

## Sensitization workshop on 'Transgender: Representation and Reality' held

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
JAMMU, Feb 24: The Department of Journalism and Media Studies, University of Jammu, collaborated with National Institute of Social Defence (NISD) to organize a one-day offline workshop on "Transgender: Representation and Reality" here today.

The workshop was attended by over 200 participants from Cluster University, IIMC, Central University etc.

The chief guest was Dinesh Manhotra, secretary general, Press Club of Jammu and speaking on the occasion he said that it is a socially relevant topic and the Press Club would always stand in support of such initiatives.

Advocates Sheikh Shakeel Ahmed and Dinesh Chauhan briefed the participants on the "Provisions of Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act & Rules, 2019-2020".

In welcome address Prof. Shyam Narayan Lal emphasized the commitment of the University to such causes.

Prof Sucheta Pathania, Dean Faculty of Arts and Sanjay,

Consultant NISD, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment also spoke on the occasion.

Dr. Garima Gupta, Head Dept of Journalism and Media Studies presented the vote of thanks.

The session was conducted by Dr. Raviya Gupta.

The first panel was chaired by the renowned Journalist Pradeep Dutta and Arnavi Sharma, Alice Chaudhary and Riya shared their life experiences as Transgenders. Arnavi Sharma is the first person to be nominated by election commission as representative for the third gender and first one to also receive the Maharaja Hari Singh lifetime achievement award.

Alice shared that the support of family is very important in the life of a transgender but sadly they are disowned by their families.

Riya who works at BDO, Bari Brahmana, said, "I have been blessed with an acceptability of my Peers and I do wish to be born as a Transgender even in my Next Life."

Pradeep Dutta in his address as chairperson said, "It is not third gender but it is super gender that combines the strength of both the genders." (PTI)

## Victim has fundamental right to fair investigation and trial: SC

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insofar as refusing to transfer the investigation to CBI is concerned.

"Even according to the State Investigation Agency, a further investigation is required. As observed and held by this Court in the aforesaid decisions, the victim has a fundamental right of a fair investigation and fair trial."

"Therefore, mere filing of the chargesheet and framing of the charges cannot be an impediment in ordering further investigation/re-investigation/de novo investigation, if the facts so warrant," the bench said.

"It is further observed and held that the power to order fresh, de novo or re-investigation being vested with the constitutional courts, the commencement of a trial and examination of some witnesses cannot be an absolute impediment for exercising the said constitutional power which is meant to ensure a fair and just investigation," it said.(PTI)

While refusing to order a CBI probe in the matter, a bench of Justices MR Shah and CT Ravikumar said the Bombay High Court has not committed any error in refusing to transfer the investigation to CBI.

The Apex Court said it is in complete agreement with the view taken by the High Court

## SSP Traffic City calls for smooth flow of traffic

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Feb 24: SSP Traffic Jammu City Faisal Qureshi today chaired first meeting of the Traffic Police officials of the City and called for ensuring that there are no traffic jams in the City and outskirts which cause inconvenience to the public.

Qureshi called upon the Traffic Police officials to always remain on toes and help ensure smooth flow of traffic in their areas of jurisdiction.

He also called upon the people to cooperate with Traffic Police and strictly adhere to Traffic laws like no parking of vehicles in No Parking Zone, wearing helmets, no triple riding etc.

"All those violating the Traffic rules will have to face action under rules," Qureshi said.

Qureshi, who was recently posted as SSP Traffic City after serving as Joint Director SSF at Raj Bhawan for two and half years, called upon the Traffic Police officials to also keep strict vigil on over speeding which could lead to mishaps.



Artists of BLSKS during a musical concert at Jammu on Friday.

## BLSKS presents Musical Concert

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Feb 24: Bhartiya Lok Sangeet Kala Sansthan (BLSKS) in co-ordination with Sangam Tru Art Production and National College of Computer Education here today presented musical concert 'Sahra Virsa'.

The programme was inaugurated by the chief guest VK Magotra, former Regional Director, Directorate of Field Publicity.

Dr. Tara Singh Charak, former Deputy Director, Health Department J&K was guest of honor.

The songs for the concert were written and produced by Dr. M.L. Dogra, chairman BLSKS.

The programme commenced with songs like 'Jammu Sada Dogre Da Saher' etc.

Music of the songs was composed by renowned singer M.C Kotwal, general secretary BLSKS and songs were sung by artists of BLSKS and all students of the institute.

Welcome address was delivered by Dr. M.L. Dogra.

Singers, musician, actors and students of Music and Computer Institute who performed in the programme were K.K. Joshi, Raju Bajgal, Rajni Gupta, M.C Kotwal, Sanjeev Kumar Sodhi, Chahat Chadha and others. Master Deepak Kumar presented vote of thanks.

