

SC Upholds GOI Decision Of Scrapping J&K's Special Status

Directs Restoration Of Statehood, Assembly Polls By Sep 2024

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New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday unanimously upheld the Centre's decision to abrogate provisions of Article 370 bestowing special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, and directed restoration of statehood "at the earliest" as well as elections to the assembly by September 30 next year.

Ending a decades long debate, a five-judge Constitution bench, headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud, delivered three concurring judgements upholding abrogation of the Constitutional schemes that provided special status to Jammu and Kashmir when it was annexed to the Union of India in 1947.

Writing the judgement for himself and Justices B R Gavai and Surya Kant, the CJI said Article 370 was a temporary provision and the president was empowered to revoke it in the absence of the Constituent Assembly of the erstwhile state.

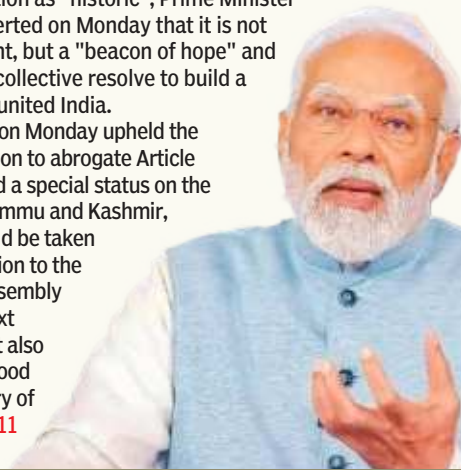
The Supreme Court verdict is a "resounding declaration of hope, progress, unity for our sisters and brothers in J&K, Ladakh", Prime Minister | More on P11

Recommends Truth & Reconciliation Commission

Supreme Court judge Sanjay Kishan Kaul on Monday recommended setting up of an "impartial truth and reconciliation commission" to probe and report on human rights violations by both state and non-state actors in Jammu and Kashmir since the 1980s, saying the "wounds need healing". Justice Kaul delivered a separate but concurring verdict upholding the Centre's decision to abrogate provisions of Article 370 bestowing special status upon the erstwhile state of J&K. Justice Kaul, who hails from the erstwhile state, said men, women and children there | More on P11

Resounding Declaration Of Hope: PM

Hailing the Supreme Court's verdict upholding the government's decision to abrogate Article 370 of the Constitution as "historic", Prime Minister Narendra Modi asserted on Monday that it is not just a legal judgment, but a "beacon of hope" and a testament to the collective resolve to build a stronger and more united India. The Supreme Court on Monday upheld the government's decision to abrogate Article 370, which bestowed a special status on the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, and said steps should be taken to conduct the election to the Union Territory's Assembly by September 30 next year. The apex court also directed that statehood to the Union Territory of Jammu | More on P11



FULL STATEHOOD TO J&K AT APPROPRIATE TIME: AMIT SHAH

There Will Now Be Only 'One Constitution, One National Flag And One Prime Minister'

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Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday assured the country that the beginning of building a "new and developed Kashmir" that will be free from terrorism has been made under | More on P11



KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM SC VERDICT

- » J&K Did Not Retain Element Of Sovereignty After Joining India
- » J&K Became An Integral Part Of India As Reflected In Articles 1 And 370
- » Art-370 Was Interim Arrangement Due To War Conditions In State
- » Art-370 Was Meant For Constitutional Integration Of J&K
- » Art-370 Was A Feature Of Asymmetric Federalism, Not Sovereignty
- » President Holds Power To Declare That Art-370 Ceases To Exist
- » Upholds Decision Of Carving Out UT Of Ladakh Out Of J&K
- » Every Decision Of Centre On Behalf Of States Cannot Be Challenged
- » Directs Setting Up Of Truth-&-Reconciliation Commission To Probe HR Abuses Since 1980

