

Govt grinding common man in millstone of inflation, unemployment, taxation: Cong

NEW DELHI, Apr 8: The Congress on Friday alleged that high inflation coupled with rising prices, high taxation and unemployment are destroying households, decimating budgets, discouraging investment and crushing the common man.

Congress spokesperson Abhishek Singhvi cited a survey that has found people overwhelmingly saying that they fear inflation more than Covid, with 52 per cent claiming that even a new variant of Covid does not scare them as much as inflation does, and another 49.3 per cent stating the biggest fear psychosis they have is in inflation.

"Modi government's continuity, consistence and coherence are restricted to achieving phenomenal and extraordinary heights of inflation. The BJP government is grinding and crushing the common man in the millstone of three things - inflation, unemployment and taxation," he told reporters.

"This unprecedented inflation is destroying households,

decimating budgets, discouraging investment, making a living hell for, especially the common man and the medium sector, the medium class," he said.

The Congress leader said this is very serious and is nothing more than this kind of a kick in the solar plexus of the common man.

In a sarcastic vein, he complimented the Modi government for making India achieve unprecedented heights of achievements as it has made the country number one the world's most expensive place for LPG, on per litre Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) cost.

"India is again, thanks to Modi government being number three in the world as far as purchasing power parity of petrol is concerned and as far as PPP price is concerned, India is 8th highest in diesel. When you convert to purchasing power parity, the LPG price in India is number one in the reverse direction followed by countries like Turkey, Fiji, Moldova, even Ukraine is cheaper. When you look at the price of petrol on PPP, only

Sudan and Laos are worse than us, even Albania is better than us, we are number three. In diesel, we are behind only Sudan, Albania, Turkey, Myanmar, Georgia, Bhutan and Laos. Friends, this is the reality of all the jumlas you hear, all the sermons you hear," he said.

Singhvi said the RBI is already psychologically preparing people as they had predicted an inflation rate of 4.5 per cent for financial year 2023, but the governor of the country's central bank has now said that we want you to revise your figures from 4.5 to 5.7 per cent inflation.

"Can you believe that and he has added that lot of prices including edible oil prices will continue to remain at an elevated level. It is very easy to fool you by saying international factors are beyond my control. Are those International factors not available or applicable to smaller countries in our neighbourhood, to other countries around the world or do the international factors come and attack only India? These kind of fussy, simplistic explanations assume that you and I eat grass. They assume that we are all foolish," he said. (PTI)

Rajnath approves proposal to allow armed forces personnel to draw HRA without furnishing NAC

NEW DELHI, Apr 8:

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has approved a proposal to dispense with a norm that mandated armed forces personnel to furnish a 'no accommodation certificate' (NAC) to become eligible for house rent allowance (HRA).

The defence ministry on Friday said the armed forces personnel, who have not been allotted government accommodation, will now be able to draw HRA without the requirement to produce NAC.

"With the aim to ensure the welfare of Armed Forces personnel, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has approved a proposal to dispense with the

furnishing of no accommodation certificate to become eligible for house rent allowance," it said in a statement.

Under the existing policy, armed forces personnel have to apply separately for issuance of NAC from the concerned accommodation offices, which resulted in delays in processing the claims for HRA.

"The revised policy is a significant step in line with the government's policy for simplification of the existing procedures. The revised policy will result in a reduction in paperwork and enable faster disbursement of the HRA to the armed forces personnel," the ministry said. (PTI)

Rajinder Sharma starts blacktopping of lanes

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Apr 8: Senior BJP leader and Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) Councillor of Ward 16, Rajinder Sharma here today started blacktopping of lanes at Tali Morh, Prem Nagar and New Plots.

The blacktopping will cover a length of two kms and about 13 lanes including lane number 1, 5 etc will be covered in this project.

Speaking on the occasion the Councillor said that there are 110 lanes in Ward 16 out of which 73 have been constructed in a span of three years.

He also said that drains in the Ward have been developed.