## Handwara family receives Rs 7000 electricity bill, alleges tampering

**Excelsior Correspondent**

SRINAGAR Feb 24: A family from Handwara town in North Kashmir was shocked after receiving a whopping electricity bill of Rs 7,000 for just one month.

According to the family members, this amount is a huge jump from the Rs 800-900 they have been receiving for the last few months. "The bill has skyrocketed after the installation of the new electricity meter. Both the reading and the bill are fake," said the family.

The family alleged that the bill



Paraglider stuck in electric wires at Dhanwa area of Pouni tehsil in Reasi district. -Excelsior/Romesh Mengi

## Para-glider stuck in live electric wires, rescued

**Excelsior Correspondent**

REASI, Feb 24: A Para-glider sustained burn injuries after he got entangled in live electric wires in Dhanwa area of Pouni in Reasi district, here today.

However, timely action by the Police and locals rescued the person and shifted him to hospital for treatment.

The Para-glider, namely Munish Kumar, son of Kamal Kumar, resident of Chamba in

Himachal Pradesh was gliding in Dhanwa area of Pouni when he stuck into the live electric wires. The passersby, locals and Police immediately came into action and rescued after an hour-long hectic efforts.

The victim was shifted to District Hospital Reasi for treatment as he had sustained burn injuries. Later on he was referred to GMC Hospital Jammu for advanced treatment.

## Politicians too enjoying in Valley new: Reddy

NEW DELHI, Feb 24:

After a "record surge" in tourism in Jammu and Kashmir, some politicians are also having a leisure time in the Valley and other parts of the Union Territory, Union Minister G Kishan Reddy has said.

He, however, did not name anyone.

Recently, videos of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi skiing in Gulmarg in north Kashmir, and he and his sister Priyanka Gandhi Vadra enjoying a ride on a snow scooter there went viral on social media.

"After Independence, the tourism footfall in Jammu and Kashmir has seen a record surge. If we look at figures for one year, in 2022, it was about 1.8 crore tourists in J-K," Reddy, the Union Tourism Minister, said.

There were "hardly any tourists" but today some politicians are "also playing there" and having a leisure time in Srinagar and other parts of Jammu and Kashmir, Reddy said.

"It is a good thing, people must go, it is part of our India. That is the situation today, people are eager to visit Jammu and Kashmir," he said.

## 5 villagers looted by extortionists in Pulwama

**Excelsior Correspondent**

SRINAGAR Feb 24: Five villagers were allegedly looted by the extortionists holding a toy gun in Pulwama district.

The incident as per villagers occurred in Trichal village, 3 kilometers from the Pulwama district headquarters.

Five villagers who were intending to enter the mosque to offer Fajr prayers were stopped by three extortionists who were probably carrying toy pistols. "They asked the men to show their identity cards, and during frisking, they took the cash and fled away," they said.

Locals appealed to the police to nab the extortionists who looted cash and cell-phones from 5 persons.

The victims have been identified as Tawseef Ahmed Bhat son of Ali Muhammad Bhat, Muzafar Ahmed Dar son of Ghulam Hasan Dar, Javaid Ahmed Mohand son of Ghulam Hasan Mohand, Haji Ali Muhammad Dar and Muhammad Shaban Bhat son of Ali Muhammad Bhat.

Extortionists looted Rs 3,000 each from Tawseef Ahmed and Muzafar Ahmed, Rs 6000 from Javaid Ahmed, Rs 30,000 and an ATM and pan cards from the wallet of Haji Ali Muhammad and a cell phone from Muhammad Shaban Bhat.

## Housewife dies of poisoning, parents allege murder

**Excelsior Correspondent**

UDHAMPUR, Feb 24: A young housewife died because of poisoning under mysterious circumstances at the house of her in-laws in village Sundrani, Tikri, here today while parents of the deceased alleged that she was murdered.

A police spokesman said that Sarishta Devi (32), wife of Vijay Kumar Sharma, resident of Sundrani, Tikri, was brought to Primary Health Centre (PHC) Tikri by her in-laws, who claimed that she had consumed some poisonous substance. Despite efforts by the doctors, she did not respond to the treatment and died.

The police after completion of all the legal formalities and postmortem, handed over the body to family members for last rites.

Meanwhile, family member from parental side of the deceased alleges that Sarishta Devi was murdered by her in-laws and they protested at cremation ground in village Sundrani.

A case has been registered in connection with death of the housewife and investigation was taken up under Section 174 IPC.

## Four vehicles seized for illegal mining

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Feb 24: Jammu and Kashmir Police on Friday seized four vehicles for illegal mining in Jammu District.

