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As a run up to 2024 LS polls, BJP to launch Minority Outreach Prog from Mar 10

Ladakh LS constituencies. The party will launch Samparak Abhiyan in the length and breadth of the constituency, apprise people about Modi schemes and their salient features, sources said, adding party will make door to door 'Samparak' in this regard in the length and breadth of the constituency and apprise the masses of PM Modi's mantra, 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas and Sabka Vishwas'.

Sources said as many as 5,000 people are being identified in each of these Lok Sabha constituencies who do not belong to BJP but were benefited by the welfare policies of the Modi Government like doctors, engineers, social workers, journalists, or businessmen.

Sources said, party believes that such people can influence others as they command both respect and influence in the society. So efforts are being made to identify such people who can communicate with the people around their lives and the society at large, sources added.

Sources said BJP Muslim Morcha will reach out to these people in all the 60 LS constituencies who could be vendors, labourers, doctors or engineers who may not be associated with politics but play influential role and can work for the betterment of the community and society.

The party is in identification of such people in the Muslim community who can be the best influencers in society communicating messages of the Government and its welfare schemes, sources said.

At the BJP National Executive meeting, Prime Minister Narendra Modi last month called upon party

leaders to reach out to the minorities, including Muslims, without expecting votes, sources added.

PM Modi spoke about areas where the party needs to be strengthened ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. "PM called upon BJP workers to meet Pasmada (backward) Muslims, Bohra community, Muslim professionals and educated Muslims without expecting votes in return," sources said.

Modi also instructed BJP leaders to refrain from unsolicited remarks against any community, they added.

Sources said the BJP Muslim Morcha has started Working Committee meetings in States and UTs from today. In J&K the Morcha is holding the meeting at Jammu on February 22, informed its J&K president, Ranjodh Singh Nalwa.

He said the national vice president of the Morcha Ajmal Zaidi will also address the meeting and the strategy for Party's 'Samparak Abhiyan' will be discussed during the meeting.

When contacted Zaidi told Excelsior that Muslims no longer consider BJP as untouchable - a phobia which was created by some opposition parties over last 70 years for their vote bank policies. He said Muslims fully understand that BJP believes in justice to all and appeasement to none. While giving benefit of the various schemes launched by the Modi Government it did not make any discrimination on the basis of religion, region or caste, he added.

BJP J&K president, Ravinder Raina while confirming that Anantnag-Rajouri and Poonch Lok Sabha constituency is among

the 60 constituencies identified in the country, said BJP will start a 'Samparak Abhiyan' in the constituency by giving special thrust to Modi Government's beneficial schemes for minorities.

He said Union Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal has been made Incharge of constituency.

Panthers Party office sealed

National Panthers Party (JKNPP), a team of the Directorate of Estate Department reached the party office this morning and sealed it despite protest by the party leaders.

Pertinent to mention that Harsh Dev Singh, who quit Aam Aadmi Party on February 16 and announced to revive Panthers Party, was scheduled to formally join JKNPP on February 22 at the party office, 30-B Gandhi Nagar.

Strongly condemning the Government action of sealing the Panthers Party office, Harsh Dev Singh said that it was an absurd and motivated act of historicity, which was executed only to demoralize the JKNPP cadre. He claimed that BJP had become skeptical about its future and feared a tsunami of Panthers Party in Jammu after his decision to rejoin and strengthen JKNPP.

JKNPP president Vilakshan Singh has claimed that the party office was also being used as residence of Jay Mala, widow of Prof Bhim Singh after death of the latter. "She has been rendered homeless by the Government without adopting due process of law," he said and added that valuable assets of Jaya Mala and the party were lying in the premises sealed by the Government.



A view of landslide in Rezan area of Ganderbal District. Excelsior/Shakeel

Mercury drops across Kashmir, stays above zero Shops, houses damaged in landslide in Sonamarg

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Feb 20: Several houses were damaged after a landslide hit the Rezan area of Sonamarg in Ganderbal district last evening.

An official said that a massive landslide hit the Rezan area in which many houses were damaged besides Srinagar Leh highway was also blocked.

"Soon after the incident, the residents were moved to safer locations while the highway remained blocked following the incident, he said.

He said all efforts were put in place to clear the path and reestablish traffic at an earliest.

Iqbala Bano whose house was also damaged in the incident said the villagers were already worried that such an incident would happen as a tunnel is being constructed there.

"We narrowly escaped this incident, as there is construction of tunnel going in the village, which caused the loosening of the soil," she said.

