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Minor injured in mine blast



Minor boy injured in mine blast at Poonch on Monday. -Excelsior/Waseem

Injured was identified as Din, resident of village Qasba in Mohd Maroof, 14 son of Jamal Poonch.

7 arrested, 6 detained for stone pelting

CCTV footages of the area and video clips of stone pelting available on social media and electronic media networks, Jammu Police has identified many stone pelters and their instigators. While some of them have been arrested, others have been detained for questioning their role in stone pelting.

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Jammu Chandan Kohli told Excelsior that a case under FIR Number 55/2023 U/S 307/332/336/ 323/341/147/148 IPC 3/4 Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act have been registered in connection with stone pelting incident of Narwal

Over 3.89 lakh kanals of State, Kahcharai land retrieved across Kashmir valley

kanals in Kupwara and 17568 kanals in Bandipora district.

According to the figures, a total of 1,41,587 kanals of State land and 1,31,459 kanals of Kahcharai land is yet to be recovered from the encroachers across the Kashmir valley as such there will be no let up in the ongoing anti-encroachment drive, which is being monitored constantly by the Lieutenant Governor and Chief Secretary.

A total of 5481 kanals of State land is yet to be retrieved in Anantnag, 4437 kanals in Kulgam, 22003 kanals in Pulwama, 7693 kanals in Shopian, 12867 kanals in Srinagar, 17251 kanals in Budgam, 5764 kanals in Ganderbal, 29352 kanals in Baramulla, 25209 kanals in Kupwara and 11530 kanals in Bandipora.

Likewise, 5418 kanals of Kahcharai land is yet to be retrieved in Anantnag, 7911

at Police Station Bahu Fort.

"Seven persons have been arrested so far in the case and few have been detained and their role is being ascertained. Law shall take care of each and every instigator and individual involved in the incident," the SSP said, adding, the owner of the showroom, Sajad Ahmed Beigh, is among those arrested.

As per sources, few others who have been arrested in the case are Mohd Mushtaq Alam son of Mohd Shoket and Mohd Irshad son of Mohd Ramzan, both residents of Malik Market (Bhatindi, Jammu).

MHA to come up with new HPC, agenda to resume stalled dialogue in Ladakh

ted that this can be the only way for finding lasting solutions. However, they called for specific agenda and proper representation of the people saying nothing should be vague to go ahead with debate without attaching any pre-conditions about the course it takes or ought to take. They also called for constant and continuous dialogue.

They, however, said the discussions would be meaningful if the agenda includes four of their demands including full-fledged Statehood for Ladakh, Constitutional safeguards under the Sixth Schedule, recruitment and job reservation for local youth and establishment of an independent Public Service Commission and raising the number of Parliamentary constituencies to two from one at present.

The MHA has mandated the HPC to discuss measures to protect the Ladakh region's unique culture and language taking into consideration its geographical location and strategic importance, ensure protection of land and employment for the people of Ladakh, discuss measures for inclusive development and employment generation and measures related to empowerment of Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Councils (LAHDC) of Leh and Kargil.

As per the previous MHA

Naib Tehsildar, 2 JEs escape unhurt as vehicle buried under avalanche

was 3.1°C above normal for the skiing resort.

In Kupwara town the mercury recorded a drop and settled at minus 0.3°C against 2.9°C the previous night and it was 1.7°C above normal for the town.

Ladakh's Leh and Kargil recorded a low of minus 9.5°C and

Drug peddler dies in custody, 2 cops suspended

illness when the family members met him in the Police Post Nagri during the day.

The deceased has left behind three minor children and wife. He was only earning person to cater the family, said Rahul.

He was arrested by Police Post, Nagri on February 4 when a police team led by PSI, Ravinder Thakur in charge PP Nagri under the supervision of DySP Headquarters, Kathua, Shammii Kumar laid down a naka at Goond area, during Naka checking they apprehended him and on his physical search, approximately seven grams of heroin (Chitta) like narcotics was recovered from his illegal possession.

A case FIR No. 40/2023 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act was registered at PS Kathua against him. The family of deceased has demanded inquiry into his mysterious death.

Give people chance to prove claim, make bulldozers last resort: Omar

Likewise, people should be given time to present the documents and let the revenue team verify the same. If after proper verification land under anybody is found under illegitimate possession, then a bulldozer can be used for sure," he said.

