

Par panel suggests Hindi, local languages as medium of instruction in technical, non-technical institutions

NEW DELHI, Oct 9: A parliamentary committee has recommended that the medium of instruction in technical and non-technical higher education institutes such as IITs in Hindi-speaking states should be Hindi and in other parts of India their respective local language. It also recommended that Hindi should be one of the official languages of the United Nations. In its 11th report presented to President Droupadi Murmu last month, the Committee of Parliament on Official Language, headed by Union Home Minister Amit Shah, recommended that local languages should be given preference over English in all states. The committee suggested that in all technical and non-technical institutions in the country, Hindi or local language should be used as the medium of instruction and the use of English should be made optional, sources said. BJD leader Bhartruhari Mahtab, who is the deputy chairman of the committee, told PTI that the committee has framed the recommendations as per the new National Education Policy which suggested that the medium of instruction should either be official or regional languages. The committee has suggested that Hindi should be given a respectable place in 'A' category states and it should be used 100 per cent. The medium of instruction in IITs, central universities and Kendriya Vidyalayas in Hindi-speaking states should be Hindi and in other parts of India their respective local language, the panel recommended.

Mahtab said in higher education institutions such as Banaras Hindu University, Delhi University, Jamia Millia Islamia, Aligarh Muslim University, Hindi is being used only 20-30 per cent, whereas it should be used 100 per cent. "English is a foreign language and we should do away with this colonial practice," he said. Similar sentiment was also expressed by BJP member Rita Bahuguna Joshi, who is convener of the second sub-committee. She said English is an "alien language" and "we want it to be eliminated" and it should be replaced by Hindi and other regional languages. "The recommendations are as per the New Education Policy which has emphasised on imparting education in regional and Hindi languages equally," she told. Aam Aadmi Party Rajya Sabha MP Sushil Kumar Gupta said the committee recommended that the medium of instruction in 'A' category or Hindi-speaking states should be Hindi and in the rest of the states, it should be in the respective local languages. All states and Union territories are divided in three groups (regions) on the basis of progressive usage of Hindi. Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Uttarakhand, Jharkhand, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Delhi and Andaman and Nicobar Islands are in category 'A'; Gujarat, Maharashtra, Punjab, and the Union territories of Chandigarh, Daman and Diu and Dadra and Nagar Haveli are in category 'B'; and the rest of India is categorised as 'C'. (PTI)

BJP ready for election anytime : Thakur

HAMIRPUR (HP), Oct 9: Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur said Sunday the BJP was ready for elections any time. He said the party was not waiting for the enforcement of



Union Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs Anurag Singh Thakur addressing at the inauguration of a Water Sports Centre in Koldam Baramana, Bilaspur, in Himachal Pradesh on Sunday. (UNI)

the Model Code of Conduct as it was the duty of the Election Commission to decide the dates of elections. He said this at Bhota where he dedicated many projects including a parking lot and a road to the people of Bhota town. He said every effort has been made to fulfill every demand of the people of the parliamentary constituency and this will continue in the future

dents have joined the BJP. Anurag said the Congress should take care of its clan. The split in Congress is well known. Congress is scattered in the state. He said the BJP ticket distribution committee meeting will meet after the model code of conduct was enforced. The names from the state will be sent to the Central Ticket Distribution Committee. From there the final list will be released. (UNI)



Jugal Kishore Sharma addressing public meeting at Reasi on Sunday.

