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60 dead as bridge collapses in Gujarat

nearly six months before it was reopened to the public on the Gujarati New Year day on October 26.

A fire department official said that boats were being used to rescue people from the river.

"We are carrying out rescue work using boats. There are around 40-50 people in the river," the official said.

The National Disaster Response Force rushed three teams to Morbi district.

Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel said he was saddened by the tragedy.

"Relief and rescue operations by the administration are going on. The administration has been instructed to arrange immediate treatment for the injured. I am in constant contact with the district administration in this regard," he said.

An isolation ward has also been set up in the civil hospital for treatment of those injured in the bridge collapse, the Chief Minister's Office said.

The Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said in a tweet that Prime

Minister Narendra Modi, who is currently in Gujarat, spoke to Patel and officials. Modi sought urgent mobilisation of teams for rescue ops, the PMO said, adding the PM has asked that the situation be closely and continuously monitored, and all possible help be extended to those affected.

President Droupadi Murmu and Vice President Jagdeep Dhanekar expressed grief over the bridge collapse and prayed for the safe rescue of others.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said he was deeply saddened by the bridge collapse and appealed to party workers in the state to extend every possible assistance in rescue work.

Former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi also said the news of the bridge collapse accident was very saddening, and appealed to all Congress workers to extend all possible help to the injured.

CPI leader Binoy Viswam hit out at the BJP over the bridge collapse, claiming that it points to the "gross negligence" of the State Government. (PTI)

Searches in Samba over drone movement

and narcotics into the Indian side from across the border, but forces are alert to foil such designs.

Action to be taken against making anti-peace statements: LG

The LG said that the J&K is witnessing gigantic changes due to which youth have reposed their faith on the mainstream. He said the J&K has lost numerous lives in past due to turmoil carried out by militants and their handlers sitting across.

"In turbulent times only poor families lost their sons. Neither a politician nor a rich man's son lost his life. They enjoyed their lives abroad and got higher education. Only poor people suffered the dent of the uncertain situation. Now youth have reposed their faith in the mainstream that led the pace of development to the new heights", he said.

The LG said that exams conducted by the Service Selection Board (SSB) that were cancelled by

the Government will be now held afresh in the month of November and selection will purely based on merit. He said that gone are the days when jobs were sold on roads and streets of Jammu and Kashmir. "We cancelled the exams conducted by the SSB after allegations of irregularities and ordered a CBI inquiry. Some arrests were made and more are likely to be made. All the cancelled exams will now be held afresh in November," he added.

The LG said gone are the days, when jobs were sold on roads and streets. "Now only merit will speak," the LG Sinha said, adding that in the past three years, 30,000 youth got jobs.

Sinha said there is no denying the fact that everyone can't get a Government job and that's why the administration started self-employment schemes. "In the past three years, over 5 lakh youth were provided a chance of self-employment," he added.

Woman dies mysteriously

Excelsior Correspondent

RAJOURI, Oct 30: The dead body of a woman was found in a local 'Kool' under suspicious circumstances in Broh area of Kalakote in Rajouri district today.

The deceased has been identified as Usha devi (23), wife of Kuldip Singh, resident of Broh village. The parents of the woman have however, alleged that she has been murdered by her in-laws' family. They demanded fair investigation into the case.

Official sources said that police at Kalakote received information that the body of 23-year-old Usha Devi, resident of Broh, was lying in a Kool. The police party reached the spot and took the body in possession and sent it to the Government hospital Kalakote where doctors conducted its post-mortem.

The parents of the girl accused the in-laws of torturing and harassing her and said that they used to beat her earlier also. The family members said that it was her in-laws who killed her and threw the body in the drain and efforts are being made to make this murder case as suicide or natural death. They said the deceased was married two and a half years ago and she also has a one year-old child. The Police registered a case under Section 174 CrPC and started investigation.