Omar said that the Government should also make a public "genuine list of people who have occupied State land." "It seems that the ongoing drive is aimed at creating a wedge between communities. This drive lacks proper procedure," he said.

He said in the case of demolition of NC leader Ali Mohammad Sagar, he found that no notice was served. "There is a procedure that if the person doesn't receive the notice, the same is fixed on the front portion of the gate. Nowhere this is being done," he

He said that NC MPs will try to raise the issue in the Parliament if they are given time to speak.

Omar said that he has suggested some measures to the Government and that if the administration fails to give positive response, they would surely consult lawyers and discuss the future course.

We have been vilified in public domain as encroachers: Safia Abdullah

drawn along with all connected miscellaneous applications", read the order passed by the court of Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal.

The specific case set up by the petitioner in the petition was that the respondent-authorities have issued the impugned list in furtherance of Circular No. 02-JK(Rev) of 2023 dated 09.01.2023, put in public domain with regard to eviction of alleged unauthorized occupants from Government/State land, inasmuch as, it pertains to the land of petitioner measuring 2 Kanals 14 Marlas and 138 Sqft falling under Khalsa No. 8 and 8/1 situate in Estate Sonwar Tehsil North Gupkar Srinagar.

The land was leased out to the petitioner vide Government Order No. Rev (NDK) 02 of 2011 dated 04.01.2011 read with Government Order No. Rev(NDK) 16 of 1989 dated 23.02.1989 read with Government Order No. Rev

(NDK) 08 of 2009 and Lease Deed dated 01.12.1976 being valid, subsisting and in force till 26.08.2026 and illegally and unlawfully shown to have encroached the land at Item No. 4299 and 4312 of the said list.

Her counsel further pleaded that on the expiry of the aforesaid period of 40 years, the lease hold rights for the aforesaid land were extended by the Government vide Order No. Rev (NDK) 16 of 1989 dated 23.02.1989 for a period of further 40 years w.e.f. 26.08.1988 and on the death of Tariq Abdullah in the year 2006, who was the original lessee of the aforesaid land, the lease hold rights as well as rights pertaining to the house constructed on the said land being inheritable, devolved upon his legal heirs being Dr. Mustafa Kamal, Khalida Shah, Suriya Shah and Dr. Farooq Abdullah and the same was duly recorded in the Mutation Order No. 2712.

Haj package costs reduced

said. The Haj application forms can be obtained from state and Union Territory Haj committees free of cost or can be downloaded from the website of the Haj Committee of India at hajcommittee.gov.in or through the android mobile application "HAJ COMMITTEE OF INDIA" available on play store.

The application forms are now free for the first time, the Ministry said.

Earlier, the form used to cost Rs 300 irrespective of whether one is selected or not. Now, the forms would be free and processing fee would be charged only from those who are selected.

According to the new Haj policy, women above 45 years of age, who wish to go for Haj but do not have a male 'Mehram' and their school of thought (Maslak) permits are allowed to travel in groups of four or more. (PTI)

NIA records statements in Dhangri case

recorded in the case, the sources said. Top officers of the agency also visited Dhangri village a few days ago and took first hand review of the investigation.

Powerful quake rocks Turkey, Syria; kills more than 2300

least 380, with many hundreds injured. (PTI)

Television stations in Turkey aired screens split into four or five, showing live coverage from rescue efforts in the worst-hit provinces. In the city of Kahramanmaraş, rescuers pulled two children alive from the rubble, and one could be seen lying on a stretcher on the snowy ground.

Offers of help - from search-and-rescue teams to medical supplies and money - poured in from dozens of countries, as well as the European Union and NATO.

The damage evident from photos of the affected areas is typically associated with a significant loss of life - while bitterly cold temperatures and the difficulty of working in areas beset by civil war will only complicate rescue efforts, said Dr. Steven Godby, an expert in natural hazards at Nottingham Trent University.

In Turkey, people trying to leave the quake-stricken regions caused traffic jams, hampering efforts of emergency teams trying to reach the affected areas. Authorities urged residents not to take to the roads. Mosques around the region were opened to provide shelter for people unable to return to damaged homes amid temperatures that hovered around freezing.

In Diyarbakir, hundreds of rescue workers and civilians formed lines across a mountain of wreckage, passing down broken concrete pieces, household belongings and other debris as they searched for trapped survivors while excavators dug through the rubble below.