SC Verdict: Life As Usual In Kashmir, Celebrations In Jammu



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Srinagar: There were celebrations across Jammu on Monday but life went on as usual in Srinagar and other district headquarters in the Kashmir Valley as the Supreme Court upheld the Centre's decision to abrogate Article 370 and reorganise Jammu and Kashmir

into two Union territories. Shops and business establishments opened in Srinagar and elsewhere as per usual while public transport also plied normally, in sharp contrast to what was witnessed on August 5, 2019, when the Centre moved to scrap Jammu and Kashmir's special status. There was radio silence from Kashmir that day. | More on P11

LG Rubbishes J&K Leaders House Arrest Claim

Mainstream politicians from Kashmir on Monday shared pictures of chains and locks on gates, alleging that they were under house arrest, a claim rejected by J&K Lt Governor Manoj Sinha as a war of words broke out on a day the Supreme Court upheld the validity of

abrogation of Article 370. Early Monday, the People's Democratic Party (PDP) on X alleged that "even before the Supreme Court judgement is pronounced, police have sealed the doors of the residence of PDP president @MehboobaM-ufti and put her under illegal house arrest". | More on P11



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The applicant/ candidate whose photograph is published in this notice and claiming to have lost her qualification certificate/s issued under as per below mentioned details:-
 Roll No: 2649468
 Class 10th
 Year & Session 2017 Annual Regular
 Registration: N15460120026
 Name: Zahid Ahmad Lone
 Father's Name: Bashir Ahmad Lone
 Mother's Name: Farida Begum
 Date of Birth:- 20-02-1999
 Residence:- Shaphora Chrcwan Gurez

According to the candidate concerned has approach to this office for issuance of Duplicate Qualification /Marks Certificate/s, so before the same is processed and provided to the candidate, under rules, anybody having any objection in this regard, shall bring into the notice of Assistant Secretary of Certificate as well as Assistant Secretary Examination Unit I & III KD within the period of 10 & 7 days respectively, from the date of publication of this notice.
 (Besides the above referred "Qualification / Marks Certificate/s" bearing No: T7ARKAM-401223 be treated as "CANCELLED")
 No: (Cer-I-DQC)/B/KD/23
 Dated 10-12-2023
 BB Assistant Secretary Certificates, KD.

The Jammu And Kashmir State Board Of School Education
 SUB-OFFICE BANDIPORA

The candidates whose photograph is published in this notice is claiming to have lost the original marks certificate of 10th session Annual Regular 2017 issued by the board of School Education under Below mentioned particulars
Name : Zahid Ahmad Lon
S/o: Bashir Ahmad Lone
Roll No: 2649468
Year & Session 2017 Annual Regular

Now the candidate has applied for Duplicate Marks Card. Anybody (if) having any objection may file the same before undersigned with (07) Seven days from the date of publication of this notice. Besides, the original marks card is teated as cancelled.

Sd/ Assistant Secretary
 Board Of School Education
 Sub Office Bandipora

The Jammu And Kashmir State Board Of School Education
 SUB-OFFICE BANDIPORA

The candidates whose photograph is published in this notice is claiming to have lost the original marks certificate of 12th session Bi-Annual Private 2021-22 issued by the board of School Education under Below mentioned particulars
Name : Zahid Ahmad Lon
S/o: Bashir Ahmad Lone
Roll No: 32616424
Year & Session 2021-22 / Bi-Annual (Pvt)

Now the candidate has applied for Duplicate Marks Card. Anybody (if) having any objection may file the same before undersigned with (07) Seven days from the date of publication of this notice. Besides, the original marks card is teated as cancelled.

