

Sensex 26103.23 184.28	Nifty 7791.70 52.15	Gold ₹28,556 24kt/10gm ₹132	Silver ₹43,190 /kg ₹127	Crude \$114.55 /Bbl \$30.0	Dollar ₹ 60.76	Euro ₹ 81.26	Pound ₹ 101.40	Saudi Riyal ₹ 16.21	Dirham ₹ 16.56	Kuwaiti Dinar ₹ 214.70	Yen ₹ 0.59.00	Ch Yuan ₹ 9.45
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J&K Bank BSE 1471.40 NSE 1467.80	SBI BSE 2361.80 NSE 2362.50	HDFC Bank BSE 825.75 NSE 826.70	PNB BSE 909.60 NSE 910.35	Axis Bank BSE 377.70 NSE 377.80	Yes Bank BSE 540.25 NSE 540.85	ICICI Bank BSE 1477.60 NSE 1479.65	Indusind Bank BSE 546.80 NSE 548.25
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Export growth slows to 7.33%

New Delhi, Aug 15: Exports growth slipped to 7.33 per cent in July after witnessing a double-digit expansion in the previous two months, pushing up the trade deficit to one-year high of \$12.22 billion.

Exports stood at \$27.73 billion in July as compared to \$25.84 billion in the same month last year. In June and May, the growth was 10.22 per cent and 12.4 per cent, respectively.

The sectors that put up a good show include textiles (13.3 per cent), petroleum products (28 per cent), engineering (23.9 per cent), leather (17.23 per cent), marine products (25 per cent), oil seeds (19.25 per cent), chemicals (16.67 per cent) and pharmaceuticals (10.78 per cent).

Imports increased by 4.25 per cent year-on-year to \$39.95 billion in July. This is the second consecutive growth in the inbound shipments after remaining in the negative for the past several months.

Deficit at \$12.22 billion The trade deficit of \$12.22 billion is one-year high as the previous high was \$12.49 billion in July 2013.

According to exporters' body FIEO, gems and jewellery and electronics continue to be a cause of concern as their negative growth is pulling down the overall exports growth. PTI

Kashmir's famed woodcarving art dying a silent death

From 50,000 a decade ago, number of woodcarvers shrinks to 4,000 at present

MUKEET AKMALI

Srinagar, Aug 15: As clock strikes 9 AM, 53-year old Ghulam Qadir Sheikh - a woodcarver in a busy locality of Safa Kadal in old city sets out for a laborious day work.

Sheikh has been working at his workplace in a narrow lane at Danamazar in Safa-kadal here since his childhood. He starts his work at 9 AM daily and carves out intricate designs on walnut wood till late in the evening with a lone objective to feed his family. Despite his tiring work, Sheikh feels it difficult to make both the ends meet.

Growing age and falling health has of late been forcing Sheikh to skip his work but according to him this is not his only worry.

Sheikh who is president of Woodcarvers' Association of Kashmir states that the craft of wood carving is facing serious challenge as the number of artisans affiliated with the trade is decreasing every passing day and new generation is shying away from the art.

"I am not worried of my



health but sometimes I wonder what would happen to this famed art after some years when hardly there will be anyone in it," Sheikh said.

"I have two sons. None is in this art. They do work as salesmen with some private shops but don't want to come in this line," he said.

Ask him the reason for

young generation's disinclination towards this art, he says: "Two decades back more than 50,000 families would eke out their earning from this trade. But with the declining wages, it has become difficult to sustain your family on this trade."

"Now only 3,000 to 4,000 artisans are in this line. Rest of them are either dead or

have left the craft because of less returns and limited market opportunities," he said.

"Before eruption of armed struggle in Kashmir there was huge market for woodcarving. Foreigners used to through our workplaces to see our work and buy our products," he said, adding that the situation changed not

for good.

"With the inception of armed struggle in Kashmir, tourists stopped to come here. Overnight our trade came under a big jolt," he said.

"Our business dwindled and artisans started switching over to other jobs as the craft was not in a position to give them good returns for their work to feed their families," he said. As per woodcarvers, several other factors have also hit the woodcarving trade. "Young generation is not showing any interest due to less income, at the same time the state government is not coming up with any scheme that would incentivize woodcarving," Mehraj ud Din - a woodcarver said.

He said the training centres run by Handicraft department have "failed even to train a single woodcarver leave aside reviving this trade."

The artisans alleged that the handicraft department scheme 'artisan credit card' is a big trap for poor craftsmen because of high interest rates.

J&K STATE HAJ COMMITTEE

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Addendum to press release regarding allocation of quota by Ministry of External Affairs to Private Tour Operators.

It is hereby published for information of aspiring pilgrims that in addition to five Private Tour Operators listed in press release issued by State Haj Committee and published in local dailies on 14-08-2014, M/S Labaika Haj & Umrah Services, 2nd Floor, M.S. Shopping Mall Residency Road, Kashmir, Srinagar has also been allocated 50 Seats for Haj 2014.

