union Territory.

### J&K's Security

cigarettes at home and reach the venue early to be seated in time," he said. In Jammu, elaborate security arrangements are in place as well to prevent any untoward incident in the wake of recent terror attacks in the Doda, Kishtwar and Reasi districts. A police official said that police, army and Central forces maintain "highest level of alertness" in Jammu especially in the areas where recent terror attacks were reported. "Our endeavour is to ensure peaceful conduct of Independence Day across the division," he said without elaborating further. Meanwhile, police sources said that Moulana Azad stadium in Jammu has been sealed and a multi-layer security grid has been put in place to prevent any disruption by the anti-peace elements—(KNO)

### J&K Admin Extends

Independence Day function on August 15. Bidhuri said that all arrangements have been put in place for smooth Independence Day celebrations across the Kashmir valley. As a prelude to the grand celebrations to be held on the eve of 78th Independence day on August, 15 full dress rehearsals were also held across Kashmir valley on Sunday. On the occasion, rich tributes were paid to the leaders, freedom fighters and martyrs who made countless sacrifices for the freedom of the country. ADGP Kashmir, IGP Central Kashmir Srinagar, DC Srinagar, SSP Srinagar, officers of District administration and HoDs of civil departments were present on the occasion. On the occasion, students from different schools of Srinagar and artists showcased colourful cultural presentations based on patriotic songs displaying the spectrum of unity in diversity and integrity of the nation amid hot and humid prevailing weather conditions. (Agencies)

### MeT Predicts

mercury settled at 32.4 degree Celsius while in Pahalgam and Kupwara, it settled at 29.4 degree Celsius and 34.6 degree Celsius respectively. Kokernag and Gulmarg, a famous ski-resort, recorded a maximum temperature of 31.7 degree Celsius and 23.8 degree Celsius respectively. Jammu has recorded an equal temperature of Srinagar at 34.6 degree Celsius while in Banihal, the mercury settled at 29.7 degree Celsius. Batote, Katra and Baderwah recorded a

maximum temperature of 27.5 degree Celsius, 31.5 degree Celsius and 31.4 degree Celsius respectively—(KNO)

### HCI Invites Online

website of HCoI i.e., www.hajcommittee.gov.in or on Haj App through Android Mobile App 'Haj Suvidha' available on Google Play Store.

### HC Orders District

instructed that no mutations should be attested in the name of any Mahant or disciple. The properties must remain under the temple's name, managed by the District Administration, and this should be duly reflected in the revenue records. Additionally, the DC or the appointed committee is to demarcate the land, establish clear boundaries, and address any encroachments according to the law. In a related case in Anantnag, the High Court directed the District Magistrate to restore ownership of over 11 kanals of land in Trahpoo village, Achabal tehsil, to two Kashmiri Pandit siblings, Rituraj and Kandarp S. Kathju. The dispute centered on a claim by the Shri Ramakrishna Mahasammelan Ashram (SRMA) Nagadandi that the land was religiously donated. However, the court, presided over by Justice M.A. Chowdhary, ruled in favor of the Kathju brothers, nullifying earlier proceedings initiated by the Ashram and ordering the return of the land in accordance with the Jammu and Kashmir Migrant Immovable Property (Preservation, Protection, and Restraint on Distress Sales) Act of 1997. In a related case in Baramulla, the high court addressed another dispute involving land measuring 10 kanals 4 marlas in the Hail Kreeri area, recorded as "Dharamshalla" in the revenue records. The petitioners claimed ownership based on their father's occupation and subsequent mutation of the land in their favor in 1988. The High Court directed the District Magistrate of Baramulla to take over the property for proper management, with the authority to appoint a committee of officers from the revenue and other departments for this purpose. These orders will remain in effect until appropriate mechanisms for managing and developing the properties are established, or until relevant legislation is enacted by the Government of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

### Focus On Faculty

diagnostics related to paediatric care in a specific timeline. Dulloo also enjoined upon the officers of the Department to go for hiring/recruitment of full time faculty to fill all the vacancies there. He called for making strenuous efforts to get these critical positions of Professors, Associate Professors and others filled at an earliest so that the hospital extends best medical care to the patients in addition to introduction of DM or Fellowships under different specialities there. He stressed on formulating a strategy to increase the seats in DM and that of Senior Residents (SRs) in the hospital to create a pool of experts in all the sub-specialities of Paediatrics in the UT. The Secretary, H&ME, Dr Syed Abid Rashid Shah gave out the current status of services in the hospital with that of the plans to make it state of the art paediatric medical facility in the region. He revealed that the Department is in the process of preparing indents for the Public Service Commission (JKPSC) to advertise and fill all the vacancies in a time-bound manner. He further revealed that the Department of Paediatric Surgery would be shifted to Bemina Hospital till the end of this month. It was further divulged that the Children Hospital at present offers care in 16 sub-specialities in addition to General Paediatrics. These includes Paediatric Nephrology, Haematology, Cardiology, Neonatology, Neurol-

ogy, Radiology, Psychology, Gastroenterology, Orthopedics etc. The meeting was also apprised about the bed strength in each speciality and the position of faculty available in the hospital. It deliberated upon the issues faced by the hospital in terms of paramedical staff and other human resource, infrastructure requirements. It also had discussions over optimal utilization of GB Pant, Hospital at Sonawar here with the Department committing to come up with a appropriate plan soon to put this 200-bed medical facility into the regular service of public here.