In northwest Syria, the quake added new woes to the opposition-held enclave centered on the province of Idlib, which has been under siege for years, with frequent Russian and government airstrikes. The territory depends on a flow of aid from nearby Turkey for everything from food to medical supplies.

The opposition's Syrian Civil Defense described the situation there as "disastrous."

In a hospital in Darkush in Idlib, Osama Abdelhamid said most of his neighbours died. He said their shared four-story building collapsed just as he, his wife and three children ran toward the exit. A wooden door fell on them and acted as a shield.

"God gave me a new lease on life," he said.

In the small Syrian rebel-held town of Azmarin in the mountains by the Turkish border, the bodies of several dead children, wrapped in blankets, were brought to a hospital.

The Directorate-General of Antiquities and Museums in Syria said the earthquake has caused some damage to the Crusader-built Marqab, or Watchtower Castle, on a hill overlooking the Mediterranean. Part of a tower and parts of some walls collapsed.

In Turkey, meanwhile, the quake damaged a historic castle perched atop a hill in the centre of the provincial capital of Gaziantep, about 33 kilometres (20 miles) from the epicentre. Parts of the fortresses' walls and watch towers were levelled and other parts heavily damaged, images from the city showed.

The USGS said the quake was 18 kilometres (11 miles) deep.

Nearly 1,500 people were killed in 10 Turkish provinces, with some 8,500 injured, according to the president of the country's disaster management agency. The death toll in government-held areas of Syria climbed over 430 people, with some 1,280 injured, according to the Health Ministry.

In the country's rebel-held northwest, groups that operate there said the death toll was at

Admn retrieves grabbed land from Taj, Zulfkar, others

drive, in various tehsils of Ganderbal stands at 58 kanals which include 35 kanals from influential persons besides 8 kanals of Kahcharai land was also retrieved occupied by influential persons.

An official said that during the anti-encroachment drive, JCB machines were deployed to dismantle the boundary walls and other structures erected illegally on Government land besides notice boards indicating the status of land, survey number, location, etc. was installed on the site.

Meanwhile in Estate Wussan Kangan, the Revenue authorities today retrieved 38 kanals and 08 marlas of encroached State and Kahcharai land from influential persons including businessman and top Government officers/officials.

Most of the retrieved land in Estate Wussan has been handed over to the Horticulture Department for development of orchards.

Meanwhile, the district administration Jammu today retrieved more than 175 kanal prime State-land during eviction

Administration. (PTI)

cum anti-encroachment drives conducted in different parts of the district.

The teams of district administration along with police and other concerned officials evacuated 3 kanal prime state land in Chowadi area which was encroached by Zulfkar Choudhary former Cabinet Minister of Jammu & Kashmir and ex-MLA from Darhal Assembly constituency. The State land signboard was also installed on the retrieved land.

In another anti encroachment drive, the revenue officers vacated State land measuring at 89 kanal 01 marla in Sohanjana and Murarpur villages of tehsil Mandal.

Similarly, State land measuring around 60 kanal was retrieved by revenue officers at Village Gandharwan in Akhnoor. This is a prime State land which is only 3 km away from Akhnoor- Poonch Highway.

Likewise, 23 kanal State land was retrieved in village Nardi of Tehsil Maira Mandrian during an Anti encroachment drive conducted by the district Administration. (PTI)

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION RAJOURI

SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

NIT No: 141 of 2022-23 Dated:- 04-02-2023 (E-tendering)

For and on behalf of the President of India -tenders are invited on Item/ Percentage rates from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K, CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works