Construction of a pooja ghat at Poonch

Examining the affairs of the communities so that they can carry out their rituals, ceremonies and sacraments etc. is the district's as well as the Union Territory administration's obligation. Karam kand is a relatively frequent practise in Hinduism, yet Hindu community members occasionally run into difficulties when performing their rituals and ceremonies close to the Pulast River in district Poonch. Because the District Administration does not provide such a facility or has never built such a location where such types of pooja near to a holy flowing Pulast river water are performed, the Hindu community is having a lot of issues. This issue has been brought up numerous times, but it has not been resolved owing to the Government's as well as Union Territory Administration's lack of sincerity, lack of infrastructure, or failure to construct a venue where specific sorts of pooja can be performed. As we all know, Hinduism holds that certain acts of devotion should be performed near flowing water, and certain charitable acts should only be conducted in flowing water. Holy Pulast River, which is considered to be one of the most sacred places for bathing and the site of the pujas, is one of the holiest places. It is imperative that now the area be made better. For the Hindu community, there are significant issues. It is a serious worry, and the District Administration needs to assign responsibility for ensuring that such a site is quickly constructed so that the Hindu community won't experience any difficulties when performing their rituals and ceremonies next to a sacred Pulast river.

Ronik Sharma (Poonch)

Repair Rajouri roads

This is to draw attention of the concerned authorities towards black-topping of some of the roads in Rajouri town. These roads are not traffic worthy as they have developed numerous potholes and cause great inconvenience while driving over them. Rather they have become a nightmare for commuters. Besides, they are responsible for traffic jams in the town.

Nisar Ahmed Choudhary Rajouri

Complete PHE Scheme Salehri

Wastage of exchequer means misutilisation of money spent on a scheme/Project which doesn't deliver benefit to the beneficiaries concerned. The PHE Salehri tops among failed projects. Who knew the pains of others, until self-inflicted. Two crore rupees spent on the scheme, lies with unvet pipes so far. Whom to approach for remedy when no one bothers in the system where accountability is rarely fixed. Mockery appears when even defunct schemes/projects are regularly funded for repair and maintenance.

Unbelievable it may sound that the scheme under reference has never been able to provide drinking water to a single family. Since requests and representations for its rectification and operationalisation have remained totally fruitless so far, only reminder is given for information to the PHE Deptt with absolutely no hope for the needful.

Keshwa Nand Sharma Salehri (Sunder Bari)

Drug peddler nabbed 2 injured in accident

Excelsior Correspondent

RAMBAN, Oct 30: Banihal Police arrested a drug peddler and recovered cannabis from his possession.

As per police sources, a team from Police Station Banihal during checking at T-Chokk intercepted an Alto car bearing registration number JK03H-5676 which was on its way from Srinagar towards Jammu.

During checking, police team recovered 460 grams of cannabis from the possession of the driver and arrested him.

The arrested person was identified as Qaisar Ali Lone, son of Gul Mohd Lone of Lalipora, Malapora District Anantnag. A case FIR Number 248/2022 under section 8/20 NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Banihal and investigation started. Police team led by SHO Banihal Inspector Mohd Afzal Wani made the arrest under the supervision of SDPO Banihal Nisar Ahmed Khoja and SP Ramban Mohita Sharma.

Excelsior Correspondent

SAMBA, Oct 30: Two youth were seriously injured in a road accident that took place near the border village of Samba near Mawa. Both have been referred to GMC Jammu for treatment. According to the information received, an RTC bus on way from Samba to Chachwal hit a motorcycle coming from the opposite direction. In the accident both motorcyclists were seriously injured. With the help of local people, both were brought to the district hospital Samba from where after first aid they were referred to GMC Jammu for better treatment.