### J&K Govt

special secretary, representative of Planning Development and Monitoring department not below the rank of additional secretary/ special secretary, representative of the department of Forest, Ecology and Environment not below the rank of additional secretary/ special secretary, chief architect J&K Architect Organisation, chief engineer R&B Kashmir and Chief Town Planner Kashmir would be members of SDA. Similarly, administrative secretary Housing & Urban Development would be chairperson of the Jammu Development Authority (JDA). According to the notification, divisional commissioner Jammu, commissioner Jammu Municipal Corporation, vice-chairperson Jammu Development Authority, deputy commissioner Jammu, representative of Finance department not below the rank of additional secretary/ special secretary, representative of Planning Development and Monitoring department not below the rank of additional secretary/ special secretary, representative of the Revenue department not below the rank of additional secretary/ special secretary, representative of the department of Forest, Ecology and Environment not below the rank of additional secretary/ special secretary, chief engineer J&K Architect Organisation, chief engineer R&B Jammu and Chief Town Planner Jammu would be members of the JDA. In another notification, the government constituted J&K Lake Conservation & Management, which was earlier know as Lakes and Waterways Development Authority (LAWDA). While administrative secretary Housing & Urban Development Department would be its chairperson, divisional commissioner Kashmir, commissioner Srinagar Municipal Corporation, vice-chairperson Srinagar Development Authority, deputy commissioner Srinagar, representative of Finance department not below the rank of additional secretary/ special secretary, representative of Planning Development and Monitoring department not below the rank of additional secretary/ special secretary, representative of the Revenue department not below the rank of additional secretary/ special secretary, representative of the department of Forest, Ecology and Environment not below the rank of additional secretary/ special secretary, chief engineer J&K Architect Organisation, chief engineer R&B Kashmir and Chief Town Planner Kashmir would be its members—(KNO)

### NHA, MUHS Sign

that "NHA will take it to the ground level that will help in the strengthening of the healthcare ecosystem in our country". Deepthi Gaur Mukerjee, CEO, National Health Authority (NHA), stated that "Digital Health is an evolving field and there is a need to build awareness around it for all the stakeholders in the health ecosystem. Our partnership with Maharashtra University of Health Sciences will play a transformative role in accelerating the adoption of digital health solutions across India, ensuring that future healthcare professionals are well-prepared to leverage these technologies for improved patient outcomes and efficient healthcare delivery." "Digital Health is at the forefront of healthcare today, and understanding Digital Health and its use in patient care is imperative in this

era. It is a proud moment for MUHS to make Maharashtra the first state in India to introduce Digital Health for all medical students. We look forward to supporting NHA in the national roll-out," remarked Lt Gen Madhuri Kanitkar (Retd), PVSM, AVSM, VSM, Vice-Chancellor, MUHS. The Digital Health Foundation Course (DHFC) is a pivotal step in readying healthcare professionals for digital transformation and ABDM adoption. DHFC, created by MUHS with the support of the Koita Foundation, provides a comprehensive understanding of Digital Health fundamentals to doctors and healthcare providers. The DHFC curriculum has been curated by leading doctors and subject matter experts. The DHFC will be customized for the stakeholders in the public health ecosystem. The DHFC will be made available to medical students, in-service doctors, and healthcare professionals through various platforms including Mission Karmayogi's iGOT platform, providing opportunities for Digital Health certification and continuing medical education credits. It will help them implement the ABDM in their respective areas effectively. Apurva Chandra, Union Health Secretary, senior officials from the Union Health Ministry, Rizwan Koita, Director Koita Foundation and Chairman of the National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers (NABH), and other senior officials from MUHS were also present at the occasion. Digital Health is becoming an important catalyst to drive India's healthcare sector. Launched by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 27th September 2021, the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) aims to establish a robust digital health ecosystem through active collaboration between public and private sectors. ABDM aims to integrate various healthcare entities—hospitals, clinics, labs, pharmacies, health insurance companies, and more—to improve patient care, accessibility, and affordability. To realize the full potential of Digital Health and ABDM extensive training and awareness among healthcare professionals, including doctors, nurses, frontline workers, paramedics, and medical students is required—(KNO)

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# India 2nd only to US in number of banks covered under deposit insurance: RBI

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**JAIPUR:** India's Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) has extended coverage to 1,997 banks comprising 140 commercial banks and 1,857 cooperative banks, which is the largest number of deposit-taking institutions covered by deposit insurance in the world, second only to the US, RBI Deputy Governor Michael Debrabra Patra said on Tuesday.

Addressing the global conference here of the International Association of Deposit Insurers (IADI) Asia Pacific Regional Committee, Patra said that DICGC has made interim payments to the tune of Rs 5,359 crore (\$640 Million) to 3.77 lakh depositors as of March 31.

"Currently, the deposit insurance coverage limit (Rs 5,00,000 or approximately USD 6,000), fully protects 97.8 per cent of deposit accounts and 43.1 per cent of deposit value. In the context of the emerging challenges, the DICGC is prioritising risk management, including contingency planning and crisis management frameworks. Digital transformation of all operations is underway. Public awareness campaigns are being refashioned and stepped up. Work on ESG policy is being prioritised alongside

a strong focus on climate risk," Patra said.