Sd/ Assistant Secretary
 Board Of School Education
 Sub Office Bandipora

From the office of Advocate Syed Mohsin Geelani

In the case of:
 Sumaira Jan wife of Tufail Sulaiman War D/o Sheikh Ghulam Mohammad R/o Raj Mohalla A Near Warsa mills opposite to police post Warpora Sopore district Baramulla at present Nundreshi Colony Bemina Sgr near police public school Srinagar

2.Mohammad Yaha aged 03 years s/o tufeel Sulaiman war through his mother Sumaira Jan

(Caveators)

VS
 PUBLIC AT LARGE

In the Petition in terms of Section 148-A
 The caveators have reason to believe that Non-Caveator may file any Application, Petition, Ap- peal, Suit or any other type of proceeding before the Hon'ble Court and on the ground of distorted facts/misrepresentation and cooked story and may succeed in obtaining some relief/order at their back/in ex parte against the caveators and in such eventuality the caveators will be put in irrepa- rable loss and inconvenience. It would be proper that caveators be given an opportunity of being heard by the Hon'ble court before passing any order.

Sd/advocate

The Jammu And Kashmir State Board Of School Education
 SUB-OFFICE BANDIPORA

Subject:- Grant of Registration of Paying Guest House/ Homo stay under the name and style "SWISS CHALET" Situated at HARDU MADAM Tehsil Tangmarg Distt Baramulla

PUBLIC NOTICE

Where, I Mr/Ms Shamima Farooq Bhat W/o Mohd Farooq Bhat R/o Baghat Barzulla Srinagar Kashmir, intends to apply in the office of Prescribed Authority Directorate of Tourism Kashmir for registration of my proposed Paying Guest House /Home Stay under the name and style "Swiss Chalet" Situated at Hardu Madam Tangmarg Kashmir under the Tourist trade act is 1978.

Whereas, I will submit Landownership Certificate from Concerned Tehsilدار with attested photographs of the unit through Dy. Commissioner concerned, Rent/Lease Deed/ Partnership Deed/issued by concerned Sub-Registrar, Judicial Magistrate (if applicable) NOC from the owner to the effect that the property can be used as Home stay), Character Certificate of the applicant from the concerned Police Station, undertaking from the owner as self declaration, Public Notice inviting objections , if any, in print media, list of family members Name, Age, and Photograph self attested by owner, Photographs of the unit as mentioned in the application (each of exterior and individual bed rooms and bathrooms), Inspection report by the Committee (The recommendation of the inspection Committee shall decide whether to issue a registration to the unit or not keeping in view, the type of accommodation and amenity, adhar card.

Now before my case is processed for registration by the Prescribed Authority, The matter is hereby notified for information of general Public/organizations for objections if any and the same should reach to the office of Prescribed Authority within a period of 7days from the publication of this notice in leading local newspaper of the Valley. Objections received beyond the period of 7 days from the date of publication shall not be entertained and the case shall be processed under rules as per merit. Miracle ads.

از نیابت پھانن

مضمون: درخواست منجانب فاطمہ بیگم بیوہ غلام محمد مسلمان پورہ تحصیل چٹن برآمد عسلی تاریخ وفات سرٹیفکیٹ

اشتیہار ہرخاص وعام

معاہدہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدور میں سالکہ کا درخواست بھڑن تاریخ وفات سرٹیفکیٹ پیش کی ہے جو کہ دفتر ہڈا میں زیر کارروائی ہے اس بارے میں ضابطہ رپورٹ چیکیدار علاقہ سے عیاں ہے کہ سالکہ واقعی ہڈا سکونت دار ہے اور سالکہ کا شوہر غلام محمد متوفی 15-03-1988 کو فوت ہو چکا ہے۔

سالکہ اپنے شوہر کا ڈیڑھ سرٹیفکیٹ حاصل کرنے کا خواہ ہے اگر کسی شخص یا اشخاص کو کوئی مذہب یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ سات ایم کے اندر پیش کرے معیاد گزرنے بعد کوئی بھی مذہب یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

nj نائب تحصیلدار

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have applied for the issuance of DOB Certificate of my Son namely Mohammad Uzair Shah DOB (15-02-2018). If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Block Development Office Narbal Budgam Within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Mushtaq Ah Shah
 F/o Mohammad Uzair Shah
 R/o Aarath Budgam Block : Narbal

