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Student Enrollment In Higher Classes Up During Last 3 Years In J&K GER Increases To 7.7% In Higher Secondary Level In 2021, 1.7% In Secondary

Zaid Bin Shabir

SRINAGAR: In the last three years, Jammu & Kashmir's Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher secondary and secondary level has increased by over 7 percent and 1 percent, respectively, reveal the figures emerging from Government of India's latest Unified District Information System For Education Plus (UDISE+).

As per the reports accessed and analyzed by Kashmir Observer, J&K's GER since 2018 has increased to 7.7 percent in higher secondary level in 2021 and 1.7 percent in secondary

level in the past three years.

The data available with Kashmir Observer states that in 2018-19 J&K's GER in higher secondary level was 42.4 percent and in 2020-21 the figures increased to 50.1 percent. For the secondary level, in 2020-21, J&K recorded 59.8 percent against 2018-19's 58.1 percent.

In 2019-20, J&K's GER in higher secondary level was recorded at 38.4 percent and in the same period, GER in secondary level stood at 58.7 percent.

Gross Enrolment Ratio or Gross Enrolment Index is a statistical measure used in



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the education sector by the Government to determine the number of students enrolled

in school. The GER can exceed 100% because of early, late entry or grade repetition.

THERE HAS BEEN A 14 PERCENT INCREASE IN SCHOOL ENROLLMENT AGAINST the previous year in J&K. Our earlier enrollment was 22,50,000 and today it is 24,24,000. Today, there are 10 lakh students enrolled in private schools and over 14 lakh in Government run schools. So, the change is quite evident."

Pertinently, in 2018-19 J&K had 28,654 schools including both secondary level and higher secondary level schools. However, in 2020-21, with an addition of 276 more schools, the total number of schools functioning in J&K increased upto 28,930. In 2019-20, J&K had

28,863 schools including both secondary and higher secondary level educational institutes.

Besides this, as per the reports, in 2020-21, J&K had a total 337787 students enrolled in secondary level, of which 179809 were boys and 157978 were girls. **More on P6**

Amit Shah Meets J&K BJP Leaders

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Home Minister and BJP leader Amit Shah on Friday held a meeting with the party's core group members from Jammu and Kashmir here.

Sources said organisational issues and the political situation in the Union territory were discussed in the meeting.

Jammu and Kashmir BJP president Ravinder Raina and other senior party leaders, including Union minister Jitendra Singh, Devendra Singh Rana, MP Jugal Kishore and Shakti Raj Parihar, attended the meeting.

BJP general secretary Tarun Chugh, who is in charge of the party's affairs in the Union territory, and co-in-charge Ashish Sood, also attended the meeting.

The meeting came on a day senior Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad, who hails from Jammu and Kashmir, quit the party.

However, BJP sources added the leaders' meeting **More on P6**

Politiquake Hits Congress

Azad Ends Association With Party On Angry, Sad Note



Blames Rahul For Comprehensively Destroying Party

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad on Friday ended his five-decade association with the party, terming it comprehensively destroyed and lashing out at Rahul Gandhi for demolishing its entire

consultative mechanism.

The Congress, dealing with the fallout of a series of high profile exits, including that of Kapil Sibal and Ashwani Kumar, attempted to deflect the latest blow by alleging that Azad's DNA had been "Modi-fied" and linking his resignation to the end of his Rajya Sabha tenure.

Laying bare the many schisms in the party, Azad wrote a five-page no holds barred letter to Congress president Sonia Gandhi, describing **More on P6**



A woman rows her boat filled with lotus leaves inside Srinagar's Nigeen Lake on Friday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Chinese Rifle Slips Into Kashmir, Army Says 'Unusual'



File Photo

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Security forces have recovered a Chinese-made M-16 assault rifle from the three militants killed Thursday during an anti-infiltration

operation along the Line of Control in Uri, with the Army describing the recovery as "unusual".

The army said two AK series weapons, one Chinese M-16 weapon and **More on P6**

'New Gen Surveillance Equipment Used To Foil Infiltration'

New generation surveillance equipment, including aerial and ground-based sensors, and weapons were used to track and neutralise three militants during an anti-infiltration operation along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir's Uri sector on Thursday, the Army has said. Talking to reporters in north Kashmir's Baramulla, General Officer Commanding of the Army's 19 Infantry Division Major General **More on P6**

PMGSY Phase-III To Cover 1276 KM Road In J&K

LG Expresses Gratitude To PM, Union Minister For Rural Development

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Friday expressed gratitude to the Central government for approving a road length of 1276 KMs in rural areas under third phase of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in the Union Territory.

The road is being covered under the centrally sponsored scheme at a cost of Rs 1357 Crore by the Union Ministry for Rural Development.

According to an official spokesperson, the LG expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union

Minister for Rural Development, Shri Giriraj Singh.

Sinha, he said, termed the approval for PMGSY-III as yet another milestone in the rural connectivity of J&K and said that the modern rural infrastructure, enhanced connectivity will improve rural economy and ease of living.

"It will provide all-weather road connectivity to unconnected Habitations for sustainable and inclusive growth," the LG said.

Pertinently, the spokesperson said, under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), Jammu and Kashmir is among best performing States/UTs in the country. **More on P6**

Azad's Journey In Congress

Veteran Congressman Ghulam Nabi Azad, a constant fixture in the organisation's decision-making process since the tumultuous times of Emergency, finally fell out with his mother party on Friday after a not-so-smooth relationship with the top brass in the past couple of years. **More on P6**

Azad To Float Own Party, Says Will Not Join BJP

Senior Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad who quit the party Friday said he would form his own party in Jammu and Kashmir "soon". Azad, who is in the national capital, said he would be visiting Jammu and Kashmir soon to meet **More on P6**

S H O R T T A K E S

2 Earthquakes Jolt J&K In 40 Minutes

Two earthquakes of 3.4 and 2.8 magnitudes hit Jammu and Kashmir on Friday, officials said. While the 3.4 magnitude quake hit Katra belt in Reasi district, the other hit Doda district. However, there were no reports of any loss of life or damage to property, the officials said. The epicentre of the first quake, which occurred at 3.28 am, was 62 km north-east of Katra area in Jammu region, they said. The officials said the quake hit at a latitude of 33.17 degrees north and longitude of 75.57 degrees east at a depth of 5 km. **More on P6**

PDD Lineman Electrocuted To Death

A lineman of the power development department (PDD) died on Friday after receiving an electric shock in Ashmuqam area of South Kashmir's Anantnag district. Mohammad Maqbool Khadim was repairing an electricity cable in Manzigam area of Ashmuqam when he received an electric shock and sustained critical injuries, reports said. The injured lineman, reports said, was immediately shifted to a nearby hospital for treatment. However, the doctors there declared him dead on arrival. (ONS)

J&K Adds 187 New Corona Cases

Jammu and Kashmir registered 187 fresh cases of novel Coronavirus on Friday while one more person succumbed to the deadly infection in the Union Territory during the last 24 hours. 148 new cases of Covid-19 were detected across Kashmir Valley while the remaining 39 from different parts of Jammu division, thus taking the total number of people infected since the outbreak of pandemic in J&K to 477119, officials said Friday. In the Valley, officials said, Srinagar reported the highest 48 new cases of virus, Budgam 34, **More on P6**

PWD Engineer Lands In ACB Net

The anti-corruption bureau (ACB) on Friday arrested an Executive Engineer of public works department for demanding and accepting a bribe from a contractor in North Kashmir's Bandipora district. Farooq Ahmad Dar, Executive Engineer PWD (R&B), Special Sub Division, Gurez was arrested by the sleuths of the anti-graft body on the basis of a complaint alleging that he was demanding Rs 15000 bribe for releasing payment to a contractor. According to an ACB spokesperson, the complainant had **More on P6**

City Resident Charged In Funding Case

The State Investigation Agency (SIA) on Friday filed a chargesheet in a special court here against an accused in a case related to militant funding, an official said. Hammad Farooq, a resident of Nowshera locality in Srinagar, had developed "links with terrorists" through social media and received funds through hawala using bank channels from Saudia Arabia and Oman, a spokesperson of the SIA said. He said the chargesheet against Farooq was filed before the court of special judge designated under the NIA Act. **More on P6**

Off-Duty Cop Dies Of Heart Attack



A policeman died on Friday after suffering a heart attack in South Kashmir's Shopian district. Head constable Manzoor Ahmad Mir died on Friday morning after suffering a heart attack at his home in Melhura area of the district, reports said. Mir, who was posted at Mattan area of the neighbouring Anantnag district, had returned home on Thursday after obtaining leave, reports added. (ONS)



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NASA Tests New Moon Rocket, 50 Years After Apollo

Associated Press

Years late and billions over budget, NASA's new moon rocket makes its debut next week in a high-stakes test flight before astronauts get on top. The 322-foot rocket will attempt to send an empty crew capsule into a far-flung lunar orbit, 50 years after NASA's famed Apollo moonshots. If all goes well, astronauts could strap in as soon as 2024 for a lap around the moon, with NASA aiming to land two people on the lunar surface by the end of 2025. Liftoff is set for Monday morning from NASA's Kennedy Space Center. The six-week test flight is risky and could be cut short if something fails, NASA officials warn. We're going to stress it and test it. We're going make it do things that we would never do with a crew on it in order to try to make it as safe as possible, NASA Administrator Bill Nelson told

The Associated Press on Wednesday. The retired founder of George Washington University's space policy institute said a lot is riding on this trial run. Spiraling costs and long gaps between missions will make for a tough comeback if things go south, he noted. It is supposed to be the first step in a sustained program of human exploration of the moon, Mars, and beyond," said John Logsdon. Will the United States have the will to push forward in the face of a major malfunction?" The price tag for this single mission: more than \$4 billion. Add everything up since the program's inception a decade ago until a 2025 lunar landing, and there's even more sticker shock: \$93 billion. Here's a rundown of the first flight of the Artemis programme, named after Apollo's mythological twin sister. ROCKET POWER The new rocket is shorter and slimmer than the Saturn V rockets that hurled 24 Apollo astro-

nauts to the moon a half-century ago. But it's mightier, packing 4 million kilograms of thrust. It's called the Space Launch System rocket, SLS for short, but a less clunky name is under discussion, according to Nelson. Unlike the streamlined Saturn V, the new rocket has a pair of strap-on boosters refashioned from NASA's space shuttles. The boosters will peel away after two minutes, just like the shuttle boosters did, but won't be fished from the Atlantic for reuse. The core stage will keep firing before separating and crashing into the Pacific in pieces. Two hours after liftoff, an upper stage will send the capsule, Orion, racing toward the moon. MOONSHIP NASA's high-tech, automated Orion capsule is named after the constellation, among the night sky's brightest. At 11 feet tall, it's roomier than Apollo's capsule, seating four astronauts instead of three. For this test flight, a full-size dummy in an orange flight suit will occupy the

commander's seat, rigged with vibration and acceleration sensors. Two other mannequins made of material simulating human tissue heads and female torsos, but no limbs will measure cosmic radiation, one of the biggest risks of spaceflight. One torso is testing a protective vest from Israel. Unlike the rocket, Orion has launched before, making two laps around Earth in 2014. This time, the European Space Agency's service module will be attached for propulsion and solar power via four wings. FLIGHT PLAN Orion's flight is supposed to last six weeks from its Florida liftoff to Pacific splashdown, twice as long as astronaut trips in order to tax the systems. It will take nearly a week to reach the moon, 386,000 kilometers away. After whipping closely around the moon, the capsule will enter a distant orbit with a far point of 61,000 kilometers.