A police spokesperson said that one tractor trolley was seized by a team led by SHO Akhnoor Inspector Harjeet Singh, one by a team led by SHO Nagrota Vishav Partap Singh, and two tractor trolleys by incharge Police Post Jourian, PSI Karnail Singh.

"The vehicles were mining in violation of a High Court order," he said, adding that the DMO Jammu has also been intimated about the seizures made.

## Unparliamentary conduct erodes people's faith in democracy: Birla

GANGTOK, Feb 24:

Unparliamentary behaviour and the use of undesirable words in political discourse erode people's faith in both democracy and democratic institutions, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said on Friday.

Birla said Parliament is for discussion and debate, not disruption, and "lawmakers should be mindful of the fact that people are watching them".

Suggesting politicians to maintain "restraint and dignity" in their behaviour both inside and outside

Parliament, Birla said the entire country looks up to public representatives for their conduct.

He was speaking at the valedictory session of the 19th Zone III Conference of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) India Region here.

Responding to a question on remarks made by Congress spokesperson Pawan Khera against Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Birla said "undesirable" words in political discourse "erode people's faith" in democracy and democratic institutions.

"Incidents of unparliamentary behaviour and the use of undesirable words in political discourse erode people's faith in both democracy and democratic institutions," the Lok Sabha speaker said.

Khera apparently fumbled on the prime minister's father's name during a press conference. He had referred to the prime minister as "Narendra Gautamdas Modi" while criticising the government over the row involving the business conglomerate headed by Gautam Adani.

Modi's full name is Narendra Damodaradas Modi, with the middle name Damodaradas standing for his father's name.

Speaker Birla stressed that probity is an essential ingredient of public life as it has a deep impact on public opinion. What politicians say and what they do become an example, he said, adding it is a huge responsibility on people's representatives.

Talking about disruptions in Parliament, Birla said it is not good for democracy and emphasised that the legislative bodies are for discussion and debate.(PTI)

## GOVERNMENT OF UT JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PCD (PHQ) J&K JAMMU/ SRINAGAR

### INVITING FRESH E-TENDER NOTICE

e-NIT No/EE-PCD/PHQ/176/2022-23 Dated: - 21-02-2023

Executive Engineer PCD PHQJ&K JAMMU/SRINAGAR on behalf of The President of India invites tenders by e-tendering on Percentage rate 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	Name of Division	Estimated Cost (Rs. In lacs)	Cost of document (In Rs)	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Time Allowed for completion	Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor
1	Remodeling/ Up-gradation of Police Station building, SHO Qtr and lavatory block at Police Station Rajpora Pulwama under improvement of basic facilities Programme.	PCD (PHQ) J&K, Jammu/ Srinagar	23.27lacs	2000/-	46540/-	60days	03-03-2023	"A", "B", &"C"
2	Remodeling/ Up-gradation of Police Station building at Atholi Kishwar under improvement of basic facilities Programme.	PCD (PHQ) J&K, Jammu/ Srinagar	17.37 lacs	1500/-	34740/-	60 days	03-03-2023	"A", "B", &"C"
3	Remodeling/ UP-gradation of Police Station building at Gool Ramban under Improvement of basic facilities Programme.	PCD (PHQ) J&K, Jammu/ Srinagar	16.08 lacs	1500/-	32160/-	60 days	03-03-2023	"A", "B", &"C"

- Date of Publishing 22-02-2023 at 1600 hours.
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  - The complete bidding process will be on line.
  - Technical bids of bidders shall be opened on line in the office of Executive Engineer PCD PHQ J&K Jammu/ Srinagar on 03-03-2023 at 1100 Hrs.
  - The lowest bidder i. e. L1 shall be intimated to deposit the original copy of required earnest money in shape of CDR/ FDR and hard copies of all relevant documents as mentioned in clause 2 of general instructions to the bidders within five days from opening of financial bids.
  - In light of Govt. Notification issued by Finance Department Civil Secretariat Vide No. A/24(2017)-651 dated:- 07-06-2018, the bidder must upload the copy of challan / receipt on account of cost of tender documents remitted in the treasury concerned for that the bidders must write an application to be addressed to treasury officer concerned requesting therein for remittance of amount as cost of tender documents towards M. H. 0055/ Revenue (others).
  - The cost of tender documents should be submitted by the bidder in shape of treasury challan / receipt and upload the same.
- Earnest Money:-** The earnest money deposit (EMD @ 2% of advertised cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer PCD PHQ J&K Jammu/ Srinagar of the successful bidder (L1) shall be released, only after defect liability period, the DLP shall be calculated from the date of successful completion of the work to the satisfaction report of Engineer incharge.
- Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> Bid documents contain qualifying criteria for bidder, specifications, bill of quantities, conditions and other details.
- The site for the work is available. The intending bidders are strongly advised to inspect the site of work before bidding.
- Financial Bids will be opened on line in the office of the Executive Engineer, PCD PHQ J&K Jammu/Srinagar. If the office happens to be closed 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.
- The bid for the work shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids. If any bidder / tenderer withdraws his bid/tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the said earnest money shall stand forfeited.
- No Engineer of Gazetted rank or other Gazetted Officer employed in Engineering or Administrative duties in an Engineering Department of the Government is allowed to work as a Contractor for a period of two years after his retirement from Government service, without permission of the Government. This contract is liable to be cancelled if either the contractor or any of his employees is found any time to be such a person who had not obtained the permission of the Government as aforesaid before submission of the tender or engagement in the Contractor's Service.
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## US-based Kashmiri Hindu outfit supports Pandit employees' demand