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از نیابت پھانن

عنوان:- درخواست منجانب محمد مرسل وعادل احمد کھار پھانن عبدالاحد کار سالکہ پھانن تحصیل چٹن برآمد ابراہی شوشل کاسٹ بڈمروکار

اشتیہار ہرخاص وعام

معاہدہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدور میں سالکہ کا ایک درخواست بھڑن شوشل کاسٹ سرٹیفکیٹ بڈمروکار پیش کی ہے جو کہ زیر کارروائی ہے اس بارے میں پٹواری علاقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی ہے جس سے عیاں ہے کہ سالکہ واقعی چٹوٹی ذات سے تعلق رکھتا ہے اور سالکہ کو کوئی شخص چٹن میں رہائش پذیر ہے اور کسی بھی ترک سکونت نہیں کی ہے سالکہ ڈیڑھ شوشل کاسٹ سرٹیفکیٹ حاصل کرنے کا خواہ ہے اور کیٹیگی مہوارہ آمدنی 6800 روپے تک ہے۔ سرٹیفکیٹ زیر بحث اجراء نہ ہونے میں اگر کار کسی شخص کو کوئی عزیار یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ بعد شہتر اخبار رسالت کے اندر نامذہب عذریہ عرض و دال حد اکوٹری اوقات کے دوران پیش کریں۔ بعد گزرنے بعد کوئی مذہب یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

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از نیابت پھانن

عنوان:- اجرائی لیگل ہیر سرٹیفکیٹ چٹن وارخان جائز بیہ فوٹ شدہ والد محمد عبدل مجید۔ سرت عبدالرحمان

اشتیہار ہرخاص وعام

معاہدہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدور میں چیف ایگزیکٹو ایجنٹر PHE ڈویژن بارہ پورہ زیر پھری 9796-97 موثر 30-11-2023 موصول ہوئی ہے۔ جو کہ زیر کارروائی ہے اس بارے میں پٹواری علاقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی ہے جس سے عیاں ہے کہ متوفی PHE کے ملازمت دار تھا اور دوران سروس موثر 18-11-2023 کو فوت ہوئے۔ متوفی کے وارخان جائز ہڈیل ہے۔

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عادل مجید	22 سال	زینعلیم	بھڑن	متوفی
عاقب مجید	20 سال	--	--	--
مسکان مجید	16 سال	--	--	--
تسمیہ بانو	35 سال	گھریلکام	بھڑن	متوفی
رہینہ بانو	30 سال	--	--	--

اس کے علاوہ کوئی افراد کیلئے نہیں ہے۔ سرٹیفکیٹ زیر بحث اجراء نہ ہونے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی عزیار یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ بعد شہتر اخبار رسالت کے اندر نامذہب عذریہ عرض و دال حد اکوٹری اوقات کے دوران پیش کریں۔ بعد گزرنے بعد کوئی مذہب یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

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از عدالت ایگزیکٹو مجسٹریٹ درج اول نارہ مل ضلع ہڈا گام

مضمون درخواست منجانب منظور احمد پورے ولد عبدالستار پورے سالکہ چٹہ بگ تحصیل نارہ مل ضلع ہڈا گام بمبراموطلگی DOB certificate بچن دختراں خود:- اسری منظور (10-04-201)

۲- عشرت منظور (08-11-2019)

اشتیہار ہرخاص وعام

معاہدہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدور میں دفتر ہڈا کو ایک درخواست پاپت حصول تاریخ پیدائش سرٹیفکیٹ موصول ہوئی ہیں۔ سالکہ دعوی کرتا ہے کہ اس کے دختراں کی پیدائش

سری منظور دختراں منظور احمد پورے	10-04-201
عشرت منظور دختراں منظور احمد پورے	08-11-2019

کو ہوتی ہے۔ اس نسبت ہر خاص وعام کو مطلع کیا جاتا ہے کہ اگر کسی شخص یا اشخاص کو کوئی عذریہ یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ اپنا عذریہ یا اعتراض ساتھ ہی ایم کے اندر پیش کریں۔ عیاد گزرنے کے بعد کوئی مذہب یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