Dipk.5338 Sd/ Executive Officer

**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT
MIRZA MOHAMMAD AFZAL BEG MEMORIAL HOSPITAL ANANTNAG
TENDER NOTICE**

For and on behalf of Govt. Of J&K Sealed tenders affixed with a revenue stamp of Rs:5/ (Rupees five Only) are invited from registered firms/Suppliers/Agencies having TIN No. with sales Tax clearance for Supply of Video Endoscope Set and Colonoscope to this Hospital for the year 2014-15 which shall reach the office undersigned by or before 0109-2014 up to 02:00PM Sharp.

- NO tender after prescribed date and time will be entertained.
- Rates Quoted should be inclusive of all taxes and supply should be FOR-MMABM Hospital Janglatmandi Anantnag.
- The Suppliers/Agencies are required to furnish a call deposit receipt worth Rs: 50,000/ (Rupees Fifty thousand only) Pledged to the Medical Superintendent MMABM Hospital Anantnag and No FDR, Cheque or Cash will be accepted in lieu of CDR.
- Tenders so received will be opened on 02-09-2014 at 2:00 PM.
- The undersigned reserves the rights to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/ Medical Superintendent
MMABM Hospital Anantnag
DIPK: 5285

Mutual funds' exposure to IT stocks hit 5-month high

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Aug 15: Fund managers' exposure to the IT space surged to Rs 27,596 crore - the highest level in five months - at the end of July amidst soaring equity markets.

As per the latest data available with market regulator Sebi, mutual fund (MF) investments in IT stocks reached Rs 27,596 crore as on July 31, 2014, accounting for 10.55 per cent of their total equity assets under management (AUM) of Rs 2.61 lakh crore.

This was MFs' highest exposure in IT - mainly in the software services firms - since February, when their total



value of investments in the sector stood at Rs 28,784 crore.

In June, the investment of MFs in software companies stood at Rs 26,595 crore.

A mutual fund is a vehicle made up of a pool of funds collected from investors that buys and sells securities such as stocks, bonds and money market instruments.

According to market participants, MFs have been

showing interest in the IT stocks since the beginning of the year amidst rising equity market.

Meanwhile, the IT index climbed over 4 per cent in July this year, while the 30-scrip BSE Sensex rose 2 per cent during the period.

MFs had an exposure of 21.07 per cent to bank stocks in July, the highest among all sectors. In absolute numbers, their investment in banking shares was over Rs 55,000 crore.

Besides, they have an exposure of Rs 17,542 crore in pharmaceutical sector, followed by Rs 14,441 crore in auto and Rs 14,359 crore in finance.

**Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Office of the Chief Education Officer Bandipore
NOTICE**

Sub: Furnishing of Account numbers of Chief Superintendents, Dy. Superintendents, Invigilators and Orderlies for release of remuneration.

It is impressed upon all the concerned Superintendents, Dy. Superintendents, Invigilators and Orderlies, who have performed their duties for conduct of objective written test of SSB held on 17th Sep 2013 are hereby directed to submit their 16 digit Bank Account numbers along with name of Bank and contact numbers in their respective Zonal Education Offices within three days positively, in order to deposit the remuneration in their respective Bank Accounts, failing which no claim shall be entertained and amount shall be returned to concerned quarters.

(N. A Kanth)
Chief Education Officer Bandipore
DIPK: 5342

**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF AGRICULTURE OFFICER KUPWARA
Re-advertisement Notice**

Applications are hereby invited from the eligible candidates for engagement on the contractual basis of six number Subject Matter Specialist at (block level) in District Kupwara for a period of one year under centrally Sponsored Scheme "Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms"(ATMA).The eligibility and other terms and conditions of engagement are as under. Eligibility Criteria

- The candidate should be a permanent resident of J&K State.
- The candidate must have a qualification of Graduate/Post Graduate in Agriculture / Horticulture/Economics/ Marketing/Veterinary Sciences/Fisheries with atleast 60% marks in the aggregate.
- The candidate with experience of working in a Government/Semi Government Organization in relevant field shall be preferred.
- The candidates having the domicile of District Kupwara can apply for engagement.

Terms & Conditions

- The selected candidate shall have to work on contractual basis and shall not claim any permanent employment on the said post.
- The selected candidate shall be given a consolidated salary of Rs: 8500/ per month.
- The period of contract shall be for one year and can be extended depending upon the performance of the selected candidate and continuation of the scheme.
- The position is temporary and non transferable.
- The employment is subject to the availability of funds under the scheme.
- The services of the selected candidate can be terminated with one months notice in advance if work and conduct is not found satisfactory during the employment.
- The contract shall deemed to have been cancelled/terminated once the scheme is withdrawn by the GOI or State Government.
- The selection committee shall have the rights to accept or reject any application without assigning any reasons thereof.
- The selected candidate shall have to give an undertaking that he/she shall work in the block for which he /she is selected.
- No TA/DA shall be paid to the candidates for appearing in the interview.