The injured have been identified as 23-year-old Ramprashad, son of Omkar and Sahil Kumar, son of Joginder Paul. Both are residents of Chachwal, district Kathua. Taking cognizance of the matter in this context, the police have registered a case and started further investigation.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR DIRECTORATE OF HANDLOOM & HANDICRAFTS, KASHMIR EXHIBITION GROUND, KASHMIR HAAT, SRINAGAR-190001

INTERVIEW NOTIFICATION CORRIGENDUM

In reference to this office interview notification dated: 25.10.2022, it is to inform the below mentioned candidates that their interview for the post of Cluster Development Executive (CDE) advertised vide this office No.DHHK/Estt-II, dated 08.04.2022, is rescheduled and shall now be held on 07.11.2022 at 11:00 am instead of 01.11.2022. However the venue for said process is unchanged.

Table with 4 columns: S.No., Name of Applicant, Parentage, Address. Lists 20 candidates for the Cluster Development Executive interview.

For any queries, please contact at 0194-2472065

DIP/J-10794

Dt: 29-10-2022

Sd/- DIRECTOR Handicrafts & Handloom Department, Kashmir

Office of the Deputy Director Forest Protection Force Gamma Unit J-11, Reasi

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE

e-NIT No.-: 15 of 2022-23 Dated:- 21-10-2022

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, e-tenders on item rate basis are invited from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K State Government/Central Government Organizations for the following works:

Table with 7 columns: S.No, Name of Work, Advertisment Cost, Earnest Money, Class of Contractor, Cost of Tender, Time of Completion, Receiving /Opening Authority. Includes details for upgradation of DD Office.

The e-NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), set of Terms & Conditions of contract and other details can be seen /downloaded from the departmental Website:- www.jktenders.gov.in

Position of funds: Partially Available Position of AA / TS: Accorded

Table with 2 columns: Publishing Date, Download Start Date, Bid Submission Start Date, Bid Submission End Date, Date of opening of Technical / Financial Bid (online).

Said work was earlier tendered as eNIT No. 02 of 2022-23 dated 07.06.2022, eNIT No. 04 of 2022-23 dated 29.06.2022, ENIT No. 06 of 2022-23 dated 07.07.2022, ENIT No. 08 of 2022-23 dated 02-08-2022 and ENIT 10 of 2022-23 dated 22.08-2022, ENIT 12 of 2022-23 dated 15-09-2022 where poor/no response was shown by the bidders. Hence the work is being re-tendered now.

- 01. The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the Departmental Website:- www.jktenders.gov.in
02. The price bids uploaded on the website in time will be opened on 09-11-2022 at 10.30 AM in the office of the Joint Director, Forest Protection Force; Jammu
03. Bids must be uploaded along-with cost of tender document as shown against the work in the shape of Scanned copy e-challan / copy of receipt from treasury favouring to the Deputy Director, FPF, Gamma Unit J-11,Reasi, by crediting the requisite charges to the MH 0406 - FOREST (Revenue). Scanned copy of the earnest money / bid security in shape of CDR / FDR to the Deputy Director, FPF, Gamma Unit J-11, Reasi, shall also need to be uploaded.
04. The amount advertised has been worked out at par as per the analysed rates of Forest Department J & K State and PWD Schedule of rates 2020.
05. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" options as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in
06. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) as per IT Act, bidders can get Digital Signature Certificate from approved vendor.

DIP/J-10757/22 Dt: 28-10-2022

Sd/- Deputy Director Forest Protection Force, Gamma unit J-11,Reasi.

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI (PHE) DEPARTMENT JAMMU

NOTICE INVITING TENDER e-NIT No. 249 of 2022-23 Dated: 27.10.2022

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Chief Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Department, JAMMU invites e-tenders on item rate basis from reputed and resourceful Bidders/ Firms/Companies/Joint Ventures/ Consortiums of all classes, required to be registered with Jal Shakti (PHE) Department of UT of J&K apart from registration with JKPWD/CPWD/Railways or any other State / UT Government for "Construction of 200 mm Dia. Production Bore Wells by ODEX Method for 64 Water Supply Schemes (94 nos. Bore wells) of District Rajouri of Jammu Province under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)".

Table with 7 columns: Sr No, Particulars of the work, Tender fee, EMD, Bid Validity, Estimated AMOUNT, Time of Completion. Details construction of 200 mm Dia. Production Bore Wells.