Experts at the international conference, including IADI President Alejandro Lopez and IADI Secretary General Dr Eva Hupkes are expected to crystal gaze into the outlook for deposit insurance over the next two days in the context of newer financial technologies, including central bank digital currencies (CBDCs) and tokenised deposits. The issue of climate-related financial risks and the imperative of putting in place crisis preparedness and business continuity management procedures and policy frameworks will also be taken up at the brainstorming session.

Patra said that India is also leveraging its digital public infrastructure to be at the forefront of the digital revolution sweeping the world. The Unified Payments Interface (UPI) provides immediate money transfer through mobile devices round the clock 24 by 7 all year round and brings access to multiple bank accounts and various financial services under a single app. India is also engaged in interlinking UPI with fast payment systems (FPS) of other countries to make cross-border payments instant

and efficient.

He highlighted that the RBI has joined Project Nexus, a multilateral international initiative conceptualised by the Innovation Hub of the Bureau of International Settlements (BIS) to enable instant cross-border retail payments



by interlinking FPSs of Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and India.

Project Nexus facilitates quicker, cheaper, and more reliable cross-border payments, boosting international trade and commerce. Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in India benefit from reduced transaction costs and faster payment cycles, improving their cash flow and competitiveness in the global market.

The RBI deputy governor also said the Government of India has announced that the net zero target would be

achieved by 2070 along with other climate goals ahead of net zero. The RBI has issued a framework for the acceptance of green deposits and a disclosure framework on climate-related financial risks in 2024 which envisages climate-related disclosures. The Government of India has also been issuing sovereign green bonds, he said.

These developments are defining milestones in the DICGC's journey of six decades. Under its "paybox plus" mandate, the Corporation is authorised to make an interim payment of claims within a stipulated timeline to depositors of banks placed under restrictions on deposit withdrawals (even before liquidation or amalgamation), Patra added.

He said the global financial landscape is changing rapidly. For deposit insurers and other financial safety net participants, it is a race to stay ahead of the curve amidst these tectonic shifts. Patra said that the conference would aim at enhancing the collective understanding of the emerging challenges "so that we adapt, prepare and remain relevant and meaningful in inspiring public confidence and preserving financial stability."

# NIA breaks into Maoist leader's home in Kochi

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**KOCHI:** A team of National Intelligence Agency (NIA) officials who arrived from Telangana, on Tuesday, broke open popular Maoist leader Murali Kannempilly's home after he failed to open the front door.

Kannempilly is known as Kerala's most-wanted Maoist leader.

The NIA team arrived in Kochi as part of the ongoing probe related to the arrest of Maoist Sanjoy Deepak Rao, the Central Committee Member of CPI (Maoist) in Telangana in September last year. Rao, an engineer, was

wanted by the police of Maharashtra, Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and the NIA in various cases.

The NIA team, after knocking at the door of Kannempilly's home, told him that they had a warrant and hence, he should open the door.

Kannempilly said that they would have to wait till his counsel arrived, but the NIA team broke open the front door.

They are presently conducting a search in his house.



to be questioned by the NIA probe team.

He has also authored five books on the Maoist movement under the pen name Ajith, and is believed to have wide-ranging connections with the Maoist movement in the country.

Kannempilly Murali was the only one who represented India at the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement (RIM) conference held in France in 1984 and was put in charge of the armed revolution in India and Nepal.

71-year-old Kannempilly is considered to be a top Maoist leader and is the son of a former diplomat. An engineer by profession, Kannempilly has been arrested in the past as well. Kannempilly is likely

Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

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For and on behalf of Lt. Governor, J&K UT e-tenders (In Single Cover System) are invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors Regd. With J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following work:-