"We need to change our minds at all levels so that transparent, accountable and efficient services are delivered for the welfare of masses," the BJP leader maintained adding that it can happen only with visionary, qualified and transparent leadership and with active cooperation of the public.

He asked the people to cooperate with JMC in developmental works and avoid use of plastic and polythene in routine works.

Jal Sheeri residents protest against water shortage

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Apr 8: Residents of Noor Mohalla of Jal Sheeri village in North Kashmir's Baramulla district today protested against the Jal Shakti department for failing to restore water supply to the area.

Scores of residents, including women and children, gathered in the village and shouted slogans in support of their demands. They claimed that despite passage of several years, the department has failed to repair fault in main supply line to the area, resulting in a severe water shortage in the village.

They claimed that neither the

fault nor an alternative drinking water supply arrangement was made despite their repeated pleas. "In our area, water scarcity has been a problem for several years. We are forced to drink contaminated water, which has harmed our health," a protesting woman stated.

The protesters demanded that the administration address the issue as soon as possible, claiming that tap water scarcity was causing great hardship to the local population. "The authorities must act quickly so that residents of the area are not denied this basic necessity. If our issue is not resolved, we will continue our protest," they said.

Power shut down

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JAMMU, Apr 8: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply Khow, Paharivala, Jogwan and adjoining areas shall remain affected on April 11 from 8 am to 3 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Thathri, Gundoh, Bhatyas, Changa, Premnagar, Bhalla, Bhaderwah, Dhara and adjoining areas shall remain affected on April 9 and April 11 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Pargwal, Channi Tanna, Rajpura, Bhalwal Bharat, Dhalwal Miulu, Hampurkona, BSF, Batera,

Dabbin, Chorpur, Manyal, Dharmkhu, Tirth Talab, GREF, Gumpul, Sua No. 1, Garkhal and adjoining areas, Dumi, Sobka, Sua No. 1, Gadigarh, Dhrap, Indra Nagar, Biaspur, Kotli, Kalyana Sai Suhagpur, Nandpur, Kotli Jabawal, Part of Arnia, Allah, BSF, Nandpur and its adjoining areas shall remain affected on April 11 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Meanwhile, Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M circle Kathua has informed that the power supply Logate Industry, PHE, Sahar and adjoining areas shall remain affected on April 9 and 10 from 9 am to 12 noon.

No-confidence motion moved against president Baramulla Municipality

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Apr 8: Councillors of Municipal Council Baramulla (MCB) today moved a 'no-confidence motion' against the president Municipal Council Baramulla moved the 'no-confidence motion' against president Towseef Ahmad Raina.

An official said that 12 Councillors of Municipal Council Baramulla moved the 'no-confidence motion' against president Towseef Ahmad Raina.

"It is pertinent to mention that from the last one year major funds lapsed due to the inefficiency of the president. So we the majority of elected councillors are of the opinion that we want to replace the said post with some another elected councillor as per the J&K municipal act 2000," 11 Councillors mentioned in the 'no confidence motion' copy.

Tauseef Raina was elected as chairman of the Municipal Council Baramulla (MCB) as he defeated his opponent by a margin of four votes.

Residents facing acute water shortage

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JAMMU, Apr 8: The residents of Swaran Vihar, a colony developed by J&K Co-operative Housing Corporation are facing acute water shortage.

The residents have requested the management of the said corporation to improve the old age infrastructure of drinking water supply system so that regular and sufficient water is being supplied to them.

They said that the Management of the Corporation is deliberately delaying to improve the structure.

The executive committee of the colony held a meeting under the chairmanship of President SN Raina and has appealed to the Lt Governor to intervene into the matter and direct the concerned authorities to mitigate the long pending water shortage problem on priority.

Congregation

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JAMMU, Apr 8: The annual congregation of All J&K Rattan Bhardwaj Biradari is going to be held on April 10 on the eve of Shri Ram Navmi at Jahar Bawa Jitto Temple, Akhnoor Road, Jammu.