DAP holds first public meeting at Reasi

Excelsior Correspondent REASI, Oct 9: Days after launching of the Democratic Azad Party (DAP) in Jammu, the party leaders today held first public meeting at Reasi. The public meeting was attended by top DAP leaders, including G M Saroori, Jugal Kishore Sharma, Abdul Majeed Wani, Naresh Gupta, Aslam Goni and others. Jugal Kishore Sharma exhorted the party workers to amplify their efforts to reach out to wider sections of society across the Reasi. "We have to strive for an atmosphere, where basic needs of our people including devel-

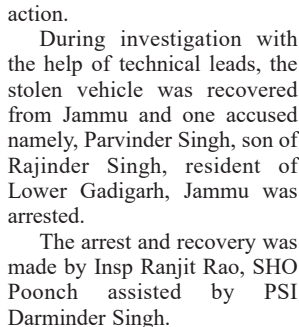
opment and other issues are addressed. On the other hand, the party has to keep up its peaceful and constitutional fight for land and job rights," he said. "People are looking towards us to protect J&K's social, political and cultural individuality as ever before. To achieve this goal, the party's moves have to be marked by collectivism and better coordination at all levels," he added. Later, the DAP leaders deliberated on the current political situation and measures to strengthen the party at the grassroots level. It was also decided that the DAP will form the district committee to strengthen the party at the constituency level.

Stolen bike recovered, one nabbed

Excelsior Correspondent POONCH, Oct 9: The police arrested a youth and recovered a stolen motorcycle from his possession from Jammu area today. Official sources said that on June 25, 2022, a written application was received by Police Station Poonch from one Kuldeep Singh, son of Puran Singh, stating that his vehicle bearing registration No. JK12A-4285 has been stolen by unknown person from Khari Mohalla, Poonch. On this information, a case FIR No. 135/2022 u/s 379/IPC was registered at PS Poonch and the Police swung into action. During investigation with the help of technical leads, the stolen vehicle was recovered from Jammu and one accused namely, Parvinder Singh, son of Rajinder Singh, resident of Lower Gadigarh, Jammu was arrested. The arrest and recovery was made by Insp Ranjit Rao, SHO Poonch assisted by PSI Darinder Singh.

KPUF condemns Div Com order

Excelsior Correspondent JAMMU, Oct 9: Kashmir Pandits United Front (KPUF) has condemned the recent order issued from the office of Divisional Commissioner Kashmir forcing PM Package employees to attend their duties in such a venerable situations in valley. In a statement, Suneel Tikoo General Secretary KPUF said, "It is quite astonishing that authorities are hell bent upon risking the lives of our children. Keeping in mind the present situation in Kashmir this decision is absurd and using them as scapegoats to showcase that everything is normal whereas the environment is not conducive for them to join their duties in such threatening atmosphere". He requested the LG Administration to intervene immediately so that the said order is cancelled. He also requested to LG that their salaries be released in advance in view of forthcoming Diwali festival.



Bharat Vikas Parishad members posing for a group photograph at a function in Jammu on Sunday.

Bodies of 10 more avalanche victims brought to Uttarkashi

UTTARKASHI, Oct 9: Saturday and 10 more on Sunday, it said. All 21 bodies brought to Uttarkashi have been identified while two mountaineers are still missing, the institute said. According to the NIM, a group of 29 mountaineers including 27 trainees and two instructors who were part of an advanced training course at the institute went missing when the avalanche struck at a height of 17,000 feet on October 4 while they were returning from the summit. Manual search and rescue operations are in progress at the disaster site, it said. (PTI)

Ten more bodies of mountaineering trainees were brought to Uttarkashi on Sunday as search and rescue operations continued for the sixth consecutive day at the avalanche site near Draupadi Ka Danda-II peak. A total of 27 bodies have been retrieved so far out of which 21 have been brought to Uttarkashi to be handed over to their families, the Nehru Institute of Mountaineering (NIM) said. Four bodies were brought to Uttarkashi on Friday, seven on

Construct deep drains in Ajit Colony

This is to draw the attention of the concerned authorities towards construction of deep drains in our locality Ajit Colony Extn Ward 32. The urgency has arisen due to recent construction on the vacant plots obstructing the flow of rain water of the entire street along the North South slope. This results in water logging along some 300 feet in length and depth from knee to ankle deep. The slope extends from the house of S Hakoomat Singh (North) to the house of Ravi Bhat (South). Each time when it rains even for few hours the obstructed rain water accumulate at blind South end and JMC trollies lift this water to make the street worthy for movement. Former MLA Jammu West had got one DPR made by UEED but due to dissolution of the Assembly and formation of UT, the same was not followed up. The Mayor and Corporator