S. No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (in Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rs.)	EMD AMOUNT	Time of completion	Class of Contractor	Major Head of Account	Position of AAA/TS
1	Providing of fencing near Masjid Sharief Anwarabad at Trumbgund under ADP (PRI) year 2024_-25 Block Sangrama Pyt Renji	2.39	200	4780	30 days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
2	Construction of concrete path at various spots at Ali Bagh under ADP (PRI) year 2024_-25 Block Sangrama Halqa Hygam A	3.00	200	6000	30 days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
3	Construction of cement concrete path at various spots (Hygam A) near Jamia Masjid sharief under ADP (PRI) year 2024_-25 Block Sangrama Pyt Hygam A	2.49	200	4980	30 days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
4	Construction of cement concrete path at ward No 7 to 9 at Trumbgund under ADP (PRI) year 2024_-25 Block Sangrama Pyt Renji	2.89	200	5780	30 days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
5	Providing of fencing to play ground at choora under ADP (PRI) year 2024_-25 Block Sangrama pyt putkha mugam	2.50	200	5000	30 days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
6	Construction of drain from Masjid Abu Bakar to onwards at Chooru under ADP (PRI) year 2024_-25 Block Sangrama pyt Putkha Muqam	2.47	200	4940	30 days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
7	Construction of cement concrete path at Chandkote ward No 6 and 9 under ADP (PRI) year 2024_-25 Block Sangrama Pyt Bangdara	2.40	200	4800	30 days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
8	Providing of fencing along road side near Jinazgah park at wagub under ADP (PRI) Year 2024_-25 Block Sangrama Pyt Wagub	2.97	200	5940	30 days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
9	Construction of drain from Main road to Paddy land at Gundi Bakir from culvert under ADP (PRI) Year 2024_-25 Block Sangrama Pyt Panzipora	2.97	200	5940	30 days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
10	Installation of two No gates to Pyl lawn Amargrah under ADP (PRI) year 2024_-25 Block Sangrama Pyt Amargrah	1.29	200	2580	30 days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
11	Construction of drain at different spots at Trumbgund (location as per estimate) under ADP (PRI) Year 2024-25 Block Sangrama Pyt Renji	2.99	200	5980	30 days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
12	Construction of drain from Darsgah and others at Trumbgund under ADP (PRI) Year 2024-25 Block Sangrama Pyt: Renji	1.81	200	3620	30 days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
13	Imp/o irrigation khul bwo L/W on both sides from H/O Nissar Ahmad Shah to onwards at Usman Mohalla Gurseer under ADP (PRI) Year 2024-25 Block Sangrama Pyt Gurseer	2.40	200	4800	30 days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
14	Construction of footsteps from H/O Akhter Hussain Malla to Government Middle school Bulgam under ADP (PRI) Year 2024_-25 Block Sangrama Pyt Bulgam	2.96	200	5920	30 days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
15	Providing of land slide protection bund near orchards of Gh. Mohd wani AND others at Bangdara Halqa Bangdara Block Sangrama	3.00	200	6000	30 days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
16	Development of Panchayat ghar road from highway to orchards with R/Wall at putkha under ADP(PRI) 2024-25 Block Sangrama Pyt putkha Muqam	2.49	200	4980	30 days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded

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](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) as per the scheduled date given below.

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	12-08-2024
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 12-08-2024 to 19-08-2024 up to 6:00 PM
3	Bid submission Start date	12-08-2024
4	Bid Submission End Date	19-08-2024 up to 6:00 PM
5	Date and time of Opening of Bids (Online)	Technical Bids will be opened on 20-08-2024 at 11:00 AM in the office of the Executive Engineer REW Baramulla and Financial Bid opening will be declared online.

The G.O No.238-F OF 2021 DATED:08.09.2021 issued by the Govt(Finance deptt)that the participation in the tendering process of works upto an amount of Rs 3.00 lacs is restricted to the resident of concerned panchayat only in 1st Call, for subsequent call the bidders from adjoining Panchayats (within Block)can participate too, after production of the residence proof certificate for local bidders from Concerned BDO & adjoining area certificate issued from Concerned BDO's under his seal & signature and after 3rd call the participation is open to all for participation. NOTE: The Above Order (G.O No.238-F OF 2021 DATED:08.09.2021) is applicable For District Plan only.

- If the Bidder quotes his Bid exceeding the tendering Cost, his bid will be automatically rejected.
  - In case of dilemma/confusion, the rate and the unit against any item shown in Boq, the SOR rate along with its unit will be applicable.
  - Waterhed Development Fund (WDF), as per guidelines shall be collected at the time of release of payment.
  - Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in shape of treasury challan/receipt under HEAD 0515 mentioning therein Name of work and NIT No. & Serial No. in favour of the Executive Engineer, REW Division Baramulla (Tender Inviting Authority).
  - The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://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 at the office of the Executive Engineer, REW Division Baramulla.
  - All The Bidders has to deposit Earnest Money (2% of Advertised cost) in shape of CDR/FDR at the time of tendering as per the Circular of Finance Department.
  - Successful bidder (L1) has to produce 3% additional performance security in the shape of CDR/FDR/ B.G within 7 days after opening of financial bid and total 5% (3%+2%) will be released after completion of defect liability period of the work.
  - The lowest bidder (L1) shall have to provide the CDR/FDR/B.G. within weeks' time for the issuance of allotment failing which he/she will be recommended for black listing. The CDR issue date to be uploaded, shall not before the date of e-NIT and no other CDR shall be accepted as replacement, under rules.
  - The successful bidder / Contractor who fails to start work within seven (07 Days) from the date of issuance of Allotment will be imposed a penalty of Rs 200 / Day starting from 8th day, deductible from the running/final bills of contractor.
  - The tender/ bid is liable to rejection if it does not fulfill requirements as laid down in NIT.
  - All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form).
- No: 313-320 Dated: 12-08-2024
- DIPK-4696-24 DT: 13/08/2024
- Executive Engineer REW Baramulla

## WAYANAD LANDSLIDE

### Search enters 15th day for missing, experts to examine affected areas

IANAS

**WAYANAD:** As the search operations entered the 15th day for the over 128 missing people in the landslide-affected parts of Kerala's Wayanad, top experts will on Tuesday inspect the areas that were washed away.

The biggest-ever natural disaster in a single place in the state took place on July 30 which has left 416 dead.

A team led by John Mathai, a veteran former scientist at the National Centre for Earth Science Studies, will visit the worst affected places.

Mathai will inspect the

four villages with the primary objective of assessing how and what needs to be done in these areas, which till July 30 were bustling with activity.

He and his team will also assess the partially damaged houses in these areas to decide if they can be repaired or need to be demolished.