Being organized by Bawa Bharooji Maharaj Trust, the function will begin at 10 AM with Havan, Pooja and Kanjak-Poojan and thereafter Bhandara will be organized. The Trust has invited all the Biradari members to participate in the function and seek blessings from Kuldev Kaliveer ji, Mata Berjeshwari ji and Bawa Bharooji Maharaj.

India successfully flight tests missile system SFDR booster

BALASORE (Odisha) Apr 8:

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) on Friday successfully flight-tested a propulsion system that enables a missile to intercept aerial threats at very long range at supersonic speeds.

The Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet (SFDR) booster was tested at the integrated test range in Chandipur off the coast of Odisha.

The successful trial of the SFDR is expected to help the DRDO in extending the range of air-to-air missiles, officials said.

The SFDR-based propulsion enables a missile to intercept aerial threats at very long range at supersonic speeds.

The defence ministry said the flight testing of the SFDR was successful and it demonstrated the reliable functioning of all critical components involved in the complex missile system.

"The test successfully demonstrated the reliable functioning of all critical components involved in the complex missile system and met all the mission objectives," it said in a statement.

It said the performance of the system has been confirmed from the data captured by a number of range instruments like telemetry, radar and electro-optical tracking systems.

"The SFDR has been developed by Defence Research and Development Laboratory, Hyderabad in collaboration with other DRDO laboratories such as Research Centre Imarat, Hyderabad and High Energy Materials Research Laboratory, Pune," the ministry said.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh congratulated the DRDO for the successful trial of SFDR.



Defence Research and Development Organisation successfully flight tested Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet (SFDR) booster at the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur off the coast of Odisha on Friday. (UNI)

He termed it an important milestone toward the development of critical missile technologies in the country.

Complimenting the teams involved in the design, develop-

ment and testing of the system, DRDO Chairman G Satheesh Reddy said, with the successful trial of SFDR, the range of air-to-air missiles can be enhanced. (PTI)

Six arrested with large quantity of illicit liquor

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JAMMU, Apr 8: Miran Sahib, Bishnah and Arnia Police arrested six persons with large quantity of illicit liquor.

As per police sources, on specific information a team from Police Station Miran Sahib laid a naka at Marallian Morh and intercepted a scooter bearing registration number JK02BW-5182.

During checking, police team recovered 58 bottles of illicit liquor from the possession of the rider and arrested him.

The arrested person was identified as Harpal Singh, son of Isher Singh, a resident of Ward Number 2 Simbal Camp Tehsil RS Pura District Jammu.

Meanwhile, the similar team also laid a naka at Kotli Mian Fateh and intercepted a motorcycle bearing registration number JK02CN-3823.

During checking, police team recovered 90 bottles of illicit liquor from the possession of the rider and arrested him.

The arrested person was identified as Keemat Ram, son of Kala Ram of Kothey Chorli Tehsil Bishnah District Jammu.

Meanwhile, a team from Police Station Bishnah arrested three persons along with 166 bottles of illicit liquor, which they were selling among the people to make illegitimate profits.

The arrested persons were identified as Rohit Kumar, son of Rakesh Kumar of Tehsil Mukerian District Hoshiarpur Punjab, at present Taali Morh Tehsil RS Pura District Jammu, Tilak Singh, son of Sawan Singh of Chak Avtara Tehsil Bishnah District Jammu and Sujaan Singh, son of Harbans Singh of Jallo Chak District Jammu.

In another similar case, a team from Police Station Arnia laid a naka and intercepted a

man, who was moving under suspicious circumstances.

During checking, police team recovered 15 bottles of illicit liquor from the possession of the man and arrested him.

The arrested person was identified as Kishore Kumar, son of Babu Ram, a resident of Arnia District Jammu.

Cases under relevant Sections have been registered at Police Stations Miran Sahib, Bishnah and Arnia and investigation started.