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Ward 32 too had held a meeting with the residents some months back and directed the XEN, UEED to do the needful but so far nothing has been done. A deputation of residents last week had called on the Commissioner JMC and apprised him of their problem and he had asked to keep reminding him of the issue so that it can be redressed. It is requested to conduct survey of the locality in view of expansion of the colony and obstruction due to new constructions and resulting water logging in the blind Southend and frame new DPR, get it approved and necessary funds allocated so that we have a sigh of relief free from the danger of water entering our houses and damaging our belongings if for certain reason the trollies sucking the accumulated water fail to turn up timely.

Arun Jandial
Sahaj Jeevan, 57-Ajit Colony Extn.
Talab Tillo, Camp Road Jammu

Repair Gangera lane, Udhampur

This is to draw the attention of the concerned authorities towards the bad condition of Gangera road/lane passing through housing colony residential area opposite Ward No. 18. The road has developed numerous pot holes thereby clogging water which in turn is causing great inconvenience to the motorists passing by this road. The authorities are urged to get the road repaired before any eventuality occurs here.

Mohd. Anwar
Ward No. 18, Housing Colony, Udhampur

Repair Surankote road

This is to draw the attention of the concerned authorities that the TCP Surankote to Jogi Morh road is in a dilapidated condition since long causing great inconvenience to the locals. The 4 kms long TCP Surankote to Jogi Morh road, has been in dilapidated condition since long time but the successive Govt have shown a lackadical attitude to repair this road to facilitate vehicular movement. The road has developed pits and potholes at many places making the journey in vehicles treacherous and risky especially for patients and pregnant women. The residents accuse the concerned dept and Govt for not maintaining the road and showing apathy over this issue. Students, employees and patients besides general public face a lot of difficulties. The problem has deteriorated manifolds during rainy season, thus making the road accident prone. We met higher ups several times but our requests met with deaf ears. The passenger vehicles suffer damages due to bad condition of the road. It is urged to the Govt that road from TCP to Jogi Morh be repaired at an earliest to ease the worries of people of the area.

Sohil Qurashi
Surankote

2 drug peddlers apprehended

Excelsior Correspondent UDHAMPUR, Oct 9: Police today arrested two drug peddlers from Jib Morh, under the jurisdiction of Rehambal Police Station. The accused were apprehended by a Police team, led by SHO Rehambal, Insp Rajesh Sharma and assisted by PSI Ravinder Kumar during routine checking duty at Jib Morh. During frisking of the duo, four grams of heroin like substance and an electronic weighing machine was recovered from their possession. The arrested accused were identified as Rohit Singh, son of Arjun Singh and Samuel Sheikh, son of Shatoo Sheikh, both residents of Supply Morh Udhampur. In this connection, a case vide FIR number 230/2022, under section 8/21/22/NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Rehambal.

Three drug peddlers nabbed with heroin

Excelsior Correspondent JAMMU, Oct 9: Janipur and Kishtwar Police arrested three drug peddlers along with heroin. As per police sources, on reliable information a team from Police Station Janipur led by SHO Inspector Ajaz Haider laid a naka and intercepted a motorcycle. During checking, police team recovered 4 grams heroin from the possession of the rider and pillion rider and arrested them. The arrested persons were identified as Shubam Sharma and Madhav Thakur, both residents of Katra District Reasi. A case under FIR Number 108/2022 under section 8/21/22/29 NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Janipur and investigation started. Meanwhile, on specific information a team from Police Station Kishtwar led by SHO Inspector Abid Bukhari under the supervision of DySP Headquarters Ashish Gupta laid a naka at Wasserkhund and arrested a drug peddler along with 7.5 grams of heroin. The arrested person was identified as Ajaz Ahmed, son