Meanwhile, separate teams are continuing their search operations in the Chaliyar River that originates in Wayanad and flows through the Malappuram district, from where over 50 bodies and more than 158 body parts were recovered.

Even on Monday, the rescue team recovered a few body parts, which were taken out and samples sent for DNA examination.

More than 11,000 people are now housed in over 100 relief camps. The Local Self Government officials, who have identified over 250 locked homes, are readying a plan to move people in stages from the various relief camps to these houses.

Even though the Pinarayi Vijayan government has been promising help and support for the victims, past experiences have not given much confidence to

the locals. Five years ago in Puthumala, just 2.5 km from one of the four villages that were washed away on July 30, a landslide killed 17 people and numerous others lost their properties. Eight families continue to suffer even today.

"I had 16 cents of land in my name which was washed away at Puthumala. To date, we have had no response from the government who then promised us compensation. We are only getting repeated assurances as we are forced to move from one rented home to another," said Razeena at Puthumala.

## OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER ELECTRIC CONSTRUCTION DIVISION KARNAH

E-mail: xenkarnah@gmail.com

NIT No.: ECDK/12of 2023-24 Dated: 10-08-2024

For and on behalf of the Managing Director J&K Power Development Corporation, sealed bids (Two Cover) valid for 180 days are invited from Registered Electrical / Mechanical / Electro - Mechanical Contractors / Firms / MSMEs of appropriate class having sufficient experience of the relevant job (as per CVC guidelines) for the following works:

S. No.	Name of the Work	Estimated Cost (in Rs Lacs)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Amount (2%) (Rs)	Cost of tenders documents (Rs) (Non - Refundable)	Time of Completion
1	Repair and Rewinding of damaged Electric Motors of MHEP Karnah	1.58	Rs3,160	Rs200	20 days

The bidding document consisting of BOQ (Bill of Quantities), set of Terms and Conditions of Contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the government website <http://jktenders.gov.in>

### CRITICAL DATES

1	Date of issue of Tender Notice	10/08/2024
2	Document download Start Date	10/08/2024
3	Document download End Date	31/08/2024
4	Bid submission Start Date (Online)	10/08/2024
5	Bid submission End Date (Online)	31/08/2024
6	Date and Time of Opening of Bids (Online)	01/09/2024

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Executive Engineer, ECD Karnah.

DIPK-4756-24 DT: 13/03/2024

## OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER GENERATION DIVISION USHP-II KANGAN

Email: xenekangan@gmail.com

No: USHP-II/GD/Tech/ 620-24

Dated: 10-8.08.2024

### NOTICE INVITING DASTI QUOTATION

For and on behalf of Managing Director. JKPCDC, Dasti Quotation inclusive of all applicable taxes, duties and GST & FOR site i.e. Upper Sindh Hydro Electric Project (USHP) Stage-II. Kangan. J&K are invited from the registered firms/agencies/OEMs/Govt. Contractors in respect of below mentioned work.

S No	Name of the Work	Brief Scope	Area to be illuminated	Rates to be offered by bidder
1	Illumination of Govt. Buildings on the eve of Independence Day on 15th Aug. 2024	a) Illumination of Generation Divisional Office with Tricolour decorative lighting strings b) Illumination of USHP-II Kangan Power House building with Tricolour decorative lighting strings c) Illumination of Forebay with Tricolour decorative lighting strings	30ft x 30ft x45ft x40ft 30ftx25ft	

In view of the emergency and instructions from the Corporate Office for immediate compliance vide Circular No. 02-JK(PDC) of 2024 dated: 07.08.2024, the Dasti Quotation complete in all respects should reach to the office of the undersigned in sealed envelope by or before 13.08.2024; 04:00 PM through registered/speed post or physical delivery.

More submission of Dasti Quotation shall not confer any right to the bidder for allotment/Work Order.

DIPK-NB-1333-24 DT: 13/08/2024

DIPK-NB-1333-24 DT: 13/08/2024

Executive Engineer Generation Division USHP n Kangan

# CS led EC approves projects for revival, restoration of local heritage

GMK NEWS NETWORK

**SRINAGAR:** Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, Tuesday chaired the 2nd Executive Committee Meeting of the Society for Revival, Restoration, Preservation and Maintenance of Heritage in J&K.

Besides the Principal Secretary, Culture; the meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, APD; Principal Secretary, Finance; Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir/Jammu, Kashmir/Jammu; Director, Archives & Archaeology; Engineer-in-Chief and other concerned officers.

The Chief Secretary took this occasion to enjoy upon the Department to develop and restore these places as per local ethos and culture keeping aesthetic appeal of each of these into consideration.

He urged them to take heritage locations from



each district that needs to be restored and revived. He asked them to take peoples aspirations and demands into consideration too while taking up such works in the length and breadth of the UT.

The Principal Secretary, Culture, Suresh Kumar Gupta, informed the meeting that in the 1st Executive Committee meeting 35 proposals with respect to revival and restoration of heritage sites were considered and approved with total financial implications of Rs. 6556.36 lacs most of which

had been completed now. It was given out that District level Coordination-cum-Implementation Committees constituted under the scheme have recommended 126 projects/works for value-based revival/restoration of heritage sites.