Another local said 7 residential houses and several shops were damaged in the incident. He alleged that due to the construction of the tunnel, their settlement has been destroyed.

The villagers alleged that the area is unsafe for living now and the administration should relocate and rehabilitate the affected residents.

"People were moved to safe locations. The operation continued overnight and right now we have started it again to remove the debris. All facilities being provided to people," said Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Javid Ahmad Rather.

In the meantime, the mercury dropped slightly in Kashmir today but was recorded above sub-zero for the second consecutive day with Weatherman forecasting light rain and snowfall.

Srinagar recorded a low of 5.3°C against the previous night's 6.7°C. Today's minimum temperature was above normal by 4.4°C for the city.

Qazigund recorded a low of 3.1°C against 4.4°C on the previous night and it was 3.2°C above normal for the town.

Pahalgam recorded a low of 1.7°C against minus 2.1°C on the previous night and it was 5.7°C above normal for the tourist resort.

Kokernag recorded a low of 3.7°C against 3.2°C on the previous night and it was 4.4°C above normal for the place.

Gulmarg recorded a low of 0.2°C against 2.0°C on the previous night and it was 6.9°C above normal for the skiing resort.

In Kupwara town, the mercury settled at 4.5°C against 5.1°C on the previous night and it was 4.8°C above normal for the town.

The Met has forecast light rain in plains and light to moderate rain and snow in middle and higher reaches from late afternoon today to early morning of February 21.

While Chillai-Kalan, the 40-day long harsh winter period that started on December 21 and a 20-day-long period called 'Chillai-Khurd' have ended, Kashmir is under grip of 10-day-long period 'Chillai-Bachha' (baby cold) which will end by the end of this month.

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SEBI not protecting retail investors by reviewing position of 'suspect companies': Cong

NEW DELHI, Feb 20: The Congress on Monday accused the SEBI of not protecting retail investors by reviewing position of "suspect companies" in key indices despite a drastic fall in their stock prices amid global concerns.

Posing a set of three questions to the government on the Adani issue as part of the party's Hum Adani Ke Hain Kaun (HAHK) series, Congress General Secretary Jairam Ramesh said following the Hindenburg report, the world's biggest stock index provider MSCI announced that it would reduce the weightage of Adani Group stocks in its indices in the coming months.

The second largest provider, S&P Dow Jones, stated that it would remove Adani Enterprises from its sustainability indices, while the third largest, FTSE Russell, announced it would make changes to the weightage of Adani Group companies in its indices effective March 20, he said.

"Meanwhile, the NSE (National Stock Exchange) has announced no review of Adani Enterprises' position despite the dramatic fall in its price and global concerns over the true free float given allegations of money laundering and round tripping," Ramesh said.

"Should the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) not be trying to protect retail investors by at least ensuring that

suspect companies' positions in key indices are reviewed?" the Congress leader asked.

He also claimed that far from reviewing the inclusion of Adani Enterprises in the Nifty 50, the NSE announced on February 17 that four more Adani Group companies would be included in the NSE indices.

"Why is the NSE adding insult to injury for the lakhs of investors who have lost money in Adani Group companies. Why is it being allowed to expose more investors to risky Adani stocks? Are you putting any pressure on the NSE to help your friends via the NSE Index Advisory Committee member who also serves on your Economic Advisory Council?" Ramesh asked.

The Congress general secretary said the party on February 9 had asked how Adani Enterprises was added to the widely-used NSE Nifty 50 index in September last year despite questionable fundamentals, an excessive price-to-earning ratio and a tiny free float. (PTI)

design fashioned by a semi-circle of a few lush green tree branches along with wild grass fences forming the branches, along with an iron smith's workshop and the kiln tugged in a corner, not only successfully created the ambience of Kashmiri village but also set out the acting area on the vast stage of the auditorium.

From the opening scene of boys playing 'Gilli Danda', their small fights to growing up as men engaged in eking out a livelihood, like Gaya involved in tasks of fashioning iron instruments, and later the during the game and the realization of the social distance between the friends unfolded as sequences interspersed by the narrators taking further the thread of the play's plot.

The actors, especially as boys with their aggregated body language, gestures, and speech, along with costumes; pherans, tight pajamas, and conical caps rendered a touch of naturalism to the characters. The live and soul-touching folk music by the trio comprising of players of 'rabab' and 'nut', the earthen pot along with the main singer, lit up the intended imports of the emotive scenes. The only minor irritant was too many entries and exits of the narrator.