Position of funds: Available Under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) The tender inviting authority is Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Department Jammu. The awarding authority is District Jal Jeevan Mission (DJJM) Rajouri.

Critical Dates:

Table with 3 columns: i, ii, iii, iv, v, vi. Lists key dates like Publish Date, Document Download, Pre-bid meeting, etc.

- 1. Bid documents can be accessed and downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in
2. The pre-bid meeting shall held in the office chamber of the Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Department, Jammu through virtual/online mode.
3. The whole bidding process shall be completed online on tender portal www.jktenders.gov.in. The intending bidders can download the bid document from the tender portal and can submit their bids by uploading them on the tender portal.
4. The valid bids received shall be opened online in the office of the Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Department, Jammu.

DIP/J-10836/22 Dated : 29/10/2022

Sd/- Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti, (PHE) Department Jammu

No end to traffic chaos

The traffic system in our city is deteriorating with each passing day with no signs of improvement. Huge traffic jams can be witnessed almost everywhere across the Jammu city thereby putting the daily commuters to extreme inconvenience. The traffic scenario becomes even more messy during the peak hours of the day and it seems like that the 'City of Temples' has turned into 'City of Jams'. Getting stuck in traffic snarls for hours together has become the daily routine for all the commuters these days. Unarguably, the operators of matador drivers are posing a great threat when it comes to driving habits which is indeed a very disturbing phenomenon. Matador operators are not adhering to the traffic protocols as most of time these drivers can be seen indulging in rash driving thus creating so much chaos and commotion. There are no fixed halting points for these matadors and they stop their vehicles as per their own will which in turn further aggravates the traffic scenario. Narrow roads, illegal encroachment by the shop vendors, wrong parking habits, least adherence to the driving protocol etc all contribute towards the traffic congestion problem in our city. It is high time now that the Government must take some firm initiatives like widening of roads, removing illegal encroachments along the road side, construction of more flyovers and arrangement of parking spaces for private vehicles etc so that the chaotic traffic system in our city gets streamlined. The traffic personnel need to ensure that the traffic defaulters be dealt with sternly. As a responsible citizen of the society we all have to cooperate with the traffic authorities and must strictly adhere to the traffic rules so that overall system of traffic in our city may become organized and well structured.

Vivek Koul Gole Gujral, Jammu

ACTION PLEASE!

E-mail : action@dailyexcelsior.com

Stray animal menace in Udhampur

I would like to draw the attention of the District Administration Udhampur to the problems caused by the stray animals on Udhampur town roads. Not a single day passes when we don't witness traffic jams on the roads. The reason for these jams are not heavy traffic movement, but stray animals roaming about on the roads.

These animals not only cause traffic jams but also create severe accidents. Just three days ago I witnessed a biker chased by dogs. He tried to drive away but in the process met with an accident. Such incidents continue to occur day in and day out.

Despite my complaints to the concerned authorities no action has been taken so far. These stray animals are becoming a nuisance. They are a danger to not only us but to themselves also. It is my request to the concerned authorities to please take note of the situation and rectify it as soon as possible.

Sunil Mahajan Udhampur

OFFICE OF THE NAIB TEHSILDAR ANANTNAG

Subject: Land alienation case of Chiran Jeev Kumar Dhar S/o Late Shamub Nath Dhar and Smt. Nirja Dhar D/o Late Sh. Durga Prasad Dhar R/o Nai Basti Anantnag at present, Jammu.

NOTICE

The above migrant land alienation case for land measuring 01M bearing Survey No. 2009/287 situated at estate Khanabai (Nai Basti), Tehsil and District Anantnag is under process in this office for grant of permission under Sec. 3 of J&K Migrant Inmovable Property (Preservation, Protection and Restraint on Distress Sales) Act 1997. The land is proposed to be sold in favour of Saqib Rafiq S/o Rafiq Ahmad Dukkro R/o S.K. Colony Anchidora, Tehsil and District Anantnag through their legal attorney holder (s) Rafiq Ahmad Dukro S/o Ghulam Rasool Dukkro R/o S.K. Colony Anchidora, Tehsil and District Anantnag. The power of attorney has been executed by the alienors and duly attested by Sub-Registrar Jammu South dated 24-03-2022 under registration No. 2022/24/6/33.