ایگزیکٹو مجسٹریٹ درج اول

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از نیابت پھانن

مضمون: درخواست منجانب سیدہ بیگم دختراں ہیمان پورے سالکہ تاپواری پورہ تحصیل چٹن برآمد عسلی تاریخ وفات سرٹیفکیٹ

اشتیہار ہرخاص وعام

معاہدہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدور میں سالکہ کا درخواست بھڑن DOD سرٹیفکیٹ پیش کی ہے جو کہ دفتر ہڈا میں زیر کارروائی ہے اس بارے میں ضابطہ رپورٹ چیکیدار علاقہ سے عیاں ہے کہ سالکہ واقعی ہڈا سکونت دار ہے اور سالکہ کا والد محمد ہیمان پورے ولد محمد احمد پورے متوفی 15-10-1988 کو فوت ہو چکا ہے۔

سالکہ اپنے شوہر کا ڈیڑھ سرٹیفکیٹ حاصل کرنے کا خواہ ہے اگر کسی شخص یا اشخاص کو کوئی مذہب یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ سات ایم کے اندر پیش کرے معیاد گزرنے بعد کوئی بھی مذہب یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I have applied for the issuance of Death Certificate of my Father Namely Late Syed Rasool R/o Tantraypora Pattan who died on 31-12-2023 at home. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may contact BDO Office Shareabad Khore witin a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Khatija Begum
 D/o Late Syed Rasool R/o Tantraypora

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BEFORE THE HON'BLE COURT OF PRINCIPAL DISTRICT JUDGE AT SRINAGAR.
 Caveat Petition No.----

In the case of:
 1. Rita Oswal
 W/o Late Captain Arvind Oswal R/o Gurugram, Haryana
 2. Manju Jain D/o Late Shri Amarnath Oswal R/o Gurugram, Haryana
 3. Neera Oswal
 D/o Late Shri Amarnath Oswal R/o Phattu Chogan, Jammu
 4. Anju Bahl D/o Late Shri Amarnath Oswal R/o Kuwait.
 5. Renu Bhatia D/o Late Shri Amarnath Oswal R/o Baltimore USA
 6. Dheeraj Dewan D/o Late Shri Virinder Mohan Dewan R/o Kharghar Navi Mumbai.
 7. Satva Dewan W/o Late Shri Virinder Mohan Dewan R/o Kharghar Navi Mumbai.
 8. Sangeeta Arora D/o Late Shri Virinder Mohan Dewan R/o Wanawadi, Pune.
 9. Arti Naahar D/o Late Shri Virinder Mohan Dewan R/o Sarita Vihar, New Delhi

(Caveators)

VERSUS
 Public at Large

(Non-Caveators)

IN THE MATTER OF: CAVEAT PETITION.
 May it please your Honour,
 The Caveators most respectfully submit as under:
 1. That the Caveator/ Applicant is resident of India and has every right to invoke the Jurisdiction of this Hon'ble court for the redressal of their legal rights.
 2. That the Caveators have developed a reasonable apprehension that the non-Caveators may file any writ/ case or some other legal proceedings or challenge any order before this Hon'ble court and may obtain order in ex parte by misleading this Hon'ble court and by concealing of material facts in the said legal action, the non-Caveators if succeeded in obtaining such ex parte orders with respect to the khasra No.320, 321, 322, 323,324, 325, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385 situated at Rakhi Asham Tehsil Sonwari, District Bandipora, Kashmir and then same would cause serious injustice and irreparable loss to the caveators 3. That the Caveators may be given opportunity of being heard before passing any order or direction and no order / direction be passed in ex parte which will prejudice to the rights of the Caveators.
 4. That the Caveators are not sure as to whom file any proceedings before this Hon'ble court as such the Caveators have already published in newspaper. Copy of the same is annexed herewith as ANNEXURE-I
 5. That this caveat petition is supported by an affidavit.
 In the premises, it is, therefore, prayed this Hon'ble court may be pleased, that before passing any order or direction the Caveators or their counsel may be given opportunity of being heard and no order/direction may be passed in ex parte, the same would be in the ends of justice.