Tomorrow, a non-verbal play 'Silence', written and directed by Soma Giri will be staged by Begulati Natyamandir, Kolkata.



A scene from the Kashmiri play 'Wath' staged at Zorawar Singh Auditorium on Monday.

Bharat Rang Mahostava opens with the Kashmiri adaptation of Munshi Premchand's story

Lalit Gupta

JAMMU, Feb 20: Organized by the National School of Drama, New Delhi, in collaboration with the University of Jammu, the Jammu chapter of the International Drama Festival 22nd Bharat Rang Mahostava was inaugurated by Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, at the Zorawar Singh Auditorium, here today.

The opening play of the three-day international drama festival was 'Wath', an adaptation of Munshi Premchand's short story 'Gilli Danda' in Kashmiri. Written and directed by Reshi Rashid and presented by Aaz Dramatic Cultural Club, Srinagar, the plot of the play revolved around an engineer who returns to the same village where he had spent his childhood. He remembers those days full of fun and frolic, especially the joy of playing 'Gilli Danda', with friends like Gaya, a champion player. He meets Gaya and urges him to play the Gilli Danda game with him. In the game with the engineer, the Gaya champion loses the game. But later in the tournament, he displays his skills. The engineer feels that Gaya had allowed him to win deliberately. He then realizes that he can get regard and honor from Gaya but not friendship, as the old bond was lost due to changes in their status.

The simple but artful set

3 hurt in road accident

Excelsior Correspondent

RAJOURI, Feb 20: Three persons were injured today in a road accident occurred in Budhal area.

"A Tata Mobile (bearing registration number JK20A-3872) skidded off the Road at Bhatan when it was on its way from Upper Ghabar from Budhal Rajnagar," sources said.

They said three persons were injured in the accident and they were shifted to PHC Budhal and after initial treatment, two of them were referred to GMC Rajouri for further treatment. The injured were identified as Karamat Ali (driver) son of Mohd Sharief of Dandote, Mardan Ali son of Amir Baksh of Bhatan and Rafakat Ali son of Mohd Shabir of Dandote.

Those referred to GMC Rajouri were Mardan Ali and Rafakat Ali. The concerned police had taken cognizance of the matter.

A R Mubarki passes away

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Feb 20: A well-known religious scholar and former Director Education, Abdul Rashid Mubarki, passed away this evening in Srinagar.

Mubarki breathed his last after brief illness.

The funeral of the deceased was held at Sanant Nagar. He has been laid to rest at their ancestral graveyard at Malkha in old city.

2 policemen killed in Naxal attack in Chhattisgarh

RAIPUR, Feb 20: Two policemen were killed after Naxalites fired at them in Chhattisgarh's Rajnandgaon district bordering Maharashtra on Monday, police said.

Following the incident, the Maharashtra Police along with their counterparts in Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh launched a joint operation to check the movement of Naxalites in the border areas of the three states, they said.

The incident took place between 7 am and 8 am under Bortalav police station limits in Rajnandgaon district adjoining Maharashtra, when the two personnel were going on a motorcycle, Rajnandgaon Superintendent of Police Abhishek Meena said.

As per preliminary information, district force head constable Rajesh Singh Rajput and Chhattisgarh Armed Force constable Lalit Kumar Samrath (rpt Lalit Kumar Samrath) were going towards the Maharashtra border from Bortalav police camp, he said, adding the two were not carrying weapons.

A group of armed Naxalites fired at them. One of the personnel died on the spot and the other one succumbed to injuries while being taken to a hospital, the official said.

The Naxalites also set ablaze their motorcycle before escaping from the spot, located 180 km from the state capital Raipur. A search operation is underway in the area, he added.

After the incident, police deputed at the Chhattisgarh border have been alerted to follow standard operating procedures (SOPs) during surveillance at check posts in the Naxal-affected district, Deputy Inspector General, Gadchiroli (Maharashtra), Sandeep Patil said.

He said the incident took place one kilometre from the border of Maharashtra's Gondia district, when two 'dalams' of Naxalites attacked the police personnel.

The deceased policemen were not carrying weapons, due to which they were easily targeted by Naxalites, he said.

Following the attack, it is likely the Naxalites dalams may move to the tri-junction border of Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh, the official said.

In view of such movement, the Maharashtra Police are conducting a joint operation along with the MP and Chhattisgarh Police, he added. (PTI)

Comm to probe irregularities

As per an order, the committee comprising Reyaz Ahmad Shah, Director Finance, Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Ashok Thukan, Financial Advisor/Chief Accounts Officer, Integrated Watershed Management Programme, Mohammad Farooq, Deputy Secretary to the Government, Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, and Dr Bashir Ahmed Bhat, Technical Officer, PMAY-G, shall submit its report along with specific recommendations to the Government within 15 days positively.