NEW DELHI, Jan 24:

A US-based Kashmiri Pandit group has supported the demand of community members employed under a special Government package for relocation outside Kashmir Valley in view of targeted killings by terrorists.

Alleging that the issues related to Pandits are being used for politics across the country, the Kashmiri Hindu Foundation (KHF) urged the central Government to initiate a dialogue with the Panun Kashmir, an organisation representing the displaced Kashmiri Pandit community, to address their grievances.

"The series of selective killings (by terrorists) in Kashmir shows that normalcy has not been restored... Taking our minuscule community back by force in a scattered way, like it is being done under the Prime Minister's (employment) package, is destined to prove to be a fatal experiment," the foundation said in a resolution passed at its special session.

"The current agitation by the employees of the PM package,

which is termed by the government a rehabilitation package, proves that this experiment of rehabilitation has also failed. The government wants to project that only by sending a few thousand Kashmiri Pandits back to the valley, they have rehabilitated us," the resolution reads.

"We demand immediate relocation of Kashmiri Pandit employees to Jammu to safeguard their right to life until a comprehensive rehabilitation plan as per aspirations of the whole community are considered," the KHF said.

Suggesting initiation of dialogue with the Panun Kashmir, it said the organisation can apprise the Central Government about the ground realities which will help in addressing the issues faced by the community effectively.

The KHF reiterated the demand for carving out a separate homeland with Union Territory status to the east and north of river Jhelum for the community in accordance to the "Margdarshan Resolution" adopted on December 28, 1991, by pandits after their migration from the Valley. (PTI)



JMC Councillor Suneet Raina kickstarting blacktopping work in Karan Nagar.

## Councilor kickstarts blacktopping work

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Feb 24: Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) Councillor Suneet Raina today kickstarted blacktopping work at Karan Nagar in Ward No 9. The blacktopping work to be executed at the cost of Rs 20 lakh (City Grant) was inaugurated by Raina in presence of prominent citizens of Ward 9.

Later, Raina along with officers of various Department also visited Ward 9 and its surrounding localities and met with the locals.

## Govt reconstitutes committee on JKCL disinvestment

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Feb 24: UT Government today re-constituted the committee for ensuring transparent bidding process in respect of disinvestment of Jammu and Kashmir Cements Limited (JKCL).

Headed by the Administrative Secretary, Industries & Commerce Department as the Chairman, the committee comprises Administrative Secretaries of Housing and Urban Development Department, Labour & Employment, Planning, Development & Monitoring Department, Revenue, Mining Department, Department of Law,

Justice & Parliamentary Affairs, Secretary/Spl Secretary (Technical) Forest, Ecology & Environment Department, Director General (Codes), Finance Department and Transaction Advisor are members of the committee while Managing Director J&K Cements Ltd is the Member Secretary.

Administrative Secy PWD(R&B)/PDD/Jal Shakti, Administrative Secy Mining Department, PCCF/Chief Wildlife Warden, Director General (Budget) Finance Department, Divisional Commissioner/DC concerned and Vice-Chairman/CEO Development Authority concerned are the special invitees.

## Khair wood theft case worked out, 3 held

**Excelsior Correspondent**

SAMBA, Feb 24: Police in this district claimed today that they have worked out the Khair wood theft case by arresting the three thieves involved in the crime.

A police spokesperson said that a case regarding the wood theft was earlier registered at Police Station Samba through police post Gouran under section 379 of the IPC read with the overall supervision of SSP Samba Benam Tosh.

Accordingly, he said, several raids were conducted and today the accused were arrested with the 45 stolen logs of the Khair wood.

"The vehicle involved in the crime has also been seized," he said.

The police spokesperson further said the raids to arrest the accused were conducted by SHO Samba Rajeshwar Singh and Chowki Officer Police Post Gouran, Sajid Jaral under the overall supervision of SSP Samba Benam Tosh.