That will put Orion 450,000 kilometers from Earth, farther than Apollo. The big test comes at mission's end, as Orion hits the atmosphere at 40,000 kph on its way to a splashdown in the Pacific. The heat shield uses the same material as the Apollo capsules to withstand reentry temperatures of 2,750 degrees Celsius. But the advanced design anticipates the faster, hotter returns by future Mars crews. HITCHHIKERS Besides three test dummies, the flight has a slew of stowaways for deep space research. Ten shoebox-size satellites will pop off once Orion is hurtling toward the moon. The problem is these so-called CubeSats were installed in the rocket a year ago, and the batteries for half of them couldn't be recharged as the launch kept getting delayed. NASA expects some to fail, given the low-cost, high-risk nature of these mini satellites.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The correction in the name of my two wards and their mothers name, namely Anaya Sameer D/O Sameer Mehraj and mother's name Humaira , Aaqil Sameer S/O Sameer Mehraj and mother's name Humaira are the students of Nursery & 3rd grade of Iqra Educational Institute, Bemina, Srinagar needs to be changed from (1) Anaya Sameer D/O Sameer Mehraj and mother's name Humaira (2) Aaqil Sameer S/O Sameer Mehraj and mother's name Humaira to (1) Anaya Sumeer D/O Sumeer Ahmad and mother's name Humaira Sumeer (2) Aaqil Sumeer S/O Sumeer Ahmad and mother's name Humaira Sumeer. Before making necessary correction in the same, objection if any be communicated to the principal Iqra Educational Institute, Bemina , Srinagar within 'Seven' days from the publication of this notice.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

e-NIT No:- 88/6353-62/2022-23/RnB/Bla Dated 23.08.2022

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT e-tenders (In Single Cover System) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors Regd. With J&K UT Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works:-

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1	Date of issue of Tender Notice	23.08.2022
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 24.08.2022 to 02.09.2022 4:00PM
3	Bid submission Start date	25.08.2022
4	Bid Submission End Date	02.09.2022 upto 4:00PM
5	Date and time of Opening of Bids (Online)	03.09.2022 upto 11:00AM in the office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Baramulla

2. Bids must be accompanied by a Treasury Challan (dated between the bid start date and the Bid Submission End date) deposited in M.H. 0059 mentioning there in the name of work/ NIT No. in the name of Executive Engineer R&B Division Baramulla (tender inviting authority) as the cost of the tender document.
3. At the time of tendering, all bidders must upload earnest money/bid security equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost in the form of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Division Baramulla. Besides that, the successful bidder will have to provide Performance Security @ 3% at the time of contract award, strictly in accordance with the Government's circular instructions from time to time. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of a Performance Security of 3% of the total cost, which will be released after successful completion of the DLP/Maintenance Period.
4. The date and time of opening of 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 bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site at the office of the Executive Engineer, R&B Division Baramulla.
5. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of technical bids.
6. The bidder shall be debarred for tendering process if:-
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 - b) Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.
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- 7.2. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendors.
- 7.3. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.
- 7.4. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.
- 7.5. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with bid. Besides, original documents related to bid be submitted physically by the bidder who is declared as L1 immediately after opening of financial bid.
- 7.6. Bidder shall upload a Self-Certified Performance declaration (Annexed format) in support of performance in respect of Works executed/ under execution by the agency during the year 2021-22.
- 7.7. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of necessary documents in terms of soft copies with the technical bid & no documents in terms of hard copies shall be entertained. However, in case of any clarification, the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need arises.
- Note:- Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.
8. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.
9. Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of treasury challan/receipt in favour of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Baramulla must be uploaded with the documents of the bid. The tender receiving authority reserves the right of opening of the tenders on due date or any other convenient available date or rejecting any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof
10. Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling the rates inclusive of all taxes and it should be saved with the same name as it contains.
11. Price escalation & taxes:- The unit rates and prices shall be quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees and the rates quoted shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes upto completion of the work unless otherwise, specified deductions on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.
12. Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.
13. In case of CRF & any other specified project the relevant guidelines/ standard bidding documents shall be followed

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'Who Is Hussain' Charity Group To Hold Blood Donation Camps Today

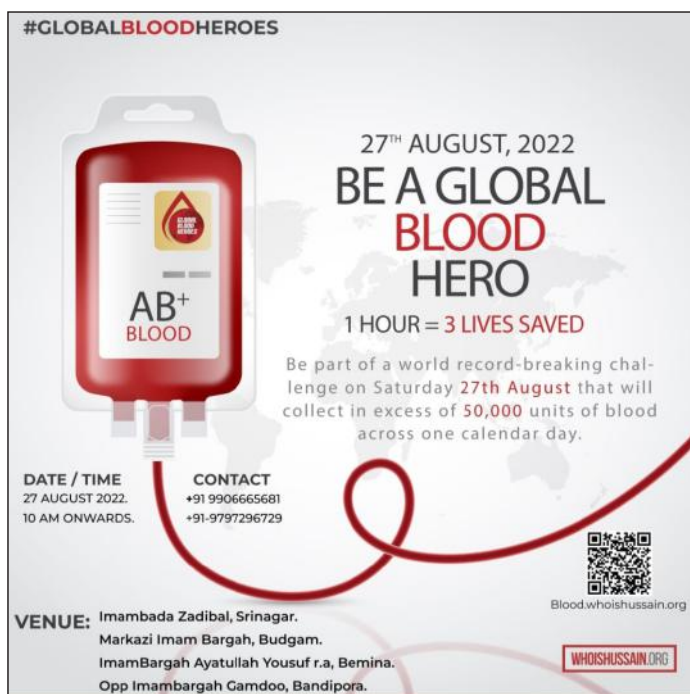
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Srinagar: The Kashmir chapter of globally renowned social justice organization 'Who is Hussain' is organizing a blood donation camp across the three districts of Kashmir Valley as part of the organization's world-wide blood donation drive on Saturday.

In Srinagar city, blood donation camps will be set up at Imambada Zadibal and Imam Bargah Ayatullah Yousuf, Bemina besides Markazi Imam Bargah Budgam and Imambargah Gamdoo in Bandipora on Saturday.

The non-profit organization has its chapters in 109 cities worldwide including Srinagar where around 25 volunteers have been working in order to aware people about Prophet Muhammad's grandson Hussain ibn Ali.

The blood donation camp is part of the global campaign 'Be a global blood hero' being held across several countries. The aim of the campaign is to set a world record-breaking challenge of collecting 50,000 units



of blood in one calendar day.

Organizers say they are hopeful that the blood donation drive will evoke an overwhelming response.

Blood donation Camps have been set up at four different locations in Kashmir and each camp hosts nearly a dozen beds which will be looked after by a

group of five well experienced paramedics besides the volunteers of the global NGO.

Organizers further said separate bed arrangements have been made for female donors. The Kashmir chapter of WhoIsHussain expects to collect nearly 2500 units of blood during the one day donation drive, much beyond the total capacity of hospitals.

Abbar Ali, one of the organizers, said he is getting calls from people from all walks of life, who are eager to donate blood for a noble cause.

"People cutting across sectarian lines are eager to participate in this record breaking drive by donating blood. I have received hundreds of calls from people who want to donate blood for a noble cause" Abbar said.

"Our team has been working tirelessly from the past couple of months to make sure we too are a part of the history that is being made and what better way to be recorded in the history like the one who donated his blood for saving lives in the name of Hussain Ibn Ali," he added.

Asgar Baba, another volunteer, voiced his appreciation for Government run hospitals for leaving no stone unturned to make the event successful.

"We are highly thankful to Directorate of Health Services Kashmir, SKIMS, GMC Srinagar and GMC Baramulla for their enormous support to make this event successful"

Pertinently, WhoIsHussain has taken a series of initiatives over the last few years in Kashmir for the overall development of the society. The prominent NGO held sanitation drives, awareness campaigns besides relief work during the natural calamities. WhoIsHussain also carried out relief work after the outbreak of deadly Coronavirus pandemic in the Valley.

"The Wall of Kindness" initiative that took social media by storm in the winters of 2018, was also the brainchild of WhoIsHussain.

The blood donation drive is being carried out in Collaboration with Salute72 Blood Donors Group and Anjuman Blood Donors, Budgam.



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KIE Launches "Competitive Education For All"

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: The Kashmir Institute of Excellence (KIE), Valley's one of the most reputed Coaching Institutes launched a program "KCEFA" "Competitive Education for all" wherein Complete NEET Coaching shall be offered to the students at the cost of Rs 500 in the Online Mode.

In this regard a press conference was addressed by Kar Khurshed Aalam, Managing Director KIE. He was flanked by Mr. G. N War Chairman Coaching Center Association and Javid Ahmed Dar, Director KIE.

Talking to the reporters, Managing Director KIE, Khurshed Aalam said the basic driving force towards the launch of the step is that there are a huge number of students who are competent to compete in any National Level Exam but because of lack of exposure and competitive coaching that can't qualify competitive exams. "In order to cater their needs and to ensure that there is competitive coaching available for all, this particular course was initiated and is going to be completely in the interest of the education sector of J&K" he said.

Khurshed further said that KIE is committed to ensure that no student of J&K should not be deprived of competitive education, if he or she is willing to have it and do well for themselves and for society at large.

Mr. G. N War Chairman Coaching Center

Association said that

this is the historic and ground breaking step in the field of education. "Free education was a long pending dream in the UT of J&K in the field of coaching. I congratulate the whole team of KIE for this historic move that is going to reshape and redefine the future of the students in the UT of J&K" he said.

Javid Ahmed Dar,

Director KIE said that it was a long pending dream which has even-

tually come true.

"KIE has recently launched the KIE e-learning App which is going to be the platform where such bold initiatives can be executed. KIE e-learning App can be downloaded from the play store for the android users and app store

for the iPhone users" "Video lectures and the free content will also be available on the App for all the students which can be accessed without paying even a single penny".

Javid further said that Candidates can register themselves by logging into the official web portal of KIE www.kiesgr.org. Registration link shall remain open up to the 29th Aug 2022 and online classes shall commence from 1st Sep 2022.



VC KU Inaugurates Refresher Course At HRDC

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Vice-Chancellor University of Kashmir Prof Nilofer Khan on Friday inaugurated a refresher course in teacher education.

The online course has been organized by KU's UGC-Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC) for participants from various higher education institutions (HEIs) from the discipline of education and its allied subjects.

Addressing the inaugural session as chief guest, Prof Nilofer said such courses provide an enriching platform for 'new learning', especially in the backdrop of the paradigm shift that the country's higher education is witnessing with the implementation of National Education Policy-2020.

With the NEP, we have entered into a new content delivery system where professional development of teachers would require more attention and focus, the Vice-Chancellor said.

She said that teachers need constant academic updating to stay relevant within and beyond their formal classroom spaces, to explore dialogue and experiential learning.

Prof Surinderjit Kaur Bawa, Vice Chancellor, Guru Kashi University Punjab was the guest of honor who shared her views about the issues and challenges of teacher education in the country.



Prof Bawa said that teacher education is one of the key priorities in the country's higher education system as it is becoming a challenging profession in the contemporary era.

After the inaugural session, Prof Bawa delivered a talk on challenges that teachers face in HEIs of the country. Director HRDC Prof Mushtaq Ahmad Darzi delivered the welcome address and highlighted the achievements of HRDC. He said the Centre focuses on teacher training to facilitate their professional development and encourage dissemination of qualitative knowledge in and outside the classroom spaces.

Course Coordinator Dr Habibullah Shah threw light on the course content and structure to be covered, while Coordinator HRDC Dr Sumeer Gul moderated the session and also presented a vote of thanks.

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This Day In History

- 663 - Battle of Baekgang: Tang Chinese and Silla Korean forces defeat Korean Baekje forces and their Yamato Japanese allies on the Geum River in Korea. Last Japanese invasion of Korea for 900 years.
- 1799 - British invasion army lands in North Holland
- 1813 - Battle of Dresden; Napoleon defeats Austrians
- 1828 - Uruguay gains independence during Brazil-Argentina peace talks
- 1828 - The Russians defeat the Turks at the Battle of Akhalzic.
- 1883 - Krakatoa volcano, west of Java in Indonesia, erupts with a force of 1,300 megatons and kills approximately 40,000 people.
- 1900 - Battle of Bergendal: General Buller defeats the Boer under general Louis Botha
- 1913 - Swedish engineer Gideon Sundback of Hoboken applies to patent all-purpose zipper
- 1916 - Romania declares war on Austria-Hungary
- 1928 - Kellogg-Briand Pact, 60 nations agree to condemn 'recourse to war for the solution of international controversies'.
- 1941 - Shah of Iran Rez Sh h Pahlavi abdicates throne in favour of his son Mohammad Reza Pahlavi
- 1942 - Cuba declares war on Germany, Japan & Italy
- 1945 - US troops land in Japan after Japanese surrender
- 1955 - "Guinness Book of World Records" 1st published
- 1958 - USSR launches Sputnik 3 with two dogs aboard
- 1962 - Mariner 2 launched; first probe to fly by Venus
- 1962 - USSR performs nuclear test at Novaya Zemlya USSR
- 1979 - 1st Earl Mountbatten of Burma, cousin of Queen Elizabeth II and last Viceroy of India, is killed along with three companions, two of them children by the IRA when his boat is blown up near Sligo, Ireland
- 1982 - Soyuz T-7 returns to Earth
- 1984 - USSR performs underground nuclear test
- 1984 -War Against Indiscipline is launched by the Buhari regime in Nigeria
- 1985 - 20th Space Shuttle Mission (51-I)-Discovery 6-launched

From KO Archives

Commandos Deployed In Sensitive Areas

Observer News Service

JAMMU- The Union Home Ministry has made all possible security arrangements to ensure incident free Lok Sabha elections in the state with the deployment of trained commandos of different para-military forces for the protection of VVIPs and candidates visiting sensitive and militancy infested areas of the state, especially Doda, Udhampur, and Rajouri-Poonch areas in the Jammu region.

