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71,941.57 points up
by 1240.90 points

NIFTY

21,737.60 points up
by 385.00 points


GOLD:

Rs 61,740 per 10 gram
up by 100

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Rs 77,700 per 1 Kg
up by 200

HAPPY BIRTHDAY




Heyansh

Class:- U.K.G 'B'

D.O.B:- 30-01-2018

JKPS Panjtirthi

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Shriyansh Gupta

Class:- 5th

D.O.B:- 30-01-2013

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Yadrhsh Gupta

Class:- 5th 'B'

D.O.B:- 30-01-2013

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Change in electricity agreement
I Angriaz Singh Manhas S/O Late Sh. Rasila Ram R/O Khankhal (Mundhar), Tehsil Kastigarh, Dist- Doda applying for change of electricity agreement in my name. The agreement which was earlier in the name of my father Late Sh. Rasila Ram who expired on 17.01.2022. Now, I desire to change the agreement in my name. Anybody having objection in this regard shall submit his objection in writing within one week positively in the concerned office. After expiry of given time no objection shall be entertained.

NOTICE

I, Sarla Raina W/o sh. Mohan Lal Raina R/o H. No.76, I Lane No.1 A, Sec-3 behind Greenland Paloura Roop Nagar, Jammu state that my name & D.O.B has wrongly been written as Seema Raina instead of Sarla Raina & D.O.B 07-01-1966 instead of 14-10-1961 in my Aadhar Card bearing No. 701509635451. Now I am applying for correction of the same. Objection if any may be conveyed to concerned authority within 7 days.

NOTICE

This office has received an application from Santosh Kumari D/o Prem Nath R/o 244 Old Rehari, Jammu regarding legal heir certificate and state that only the following persons are legal heirs of Lt Smt. Parkasho Devi W/o Late Prem Nath namely as under:
1. Santosh Kumari - Daughter,
2. Neelam - Daughter,
3. Rajinder Kumar - Son,
4. Balvinder Kumar - Son
Any person having objection in the mentioned names can file his/her objection personally or through any authorized person before Office of the Tehsildar Jammu within seven days from the publication of this notice failing which it shall be presumed that there is no objection regarding legal heir certificate.

NOTICE

I, Mohinder Singh S/o Sh. Ram Singh R/o Dhossia, Tehsil Gandoh, District Doda state that my son namely Yougal Manhas whose D.O.B has wrongly been written as 01-4-2011 instead of 11-3-2011 in the Govt. Girls Middle School Record Dhousa, Bhalessa (Doda). Now I am applying for correction of the same. Objection if any may be conveyed to concerned authority within seven days.

NOTICE

I, M/s S.S. Traders, Proprietor Sikander Singh S/o Sh. Lal Singh R/o Paloura, Jammu has lost Form C from S. No. 05V903296 to 05V903305. Objection if any may be conveyed to Sale Tax Deptt. Jammu within seven days.

CAA implementation within a week: Union minister

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
KOLKATA: Union minister Shantanu Thakur on Monday claimed that the Citizenship (Amendment) Act or CAA will be implemented across the country within a week.

Ruling Trinamool Congress in West Bengal, on the other hand, dismissed the claim as a "poll rhetoric", while vowing to prevent CAA implementation in the state.

Thakur, the BJP MP from Bongaon Lok Sabha seat, which has a substantial population of Matua community, outlined plans for swift implementation of the contentious legislation within seven days.

The CAA, enacted by the BJP-led government at the Centre in 2019, seeks to grant Indian citizenship to persecuted non-Muslim immigrants, including Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, Buddhists, Parsis, and Christians, from Bangladesh, Pakistan, and Afghanistan who entered India before December 31, 2014.

EC announces biennial elections for 56 seats on Feb 27

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
NEW DELHI: The Election Commission on Monday said that the biennial Rajya Sabha polls will be held on February 27 for 56 seats, as the tenure of incumbents including former prime minister Manmohan Singh and BJP president J P Nadda will end in April.

The vacancies also include seats held by nine Union ministers including Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav and Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya.

The nomination process will begin on February 8 with the issuance of the notification.

While 50 members retire on April 2, six do so on April 3, the EC said.

Others retiring in April include BJD members Prashanta Nanda and Amar Patnaik (Odisha), BJP chief spokesperson Anil Baluni (Uttarakhand) and Fisheries Minister Parshottam Rupala, and Congress members Naranbhai Rathwa and Ameer Yagnik from Gujarat.

at Kakdwip in South 24 Parganas district on Sunday evening, Thakur, also the Union Minister of State for Ports, Shipping, and Waterways, said, "Ram Mandir has been inaugurated. Within the next one week, CAA will be implemented not only in West Bengal but also across the country."