Police teams led by SHO Miran Sahib Inspector Mirza Sultan, SHO Bishnah Inspector Vinod Kundal and SHO Arnia Inspector Tilak Raj Sharma made the arrests under the supervision of SDPO RS Pura Surinder Singh.

Absonding thief apprehended

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Apr 8: Gangyal Police arrested an absconding thief, who was evading his arrest since long.

As per police sources, on specific information a team from Police Station Gangyal led by SHO Inspector Joginder Singh Chib under the supervision of SDPO South Sachit Sharma and SP South Mamta Sharma conducted raid and arrested an absconding thief, who was at large since long.

The accused was identified as Ram Kumar alias Ramu, son of Gopi Kumar of Kothi Kanthal Tehsil Arnia District Reasi.

He was wanted in a case registered under FIR Number 97/2020 under Sections 457 and 380 IPC with Police Station Gangyal. Arrest warrant also stands issued against him by the 1st Additional Munsiff Forest Court Jammu.

Further investigation into the case is going on.

Art of Living conducts workshop

Excelsior Correspondent

RAJOURI, Apr 8: Art of Living conducted workshop of Medha Yoga Program as called "YES!" at Government Boys Higher Secondary School in Darhal Malkan in which 82 male students of class 9th to 11th participated.

Shruti Dhiman along with Assisting Teacher Bhuvesh Garg, the faculties from Art of Living International Centre, Bangalore took the sessions for 4 days for all the participants which mainly focus on social, emotional and physical health for children from 13 to 16 years.

The workshop was coordinated by faculty of GBHSS Waseem, Tahir, and Sayed under the guidance of Dr Sajaad Ahmed Malik, Principal Government Boys Higher secondary School Darhal Malkan.

The Principal and senior staff of GBHSS Darhal Malkan thanked Art of Living and particularly the faculty to take this initiative at such remote area of Jammu and Kashmir for better being of students.

HC fixes May 16 for final hearing in murder case against MoS

Excelsior Correspondent

LUCKNOW, Apr 8:

The Allahabad High Court has fixed May 16 for the final hearing of a government appeal against the acquittal of Union Minister of State for Home Ajay Mishra in a 2003 murder case.

Justices Ramesh Sinha and Saroj Yadav of the Lucknow bench of the HC passed the order on Thursday on an application moved by the complainant who had lodged an FIR in the matter in 2003.

Arguing for the complainant, advocate Sushil Kumar Singh had submitted that the instant criminal appeal was filed by the state government in 2004 against the acquittal of Mishra in the murder case, and that the complainant too had preferred a revision against the acquittal.

It was added that the then Allahabad HC chief justice had asked the Lucknow bench of the High Court on November 22, 2013 to expedite the hearing on the state government's appeal.

The government appeal was heard and the verdict was reserved on March 12, 2018 by a division bench of the court.

However, before the delivery of verdict, both the cases were re-listed, requiring further hearing in the matter.

Mishra and others were named in the FIR lodged in Lakhimpur in connection with the murder of a 24-year-old youth Prabhat Gupta, who was shot dead in Tikunia area of the district in 2003.

A court of Additional Sessions Judge in Lakhimpur Kheri had acquitted Mishra and others in 2004 for want of adequate evidence. (PTI)

Woman killed, husband injured in accident

Excelsior Correspondent

SAMBA, Apr 8: A woman was killed while her husband sustained injuries in accident here today.

As per police sources, a woman was killed while her husband sustained injuries when an unidentified truck hit their scooter near Mansar morh.

The deceased lady was identified as Dilmaya Kumari, wife of Rajat Khatri, a resident of Sainik Colony District Jammu while the injured was identified as her husband Rajat Khatri, son of Gopal Dass.

The injured person was shifted to District Hospital Samba where he was undergoing treatment, when reports last came in.

A case under relevant Sections has been registered at Police Station Samba and investigation started.

Man booked for using fake registration number

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Apr 8: Bahu Fort Police booked a man for using fake registration number on his motorcycle.