S. No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rupees)	Earnest Money / Bid Security (In Rs)	Time of completion	Time & Date of Opening of tender (Technical Bid)	Class of Contractor
1	Construction of Approach R/W Wall Protection wall to 25 mtr floor bridge near Govt Middle School Chapardar to Kori over nullah Azmatabad	39.56	600/-	79120/-	02 Months	On or after 15-02-2023 (1100 hours) Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Rajouri	A&B
2	Improvement/Upgradation of road from Lower Thudi to Upper Thudi Km 1 <sup>st</sup> RD (0-1000) under ARD	3.05	600/-	6100/-	01 Months	-do-	D
3	Improvement of Black Spot on various road:- i) Construction of road from PHE Complex to Jawhar Nagar (Km 1st Rd 75 - 100). ii) Construction of road from Jamia Masjid Police Line to Panja Chowk (Main road). iii) Alternate Abdullah Bridge (Km 1st Rd - 200) iv) Approach road to Medical College Rajouri (Km 1st Rd 75 - 150) v) Construction of road from Kalati Bhatian (Km 1st Rd - 950, Km 2nd Rd 425 - 475, Km 4th Rd 0-50, Km 4th Rd 425-475, Km 5th Rd 950-1000) vi) Construction of road from Jamola to Kha (Km 6th Rd 300 to 400 Km 7th Rd 700 to 775, Km 8th Rd 775 to 800) vii) Construction of link road from ITI Chowk to Panja Chowk ( Km 1st Rd 150 to 200, Km 3rd Rd 250 to 300. viii) Construction of road New Hospital to Doda Rd Km 1 <sup>st</sup> ix) Construction of road from Thathi to Tanooni (Km 1st to Km 10th) x) Construction of road from Dhangri to Gunni ( Km 1st Rd 300 to 400). xi) Construction of road from Dalhori to Kanhole (Km 2nd Rd 700 to 800) xii) Construction of road from Doongi to Challas Km 3rd & 4th Rd 750-850 (under black spots) (2 <sup>nd</sup> call) xiii) Construction of road from Dhangri to Gunni ( Km 1st Rd 300 to 400).	34.58	600/-	69360/-	01 Months	-do-	A&B
4	Providing and fixing of wooden Dices (2ft height) in Munself court complex at Budhal (4 <sup>th</sup> call)	1.41	600/-	2820/-	15 days	-do-	D

Position of AAA Available  
Position of funds Available  
NOTE:

- Contractors who have got Contractors cards issued from Kashmir Province, it is mandatory for them to upload their verification certificate of Crime Branch along with other qualifying documents failing which their tenders will be declared non-responsive.
- Registration card issued by PWD (R&B) Department have been preferably renewed online in JKPW-DOMS site by the respective issuing authorities vide Development Commissioner (Works) PW(R&B)Dept. Civil Secretariat Jammu/ Srinagar's Circular No. PW/DCW/DB/1210- 19/2022 dated: 31-08-2022.

Position of AAA Available  
Position of Funds Available  
SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

- If the contractor/firms fails to complete the work within the time mentioned in the NIT/SBD/Contract, then the allotted contract will automatically treated as cancelled after forfeiting the performance security of the contractor /firm and work put to fresh tender without serving any notice from this office.

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

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	04-02-2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 04-02-2023 , 11.00 A.M to 14-02-2023 up to 4.00 P.M.
3	Bid submission Start Date	04-01-2023
4	Bid Submission End Date	14-02-2023 from 4.00 P.M
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	15-02-2023 on or after 1100 Hrs Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Rajouri

1 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) should be between the date of start of bid favoring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Rajouri uploading a copy of treasury challan/receipt. Scanned copy of the earnest money/bid security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Rajouri will also be required to be uploaded along with relevant Mandatory documents as per check list mention in the SBD.

The lowest found bidder (L1) should have to submit the hard copy of tender fee and earnest money in the Office of the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Rajouri at the time of award of contract.

2. 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.

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 the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Rajouri. 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.

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Executive Engineer  
PWD (R&B) Division, Rajouri  
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Dated : 6/2/2023

Train passengers can order food via WhatsApp soon

The IRCTC has started e-catering services through a specially developed website www.Catering.Irctc.Co.In as well its e-catering app 'Food on Track', it said.

The implementation of e-catering services through WhatsApp was envisaged in two phases.

The first phase has already been implemented, Under this, a business WhatsApp number sends a message to the customers booking e-ticket for opt-

ing in e-catering services by clicking on

www.Ecatering.Irctc.Co.In. They are then enables to book meals of their choice from the restaurants of their choice available at stations enroute directly through the e-catering website of IRCTC without even requiring to download the App.

The next phase is when the interactive WhatsApp meal booking and delivery are planned. Under this, the WhatsApp number will be enabled to become an interactive two way communication platform for the customer wherein an AI-powered chatbot will handle all queries of e-catering services for the passengers and book meals for them.

Currently, approximately 50,000 meals are being served in a day to the customers through IRCTC's e-catering services enabled through its website as well as app. (PTI)

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