Continuing his critique of the TMC government in West Bengal for its staunch opposition to the CAA, he said, "This state government claims that if you have voter and Aadhaar cards, you are a citizen of this country and can cast your votes. If that is the case, then why is it that thousands of people here have been deprived of their right to vote? The chief minister has to answer why these people have been deprived."

He emphasised the imperative of implementing the CAA to safeguard future generations.

Speaking to reporters in Kolkata on Monday, Thakur, also a prominent Matua community leader, reiterated, "I stand by what

I stated yesterday. The CAA will be implemented within seven days. This is my guarantee."

The Matuas, comprising a significant portion of the state's Scheduled Caste population, have been migrating to West Bengal since the 1950s, fleeing religious persecution in erstwhile East Pakistan, now Bangladesh.

Since the nineties, political parties in West Bengal have actively courted the support of the Matuas, whose substantial population and tendency to vote cohesively render them a valuable voting bloc.

The Matua community is anticipated to reap the most benefits from the implementation of the CAA.

Thakur's assertion regarding the CAA's implementation comes amidst reports this month suggesting that the legislation's rules would be notified "much before" the announcement of the Lok Sabha elections.

His remarks elicited strong reactions from the Trinamool Congress, which has vehemently opposed the CAA, labelling it as "divisive".

"As usual, the BJP is resorting to its old tactics of using CAA. Our party

supremo and Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has categorically stated that CAA won't be implemented in West Bengal. People residing in the state are already citizens of this country," remarked state minister Shashi Panja.

TMC spokesperson Kunal Ghosh said the BJP's raising of the CAA issue ahead of the Lok Sabha polls is "just election rhetoric".

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, addressing a programme in Cooch Behar district, accused the BJP of raising the CAA issue solely for electoral gains ahead of the elections.

"We are the ones who took to the streets to protest against the NRC (National Register of Citizens). They (BJP) are now chanting CAA as they aim to politicise it before the elections. Everyone is a citizen of this country; if they are not voters of this country, how are they benefiting from central government schemes?" she

said.

The TMC supremo advised locals in Cooch Behar, particularly Rajbanshis, to ensure that their names are on the voters' list to "protect themselves" from the CAA.

The West Bengal BJP unit declined to comment on Thakur's statement but expressed optimism about the CAA's implementation before the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

"I cannot comment on what he (Thakur) said; only the government can speak about it. The government and the party are two separate entities in our system. However, I have confidence in Union Home Minister Amit Shah that the CAA rules would be drafted before the Lok Sabha elections," said BJP state president Sukanta Majumdar.

Last month, Shah had reiterated that the implementation of CAA is inevitable as it is the law of the land.

During a BJP meeting in Kolkata, he accused Banerjee of misleading people on the CAA issue.

The TMC has consistently opposed the CAA, with Banerjee alleging that the BJP is "exploiting" the citizenship issue for political gains.

The promise of implementing the controversial CAA served as a major electoral platform for the BJP in the previous Lok Sabha and assembly polls in West Bengal, with party leaders believing it played a pivotal role in the BJP's ascent in the state.

According to the manual of parliamentary procedures, the rules for any legislation should have been framed within six months of presidential assent or an extension should be sought from the committees on subordinate legislation in the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha.

Since 2020, the Home Ministry has been taking extensions at regular intervals from the parliamentary committees for framing the rules.

Several people lost their lives during the protests after Parliament passed the law.

Non-appearance of accused cannot be ground to cancel bail in criminal case: SC

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
NEW DELHI: The mere non-appearance of an accused personally before a court cannot be a ground for cancellation of bail in a criminal case, the Supreme Court has held.

The ruling by a bench of Justices BR Gavai, Sanjay Karol and Sandeep Mehta came while hearing an appeal against a Calcutta High Court verdict dated September 6, 2023.

The high court had cancelled the bail of Krishna Sharma on the ground that he failed to appear before it despite the court's direction.

"However, we find that merely because the appellant did not appear personally could not have been a ground for cancellation of bail," the apex court said.

It said the parameters for grant of bail and its cancellation are totally different.

"The bail already granted may be cancelled if it is found that the person who has been granted the benefit of bail has violated any of the conditions or misused the liberty by influencing the witnesses or tampering with the evidence," the bench

said in its January 24 order.

The top court, while setting aside the high court verdict, said nothing of that sort has been recorded in the judgement.

The bench noted the submission of Sharma's counsel that he could not attend the high court proceedings on the said date as there was a traffic jam due to VIP movement.