Application Procedure

- The application forms can be had from the office of undersigned and should be submitted along with attested copies of required certificates during working hours by or before 23.08.2014.

(Note): the candidates applied for the post vide Notification No: Agri/Estt/2013-14/2438-49 Dated:19.08.2013 needs not to apply.

DIPK: 5349 Sd/ Chief Agriculture Officer Kupwara

**J&K State Cable Car Corporation Ltd.,
Gulmarg Gondola Project, Gulmarg**
Tele:01954-254503 Tele fax:01954-254475

NOTICE

It is for information of public in general and our esteemed tourists in particular that Gulmarg Gondola Lift will remain closed on Monday the 18th of August-2014 in connection with its scheduled maintenance. Inconvenience caused is highly regretted.

DIPKNB-1074 Sd/- Manager Gulmarg Gondola Project Gulmarg

**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
DIRECTORATE OF SCHOOL EDUCATION KASHMIR**

Sub:- Select list of the candidates for the post of Teacher (Education Department) District Cadre Ganderbal (Handicapped).

NOTIFICATION

The following Six (06) candidates who have been selected in School Education Department for the post of Teacher for District Cadre Ganderbal (Handicapped persons) by the Services Selection Board are hereby informed to deposit their undertakings (duly attested) by the Judicial Magistrate 1st Class on the devised format (appended herewith as "Annexure A") to this Directorate within a week's time from the date of publication of this notification.

No such undertakings shall be entertained after expiry of the stipulated time frame.

S. No	Name of the candidate	F/H/o	Address	Category
1	SHOWKAT AHMAD	MOHD SULTAN DAR	NAZNA LAR GANDERBAL	OM/ Vision
2	FAYAZ AHMAD WANI	AB RASHID WANI	BAMLOORA GANDERBAL	OM/ Vision
3	EJAZ AHMAD RATHER	GH HASSAN RATHER	MAIN CHOWK BEEHAMA GANDERBAL	OM/ HCL
4	BASHIR AHMAD GOJREE	LATE GHULAM AHMAD GOJREE	NEWCOLONY TULMULLA GANDERBAL	OM/HCH
5	AJAZ AHMAD MALIK	AB RASHID MALIK	RAWIL MIR UNIV. LLAN KANGAN	RBA/CNA
6	ASIF MUSTAFA SOFI	GH MUSTAFA SOFI	SOFI MOHALLA SALOORA GBL	OM/HCH

Sd/- Director School Education Kashmir
DIPK: 5275

**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR,
SERVICES SELECTION BOARD,
Zum Zum Hotel, Rambagh, Srinagar
(www.jkssb.nic.in)**

NOTICE

SUB:- Postponement and rescheduling of Driving Test/Viva Voce for the post of Driver (Resident Commission (Hosp. & Prot) Department) State Cadre, (Item No 129), advertised vide Notification No: - 03 of 2012 dated 28-12-2012.

In continuation to this office notice issued under endorsement No.SSB/Se/Secy/2014/6582-98, Dated:04.08.2014. It is hereby notified for information of the candidates whose Driving Test /Viva Voce for the post of Driver (Resident Commission (Hosp.& Prot) Department) State Cadre, (Item No 129), advertised vide Notification No: - 03 of 2012 dated 28-12-2012, scheduled to be held on 16th of August 2014, is hereby postponed and shall now be conducted on 02nd of September 2014.

However, other terms and condition as envisaged vide above quoted notice remains the same.

DIPK-5380 Sd/- Secretary,

UNDERTAKING

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R/o District Do

hereby solemnly declare an oath that:- The educational/technical qualification on the basis of which I have been selected as Teacher by the J&K Services Selection Board is proposed to be verified by the Govt./School Education Department on the following counts:

I. That the qualification certificate has been issued by the University/Institution/Board recognized by the Government of India/State Govt./UGC/AICTE & Council for Distance Education and not by any unrecognized institution / University/Deemed University or by any recognized off campus Centre of any University and further the course of study are also recognized. II. That the certificate is authentic and not fake/forged/tempered. In case I am permitted to join subject to above verification:

- I shall join the department on my own risk and responsibility.
- Subsequently, if my qualification is not proved to subscribe to above mentioned standards or is proved fake /forged/tempered or issued by unrecognized institution/University or the course itself is proved as unrecognized. I shall have no claim for the post of teacher and the appointment order issued in my favour may be treated as cancelled abinitio. Besides criminal proceedings may be initiated against me under law.

DEPONENT

VERIFICATION:

The contents of this undertaking are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing has been concealed therein.

DEPONENT

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B.ED ADMISSION NOTICE (2014-2015)

As per notification of DCDC Kashmir University, the students who are desirous to seek admission to B.Ed Programme session 2014-2015 are informed to submit the documents for admission. The criteria for Admission is that the candidate must have 45% (General) and 40% (Category) marks in any discipline from Kashmir University or any other recognized university. The last date for submission of documents in this college is 8th September 2014 and regular classes will start w.e.f 1st October 2014.

Sd/- Principal