According to well placed official sources, these measures have been necessitated in the wake of escalation of militant attacks on security posts and VDC and SPO pickets in these areas and Kupwara, Handwara and other places in the Kashmir valley.

The sources said that trained foreign militants, who had withdrawn from Kargil, had reportedly managed to infiltrate in the Kupwara and Poonch sectors with a 'definite plan of escalation violence and subversion in the state during the coming Lok Sabha elections.' These insurgents had formulated a special contingency plan of subversion and were waiting for the green signal from their masters from across, they sources said.

Besides deployment of commandos and additional troops in sensitive areas, the Village Defence Committees (VDCs) have been equipped with highly sophisticated and automatic weapons to counter possible militant attacks during the forthcoming elections, the sources said and added that constant vigilance was being exercised in sensitive border areas of the state.

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ADVENTURES IN ARCHIVES

Cosmetic Approach

The Mufti Muhammed Syed government is very similar to a beauty queen.

It has a cosmetic approach to dealing with people’s problems; favouring slogans over intelligent solutions. It is more interested in frivolous issues that they believe will win them votes than the boring, basic problems of the state such as electricity and roads.

On Monday, the Jammu and Kashmir administration revived the dead guest control order to infuse austerity in marriages. Observing moderation on social occasions should be welcomed, but the question arises as to what prompted the government to invoke this dead order.

At this moment in time, there is no apparent reason. There was a good reason in the past.

The seeds of the 1973 Guest Control law lay in the states persistent shortage of food grains as a result of drought or floods.

In 1973, the state was providing subsidy on food grains to compensate for a bad harvest. Despite the shortage of food, people continued to throw marriage feasts. The state was basically subsidizing the valley’s parties, and the Guest Control law was introduced to stop the government incurring unnecessary losses. The law was repealed in 1984.

The government does not now subsidise food and the categorization of ration tickets on the basis of income has been abolished. Rice and other basic foods, which used to be distributed to the public through the Food and Supplies Department, now overflow the cities markets at cheaper prices than those fixed by the government. Indeed, the Food and Supplies department, previously such a lifeline for the valley, is now irrelevant in the eyes of most people.

The department, now known as the department of Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution System, is only important to those ministers and senior officials who like to take their fill of the public’s money -- run by a mafia who have grown obese eating into the vitals of this organization.

Despite fierce competition from other departments, the CA & PDS has earned distinction in the field of scandals, working hard to cover scams as wide ranging as the disposing of gunny bags to the procurement of essential commodities.

Instead of wasting his breath on frivolous issues such as weddings and wazwan, the Minister of CA & PDS should be calling for a revival of the crumbled public distribution system, particularly in rural and kandi (dry) areas.

He needs to be reminded how many marriages actually take place in the city of Srinagar in the course of a year. And how many are celebrated with pomposity. It is a minuscule of number of affluent people who spend lavishly on marriages.

After 1990 there was a tide of change in people’s attitude towards society; many did not feel like celebrating and people voluntarily observed austerity in marriages and deaths.

Greater extravagance in marriage celebrations should be seen in a positive light; as an indication of a healthy economy and a more optimistic people. And the money spent on these parties does not go to the moon, or even down the drain. It benefits ordinary people who are employed as decorators, painters and of course wazas.

The guest control order only provides another baton to police and officials of the CA & PDS to harass people.

The article is an editorial from KO’s archives and was originally published on 2nd June, 2004

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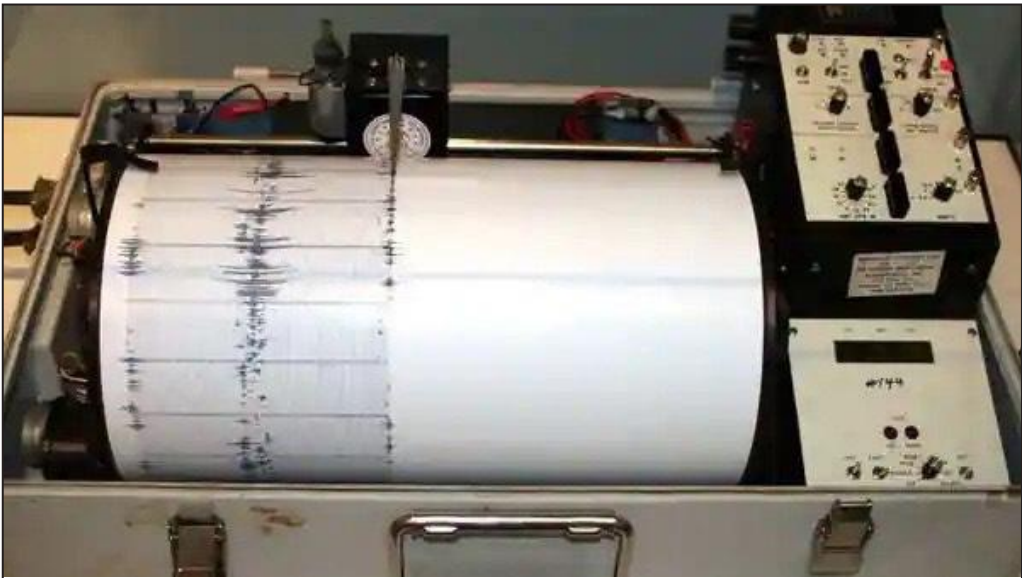
Dr. Afroz Ahmad Shah

Earthquakes occur when rocks fail to accommodate stress. Initially, rocks will deform and try to compensate for stress, which usually results in topographic changes such as uplift, subsidence etc. Once the stress exceeds what rocks can accommodate, they strain and eventually break. The sequence of earthquakes in the Jammu and Kashmir region should be experiencing strain release, which tells us that rocks are at a stage where breaking is possible. I have checked the depth of faulting, and it seems the rocks are breaking at 5 to 10 km depth, which is very shallow, and if it forms a significant fault, it could be dangerous.

Unfortunately, we do not know the type of faulting because of the small size of the quakes. However, the pattern of earthquake occurrence in the south of the Kashmir Basin is a reflection of internal faulting, which means that such earthquakes could be associated with faults other than the major Himalayan faults, such as the Himalayan Frontal thrust, Main Boundary fault, etc. It is good news because the maximum size of an earthquake on the fault that would accommodate the ongoing earthquakes in the J and K regions should not exceed magnitude 8.0 and would ideally be expected to fall between 6.0 and 7.0. If it reaches 7.0 and 7.5, it will cause considerable damage in the region, potentially cascading into a series of other issues such as landslides, floods, liquefaction, and so on.

Earthquakes in our part of the world are happening because of the ongoing collision between India and Eurasia, two continental plates that started their journey to collide a long time back. Therefore, no one can stop them from collisions, humans can not do that, and we have no technological advancement to stop it. Actually, stopping collisional tectonics would create more problems than solutions, which we can discuss later in another post. Therefore, we cannot stop earthquakes from coming; they will come, only time is unknown. I think that unknown time is a clock for us which is ticking. If we do not understand how to respond to the time given to us by the natural clock of faulting, we will turn a hazard into a major disaster, which will be our failure as a scientific, social, and responsible community.

Assuming there will be a big earthquake in the coming days, what could we do? Nothing much. Our houses are a pack of cards with no structural integrity to withstand ground shaking, which will become a catastrophe.



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Nothing much. Our houses are a pack of cards with no structural integrity to withstand ground shaking, which will become a catastrophe. We are not ready to face a big earthquake, which is something we should think about, and it should give us sleepless nights until we find a way to deal with it.

It is a challenge for all of us, and we have to solve it together. How?

Let us start. The administration can draft

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West’s Racist and Hyper-Sexualised Focus on Arab Women

Ahmed Twaij

Tunisian tennis star Ons Jabeur, who reached the women’s singles final at Wimbledon last month, is among a rising band of Arab women challenging western stereotypes.

Tunisian tennis star Ons Jabeur, who reached the women’s singles final at Wimbledon last month, is among a rising band of Arab women challenging Western stereotypes [Reuters]

Earlier this month, British publication The Economist, published an article titled, “Why women are fatter than men in the Arab world”. This overtly racist and sexist headline reflects a pandemic of focus on the appearance of Arab women that spreads beyond this one writeup to Western mass media and popular culture as a whole.

The piece didn’t have a byline, so we have no notion of whether the author has ever visited the Middle East, let alone Iraq and Egypt — the two countries the article stereotypes with sweeping statements.

Generally speaking, it is scientifically accurate that women across the globe are biologically prone to a higher body fat content than their male counterparts. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), women in the United States are nearly twice as likely to be severely obese compared with men. Yet we don’t see a flurry of articles published about the causes of obesity in American women using gross generalisations of lifestyle in the West, whether it is the drive-through culture or an addiction to fast-food dining.

Having headscarf-wearing



family members myself who compete in a variety of sports, I was saddened to read the author conclude that “in any case, headscarves and clothes that cover the female body make public exercise cumbersome”. I cannot imagine how disillusioned this could make young hijab-wearing aspiring athletes feel. Olympic medallists like Ibtihaj Muhammad and Hedaya Malak, who wear the hijab, would probably have a lot to say about this writer drawing conclusions on their behalf. After all, the German gymnastics team was rightly praised for refusing to wear bikini-cut leotards at the Tokyo Olympics in protest against the sexualisation of their sport.

Other stereotypes fuelling the article range from women opting to be housewives over a working life or submissive women crumbling to the demands of the oppressive men in their lives. These generalisations negate the trailblazing work of women role models across the region, such as Iraq’s Thikra Alwach, who in 2015 became the first female mayor of a capital city in the Middle East, a feat yet to be accomplished in London, for example.

This isn’t just about The Econ-

omist article, however. Whether it is the incessant push to ban them from wearing the headscarf in France or their over-sexualization in media, the mainstream Western emphasis on the appearance of Arab women masks their successes. The world’s first university was founded by Fatima al-Fihri, an Arab woman, in 859 AD. More recently, architect Zaha Hadid left an indelible mark on her field. You’ll rarely hear — or read — about them.

Films and TV shows have perpetuated this problem. According to a study by the University of Southern California Annenberg, only 24 percent of all Muslim characters in Hollywood (and there aren’t that many) are women. They are usually characters who are weak, oppressed or are included for their perceived exotic beauty, according to the Geena Davis Institute.

Remember how Disney portrayed scantily dressed Princess Jasmine in Aladdin in hyper-sexualised refashioned Arab attire? In James Bond’s The Spy Who Loved Me, the Arab women included were objectified to the point that their characters were credited as “Arab beauty 1, 2, 3”

and so on. Recent productions like Netflix’s Elite or Apple TV’s Hala have drawn criticism for perpetuating the trope that Muslim women need to break away from their traditions in order to enjoy any autonomy or agency.

The Economist article cites Iraq’s Enas Taleb, “an actress with ample curves,” as the “ideal of beauty” that many in the Middle East supposedly aspire to. Surely, Taleb’s popularity could also be related to the charisma she exudes on screen and not merely the objectification of her “ample curves”? Since the publication of the article Taleb has sued The Economist, accusing the publication of body shaming her publicly by labelling her fat.

Arab women have far more to offer than simply their superficial beauty. It’s time we give them the credit they deserve and not fixate on their weight, dress or looks.