It noted that Sharma's lawyer also could not be present in the high court as his Vakalatnama (power of attorney) stood withdrawn.

The high court had recorded in the judgement that neither Sharma nor his counsel was present in the court on the said date.

"This exposes an insolent stance of opposite party No.2 (Krishna Sharma) to evade the process of law," the high court had said and ordered, "Accordingly, we are constrained to cancel the bail of opposite party No. 2 and direct non-bailable warrant to be issued for his apprehension. Trial court shall take necessary steps for issuance of such process and its execution in accordance with law."

Snowfall in Kashmir brings cheers to tourists, local players linked with tourism

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: Snowfall in Kashmir has brought cheers to the tourism sector, sparking joy among tourists and the local people linked with the tourism industry.

The industry was feeling battered over the last couple of months in the absence of a good snowfall, with many intending tourists cancelling their bookings and tour operators receiving little to no queries.

The tourist arrivals to the valley, which usually witnesses a higher footfall, especially at resorts like Gulmarg, fell in the absence of snow - a cause of worry for the tourism stakeholders in the valley.

However, the snowfall at the fag-end of Chilla-i-Kalan -- a 40-day harsh winter period when the chances of snowfall are maximum and most frequent - has brought cheers to both the tourists as well as the tourism players.

Hundreds of tourists, including children, have been enjoying the snowfall at Gulmarg and Sonamarg

resorts.

We had booked tickets for January 23, but we postponed our journey after checking the forecast. We arrived on January 25 and were lucky to see the snowfall. We experienced snowfall first in Sonamarg and then in Gulmarg as well. We are so thrilled to be here," Aninda and Deotima, a tourist couple from Kolkata, said at Gulmarg.

They said Kashmir really looks like a paradise after snowfall.

Mohammad Imran, a tourist from Nagpur in Maharashtra said he returned to the Gulmarg resort again after the snowfall.

"Two days back, there was nothing and the ground looked empty. By the grace of God, now there is snow and we feel great to be here... When we heard there was snowfall in Gulmarg, we came back from Srinagar," he said. Aryan, a young tourist from Bangalore who has come to Kashmir with his parents and sister, said it was

a great feeling. "It feels so good. It looks like heaven," he said, enjoying the snowfall.

Ankit Makane, a part of a 15-member tourist group from Mumbai, enjoyed playing in the snow at Sonamarg. "It feels truly and literally like heaven. Kashmir is so beautiful and the people here are really amazing. We enjoyed a lot," he said.

It is not only the tourists who are cheered up, the snowfall has sparked joy among the local tourism players as well. "We thank God for the snow. We feel very happy because it will not only increase tourism, but it is vital for the sustenance," Parvaiz Ahmad, a local tourism service provider in Gulmarg, said.

Another stakeholder, Abdul Rashid, said the livelihoods of private service providers were affected due to a prolonged dry spell over the last two months, but the snowfall has come as a blessing.

"For the past two months, there was not much work. With the snowfall, the tourist arrivals have increased and

the snow-related activities have started," Rashid said.

In the absence of snowfall at popular tourist spots like Sonamarg and Gulmarg, the tourists used to make a bee-line to places like Sinthan Top connecting Anantnag district with Kishtwar which remains covered under snow for most of the year.

Meanwhile, authorities have issued advisories to tourists and locals visiting places like Sonamarg and Gulmarg.

They have said only 4X4 vehicles and those with anti-skid chains would be allowed to travel towards Gulmarg and Sonamarg due to slippery conditions in the wake of snowfall.

The Meteorological Department has forecast a possibility of light to moderate rain or snow at many places of the Union Territory with chances of heavy snowfall over a few higher reaches like Kupwara, Bandipora, Baramulla, Ganderbal, Shopian, Kulgam and Anantnag districts over the next two days.

Secy RDD discusses MGNREGA Annual Action Plan for FY 2024-25 in Kashmir

Highlights importance of making convergence a priority in all allied works

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: Secretary, Rural Development Department (RDD) and Panchayati Raj, Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary on Monday conducted an extensive review of the Annual Action Plan and Labour Budget of MGNREGA for the fiscal year 2024-25, focusing on the districts of Srinagar, Anantnag, Kulgam, Pulwama, and Shopian.

Secretary highlighted the importance of making convergence a priority in all allied works, stressing the significance of realistic planning and quality work. The meeting delved into crucial aspects, emphasizing the creation of community assets, assistance for vulnerable segments of society, and the prioritization of projects that directly contribute to community welfare. Notably, a specific focus was placed on Category B works, centring on the management of natural resources and the well-being of vulnerable sections.