Theft case solved; 10 stolen mobiles, accessories recovered

Excelsior Correspondent JAMMU, Oct 9: Kanachack Police solved a theft case by recovering ten stolen mobiles and accessories worth around Rs 1 lakh. As per police sources, a complaint was lodged by a person namely Shammi Kumar, son of Kesar Chand of Bathera regarding theft at his shop during the intervening night of on 22-23.09.2022. Acting over the complaint, a case FIR Number 117/2022 under sections 457 and 380 IPC was registered at Police Station Kanachack and investigation started. During the course of investigation, a team from Police Station Kanachack led by SHO Inspector Rahul Mahajan under the supervision of SDPO Domana Sunil Singh did strenuous efforts and with the help of CCTV footages of the area finally apprehended three juveniles. On their disclosure, 10 stolen mobiles and 4 headphones/airpods amounting to about Rs 1,05,000 were recovered. Further investigation into the case is going on.

Vijay is president of PSSS

Excelsior Correspondent JAMMU, Oct 9: A general body meeting of Prabandhak Sudhar Sammiti Sagam (PSSS), Kokernag was held here today at Kheer Bhawan temple in Jagti camp. Members of PSSS in the meeting unanimously accepted, approved and adopted the newly framed Constitution of the Sammiti and elected office bearers as per the provisions of the Constitution. As per the handout the office bearers elected included Vijay Kumar Pandita, president; Raj Nath Pandita, vice president; Ramesh Kumar Pandita, general secretary; Omkar Nath Bhat, assistant general secretary; Sudesh Dhar, treasurer; Ashok Kumar, Ramesh Kumar Koul and Manohar Lal Bhat-all executive members.

J&K SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED (SICOP)

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Dated: 06-10-2022 (E-tendering)
NIT No. SICOP/SaharLogate/Kathua/2022-23/01
For and on behalf of the Managing Director, J&K Small Scale Industries Development Corporation Limited (SICOP), e-tenders are invited from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt CPWD, other State/Central Governments for the following work:-

S.No.	Name of work	Adv. Cost (Rs. in Cr)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rupees)	Earnest Money (Rs. in cr)	Period of Completion	Class of Contractor
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.
1.	Development of Industrial Estate by way of construction of roads, compound wall, drains, Nallah, Retaining walls, Culverts, Office block building and allied works etc. at Sahar Logate Kathua	53.95 crore	Rs. 25000.00	1.079 crore	18 months (548 days)	AAY/Super Class

Position of AAA = Recorded
Position of Technical Sanction = Recorded
Position of Funds = Available

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

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	06-10-2022
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 06-10-2022
3.	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	13-10-2022 at 11.00 A.M in the Office of the Managing Director, J&K SICOP
4.	Bid submission Start Date	06-10-2022
5.	Bid Submission End Date	27-10-2022 upto 4.00 P.M
6.	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	28-10-2022 at 12.00 PM in the Office of the Managing Director, J&K SICOP
8.	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed.
9.	Bank Detail for depositing Tender Document Fee	Managing Director, JKSICOP A/c:-0022020100000001 IFSC:-JAKA0ERAILH Branch :- Rail Head Complex (RHC) Jammu

1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document (as mentioned above) in Bank Receipt in favour of Managing Director, J&K SICOP (The Date of Bank receipt, must be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date).
2. 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/BG pledged to the tender receiving authority i.e. Managing Director, J&K SICOP. The Date of Earnest money must be between the date of start of bid and bid submission end date). The successful bidder will have to provide Performance security @ 3% of Allotted cost in shape of CDR/FDR/BG before the contract award. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of performance security @ 3% of the Allotted cost which will be released after successful completion of the DLP.
3. 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 Managing Director, J&K SICOP. The date for same shall be intimated separately.
4. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids.

Sd/-
General Manager (P)
J&K SICOP
DIP/J-3282-P/22
Dated: 8-10-2022