We should instead be highlighting stories like how Nelly Attar became the first Arab woman to summit K2 recently or how Ons Jabeur became the first Arab woman to reach the final of a Grand Slam at Wimbledon last month. Obsessing over these kinds of stories may inspire both Arab men and women to take up healthier lifestyles. They also remind us that the stereotypes perpetuated by Western mass media are just that: stereotypes.

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Is Secondhand Screen Time The New Secondhand Smoking?

Joelle Renstrom

The Environmental Protection Agency first warned of second-hand smoke in 1991, some 30 years after scientists determined that smoking cigarettes causes cancer. Today, a growing body of research points toward a new indirect health hazard.

Just as frequently being around other people while they smoke can cause cancer, heart disease, lung disease and other ailments, what I call “secondhand screen time” could be endangering children.

By not limiting their own phone use, parents and other caregivers may be unwittingly setting kids up to be addicted to screens.

AN ADDICTION

A decade ago, the unwillingness – or perhaps the inability – of the college students in my writing classes to stay off their phones for 50 minutes at a stretch catalyzed my interest in screen use. And my students have only grown more unwilling to put down their phones, a trend that has also gotten worse outside of my classroom.

Curious about my students’ phone use, I began researching screen addiction and conducting my own surveys. Roughly 20% of my students have used the word “addiction” when describing their phone habits, and many more have expressed misgivings about their phone use.

While I encourage them to examine their habits, I blame students less for their tech addiction than I did a decade ago. They’ve learned this behavior from adults – in many cases since the moment they were born.

Checking Twitter in front of kids is not the same as blowing smoke in their faces. Smartphones and cigarettes do, however, have some things in common. Both are addictive and both became wildly popular before researchers learned about their addictive properties and health dangers.

On average, American adults touch their phones over 2,500 times a day. According to the American Psychiatric Association, that fits the definition of addiction: “a condition in which a person engages in the use of a substance or in a behavior for which the rewarding effects provide a compelling incentive to repeatedly pursue the behavior despite detrimental consequences.” While researchers continue to study the effects and ex-



tent of phone use, the scientific consensus is that phone addiction is real.

DESIRING OBJECTS

What’s a parent to do while nursing or when an infant falls asleep on one’s chest?

Perhaps they’ll read the news, check email, text friends or scan social media parenting groups. A phone or tablet can be a portal to the rest of the world – after all, caring for small children can be isolating.

But kids, even babies, notice these habits. They see parents reach again and again for a seemingly magical object that glints and flashes, makes sounds and shows moving images.

Who wouldn’t want such a wonderful plaything? Trouble is, if the desire for a phone builds in infancy, it can become second nature.

TROUBLING RESEARCH

Some researchers have already found links between excessive screen time, particularly phone use, and attention deficits, behavioral issues, sleep problems, impaired social skills,

loneliness, anxiety and depression.

Researchers from Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center and Israel’s Educational Neuroimaging Center recently published a study in JAMA Pediatrics that focused on cognitive-behavioral risks of exposing preschool-aged kids to screen-based media. That includes video games, TV, websites and apps. Phones are particularly problematic, the study found, because they provide mobile access to all of this media. They found that screen exposure impedes the formation of nerve systems involved in language development, expression and reading skills.

These findings point to yet another consequence of excessive screen time, especially for younger kids. Since 96% of Americans have phones, many babies are exposed to screens soon after they’re born and the stakes of such exposure are becoming better understood.

To be sure, it’s hard if not impossible to assess how much time Americans are spending looking at

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screens given the countless different ways that people use their devices. And because not all screen time is equally good or bad for you, some experts are calling for a “Human Screenome Project” to assess what we’re doing on our screens and to figure out what the consequences might be.

DEVELOPING BRAINS

When younger kids are exposed to harmful, habit-forming behaviors, such as smoking cigarettes or gambling, they’re more likely to become addicted to those same substances or behaviors. Exposure to second-hand smoke itself also can make kids prone to cigarette addiction.

While scientists don’t yet know for sure if that happens to kids who observe their parents’ phone use, there’s ample evidence that kids learn from and mimic their parents’ behaviors. If children see their parents do something they’re not allowed to do, that behavior doesn’t seem bad or wrong, and they may desire the “forbidden fruit” all the more.

My mom, a lifelong smoker, had her first cigarette when she was 12. After dinner one night, her parents, both of whom smoked multiple packs of unfiltered cigarettes each day, lit up and her dad handed her the pack. This was in the 1950s, before people knew the effects of smoking.

When she took a drag, instead of coughing, she felt like she’d “died

and gone to heaven.” My mom’s parents smoked so often in front of her that she both wanted to do it and knew exactly how.

When I see toddlers navigate smartphones as though they were born using them, this story springs to mind.

I’ve seen parents hand over iPhones to 2-year-olds to placate them in restaurants, just as mine sometimes plopped me down in front of the TV to keep me occupied. The difference is that I couldn’t bring the TV to the dinner table, or anywhere else.

John Hutton, a pediatrician who researches the effects of phone use, has found that roughly 90% of U.S. babies are exposed to screen time before their first birthday, and that it’s not uncommon for 2- or 3-month-olds to watch phones.

BREAKING OLD HABITS

The human brain continues developing until we’re roughly 25 years old, so teenage behavior can have a significant and lasting impact. Research indicates that the adolescent brain is particularly prone to risk-taking, peer-seeking and lack of impulse control.

Between that and a lifetime of fetishizing screens, is it any wonder that so many teenagers won’t put their phones down?

My college students describe the disconcerting and disappointing quiet that sets in when they’re at a table in the dining hall or in someone’s dorm room and everyone’s deep into a phone. Phones facilitate an incalculable amount of important interactions for them, especially with friends and family back home.

But by the time they’re in college, they can recognize and articulate at least some of what they’re missing when they spend so much time staring at screens. They can assess their own habits and implement some changes if they so choose, but it makes sense that they, having been raised with this techno-magic, would never think of giving it up.

A 2-month-old or a 2-year-old, however, can’t do that. Since the frontal cortex of an adolescent brain is still developing, teenagers aren’t fully able to reason or control impulses.

Perhaps, most adults can’t either. But since it’s up to today’s adults to shape younger generations, we should be aware of the secondhand effects of our own behavior.

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How to Not Embarrass Yourself When You Use Colons and Semicolons

Stephen Johnson

Colons and semicolons are the indie rock of punctuation marks. They’re not mainstream-popular like the period. They aren’t obvious and eager-to-please like the exclamation mark. They’re not everywhere like the comma. But the colon and the semicolon have passion. They’re quirky, snobby, and sometimes prickly. These I-was-using-them-before-they-were-cool punctuation marks are like Jay and Michael Aston of Gene Loves Jezebel: They’re brothers, but they not twins, and they do not always get along.

THE RIGHT WAY TO USE A COLON: TWO LITTLE DOTS THAT CAN SAY SO MUCH

The colon has a number of fiddly uses. It introduces an item or list, separates closely related independent clauses, introduces longer quotations, and introduces bulleted or numbered lists. It’s also frequently used following a greeting in more formal correspondence.

A colon can be used in place of a period or a comma and conjunction between two independent clauses when the second sentence emphasizes, illustrates, or explains the first.

I didn’t end up going to Sisters of Mercy show: I was out of eyeliner.

When used this way, you can “read” a colon as something like “because” or “thus.”

HERE IS WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE WHEN A COLON IS USED TO INTRODUCE A LIST:

Neutral Milk Hotel has three main influences: early Pink Floyd, The Minutemen, and The Diary of Anne Frank.

A colon can be used after “the following” or “as follows” but not after “for example,” “including,” “such as,” or “that is.” In those cases, use a comma.

A colon is often used after a speaker’s name to present dialogue or a quotation:

Like The Mountain Goats’ John Darnielle said in “The Best Ever Death Metal Band in Denton”: “When you punish a person for dreaming his dream, don’t expect him to thank or forgive you.”

When you are quoting something longer, use a colon. Do the same when you are presenting a list that is numbered or uses bullet-points, as follows:

HERE IS THE TRACK LISTING OF BIG BLACK’S



“The colon has a number of fiddly uses. It introduces an item or list, separates closely related independent clauses, introduces longer quotations, and introduces bulleted or numbered lists. It’s also frequently used following a greeting in more formal correspondence

SEMINAL 1986 ALBUM ATOMIZER:

- 1) Jordan, Minnesota
- 2) Passing Complexion
- 3) Big Money
- 4) Kerosene
- 5) Bad Houses
- 6) Fists of Love
- 7) Stinking Drunk
- 8) Bazooka Joe
- 9) Strange Things
- 10) Cables (Live)

People sometimes use a colon after a greeting in correspondence, famously after “To Whom it May Concern.” This usage was cool

in the past, but now it seems overly formal, stuffy, and try-hard enough to be ironic.

Dear NME: I am still angry about your lukewarm review of The Stone Roses’ first album.

All the cool people add a space after a colon. Capitalizing after a colon is not cool, except in a few situations. If you’re introducing a list, capitalize the first word after the colon only if it’s a proper noun.

If the second phrase after the colon can stand as a complete sentence, you generally don’t capitalize it, but some people maintain that you can capitalize it if it’s a longer sentence. (Some people think Pablo Honey is

a better album than OK Computer, but that doesn’t make them right.) [Editor’s note: This site’s style is to capitalize standalone phrases after a colon, so. Also, OK Computer is overrated.]

If you want to dig as deeply into the colon as you dig into the crates at your local used record shop, consider the double colon. It looks like this: “::” and is used in analogies, famously on SAT tests. When writing an analogy, instead of writing: “W is to X as Y is to Z,” you can write “W : Z :: Y : Z” As in the following analogy:

Dag Nasty : 1986 :: My Chemical Romance

: 2003.

Double colons are also used in some programming languages too, but I can’t tell you how because I am not a nerd.

HOW TO USE A SEMICOLON: WE SHOULD PROBABLY GET RID OF THEM ENTIRELY

The semicolon has three uses: linking independent but closely related clauses, combining sentences with a conjunctive adverb followed by a comma, and replacing commas in lists if the comma would be confusing. Semicolons are not used to link an independent and a dependent clause like the colon or the comma.

If periods are too mainstream for you, you can use either a colon or a semicolon to separate two closely related independent clauses. It gets a little hair-splitty when you try to determine which to use when though. This mixed-up state of affairs is partly because these two marks tend to be used differently in the U.K. and the U.S., but overall, the semicolon reads as a little more conversational. The colon is a bit more formal. Compare the following:

That was the best show ever: Galaxie 500 played with its original lineup.

That was the best show ever; Galaxie 500 played with its original lineup.

Subtle, right? But if you’re into semicolons, you have to be comfortable with ambiguity.

Things clear up a lot when you get into conjunctive adverbs like “moreover,” “nevertheless,” “however,” and “also.” These should include a semicolon, as follows:

She put on a Moby CD; consequently, I asked her to leave my home.

The semicolon’s real starring moment comes when you are presenting a list that would be confusing if you separated it with commas, as in the following:

The lineup of Joy Division was Ian Curtis, vocals; Bernard Sumner, guitar and keyboard; Peter Hook, bass; and drummer Stephen Morris.

A FINAL, IMPORTANT NOTE ON COLONS

If you are old enough to understand the musical references I have been making, you should schedule a colonoscopy every five years.

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Student Enrollment

In 2018-19, enrollment of students in secondary level in J&K was 3,22,717, of which, 171863 were boys and 150854 were girls. In 2019-20, J&K had a total of 328628 students enrolled in secondary schools of which 174451 were boys and 154177 were girls.

The report also added that in 2018-19, J&K's total student enrollment in higher secondary schools was 231398 including 123040 boys and 108358 girls. In the same category, in 2020-21, J&K had 276212 student enrollment including 149205 boys and 127007 girls.

As per the report, in 2018-19, there were 170449 total teachers in J&K including 90865 male and 79584 females. In 2020-21, there were 172129 teachers in J&K of which 90119 were males and 82010 females. In the same category, in 2019-20, J&K had 173183 teachers including 91087 males and 82096 females. The report further added that in 2020-21 the Teacher Pupil Ratio (TPR) was 12 in secondary level and 26 in the higher secondary level. Similarly, in 2018-19, J&K's TPR was 13 in secondary level and 21 in higher secondary level. In 2019-21, J&K's TPR was 12.1 in secondary schools and 20.2 in higher secondary.