Moreover, the committee considered these proposals and gave go ahead in favour of dozens of them for their early Revival, Restoration, Preservation and Maintenance as per set procedures.

Few of the sites to be taken up this year includes

Poonch Fort, Baldev Ji Temple Jammu, Ancient Mint at Basholi, old heritage of Uttervehini, Rattangarh Fort Doda, Raghunath Ji Temple Channi Sunderbani, Machail Mata Temple Padder, Asthapan of Shah Asrar Ud-Din Bagdadi Kishtwar, Pakka Pond at Jaganoo (Udhampur).

These also includes places like Khanqahi Naqashband Sahib (Sgr), Hazrat Syed Mohammad Jan Baz Wali (RA) at Khanpora (Bla), Neolithic site at Gufkral Tral, Imambara Qadeem Hussaini Mohalla Shilvat (Sonawari), Shri Mata Baderkali temple at Wadipora Handwara, Sheikh Ul Aalam Shrine at Qaimoh Kulgam, Uma Bhagwati Asthpan Brari Angan(Uttresoo), Baba Naseeb-ud-din Gazi Shrine at Bijbehara, Ziyarat Asaar Shareif Pinjoora (Shopian), Markazi Imam Bara Budgam besides number of others all across J&K.

HAAKH TO BRINJAL

# Prolonged Dry Weather Hits Vegetable Production in Kashmir

MUBASHIR AALAM WANI

**SRINAGAR:** With Kashmir witnessing a prolonged dry spell this summer, the vegetable production of the valley has been hit drastically.

Farmers from north to south Kashmir claim about the pest infestation to the varieties of the vegetables, which brought down the production of local vegetables to manifold.

The lack of sufficient rainfall has hit farmers hard, leading to a sharp decline in the yield of various vegetables, including the region's staple.

Farmers across Kashmir are reporting stunted growth and reduced harvests, attributing the situation to the extended dry spell that has gripped the region. The shortage of water has not only affected the quantity but also the quality of the produce, with many crops failing to reach their usual size and taste standards.



green) to chilies, brinjals and tomatoes, vegetables have been affected by the pests.

"The vegetables didn't get abundant rain during the crucial period following which it was attacked by pests. Haakh which is the native and most consumed vegetables has suffered the most. Similarly, chilies, brinjals and tomatoes too have been impacted to a large extent," said Shakeel Ahmad Khan, a grower.

This has led to rising prices in local markets,

making it difficult for many families to afford these traditional vegetables.

While Haakh costs Rs 70 Kilogram, prices of tomatoes too have shot up by more than 30 per cent this summer.

Bashir Ahmad Bashir, president Parimpora Fruit Mandi said various varieties of vegetables have suffered due to the dry weather which has resulted in reduced supply of vegetables to Mandi.

"This year the local supply is not satisfactory. Though some areas have not

suffered any damage to vegetables but majority of the vegetable producing areas have actually faced the brunt of prolonged dry weather. Taking an example of Haakh, there is a dip of nearly 70 per cent in the production and supply," he said.

Farmers are expressing growing concern over the situation, as the dry season shows no signs of abating. Many have been forced to rely on limited irrigation resources, which are quickly being depleted, leaving little hope for recovery in the near term—(KNO)

# 10k People visit SMHS Hospital Srinagar daily

Causality, Emergency Dept cater to about 3200 patients daily basis

GMK NEWS NETWORK

**SRINAGAR:** SMHS Hospital, one of the tertiary care health institutions in J&K is being visited by around 10000 people on daily basis which includes attendants and other visitors.

The Emergency/ Causality block of SMHS witnesses a patient flow of 3200 daily who are provided with consultation, treatment, testing and other patient care facilities.

The Hospital provides IPD services spread over different wards with a capacity of 890 beds. On an average 30 major & 60 minor procedures are performed daily.

During 2023-24, in Out Patients Department 1063028 patients were attended, similarly 107589 patients were treated in inpatients department & while as 10726 major and 12543 minor surgeries were performed during the period.

6000 Lab tests are being done in SMHS Hospital on daily basis in dedicated Labs and Lab services are available 24x7. 30 MRIs, 450 USGs, 125 CTs and on an average 400 X-rays are done on a single day.

The sanitation and hygiene is priority area in all Associated Hospitals including SMHS. The hos-

pital in spite of huge rush of 10000 person on daily basis, maintains cleanliness and hygiene for which 3 shift sanitation drive is carried in morning, afternoon and evening through a dedicated manpower of 35 sanitation workers.

Furthermore, the sanitation of major areas including casualty and some wards of an area of 62000 sq feet have been outsourced for proper maintenance.

The people visiting SMHS hospital, attendants and patients along with hospital authorities have the joint responsibility to keep it neat and clean and lend a helping hand to keep it clean.

SMHS hospital and other associated hospitals of Govt. Medical College Srinagar are committed to quality health/ patient care facilities with special focus on sanitation, cleanliness and hygiene.

The Authorities at SMHS Hospital have now appealed to all the people visiting SMHS and other Associated Hospitals to cooperate with the department in maintaining cleanliness and hygiene in hospital and do not litter in the hospital premises. They are further requested to not bring polythene bags in the hospitals.