Dr Shahid urged mutual communication, trust, and commitment to overcome these challenges. He urged a concerted effort to address issues hindering the effective collaboration of different departments. A roadmap for the upcoming year was presented, and the need for a mission-mode approach was discussed.

Secretary expressed appreciation for the efforts made so far but emphasized the importance of achieving better results, especially in areas facing difficulties. The issue of convergence, where funds from different departments are expected to converge for effective project execution, was a central theme. Concerns were raised about the lack of funding from certain line departments, hindering the progress of convergence plans. Additionally, challenges in the convergence process, such as the dual funding system, were addressed.

Dr Shahid stressed the

need for technical convergence and expressed concern over the insufficient flow of funds, especially from key departments like agriculture. Dr Shahid emphasized the necessity of allocating 60% of expenditures towards agriculture and related activities, underscoring the pivotal role this plays in advancing the agricultural sector for holistic community development.

Additionally, Secretary stressed the significance of ensuring prompt wage payments through the Aadhaar Based Payment System, aiming to enhance transparency and accountability. The discussions also delved into crucial topics such as conducting social audits and investing in training and skill development programs to promote the personal growth of the workforce involved in MGNREGA initiatives.


The formulated plan outlined strategies for enhancing land productivity, improving livelihoods

through diverse agricultural activities, and reclaiming fallow or unused lands. The meetings also addressed additional concerns such as Geo-tagging, National MGNREGS Management System (NMMS) usage, and the resolution of issues related to social audits. Secretary in Rural Development Department, Tariq Ahmad Zargar also suggested the measures to streamline the convergence plan with a focus on addressing funding gaps and enhancing cooperation between various departments. He encouraged innovative solutions and called for a unified approach to tackle challenges and improve performance indicators.

The meeting was also attended by Director RDD, Kashmir, Shabir Hussain Bhat, Additional Secretary RDD, Waaseem Raja and Assistant Commissioner Development (ACDs) from different districts of Kashmir Division.

Timber/Sale Depot/Proposal/Calendar 2023

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OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER (S&M) J&K FDCL, JAMMU

TIMBER AUCTION NOTICE

It is notified for the information of public in General and Timber Traders/Consumers in particular that (S&M) Circle of J&K FDCL Jammu is going to sell its conifer timber stocks (Deodar, Kail, Fir, Chir) etc. lotted in various Forest Depots at Jammu through open and E-Auction process during the month of February, 2024. Important parameters of Auctions are reflected in the following Table (T1).

| S. No | Date of Auction | Day's | Depot where stocks lotted | Species Lotted for Auction | Venue of open Auction | Time | Release/ Lifting of stocks shall commence w.e.f | Nature of Auction |
|-------|-----------------|-----------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---|--------------------------|
| 1 | 05.02.2024 | Monday | Janipur | Conifer (D,K,F,C) | Janipur | 10.30 A.M onwards | 07.02.2024 | Open (General/Reduction) |
| 2 | 15.02.2024 | Thursday | Bachan | Conifer (D,K,F,C) | Bachan | 10.30 A.M onwards | 17.02.2024 | Open (General/Reduction) |
| 3 | 20.02.2024 | Tuesday | Bahu | Conifer (D,K,F,C) | Bahu | 10.30 A.M onwards | 22.02.2024 | Open (General/Reduction) |
| 4 | 28.02.2024 | Wednesday | Sunjwan | Conifer (D,K,F,C) | Online | 11.00 A.M onwards | 01.03.2024 | E-Auction (General) |

All terms and conditions of General Auction Notice issued vide this office No:-3865-67/GM/S&M/SFC/J dated 28.03.2022 and vis-à-vis Addendum to General Auction Notice issued vide this office No:-325-45/GM/S&M/FDCL/J Dated:-20.05.2022 shall be applicable in letter and spirit.

Note.(1) All the Timber Traders/Consumers are requested to deposit the following documents (Mandatory) by or before start of Auction.

(i). Participatory Fee amounting to Rs.25000/= in the form of CDR/FDR pledged to GM (S&M) J&K FDCL Jammu. It is refundable in nature.

(ii). P/S copy of PAN Card.

(2). Successful (H1) bidders must deposit their EMD (10% of sale value) in the form of DD/online mode (RTGS) into JKFDC Account within two working days to seek benefit of Rebate.

(3). In case of inclement weather proposed auctions shall be conducted in Bachan Auction Hall.

No: 2300-20/GM/S&M/FDCL/J
Dated:- 27-01-2024
DIPJ-5072-P/23
Dated:- 29/01/2024

Sd/-
(Mohinder Kr. Gupta)
General Manager (S&M)