According to the data, the enrollment of Children with special needs (CWSN) was 21289 including 12312 boys and 8977 girls for the Primary to Higher Secondary (1 to 12) category in 2020-21. In 2018-19, the report said that total enrollment of CWSN was 26722, of which, 15271 were boys and 11451 were girls.

In 2019-20, the total enrollment of CWSN was 23629 of which 13319 were boys and 10310 were girls.

As per the data, in 2018-19, the Net Enrollment Rate (NER) of J&K in secondary level was 33.4 percent including 33.1 percent boys and 33.8 percent girls. In higher secondary, the NER was 24.4 percent including 24.6 percent boys and 24.1 percent girls.

As per UDISE 2020-21, J&K's NER was 67 percent including 67.4 percent boys and 66.5 percent girls in secondary level. The higher secondary's NER in the same year stood at 56.5 percent including 55 percent boys and 58.3 percent girls.

It is pertinent to mention here that the School Education Department has been on toes for the last couple of years to enhance enrollment in schools especially in the far flung areas. One of the initiatives was the Enrollment Drive, run by the School Education Department to enroll more children in government schools in order to ensure universal enrollment and retention of children in government schools.

Talking to Kashmir Observer, Project Director, SAMAGRA Shiksha Deep Raj said that several initiatives from the Government have helped to improve the condition of the education sector in J&K.

"There has been a 14 percent increase in school enrollment against the previous year in J&K. Our earlier enrollment was 22,50,000 and today it is 24,24,000. Today, there are 10 lakh students enrolled in private schools and over 14 lakh in Government run schools. So, the change is quite evident. Earlier, J&K ranked 17th in the National Achievement Survey and today we[J&K] rank 6th in the survey," Deep Raj told Kashmir Observer, adding that the Education Department is working on an action Plan which will ensure that student enrollment in schools increases in next two years and no student drops out of school.

Amit Shah Meets

with Shah was pre-scheduled. BJP leaders said the political situation and the party's organisational affairs following the delimitation exercise in Jammu and Kashmir came up for discussion.

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha also held a meeting with Shah on Friday.

There is a view that assembly elections in the Union territory could be held after the completion of the ongoing electoral roll revision exercise.

Sources have though discounted the possibility of the polls being held this year.

India No More

We have full faith in our soldiers, and we should be proud of our jawans."

He added the country's economy is growing at a fast rate.

"India's reputation and credibility has increased rapidly at the global level," the Union minister said.

During his visit, Singh will attend several programmes and interact with different sections of society.

Azad Ends Association

her as a nominal figurehead and alleging that all important decisions are being taken by Rahul Gandhi or rather worse his security guards and PAs".

Azad, whose resignation from all positions in the party, including its primary membership, comes ahead of crucial organisational elections, accused the leadership of committing a giant fraud" on the party in the name of "farce and sham" internal polls.

He said no such exercise had taken place at any level and lists were being prepared by the coterie that runs the AICC.

In his scathing criticism of the leadership, particularly Rahul Gandhi, the 73-year-old termed the former Congress chief a "non-serious individual at the helm". Proxies, Azad wrote

to Sonia Gandhi, are being propped to take over the leadership and they will be nothing more than "a puppet on a string".

Azad has been almost a constant in the party's decision-making processes through the decades -- the Sanjay Gandhi days and the tumultuous Emergency years under Indira Gandhi, the Rajiv Gandhi era, the Narasimha Rao period and eventually the tenure of Congress' longest serving president Sonia Gandhi who he addressed his blistering missive to.

A member of the G-23 group that sought change in the Congress, he told her the party had "lost both the will and ability under the tutelage of the coterie" running the affairs of the party to fight for what is right for India.

A "remote control model" had demolished the institutional integrity of the UPA government and now the Congress party, the former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister alleged in the often emotive, angry letter detailing his grievances.

"Unfortunately, after the entry of Rahul Gandhi into politics and particularly after January 2013 when he was appointed as vice president by you, the entire consultative mechanism which existed earlier was demolished by him," Azad wrote.

All senior and experienced leaders were sidelined and the new coterie of inexperienced sycophants started running the affairs of the party," he alleged.

Azad said the Congress at the national level has conceded political space available to the BJP and state level space to regional parties

"This all happened because the leadership in the past eight years has tried to foist a non-serious individual at the helm of the party," he alleged.

"The AICC leadership is squarely responsible for perpetrating a giant fraud on the party to perpetuate its hold on the ruins of what once was a national movement that fought for and attained the Independence of India," Azad lashed out.

"Does the Indian National Congress deserve this in the 75th year of India's independence is a question that the AICC leadership must ask itself."

In fact, before starting the Bharat Jodo Yatra -- the party's ambitious campaign across 12 states -- the leadership should undertake a 'Congress jodo' exercise across the country, he said.

"Unfortunately, the situation in the Congress has reached such a point of no return that now 'proxies' are being propped up to take over the leadership of the party. This experiment is doomed to fail because the party has been so comprehensively destroyed that the situation has become irretrievable," he said.

Azad also dwelt on the Congress' electoral debacles.

Under Sonia Gandhi's leadership since 2014 and subsequently that of Rahul Gandhi, the Congress lost two Lok Sabha elections in a humiliating manner and 39 of the 49 assembly elections held between 2014 and 2022, Azad wrote.

"Since the 2019 elections the situation in the party has only worsened. After Rahul Gandhi stepped down in a 'huff' and not before insulting all the senior party functionaries who have given their lives to the party in a meeting of the extended working committee, you took over as interim president, a position that you have continued to hold even today for the past three years, he went on to say.

The former Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha also brought up the incident of Rahul Gandhi tearing an ordinance before the media during UPA rule.

"This 'childish' behaviour completely subverted the authority of the prime minister and the Government of India. This one single action more than anything else contributed significantly to the defeat of the UPA government in 2014....," he claimed.

Referring to the letter written by him and 22 other leaders in August 2020 to flag the "abysmal drift" in the party, he said "the coterie chose to unleash its sycophants on us and got us attacked, vilified and humiliated in the most crude manner possible".

In its counterpunch, the Congress said the contents of Azad's letter were "not factual" and its timing "awful", coming when the entire party organisation was engaged in combating the BJP on key issues like price rise and polarisation.

A man who has been treated with the greatest respect by the Congress leadership has betrayed it by his vicious personal attacks which reveals his true character, Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh tweeted, adding that "GNA's DNA has been Modi-fied".

Hitting out at his former colleague, the party's media department head Pawan Khera added that Azad became restless as soon his Rajya Sabha term got over. He can't stay without post even for a second, Khera said.

"We have seen the love between Narendra Modi and Ghulam Nabi Azad, it was also seen in Parliament. That love has been manifested in this letter," he said.

Asked about Rahul Gandhi tearing the ordinance brought by his party, Khera said Azad did not speak out then as he was holding a post.

"If you think it was wrong, you would have thought it to be wrong then also,

why were you silent then. That means you are selfish, your mouth gets shut before a post. Now you don't have a post and therefore you are speaking," Khera said.

Congress sources also rejected Azad's reported criticism that he was not properly consulted before a rejig of the Jammu and Kashmir's Congress unit.

Azad participated in four meetings at the party's 15 GRG 'war room' on Kashmir unit rejig with the last one being on July 14, sources said.

8 Azad Loyalists

are contemplating to resign, the sources said.

Former ministers R S Chib, G M Saroori and Abdul Rashid; former MLAs Mohammad Amin Bhat, Gulzar Ahmad Wani and Choudhary Mohammad Akram; former MLC Naresh Gupta and party leader Salman Nizami have resigned in Azad's support, sources said.

"Over the years as a member of the Congress Party, it has been my sincere endeavour to work for the betterment of my State - Jammu & Kashmir. I feel that in the prevailing circumstances, the Congress Party has lost its momentum in contributing towards the future of my State.

"Keeping in view the turmoil that the State of J&K has witnessed over the past decades, the people require a decisive leader like Azad to guide them towards a better future. I feel that the Congress Party has not been able to play the role that is expected of it," Chib said in his resignation letter addressed to Congress president Sonia Gandhi.

Saroori, a former vice president of J&K unit of Congress, along with several other leaders met Azad in Delhi before submitting their resignation from the party, the sources said.

"Azad is a popular leader who served Congress for the last 50 years. He is a known face across the country for his contribution towards national building," Saroori told reporters after holding a meeting with Azad at his Delhi residence.

Earlier, Saroori uploaded a joint resignation letter on his social media account, announcing Rashid, Bhat, Wani and Akram were quitting the party.

"He cannot stay out of politics...his services are needed in J&K and we are sure that he will be the next chief minister of the state (UT). People of J&K also love their leaders and are ready to give any sacrifice for him," Saroori said, dropping enough hints that Azad is likely to float his own party.

Most of the Congress leaders, who are seen to be loyal to Azad, have already reached New Delhi and are camping there.

The sources indicated the veteran Congress leader is likely to float a new party next month as the union territory prepares for the first Assembly elections since the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019.

The sources said former deputy chief minister Tara Chand, former MP Jugal Kishore Sharma and Muneer Ahmad Mir from Kupwara are also mulling to resign from the Congress.

The leaders are also considered close confidants of Azad, the sources said.

"We, the senior party leaders, are holding a meeting in the aftermath of the new developments. We will be meeting Azad sahib as well," Chand said.

Azad's Journey

"The situation has become irretrievable", Azad, 73, said in his parting shot to Sonia Gandhi, whose trusted confidante he remained right from the time of Sitaram Kesri's unceremonious exit as the party's chief in 2000.

Known for his ability to negotiate the challenging twists and turns of body politic, Azad was often sent by the leadership to fire fight any situation - be it a crisis in a faction-ridden state unit like Haryana or cobble up a new alliance and government in Karnataka with the JDS.

But things were never the same between Azad and Gandhi after the summer of 2020 when he headed the 'group of 23', seeking a leadership and organisational change. Observers say the relationship broke irretrievably after the Congress chief denied Azad, the sitting leader of opposition in Rajya Sabha, a renomination to the upper house last year.

Many an eyebrow were raised when Prime Minister Narendra Modi profusely praised Azad while delivering an emotional speech during the Congress leader's farewell in Rajya Sabha in 2021. In return, Azad was also effusive in his praise for Modi.

Again the Congress did not take it easily when the Modi government conferred the Padma Bhushan on Azad. Senior leaders called it a political decision and not one on merit.

And very recently, Azad resigned from the post of head of the Jammu and Kashmir Congress campaign committee hours after he was appointed.

The writing was on the wall since then.

Azad's exit was simultaneously a shock and a surprise to sections across the Congress, considering he was a key figure in the party's decision-making processes through the Sanjay Gandhi days and the tumultuous times of the Emergency under Indira Gandhi, followed by the Rajiv Gandhi era, the Narasimha Rao period and eventually the tenure of the longest serving Congress president Sonia Gandhi.

Born in 1949 in Soti village of Bhardarwah in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district, Azad made his way up the ladder in the Congress and went on to become the chief minister of his home state in 2006.

In his almost 50 years in politics, he has been a two-term Lok Sabha and a five-term Rajya Sabha member, besides occupying all top Congress positions and a union minister in all Congress governments since 1982. He also remained as two-term member of J&K Legislative Assembly in 2006 and 2008.

Many Congress leaders term Azad's move as an "outright betrayal", even as the old warhorse kept both his supporters and critics guessing about his future moves following his resignation from all Congress posts today.

"Some of my other colleagues and I will now persevere to perpetuate the ideals for which we have dedicated our entire adult lives outside the formal fold of the Indian National Congress," said the former chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir, who appears set for a fresh innings in the Union Territory where the election process has begun with the finalisation of the electoral rolls.

Azad's name will be etched in Congress history as a quintessential rebel who raised a banner of revolt against the formidable first family of the Congress and even managed to bring 23 leaders together in a group called G23.

The G23, dissenters to G23, preferred to call itself the reformist panel which sought meaningful organisational overhaul, an advisory role for the Gandhis and a new full-time party chief.

The letter G23 wrote to Sonia Gandhi in August 2020, under the leadership of Azad, laid the ground for the former minister's eventual divorce from the party today.

Azad entered the political fray as secretary of the Block Congress Committee in Bhalessa in Jammu and Kashmir in 1973 to 1975 and moved up the ranks to become the president of the J&K Youth Congress in 1975-76.