As per police sources, a team from Police Station Bahu Fort led by SHO Nayat Ali under the supervision of SDPO East Syed Zabeer Abbas Jafari laid a naka and intercepted a motorcycle.

During scrutiny of documents, it came to fore that the intercepted motorcycle was having fake registration number and accordingly police booked one person, who was identified as Gurpreet Singh, son of Gulshan Singh of Nanak Nagar District Jammu.

The similar number motorcycle was also seized to check the authenticity of both the vehicles.

A case under FIR Number 105/2022 under Sections 420, 417 and 419 IPC has been registered at Police Station Bahu Fort and investigation started.

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SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER
 e-NIT No. 01 of 2021-22 Dated 06-04-2022
 (Single Cover System)

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

S. No.	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rupees)	Earnest Money	Time of Completion	M. H. Account	Class of Contractor
1.	Contract for maintenance of various roads in respect of PWD (R&B) Sub Division Armas for the year 2022-23	Stage Contract 2022-23	600/-	Rs. 15000/-	03-2023	Under Stage Contract	A'B'C'D'
2.	Contract for maintenance of various roads In Ransoo and Bhambla area PWD (R&B) Sub Division Pouni for the year 2022-23	Stage Contract 2022-23	600/-	Rs. 15000/-	03-2023	Under Stage Contract	A'B'C'D'
3.	Contract for maintenance of various roads in Domail Bhambla road NH 144 KM.42 to 67 and adjoining link roads in respect PWD (R&B) Sub Division Pouni for the year 2022-23	Stage Contract 2022-23	600/-	Rs. 15000/-	03-2023	Under Stage Contract	A'B'C'D'
4.	Contract for maintenance of various roads on Left Side of Anji Nallah in respect of PWD (R&B) Sub Division Reasi for the year 2022-23	Stage Contract 2022-23	600/-	Rs. 15000/-	03-2023	Under Stage Contract	A'B'C'D'
5.	Contract for maintenance of various roadson Right Side of Anji Nallah in respect of PWD (R&B) Sub Division Reasi on Right for the year 2022-23	Stage Contract 2022-23	600/-	Rs. 15000/-	03-2023	Under Stage Contract	A'B'C'D'

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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 <http://jktenders.gov.in> as per below schedule:-

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	06-04-2022
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 07-04-2022 to 23-04-2022, 1800 Hrs
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting.	-
4	Bid submission Start Date	07-04-2022
5	Bid Submission End Date	23-04-2022 up to 1800 Hrs
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	25-04-2022 on or after 1200 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Reasi.
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed.

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date, e-NIT No. and name of work duly crediting to 0059 (Revenue) favoring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Reasi uploading a copy of treasury challan and EMD/Bid Security in the shape of CDR/FDR (The date of Treasury Challan/ Bid Security/Affidavits between date of bid submission and bid submission end date) duly pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Reasi as mentioned in the bid documents.
- The date and time of opening of bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address.
- The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division, Reasi.
- The earnest money of the unsuccessful bidder shall be released only after submission of Treasury Challan.
- The electronic bidding system would not allow any late submission of bids after due date and time as per server time. Bidders may modify their bids by uploading their request for modification before the deadline for submission of bids. For this, the bidder need not make any additional payment towards the cost of tender document. For bid modification and consequential re-submission, the bidder is not required to withdraw his bid submitted earlier. The last modified bid submitted by the bidder within the bid submission time shall be considered as the bid. For this purpose, modification/withdrawal by other means will not be accepted. In online system of bid submission, the modification and consequential-submission of bids is allowed any number of times. The bidders may withdraw his bid by uploading their request before the deadline for submission of bids; however, if the bid is withdrawn, the re-submission of the bid is not allowed. No bid shall be modified or withdrawn after the deadline of submission of bids.
- The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial-bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Reasi. The date for same shall be intimated separately. No- 33-38

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