E-NIT No.:88/WLW/JZ/ of2022-23 Dated: 17-02-2023

Bid Inviting Offer: Additional Wildlife Warden, JAMBU ZOO

INTRODUCTION

The Additional Wildlife Warden, Jambu Zoo, on behalf of Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir invites bids from eligible bidders of appropriate class registered with the UT of Jammu & Kashmir /other UTs or State Governments/ Central Government for the execution of the work mentioned in the table below on item rate mode of contract.

Name & Address	Additional Wildlife Warden, Jambu Zoo, Manda Hills, Jammu
Subject Matter of Procurement	Notice inviting Online Bids for item rate Contract of Wall Paintings at Different Locations in Jambu Zoo.
Type of Contract	Item Rate
Duration of contract	20Days.
Bid Document Fee	INRR 1,000/-
CDR/EMD	INRR 40,000/-
Period of On-line availability of Bid Documents (Start Date/End Date)	From: 17-02-2023 from 03:00AM To: 24-02-2023 upto 04:00PM
Date and time for Pre-bid Meeting	Date/Time: Nil Place:
Manner, Start Date for submission of Bids	Manner: Online, on e-Procurement website http://jktenders.gov.in Start Date & Time: 17-02-2023 from 03:00AM End Date & Time: 24-02-2023 upto 04:00PM
End Date for submission of Bids	End Date & Time: 24-02-2023 upto 04:00PM
Date and Time of opening of Technical Bid	Date & Time: 25-02-2023 at 12:00 Noon
Date and Time of opening of Financial Bid	Will be intimated later to the Technically Qualified Bidders
Bid Validity	120 days from the last date of Bid Submission
Language	This Bid Document has been issued in English language and Bids shall be submitted in English language only. All correspondence exchange shall be in English language only.

- The Bid documents consisting of Instructions to Bidders (ITB), Qualification Criteria and Documents to be furnished with the Bid, Contract Data, Specifications, and set of terms and conditions of contract and other forms will be uploaded on the website: [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://jktenders.gov.in). The Bidders can download the bid documents from the specified date and time for sale.
- Bids must be uploaded along with proof of having deposited cost of Bid Document. The bidder must possess Compatible Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) and proper user ID. The department does not take any responsibility for the delay caused due to non-availability of internet connection or network traffic jam etc.
- Lowest Bidder (L-1) shall submit Hard Copy of Bid Document in the office of the Additional Wildlife Warden, Jambu Zoo at the address given in the NIT within 05 (Five) days after the opening of Financial Bid.
- A Bidder requiring any clarification of the bidding documents may ask questions online using the email given in NIT/ BD. The bidder shall have to send their queries one day prior to the Pre-Bid meeting. No queries will be entertained after the pre-bid meeting. Clarifications/ Responses to queries raised prior to pre-bid meeting and during the pre-bid will be uploaded on the e-tendering portal.
- Technical Bids received online shall be opened on 25-02-2023 in the office of the Regional Wildlife Warden, Jammu Province. Bidders can witness the opening of bids after logging on to the site through their DSC. If the office happens to be closed on account of public holiday on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
- Bids must be accompanied by EMD and cost of bid document of the amount as specified in the table above.

2. Bids uploaded must accompany Govt. Treasury Receipt (cost of tender document) in shape of Treasury Challan for the amount shown against the work above to be deposited in Govt. Treasury under Account Head 0406- Forest and earned money in shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Additional Wildlife Warden Jambu Zoo. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of bids.

- Conditional bids and the bids not meeting the qualifying criteria on the date of receipt of bids shall not be opened and shall be rejected.
- The Employer reserves the right to cancel any or all bids without assigning any reason.

DIP/J-15754 Sd/-
Amit Sharma (ACF)
Additional Wildlife Warden
Jambu Zoo
Dated: 20-2-2023

Department of Wildlife Protection J&K Government

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E-TENDERING

Tender Notice : e-NIT No.:-89/WLW/JZ of 2022-23 dated:17-02-2023

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, of UT of Jammu & Kashmir, e-tenders are invited from approved and eligible contractors / Suppliers registered with J&K State Govt. /Central Govt. Organizations for the following Man-power Services.