He won his first parliamentary election in 1980 from Washim in Maharashtra and became a minister at the Centre under Indira Gandhi in 1982. He later served under all Congress prime ministers - Rajiv Gandhi, Narasimha Rao and Manmohan Singh. Azad was first given a Rajya Sabha ticket in June 1991.

Azad said he joined the Indian National Congress in Jammu & Kashmir in mid 1970s when it was still a taboo to be associated with the party given its chequered history in the state from August 8, 1953 onwards the arrest of Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah being the nadir of its "political myopia".

He said he was inspired by the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Lal Nehru, Sardar Patel, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Subhash Chandra Bose and other leading lights of the freedom struggle from his student days and joined the party at the personal insistence of Sanjay Gandhi.

From 1977 onwards he was general secretary of the Indian Youth Congress (IYC) led by Late Sanjay Gandhi and went to jail several times, his longest period in Tihar jail being from December 20, 1978 to end of January 1979.

After Sanjay's demise, he took over as the National President of IYC in 1980 and had the privilege of inducting Rajiv Gandhi into the Indian Youth Congress as a Member of the National Council on Sanjay Gandhi's first death anniversary on June 23, 1981.

Azad also served as AICC general secretary with every president of the Congress since the mid 1980s and was a member of the Congress Parliamentary Board headed by Rajiv Gandhi till his death in May 1991 and later with Rao till the latter decided not to reconstitute the Congress Parliamentary Board in October 1992.

He was also a member of the Congress Working Committee, the highest decision-making body of the Congress, continuously for nearly four decades both in an elected and a nominated capacity and served as AICC general secretary in-charge of every state and Union Territory of the country at one point of time or the other over the last 35 years.

Azad claimed that he won 90 per cent of states that he was in-charge from time to time and finally served as the Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha for seven years.

Azad To Float

his supporters and people there. "I will be visiting Jammu and Kashmir soon," he told TV channels after sending his resignation letter to Congress chief Sonia Gandhi.

"I will be setting up my outfit in Jammu and Kashmir soon. I will not be joining the BJP," he said.

In his five-page resignation letter, Azad has also stated he and his colleagues will persevere to perpetuate the ideals they dedicated their entire adult lives for outside the formal fold of the Congress.

Azad ended his five-decade association with the Congress, terming the party comprehensively destroyed and lashing out at Rahul Gandhi for "demolishing" its entire consultative mechanism.

The Congress, dealing with the fall-out of a series of high-profile exits, including that of Kapil Sibal and Ashwani Kumar, attempted to deflect the latest blow by alleging that Azad's DNA had

been "Modi-fied" and linking his resignation to the end of his Rajya Sabha tenure.

Chinese Rifle

ammunition were recovered from the Pakistani militants killed in Kamalkote area of Uri while trying to infiltrate into the Indian side.

"Usually, we find AK series and at times, the M-4 rifles being recovered. This M-16 is a Chinese-made 9-mm calibre weapon. This is an unusual recovery," General Officer Commanding (GoC) of the Army's 19 Infantry Division Major General Ajay Chandpuri told reporters in Baramulla in north Kashmir.

He, however, said it would be premature to say if this hints at a probable nexus between the Pakistani Army, militants, and the Chinese Army.

"It would be too premature to speculate on the larger context of it. So, I think, we will have to really examine and go into the details," he said.

On the number of militants on the launchpads across the LoC, Maj Gen Chandpuri said based on multiple inputs "there were close to 100-120 terrorists attempting to infiltrate and present in 15-20 launchpads which are close to the LoC", opposite this sector alone.

"So, while the ceasefire understanding is largely holding good for the benefit of the people on the both sides, the presence of militants on the launchpads and their continuous attempts to infiltrate are on," he added.

The GoC said Pakistan is desperate and frustrated, and will continue to try to infiltrate militants and send in arms and ammunition despite a robust anti-infiltration grid in place.

"The LoC is over 740 km which includes very difficult terrain and then there were spells of inclement weather. So, despite the vigilance, there are gaps from where they try and infiltrate militants and war-like stores," he said.

However, he said, with each passing day, the level of technology and alertness is improving.

"So, the infiltration has come down significantly, which is also indicated by the peace in the hinterland. So, we feel they are getting more and more desperate to push in these people from anyway possible. This one attempt made early in the morning is indicative of their desperation and their frustration," he said.

He said the swift elimination of militants sends a clear signal of the level of preparedness of troops on the LoC.

Asked if there were any attempts to drop weapons using drones in the sector, the GoC said "not really".

"But, we are watching out for that and prepared to deal with it.

'New Gen Surveillance

Ajay Chandpuri said the operation was launched following credible inputs from various sources, including the military intelligence, the Jammu and Kashmir Police and the Army's own sources on the ground.

"We have foiled an infiltration bid from from P&K in the area of Kamalkote in Uri sector, in which three foreign militants were neutralised and assault weapons and ammunition recovered," he said.

The GoC said the terrain where the operation was carried out was extremely challenging.

"It had a dense undergrowth. The weather was extremely foggy with heavy rain and the entire area was mined. So the multifarious challenges that were faced while conducting the operation could be well appreciated," he said.

Giving details of the operation, Colonel Raghav, the commanding officer of 8 Rashtriya Rifles which carried out the operation, said the troops, including those from the BSF, deployed on the LoC in the sector spotted suspicious movements in the area on Wednesday.

"Based on that, Operation Mrityunjay was launched. Small ambush parties and surveillance detachments were inducted into the area. Our teams were not picked up by the enemy surveillance devices and surveillance mechanisms. Our teams were deployed at this location for over 25 hours and at 7:55 am on August 25, the teams spotted the militants crossing the LoC," he said.

The CO said the movement of the militants was ascertained by using latest aerial and ground-based sensors and surveillance equipment.

At around 8:45 am on Thursday, the terrorists came to a distance of 40-50 metres from the ambush parties, which opened fire on them, and in a brief exchange of about 15 minutes, the three Pakistani militants were neutralised, he said.

Colonel Raghav said the search operation in the area was still going on.

"The search is on because of the constraints of the minefield. Right now, mine-clearing measures are being undertaken to ensure a proper search," he added.

He said two AK-series weapons, a Chinese M-16 weapon and their ammunition and other stores were recovered.

"It has also come to light that these terrorists were well treated and prepared for infiltration and also, their built and gait indicate that they had undergone formal military trainings," he said.

The CO said the new generation surveillance equipment and weapons were put to optimal use during the course of the operation.

Asked if the militants were identified, the GoC said according to the 19 Infantry Division, the slain ultras were not in possession of any documents from which their identity could be ascertained.

"It is our assessment that before pushing these militants for infiltration, their IDs were taken away from them and they were not in possession of any IDs. So we are not aware of their exact identity," he said.

PMGSY Phase-III

"With the mission of ensuring safety, connectivity, and mobility to every village, 2353 PMGSY projects covering 17,336 km connecting 2071 habitations have already been completed. In 2021-22, 3284 Kms PMGSY roads were constructed, besides 7301 Kms were blacktopped. Further, 125 bridges are to be constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) to provide connectivity to far-flung areas," he added.

2 Earthquakes Jolt

The epicentre of the quake in Doda district, which occurred at 4.07 am, was 10 km north of Doda in Jammu region, they said.

This quake hit at a latitude of 33.23 degrees north and a longitude of 75.56 degrees east at a depth of 10 km, they added.

Eleven earthquakes have jolted Katra, Doda, Udhampur and Kishtwar districts of the Union territory in the past four days. (PTI)

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Baramulla 19, Anantnag 13, Ganderbal 10, Pulwama and Kupwara 7 each, Kulgam 4, Bandipora and Shopian 3 each.

In the winter capital, they said, Jammu reported a maximum of 25 new cases of infection, Samba 10, Udhampur 3 and Doda 1. The remaining six districts of Rajouri, Kathua, Kishtwar, Poonch, Ramban and Reasi detected no new cases of Covid-19 on Friday.

Also, the officials said that one more person died of Coronavirus related complications in Jammu division, taking the overall fatality count in the pandemic to 4782 in J&K.

"Moreover, 35 2 more COVID-19 patients have recovered and been discharged from various hospitals including 41 from Jammu division and 311 from Kashmir division," they added. (ONS)

PWD Engineer

stated that his father was awarded the contract for the construction of five room Govt Primary school building at Dassi-B Bagtore Gurez shifted to Izmarg Gurez vide allotment dated 10.11.2017 and agreement dated 11 of 2018.

The spokesperson said that after completing the work, some payments was released by the department to the contractor.

"However, for releasing the final payments Executive Engineer PWD (R&B), Special Sub Division, Gurez namely Farooq Ahmad Dar was demanding Rs15000 as his commission for releasing the final payment," he said.

The complainant, he said, approached the ACB and requested for taking necessary legal action against the accused Public servant for demanding bribe.

"On receipt of the complaint, prima facie offences u/s 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 (as amended in 2018) were made out against the alleged accused Executive Engineer PWD (R&B)," the spokesperson said.

Accordingly, he said, a case FIR No. 25/2022 was registered at Police Station ACB Baramulla U/S 7 of the PC Act 1988 (as amended in 2018) against above mentioned accused person and investigations were started.

"Immediately after registration of the case a trap team headed by DySP rank officer and independent witnesses was constituted. The team caught the accused red handed while demanding & accepting bribe of Rs15000 from the complainant at Gurez and he was arrested on spot after completing all legal formalities for further questioning and ascertaining the role other persons. Searches were also conducted at the residence of the accused," the spokesperson said, adding further investigations are going on. (ONS)

City Resident

The spokesperson said a case under relevant sections of law was lodged at police station CIK (SIA) Kashmir last year following some credible inputs about hawala money being pumped in from the Gulf countries.

"The investigation conducted has revealed that Farooq had developed links with terrorists through social media and in pursuance to a criminal conspiracy hatched with the terrorists, he received funds through hawala using bank channels maintained by him at ICICI Bank, Branch Macleodganj, Himachal Pradesh, from Saudia Arabia and Oman, he said.

The spokesperson said it also surfaced that after receiving funds through hawala, the accused distributed the same among active militants and close relatives of the killed militants.

The SIA said the militants from across the border by using the cyber space are motivating the youth of Kashmir to receive and raise funds through their accounts to "support terrorists and other subversive activities". (PTI)

Kashmir Witnesses Male Baby Boom In Past 3 Years

Valley's Lone Maternity Hospital Records 34,500 Male Births, 31500 Female Births Since 2019, Say Officials; In J&K, Mothers Prefer Sons Over Daughters, Reveals NHFS Survey

Agencies

SRINAGAR: In the last three years, around three thousand more male baby births have been reported at Lal Ded Hospi-

tal, Kashmir's lone tertiary care maternity hospital in Srinagar. Well placed health officials revealed that around 34,500 male baby births were reported at Lal Ded Hospital in last three years while as the number of female baby births in the same period was around 31,500

They said that in the year 2019-20 the number of male births at the hospital was around 12,000, however, in the same period the number of female baby births was around 11,000.

"In year 2020-21 the number of male births at the hospital was around 11,000, however, in the same period the number of female baby births were around 10,000," the officials said. "In year 2020-21 the number of male births at the hospital was around 11,500, however, in the same period the number of female baby births was around 10,500," according to local news gathering agency KNO.

Notably , the data from the fifth round of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5), released by the Union health ministry has revealed that sex ratio at birth for children born in the last five years (females

per 1,000 males) has increased from 923 in 2015-2016 to 976 in 2019-2020.

It also revealed that more than half of the population consider two or fewer children to be the ideal size of the family in J&K and there is a strong preference for sons in J&K and just seven percent of couples prefer more daughters than sons.

There is a strong preference for sons as 23 percent of women and 25 percent of men want more sons than daughters, but only 7 percent of women and men want more daughters than sons.

"However, over four-fifths of women (84-87%) and men (87-89%) would like to have at least one son and at least one daughter," it added.

"Women's desire for more children is strongly affected by their current number of sons. For example, among women with two children, about 65 percent with 1 son want no more children, compared with 38 percent with two daughters who want no more children," it said.

The proportion of currently married women and men with two children who want no more children irrespective of their number of sons has been decreased to 60 percent in NFHS-5 from 69 percent in NFHS-4, and for men, it has decreased to 51 percent in NFHS-5 from 65 percent in NFHS-4, it added.