# 4000 water connection applications pending in J&K

JSD admits pendency saying applications will be cleared soon

MANZOOR-UL-HASSAN

**SRINAGAR:** Nearly 4,000 applications seeking fresh water connections for domestic consumers and commercial establishments in Jammu and Kashmir are awaiting approval by the Jal Shakti Department, according to official data.

Almost 60 per cent of these applicants are from the Jammu Division, while 40 per cent are from Kashmir, according to the data.

The Jammu district alone has over 860 applications for household water connections pending, while Srinagar has 597 applications.

The 'Apply for Obtaining Water Connection' for residential and commercial buildings is a primary service provided by the J&K government under its 'Single Window System (SWS)' initiative. The program has had a dedicated portal for all such services since 2022 and has integrated all major departments with it.

Under the Public Services Guarantee Act (PSGA) of 2011, the new domestic water connection should take 15 days, and commercial has a 30-day maximum limit. However, the maximum time the Jal Shakti Department takes to com-



plete the process has been more than 500 days in some cases.

Since 2022, the department received 15,351 applications seeking new water connections under various schemes through SWS, with 7,309 applications approved and 1,049 applications rejected.

The delay in obtaining the water connection highlights the poor implementation of various prestigious schemes like the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) and the 'Har Ghar Nal Se Jal' (water in every household) initiative, per official sources.

Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti, Kashmir, Vivek Kohli, admitted that there was a pendency of applications with the department. However, he said most of these applications were received in 2024.

"At least 1,217 applications are currently under

process, including 1,042 domestic and 75 commercial. Most of the applications are from 2024 and will be cleared soon by the concerned officials," he said.

Kohli stated that the Kashmir division received a total of 8,365 applications for new water connections, 5,255 of which were granted and 286 refused.

Notably, Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo recently took a periodical review of the JJM, focussing on providing functional tap water connections (FHTCs) to all the households in the Union territory.

During this meeting, Dulloo asked concerned officers to take steps to clear pending applications at the earliest and complete 'Har Ghar Nal Se Jal' certification of villages.

He also directed the Jal Shakti Department to work out a reasonable operations and maintenance plan for running the water supply schemes smoothly.

On the occasion, the Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) of the department, Shaleen Kabra, presented the work done and achievements.

Currently, at least 894 schemes have achieved progress of 76-99% and 922 (51-75%), he added—(KNO)

CHINAR BOOK FESTIVAL

# Valley's Biggest Book Fair, Literary Festival to commence on August 17

GMK NEWS NETWORK

**SRINAGAR:** The Chinar Book Festival is set to take place at SKICC, Srinagar, from 17 to 25 August, 2024 through the collaborative efforts of the National Book Trust, India (Ministry of Education, Govt of India) and the District Administration Srinagar.

The first national book festival in the valley will also see participation from National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language (NCPUL).

The Nine-day Book Fair to be held in front of the picturesque Dal Lake, will feature more than 200 stalls providing access to books in various languages including English, Urdu, Kashmiri, Hindi, Dogri, and other Indian languages.

The event will offer special discounts and an opportunity for readers to engage with books from over a thousand publishers nationwide.

Speaking about the event, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat stated that "Chinar Book Festival will be the first National Book Festival and the biggest book fair of Kashmir Valley".

DC Srinagar emphasized that there has not been any festival of such a large scale in Srinagar for a long time, hence this is a great opportunity for the people of Srinagar, where amidst the books, readers will be able to participate in various programs related to literature, art and culture.

During the Book Fair programs will be organized in three parts. Creative writing workshops like Calligraphy, Story Telling,



Caricature, Dyeing Competition, Art Workshop, Slogan Writing Competition, Puppet Craft, Vedic Mathematics and many other creative writing workshops will be organized for children from 10 am to 1 pm.

There will be career oriented workshops for the youth from 2 pm to 4 pm. They will get an opportunity to talk to big litterateurs on art, literature and culture. So far, more than 50 thousand children have registered for this mega event."

Dr. Bilal urged the people of Srinagar to come to the Chinar Book Festival and make the festival a success. He also informed that five free buses will run from Gantaghar to SKICC to reach the book festival.

Speaking on the Chinar Book Festival, Yuvraj Malik, Director, National Book Trust, India, said, "This book festival is organized by the people of the Valley and for the people of the Valley, where readers will find more than 200 book stalls.

In addition to Publications of participants such as SahityaAkademi, Publication Department, SangeetNatakAkademi, NCERT, National Book Trust-India, Mehta Book Company, Gulshan Books, MotilalBanarsidas, and

Rekhta; over 1000 other private publishers will be available in this grand literary festival. The festival promises a diverse collection of books including fiction, non-fiction, classics, mythology, biography, dictionary, and poetry.

The literary discourse at Chinar Talks include discussion on Kashmir in Films & Literature, Poetry, its rich heritage in performing arts by eminent scholars and artists such as Chandra Prakash Dwivedi, Ashwath Bhat, Vishal Bhardwaj, Mir Sarwar, Dr. Sanjeeta Gundecha, Pt. Abhay Rustam Sopori whereas the Cultural Stage Kala-e-Kashmir will have performance by Rekha Bhardwaj, Noor Mohammad, Rahgir.

Additionally there will be live performance of ghazal, mushaira, performance by bands like Shadaj, Yugh and by J&K academy.