If anybody is having any objection with regard to the piece of land under alienation, he/she may furnish his/her objections in writing before the office of undersigned/ Tehsildar, Anantnag/ Deputy Commissioner Anantnag or Divisional Commissioner Kashmir personally or through his authorized agent within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. After expiry of the date no claim shall be entertained.

No.167/N/A/Gen/22-23 Dated: 29-10-2022

Sd/- Naib Tehsildar Anantnag

In the Court of Additional Commissioner, Jammu

(WITH THE POWERS OF DIVISIONAL COMMISSIONER (Rail Head Complex, Jammu))

Romesh Pandit, Age - 57 years S/o Late Sh. Roop Chand, R/o Village Ramkot, Tehsil Ramkot, District Kathua .....

VERSUS

1. Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Through Additional Deputy Commissioner, Biltwar. ...Respondents IN THE MATTER OF

An appeal against the order dated 05-10-2021 passed by the Respondent 1 in sheer and arbitrary and mechanical manner without application of mind and without having any legal competence. Prayer for setting aside the same. With further prayer to direct the Respondent 2 to not interfere into the peaceful possession of the appellant over subject land, details whereof given in the main body of the appeal.

Whereas, the above mentioned petition is pending disposal before this court and the next date of hearing is fixed on 16/11/2022. Whereas, respondent No. 2 did not cause his appearance before this court despite issuance of notices summons. Whereas, counsel for petitioner has made submission for service of respondent No. 2, through substituted mode of service by publication in news papers.

Whereas, the respondents mentioned above are hereby informed through this proclamation to attend this court on 16/11/2022 at 11:30 AM. in person or through an advocate to defend their case failing which proceedings as required under law shall be initiated.

No. ASI/ADMCOM/2022/441 Dt: 24-09-2022

Sd/- Reader to Additional Commissioner (With the Powers of Divisional Commissioner)

Union Territory Of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD(R&B) DIVISION KATRA

(Tele- Fax No. 01991-232043 E-mail address eePWDkatra@gmail.com)

TENDER CANCELLATION NOTICE

Name of work:- Construction of E/wall with Parapets in Km 4th RD 50-100 on Tikri Katra Road(Under ARD Programme for the year 2022-23)

Ref:- This office e-NIT No. 56 of 2022-23 Dated 20-10-2022 Due to poor response (Two No. Bids) received from the bidders (3rd time), the tender invited vide this office e-NIT No. referred above is hereby cancelled and inviting a fresh tender.

Sd/- [Er. Ashwani Kumar] Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Katra

DIP/J-10850/22 Dt: 29-10-2022

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI MECH. G.W.D DIVISION JAMMU

Sub: Deep Drilling of 125 mm dia Bore Hole by using ODEX method including providing, installation, testing, commissioning of Mark-II Hand Pump and construction of platforms at Pyt. Bajalta W. No. 02 NHO Alyas Hussain & Others in Block Nagrota of District Jammu on Turnkey Basis (EPC) under District Capex Budget 2022-23 (BDC Grants). Ref:- This office e-NIT No. GWD/113 of 2022-23 Dated:- 15.09.2022.

EXTENSION NOTICE-IV

- 1. Due to no response, the above mentioned subject e-NIT on the website http: jktenders.gov.in is extended upto 03.11.2022 till 6 PM.
2. Similarly the opening of technical bid online is extended upto 05.11.2022 or any other working day convenient to tender opening authority.

All other terms and conditions shall remain un-changed as uploaded/ advertised earlier.

DIP/J-10827 Dt: 29-10-2022

Sd/- Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (M) G. W. D Division, Jammu