Safina Baig Elected As Chairperson Of J&K Haj Committee

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Chairperson of district development council Baramulla Safina Baig was Thursday elected as head of Jammu & Kashmir Haj Committee after her name was proposed and seconded by two other members of the panel who are affiliated with the Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP).

News agency KNO quoting sources reported that Safina Baig was elected as chairman of the Haj committee after her name was proposed by former MP Choudhary Talib Hussain. "Her name was seconded by Muhammad Rafiq Chashti (district president BJP Poonch)," they said.

During the meeting, according to sources, the name of member parliament Justice (retired) Hasnain Masoodi was proposed by Molvi Muhammad Ashraf, but it was seconded none.



"Syed Mohd Rafiq, who is also a member of the panel, was not present during the proceedings," they said.

It is worthwhile to mention that Safina Baig had started her political career from the Peoples Democratic Party. She had joined the Peoples Conference in 2021 but later she maintained that she was independent and would remain as an independent candidate.

Azad's Resignation Creates Political Storm In J&K, Leaves Cong In Disarray



Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Ghulam Nabi Azad's resignation from the Congress created a political storm in Jammu and Kashmir Friday as former minister R S Chib and four other party leaders also quit, and more are likely to go, leaving the grand old party in disarray in the union territory.

As Azad ended his decades-old association with the party, leaders across political spectrum praised his contribution to Jammu and Kashmir, with the BJP hailing him as a "towering leader".

However, recently designated Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee president Vikar Rasool Wani -- also seen as an Azad loyalist -- and his predecessor G A Mir, who belonged to the rival camp, said they will work with double the resolve now to strengthen the party at the grass-roots in the union territory.

JK BJP president Ravinder Raina said Azad was a "towering leader" and with his resignation, the Congress ship has sunk completely. He said the BJP's doors are always "open for all those who want to contribute to the nation".

Hours after Azad -- a former J&K chief minister -- announced his decision, former minister R S Chib and Ex-MLA Mohd Amin Bhat, both considered close to him, also decided to leave the party.

"Keeping in view the turmoil that the State of JK has witnessed over the past decades, people require a decisive leader like Azad to guide them towards a better future. I feel the Congress Party has not been able to play the role expected of it," Chib said in his resignation letter addressed to Congress president Sonia Gandhi.

Azad's many other loyalists in JK including former minister G M Saroori, former MP Jugal Kishore Sharma, former legislators Haji Abdul Rashid, Mohammad Akram are also likely to resign.

Saroori, a former vice president of JK unit of Congress, and several other leaders have already reached Delhi to meet Azad, sources said.

Wani said Azad quitting the party was very sad and shocking. "He should not have done it."

"But we will work overtime and double our efforts" to rejuvenate the party in the union territory," Wani said the JKPC stands with

Not Right Time To Resign, Says J&K Cong

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Congress on Friday said it was not the right time for senior leader Ghulam Nabi Azad to resign as the entire top leadership of the party was out of the country and called for a rethink on his decision.

Azad, a senior Congress leader and former Union minister, resigned from all party positions, including its primary membership, ahead of organisational elections and accused the leadership of committing "fraud" on the party in the name of "sham" internal polls.

"It was not right time (for Azad) to leave the party," former J-K minister and senior Congress leader Yo-

gesh Sawhney told reporters soon after a meeting held at the party headquarters here.

He said Azad should rethink on his decision.

"Entire top party leadership is out of country. Azad sahib should think over his resignation," Sawhney said. Asked whether it was a setback for the party, he said Azad's resignation has not been accepted yet.

Replying to another question whether Azad has revolted against the party leadership by openly expressing his opposition to its decisions, Sawhney said, "He (Azad) is better to explain his point of view. I cannot speak for him."

Congress President Sonia Gandhi. "We will be guided by her leadership," he told PTI.

Former PCC president Ghulam Ahmad Mir said it was unfortunate that Azad, who was given important posts during his 45 years in the Congress, fled the battlefield when asked to do something for the party in J&K.

"The Congress bestowed on him everything in the past 40 years to make him one of the biggest voices to emerge from Jammu and Kashmir. Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, CWC membership, chiefministership... everything was served to him on a platter," Mir said.

Saifuddin Soz, another former PCC chief, said Azad should not have left the party.

"It is my love of Azad sahib that I am saying this. He should have stayed within the party. He had a stature in the Congress which he would not get elsewhere," Soz said.

CWC member Tariq Hameed Karra refused to comment on Azad's resignation, while working president and former minister Raman Bhalla said his resignation at the current juncture is "unfortunate" as people are looking towards the party for leadership in the face of price hike, growing unemployment and deteriorating situation in JK.

"People come and go but the party remains. We are linked to the ideology of the Congress," he said, after chairing a meeting of the party leaders at the Congress headquarters here soon after the news about Azad's resignation became

public.

"The party will chalk out its strategy once the elections to the JK assembly are announced and will take a decision in the best interest of the people," he said, dodging questions on the resignation's likely impact on the party's election prospect.

National Conference leader Omar Abdullah tweeted, "Long rumoured to be in the offing but a body blow to the Congress nonetheless. Perhaps the senior most leader to quit the party in recent times, his resignation letter makes for very painful reading. It's sad, and quite scary, to see the grand old party of India implode."

PDP president Mehbooba Mufti said she would not comment on Azad's resignation as "it is an internal matter of the Congress party".

Azad in his stint as chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir from November 2005 to July 2008 left an indelible mark on the erstwhile state and its development.

His government completed many languishing development projects in record time by introducing double-shift working. Some of the major landmarks developed during his tenure include the new assembly complex, new museum building, Haji house and many educational institutions.

MeT Predicts More Rainfall In J&K



Agencies

SRINAGAR: Isolated to fairly widespread light to moderate rain and thundershower are expected on weekend, meteorological department here said on Friday.

In the last 24 hours till 0830 a.m., an official of the department said that Srinagar received 0.7mm rain, Qazigund 0.0mm, Pahalgam 1.5mm, Kupwara 3.2mm, Kukernag 0.0mm, Gulmarg 7.2mm, Jammu 1.6mm, Banihal 0.0mm, Batote 0.0mm, Katra 0.0mm, Bhaderwah 0.0mm, and Kathua 4.2mm.

Regarding minimum temperature, the official said that Srinagar recorded a low of 18.7°C against 17.7°C on the previous night. The temperature was 2.3°C above normal during this time of the year for the summer capital, he said.

Qazigund recorded a low of 17.6°C against 16.4°C on the previous night. The temperature was

3.1°C above normal there, he said.

In Pahalgam, the mercury settled at 14.6°C against 15.1°C on the previous night and it was 3.1°C above normal for the south Kashmir resort.

Kokernag recorded a low of 16.2°C against 15.9°C the previous night and it was 1.9°C above normal for the place, he said.

World famous Gulmarg resort recorded a low of 10.0°C, the same as on the previous night. It was 1.0°C below normal for the north Kashmir place.

Kupwara town saw a low of 17.6°C against 17.3°C on previous night and it is 2.6°C above normal for the place during this time of the season, the official said.

Jammu recorded a low of 25.8°C against 25.0°C on the previous night. It was 1.7°C above normal for J&K's winter capital, he said. Banihal recorded a low of 17.0°C, Batote 18.7°C, Katra 23.8°C and Bhadarwah 18.4°C. (GNS)

3 Militant Associates Arrested in Sopore: Police

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Police on Friday claimed to have arrested three militant associates of Lashkar-e-Taiba in Sopore area of North Kashmir's Baramulla district.

During evening hours, a joint naka was established by police, Army's 22 RR, 179 battalion CRPF at Bomai chowk. During checking a suspicious movement of three persons coming from Goripura towards Bomai was noticed and were subsequently asked to stop, a police spokesperson said Friday.

"But they tried to flee from the spot. However they were tactfully apprehended by the security forces," he said, adding, "Upon their personal search three Hand Grenades, nine posters and 12 Pakistani flags were recovered

from their possession."

During the preliminary questioning, the spokesperson said they revealed their identity as Shariq Ashraf son of Mohammad Ashraf Wani of Hadipora Rafiabad, Saqlain Mushtaq son of Mushtaq Ahmed War of Warpora Sopore and Tawfeeq Hassan Sheikh son of Ghulam Hassan sheikh of Fatehgarh Baramulla.

"Preliminary investigations have revealed that the arrested persons are OGWs of LeT and were in a constant search of an opportunity to carry out attacks on security forces and civilians including outside labourers," he said.

Accordingly, the spokesperson said, a case has been registered at Police Station Bomai under relevant sections of law and further investigation going on.

NIA Courts In Anantnag, Baramulla Directed To Expedite Cases

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: The High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh on Friday directed NIA special courts in Anantnag and Baramulla to expedite and take up the cases on priority.

It transferred all civil, sessions trial cases -- except rape cases -- and Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act cases from designated NIA courts to other courts in order expedite the trial of NIA cases.

"In order to ease out the pressure from the NIA Courts, the Chief Justice has been pleased to transfer the Civil, Session trial cases (except Rape Cases) and NDPS cases pending in the Court of Additional District and Sessions Judge, (NIA Special Court), Anantnag to the Court of Principal District and Sessions Judge, Anantnag for disposal in accordance with law," an order issued by Registrar General of the High Court of J-K and Ladakh Sanjeev Gupta said.

"Similarly, Session trial cases, NDPS and Civil Cases are transferred from the Court of Additional District and Sessions Judge (NIA Special Court), Baramulla to the Court of Principal District and Sessions Judge, Baramulla for disposal in accordance with law, the order reads.

The order said the NIA special courts in Anantnag and Baramulla are directed to expedite and take up the cases on priority.

HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH (Office of the Registrar General at Srinagar)

Subject: Consolidated Merit List/ Award.

ORDER

No: 966 of 2022/RG/GS

Dated: 25-08-2022

The merit list of the candidates who have appeared in the interview held for the appointment of Readers in the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh pursuant to the Notification No. 01 of 2021/RG dated 27.04.2021 is hereby notified for the information of all concerned candidates, as per Annexure-"A" to this notification.

By Order.

Sanjeev Gupta
Registrar General



ANNEXURE-A

CONSOLIDATED AWARD /MERIT LIST OF THE CANDIDATES WHO HAVE APPEARED IN THE INTERVIEW FOR THE POST OF READER IN THE HON'BLE HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH

S.NO	Roll No.	Full Name	Father Name	Category	Total Marks
1	KL1157	MASROOR AHMAD SHEIKH	MOHD SHAFI SHEIKH	OM/RBA	79.66
2	KL1046	VISHAL SINGH DOGRA	PURAN SINGH DOGRA	OM	75
3	KL1131	ROMISA RASOOL	GH RASOOL KHANDAY	OM	74.66
4	KL1080	RAKESH SINGH	PARBHAT SINGH	RBA	74.33
5	KL1071	ISHWIN KAUR	ABHINANDAN SINGH	OM	73.33
6	KL1332	BHAWANA KESAR	NARESH KUMAR	SC	73
7	KL1078	AMAN MEHTA	RAJEEV MEHTA	OM	73
8	KL1022	VAHID KHAN	TAFAIL HUSSAIN	RBA	72
9	KL1223	ASIF IQBAL SHAIYQ	FATAH MOHAMAD SHAIYQ	RBA	72
10	KL1080	UFAQ MUSHTAQ	PZ MUSHTAQ AHMAD SHAH	OM	72
11	KL1143	ANU CHARAK	KRISHAN SINGH CHARAK	OM	71.66
12	KL1011	TOYUB MOHD BURHAN U ZAMAN	GHULAM MOHD RAINA	RBA	71.5
13	KL1064	DURGA SANDHYA SHUBHAM	DURGA DASS	OM	71
14	KL1099	DAKSHITA SHARMA	JAGDISH SHARMA	OM	71
15	KL1293	YOUNIS HAMID	AB HAMID DIGOO	OM	70.66
16	KL1086	ULFAT ALTAF	ALTAF HUSSAIN BABA	RBA	70.33
17	KL1110	JYOTIKA THAKUR	BALBIR SINGH	RBA	70.33
18	KL1043	SHAIISTA SHAFIQ	SHAFIQ AHMAD WANI	OM	69.33
19	KL1341	BHAVNA SHARMA	SURJEET KUMAR	OM	69.33
20	KL1421	SAJAD HUSSAIN SHAH	KHURSHID HUSSAIN SHAH	RBA	68
21	KL1208	TABIA FATIMA	HAKIM NISAR HUSSAIN	OM	67.66
22	KL1198	AKSHITA BHARTI	NARESH KUMAR	SC	67.33
23	KL1149	NEELAM SINGH	SUDESH SINGH	RBA	67

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UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR,
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI (PHE)
MECHANICAL DIVISION SOUTH AWANTIPORA



NOTICE INVITING TENDER
GIST of e-NIT No. 43 OF 2022-23 Dated: 25-08-2022

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division South (Awantipora), invites e-tenders from reputed and resourceful Bidders/ Firms/Companies/Joint Ventures/ Consortiums between bidder/firm and Financier of all classes registered in JKPWD/CPWD/Railways or any other state Government for "Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of electro-mechanical equipments and construction of pump house/panel room/ operator room at various water supply schemes of Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division South Awantipora". The bidding process shall be completed online on www.jktenders.gov.in in two covers viz. Cover 1st consisting of Pre-Qualification Criteria, General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications and Cover 2nd shall consist of Financial Bid on item rate basis, in the prescribed BOQ.