Through this initiative, the District Administration Srinagar and the Ministry of Education, Government of India, aims to uphold and promote the tradition of book reading. It encourages the youth to embrace the path of knowledge and traditional wisdom, and also seeks to promote the rich literary heritage of Jammu & Kashmir at the global level.

Gulmarg Goes Green

# GDA conducts major cleanliness drive to eliminate plastic, polythene

WARIS FAYAZ

**GULMARG:** The Gulmarg Development Authority (GDA) conducted a major cleanliness drive at the popular tourist destination on Tuesday to make the area plastic and polythene-free.

This initiative was led by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Waseem Raja who said the GDA is committed to preserving Gulmarg's natural beauty and promoting sustainable tourism.

Speaking on the occasion, the CEO highlighted the importance of collective efforts in this mission. He said several organisations, including the Rotary Club, NLCO, and Bilaliya Educational Institute, have partnered with the GDA to support the cause.

"We are dedicated to advancing our efforts

to eliminate plastic and polythene from Gulmarg," he said, adding that the mission aims to keep the destination green and free from environmental hazards.

Waseem further announced that the next phase of the campaign would focus on Phases I and II of the Gulmarg Gondola, where efforts will be intensified. To maintain momentum, he said that cleanliness drives would be conducted weekly. He urged local shopkeepers and hoteliers to switch from plastic to more sustainable alternatives, such as glass bottles, to further reduce the environmental impact.

"This is not just the responsibility of the GDA or the Municipal Committee; it requires a joint effort from everyone in the community. Together, we can preserve

Gulmarg's pristine environment for future generations," Raja said.

During the drive, the GDA CEO appealed to both residents and tourists to actively participate in maintaining the cleanliness and natural beauty of Gulmarg. He acknowledged the critical role played by various stakeholders, including the Municipal Committee, local police, represented by PS Gulmarg SHO, and members of the media, in supporting the initiative.

The students from Bilaliya Educational Institute played an active role in the drive by volunteering their time and energy to the cause. They held up colourful placards and banners with messages such as "Go Green Gulmarg" and "Gulmarg is the Crown of Incredible India, Let's keep it Green and Clean"—(KNO)

# NIT Srinagar secures 79th rank in NIRF engineering category

GMK NEWS NETWORK

**SRINAGAR:** The National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar has secured 79th rank in the engineering category of the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2024 that were released on Monday in New Delhi.

According to the data, NIT Srinagar secured the 79th rank among 1,463 government engineering colleges in India, placing it in the 151-200 rank band.

In his message, Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. A. Ravinder Nath congratulated all Deans including Dean R&C Prof.(HAG) Roohie Naaz Mir, Dean F W Prof. G.A Harmain, Dean A A Dr. Mohammad Shafi Mir, Dean AIA Prof. Nazir Ahmad Sheikh, Dean P&D Dr. Yashwant Mehta and Dean SW, Prof. Abdul Liman, Heads of Departments, Heads of Centers, teaching and non teaching staff and students for their collective efforts that contributed to the institute's overall performance in the NIRF

2024 rankings. "NIT Srinagar has done well, thanks to the joint efforts of everyone involved in this. The results are encouraging, there is still much more to accomplish," he said.

Prof. A. Ravinder Nath also praised contribution of NIRF Chairman, NIT Srinagar Prof. Najeeb Ud Din, Nodal Officer NIRF, Chairman NBA, Prof. Manzoor Ahmad Ahanger, Nodal Officer, NIRF Dr. Harveer Singh Pali, NIRF (Jr. Assistant) Mr. Ajay Kumar for their dedication and hard work.

Institute's Registrar, Prof. Atikur Rahman extended his greetings to the entire NIT Srinagar family. The Institute has jumped from 82th rank in 2023 to 79th rank in 2024, which is a great achievement, he said.

"In future NIT Srinagar will feature among top 50 engineering colleges in India. We will continue to provide quality education and build state of art facilities on the campus," he said.

Startup Policy 2024-27

# JKEDI hosts sensitization Workshop for Govt officials in G'bal

GMK NEWS NETWORK

**GANDERBAL:** Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) on Tuesday conducted a sensitization workshop under J&K Startup Policy 2024-27 for the officials of various Government departments of district Ganderbal at Vikalp Centre, here.

The workshop saw participation from officers and officials of various government departments.

The workshop, specifically designed for government departments, seeks

to enhance understanding and implementation of startup friendly policies along with facilitating a conducive startup ecosystem in the region.

The workshop was aimed at enhancing government officials' understanding of the J&K Startup Policy 2024-27 including the benefits under Startup JK and Startup India schemes. The officials were also sensitized on procurement of products and services from startups.

The workshop was coordinated by Mohammad Rafiq Mir, District Nodal Officer, JKEDI Ganderbal and Sheikh Nousheen, Assistant Faculty.

the departments by seeking solutions from the startups.

The event featured a series of presentations and interactive sessions led by officials of JKEDI. The discussions focused on key aspects of the startup ecosystem including funding opportunities, regulatory frameworks and the role of government in fostering a supportive environment for startups.

The workshop was coordinated by Mohammad Rafiq Mir, District Nodal Officer, JKEDI Ganderbal and Sheikh Nousheen, Assistant Faculty.