Notice Inviting Tender and Schedule of Events

Name of work	Tender for providing Manpower as Skilled 5 (Drivers (02), Computer Operators (03) and unskilled 18 No. (Helpers, Animal Keepers, Staff for Interpretation Centre, Orientation Centre, Amphitheatre)
Tender no.	e-NIT No:89/WLW/JZ of 2022-23dated17.02.2023
Earnest Money Deposit(EMD)	Rs80,000/- (Rs Eighty Thousand only) as EMD. EMD fees shall be in the form of CDR/FDR issued by a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank only in favour of Wildlife Warden Jambu Zoo. Please upload the scanned copy of CDR/FDR online on e-procure portal http://jktenders.gov.in
Cost of Tender Document	Rs 1000/- in the shape of Treasury Challan to be deposited in Govt. Treasury under account head 0406
Contract period Publishing of tender	The initial period of contract will be for One year. For details and bid documents please visit website: http://jktenders.gov.in
Online Submission of Tender	Start from 1600 hrs on 17.02.2023
Last Date for submission of tender	1600 hrs 24.02.2023
Opening of tender	Part-I-Technical Bid- Shall be opened at 1200 hrs on 25.02.2023 on the above mentioned e-procure portal at (In the Office of Regional Wildlife Warden Jammu, Manda Hills Jammu) Part-II-Financial Bid- Financial bid of only those bidders who declared technically qualified shall be opened after 02 days of uploading the result of technical evaluation one-procure portal. The financial bids will be opened on the above mentioned e-procure portal at (In the Office of Regional Wildlife Warden Jammu, Manda Hills Jammu)
Contact persons (foranyclarifications)	Additional Wildlife Warden Jambu Zoo

> Online tenders under two bid systems are invited from experienced & reputed service providers of sound financial standing, meeting the qualifying requirement for providing Manpower Services. The Bidders shall submit their bids online on departmental Website:- <http://jktenders.gov.in>

> The bid shall remain valid for 90 days from the date of opening of technical bid. Any future clarification and/or corrigendum(s) shall be communicated on departmental Website:- <http://jktenders.gov.in>

* **Notes:**

* The department reserves the right to modify any terms and conditions before submission of the bids.

* All tender related documents should be uploaded through e-procure portal only. Additional Wildlife Warden Jambu Zoo shall not accept any tender related documents except CDR/FDR which in original must be sent by speed post/courier/hand delivery.

(Note- Agencies/Firms must check the Jambu Zoo work Site before tendering. Any query, if any, must be asked in writing; further more no query/objection will be entertained by this office after the last date of the bidding)

DIP/J-15705 Sd/-
Amit Sharma, ACF
Additional Wildlife Warden
Jambu Zoo
Dt. 20-2-2023

NIA files 2nd supplementary chargesheet in Mundra Port narcotics seizure case

NEW DELHI, Feb 20: Revenue Intelligence's Gandhidham unit in Gujarat. It was re-registered by the NIA on October 6, 2021.

The supplementary chargesheet against 22 accused, who also include prime accused Harpreet Singh Talwar alias "Kabir Talwar", was filed in the special NIA court, Ahmedabad, in Gujarat under various sections of the Indian Penal Code, the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, a spokesperson of the NIA said.

"During investigation of the case, it was found that there is an organised criminal conspiracy to smuggle illegal consignments of heroin through international trade routes to India from Afghanistan, hatched by the accused," the official said.

"While investigating forward and backward linkages of the crime, a well-oiled network of operatives involved in the import, facilitation and transport of drug laden consignments has been uncovered. It has also been revealed that consignments were being imported through multiple fake/shell import proprietorship firms floated in India through multiple accused," the spokesperson said.

"He is running multiple trades in New Delhi, like clubs, retail showrooms and import firms. These firms are opened by Talwar in the names of his employees, relatives and friends, which are solely operated by him. These firms were used for importing narcotics, banned items and receiving remittances in form of legitimate goods in lieu of his role in the smuggling cartel," the spokesperson said. (PTI)

JAMMU, Feb 20: An earthquake of 3.4 magnitude hit the Katra belt of Jammu and Kashmir tonight, officials said.

There was no casualty or damage to property reported from anywhere, they said.

The quake struck at 10.07 pm at a depth of 25 km, the National Centre for Seismology said.

The epicentre was 89 km east of Katra.

Tremors were felt in Reasi and Doda districts in the Union territory.

On February 17, an earthquake of 3.6 magnitude hit the Katra belt. (PTI)

3.4 magnitude earthquake hits Katra