Sr No	Particulars of the work	Esttd. Cost (Lacs)	Tender fee (in Rs)	Earnest money Deposit	Bid Validity	Time of Completion of work
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of electro-mechanical equipments and construction of pump house/panel room/ operator room at various water supply schemes of Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division South Awantipora.	Work/Scheme wise details given in Form-I of Tender Document	Rs. 500/- for each work	02% of the estimated cost of each work	90 days	As indicate against each item in Form-I of Tender Document

Position of funds: Approved Under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)
The tender inviting authority is Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division South Awantipora. The awarding authority is District Jal Jeevan Mission (DJJM).

Critical Dates:

I	Publish Date	26-08-2022 (10:00 am)
II	Document Download/sale start Date	26-08-2022 (10:00 am)
III	Date of Pre-bid meeting	05-09-2022 (11:00 am)
IV	Bid submission start date	26-08-2022 (10:00 am)
V	Document Download/sale end Date	15-09-2022 (04:00 pm)
VI	Bid submission end date	15-09-2022 (04:00 pm)
VII	Date and time of Bid opening	16-09-2022 (01:00 pm)

- Bid documents can be accessed and downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in
- The pre-bid meeting will be held in the office chamber of the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division South Awantipora.
- The whole bidding process shall be completed online on tender portal www.jktenders.gov.in. The intending bidders can download the bid document from the tender portal and can submit their bids by uploading them on the tender portal.
- The bids received shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division South Awantipora.
 - Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document as specified against each item of work.
 - Bid Security to be pledged in favour of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division South Awantipora. Bid Security will have to be in form of CDR/FDR/BG of any scheduled Bank and shall be valid for a period of 90 days from the last date of submission of bid.
 - The cost of tender documents should be in form of TR/e challan in favour of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division South Awantipora.
 - The hard copies of cost of tender document in shape of DD/TR/e-challan, Earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR/BG and other relevant documents shall be obtained from the bidder who is declared as L1 after opening of financial cover.
 - The bid shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the last date of submission 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 and the bid shall be declared non-responsive.
 - Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website www.jktenders.gov.in.
 - Queries by email if any should be made at phemechsouth@gmail.com.

No: JSD/MSDA/2091
Dated: 25/08/2022

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South Awantipora.

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MYMP: Flood Lights Light Stadiums, Attracts Thousands



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: With the focus on sports and sports-related activities, J&K Sports Councils' inclusive sports program My Youth My Pride (MYMP) is garnering more support and appreciation each day.

A football match played under the banner of MYMP program on Thursday evening drew more than 15000 spectators to the Khushal Stadium, Sopore in North Kashmir to witness one of the best matches of the ongoing Industrial Cup between Real Kashmir FC and Ali Jana FC. The match lived up to every single penny as the winner was decided in a tie-breaker and Real Kashmir trounced Ali Jana FC by 5-4 goals.

In South Kashmir's Anantnag, competitions in the disciplines of cricket were held in Seer Hamdan and Mattan Play Fields. In the first semi-final of the day played between Anantnag Royals and Anantnag Arsenals, the former opted to bowl after winning the toss.

Anantnag Arsenals were bundled out for a paltry 98 runs, with Mehraan being the top contributor scoring 35 runs and Irfan chipping in with 19 runs. In reply, Anantnag Royals chased the target easily with Mushraf scoring 40 runs for the team and Adeel contributing with a little

cameo of 17 runs.

Mushraf was awarded the player of the match award for his brilliant 40 runs and one wicket.

In the 2nd semi-final played between Anantnag Titans and Anantnag Spartans, the latter won the toss and elected to bat piling up 135 runs on the board. Sahil Bashir scored 35 runs while Safoon and Zeeshan contributed 34 and 33 runs respectively to the team total. Junaaid was the pick of the bowlers for Titans, he claimed 3 scalps. Though Titans at one time looked well poised for the victory yet the team fell short of the target by 10 runs and lost the match by 9 runs.

Wasif for his economical bowling spell of 4 overs giving away only 20 runs and claiming 2 wickets was adjudged player of the match.

Similarly in Sports Stadium Anantnag Hockey, Football, and Netball matches were held where scores of spectators were present to support their teams and players. In the Indoor Hall of Nilandrusu, Anantnag competitions in the Wrestling, Boxing, and Badminton disciplines were held in front of a mammoth gathering.

In North Kashmir, the Baramulla district hosted several competitions in the disciplines of cricket for the visually impaired and chess.

DYSS Anantnag Starts Martial Arts Competitions



Observer News Service

ANANTNAG: Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) Anantnag on Friday kick started District Level Inter Zonal/School Competition in the Sports Disciplines of Sqay, Taekwondo, Wushu, Kickboxing and Karate for All Age Groups for both Boys and Girls at Government HSS Wanpoh.

Principal of the institution Zahida Gul inaugurated the competition in presence of District Youth Services and Sports Of-

ficer Mushtaq Ahmed Pampori, Incharge Activities Section and Convener of the venue Muhammad Abbas Dar and Bilal Ahmed Dar, and other Technical officials.

Speaking on the occasion the principal threw light on the importance of self defence for Girls and congratulated them for taking active part in Martial Art Sports.

She also appreciated the efforts of the Department of Youth Services and Sports for organising such events. The competition will conclude on 30.08.2022.

Satwik-Chirag Claim India's First Men's Doubles Medal

Press Trust of India

TOKYO: Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty on Friday became the first Indian pair to win a medal in the men's doubles competition at the World Championships but HS Prannoy's impressive run ended in agony as he went down narrowly in the men's singles quarterfinals here.

Satwik and Chirag, the world number 7 combination, which had claimed the Commonwealth Games gold medal earlier this month, stunned the local favourites and defending champions Takuro Hoki and Yugo Kobayashi 24-22 15-21 21-14 in an hour and 15 minutes to claim its maiden medal at the prestigious tournament. It is India's second World Championships medal in the doubles event



with Jwala Gutta and Ashwini Ponappa claiming a bronze way back in 2011 in the women's doubles.

Overall, it's India's 13th medal at the showcase with PV Sindhu winning five, including a gold in 2019, and Saina Nehwal (silver and bronze) claiming two. Kidambi Srikanth (silver), Lakshya Sen (bronze), B Sai Praneeth (bronze) and Prakash Padukone (bronze) were the other medalists.

Sub-Continental Giants Resume Rivalry In Asia Cup



Press Trust of India

DUBAI: The unpredictability of the T20 format and the growth of the game in the region could make the 2022 Asia Cup, beginning Saturday, the most closely fought edition ever.

Leaving aside the lone qualifier Hong Kong, the five other teams including record seven-time champions India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan and Bangladesh can beat each other on their day.

The tournament, which is being staged in the T20 format af-

ter six years.

There is enough at stake as well for the participating teams. India will be looking to execute their ultra aggressive approach with the bat in a high-pressure environment, starting with the opener against Pakistan on Sunday.

Pakistan, a team which has been on the rise over the past 12 months, will be aiming to win the tournament it last won 10 years ago when it was played in the ODI format.

Afghanistan, under the leadership of the seasoned Mohammad Nabi, will be looking to

beat the higher-ranked teams, something they were unable to in the T20 World Cup here last year.

Sri Lanka have a shown a lot of promise under new head coach Chris Silverwood. There is no dearth of talent in the squad and the event presents an ideal opportunity to become overnight stars.

Bangladesh, who have struggled in the shortest format since the World Cup, will be eyeing course correction under the leadership of Shakib Al Hasan.

Pakistan Replace Injured Mohammad Wasim With Hasan Ali

Agencies

DUBAI: Pakistan team dealt with another blow ahead of the clash against India as their fast bowler Mohammad Wasim has been ruled out of the T20 Asia Cup due to a left side strain, Pakistan Cricket Board announced on Friday.

"He had picked up the injury while bowling in Pakistan's practice session on Wednesday. The bowler was assessed by the team medical staff, and an MRI scan in Dubai confirmed the diagnosis. The medical team will closely monitor Wasim's rehabilitation and his return to competitive cricket will be reassessed before the England tour to Pakistan," the PCB statement read.

Meanwhile, Hasan Ali has been named as Wasim's replacement, which is subject to the Event Technical Committee's approval. As soon as the ETC approves Hasan as a replacement player, the bowler will depart for the UAE.

Hasan had been working on his bowling in the National High-Performance Centre for the past three weeks and is presently in Rawalpindi, preparing for the National T20, which commences on 30 August.



Agencies

Audi will enter Formula One from 2026 with one of the sport's existing teams and using a new power unit to be built in Germany, it announced on Friday.

The Volkswagen-owned premium brand said it would reveal by the end of the year which team it would be partnering in what will be the start of a new and more sustainable era for the sport.

The marque has been in talks with the Swiss-based Sauber Group, whose team competes under the Alfa Romeo name, according to reports by Reuters and other media.

Aston Martin and Williams, who both use Mercedes engines, have also expressed an interest in linking up with Audi.

Formula One will have a new power unit from 2026 with the focus on sustainability and a more cost-efficient future. The Liberty Media-owned sport has set a goal of being carbon-neutral by 2030.

The new rules will also bring greater electrification and the use of advanced sustainable fuel, with power unit manufacturers also subject to a cost cap from next season.

Premier League Clubs Shatter Summer Spending Record



Agencies

Premier League clubs have shattered their record for summer transfer window spending, according to analysis from sports finance experts Deloitte.

Gross spending by the 20 Premier League teams stood at £1.5 billion (\$1.7 billion) on Thursday, surpassing the 2017 record of £1.43 billion spent by English clubs in the close-season window.

It is also more than the £1.44 billion spent in the whole of last season.

With a week to go until the window shuts on September 1, the all-time record for an entire Premier League season, £1.86 billion from 2017-18, could be beaten in the current summer window alone.

"The record levels of spending that we've seen in this summer transfer window so far provides a sign that the business models of Premier League clubs are rebounding post-Covid," Chris Wood, assistant director in Deloitte's Sports Business Group said.

"Whilst this is encouraging, the importance of clubs establishing responsible and sustainable spending policies cannot be

overstated.

"Clubs must balance their desire to be competitive on-pitch with the need to protect long-term financial and operational viability."

Premier League clubs have signed 135 players this summer, already more than in the 2019 or 2020 summer windows and closing on last August's 148.

Two-thirds of those have seen a fee paid, including 14 separate players moving for reported fees in excess of £30 million.

That list is topped by Benfica forward Darwin Nunez's £85.5 million move to Liverpool.

Chelsea have spent £60 million on Marc Cucurella, £47.5 million on Raheem Sterling and £34 million on Kalidou Koulibaly.

Manchester United splashed out £60 million on Real Madrid midfielder Casemiro, while Manchester City paid £50 million for Borussia Dortmund striker Erling Haaland.

Arsenal spent a combined £77 million on Manchester City duo Gabriel Jesus and Oleksandr Zinchenko.

Tottenham laid out £60 million to bring Brazilian striker Richarlison from Everton, while West Ham, Nottingham Forest and Wolves have also engaged in substantial spending. (AFP)

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