Caveator through Counsel (Advocate)

Subject:- Grant of Registration of the Proposed Travel Unit under the name & style "M/s voyage vibes tour and travels " Situated at zangam pattan

Public Notice

Whereas, I Mr./Ms. Jahangeer ahmad khanday . S/o/D/o/W/o Mr. Bashir ahmad khanday R/o zangam pattan . Kashmir intends to apply in the Department of Tourism for Registration of my proposed Travel Unit under the name and style "M/s voyage vibes tour and travels situated at zangam pattan , Kashmir under Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011-12. Whereas, I will submit State Subject / Domicile Certificate, Qualification Certificate, Pan Card, Experience Certificate (Minimum 05 Years), Character Certificate (Police Department), Bank Statement (Minimum Balance 10000), Site Plan, Affidavit, Rent Deed duly attested by Sub-Registrar, Printing Material (Letter Head /Visiting Card), Photographs of the Unit (Indoor and Outdoor) and Two Passport size photographs to the Department of tourism as per prescribed checklist prior to Registration of my unit as an Excursion agency.

Now as per J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011/12, before my case is processed for registration by the Competent Authority, the matter is hereby notified for information of general Public/Financial Institutions/Bank/Organization, etc. for objection. If any and the same should reach to the assistant director tourism gulmarg, within a period of 7 days from the publication of this notice in leading local newspaper/newspapers of the valley. No objections beyond a period of 7 days shall be entertained.

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Office of Advocate Muzaffar. A. Kirmani
 Advocates Chamber Block
 Mominabad Court Complex, Srinagar
 Chamber No: 305

IN THE CASE OF:
 1. Nisar Ahmad Bhat/S/O Late Bakhtawar Bhat
 2. Zeba W/O Bakhtawar Bhat
 R/O Yattoo Mohalla, Shivpora

Caveators

V/S
 Public at Large

Non-Caveators

IN THE MATTER OF: Caveat petition

That the Caveators have sufficient reason to believe that anyone from the ambit of Non-Caveators may file Writ/Suit/Appeal or any other proceeding before this Hon'ble Court and may succeed in obtaining ex-parte relief by presenting false and distorted facts and also suppress relevant material and in such an eventuality, the Caveators will be put at an irreparable loss. Hence, it would be proper that Caveators may be given opportunity of being heard by this Hon'ble Court before passing any order.

SD
 Muzaffar. A. Kirmani, Advocate

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از عدالت ایگزیکٹو ڈسٹرکٹ جج (بنک مقدمات) سرینگر

با اجلاس: اروند شرمہ

J&K Bank B/U Khanyar Sgr

بنام
 Khurshid Ahmad Darzi

دعوی وصولیاتی رقم مبلغ =/Rs: 196535

اشتیہار ہرخاص وعام
 Khurshid Ahmad Darzi S/o Alam Udin Darzi R/o Khanyar Srinagar

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رسم چہارم

بہتر نہایت ہی دکھ کے ساتھ دی جانی ہے کہ شریفہ الملیہ غلام حسن آخون ساکنہ چک صدرہ مل حضرت بل سرینگر طویل علالت کے بعد اس دار فانی سے رخصت ہو گئی۔

مرحومہ ایک نیک سیرت بلند سارا و رخصت الملیہ خاتون تھی۔ اللہ تعالیٰ بچن الملیہ مرحومہ کو جو ارحمت میں جگہ عنایت فرمائیں اور سوگواران کو یہ عظیم صدمہ برداشت کرنے کی ہمت عطا فرمائے۔ مرحومہ کی فاتحہ خوانی 13 دسمبر 2023 بروز بدھواران کے آجانی مقبرہ واقع چک صدرہ مل حضرت بل سرینگر میں صبح ساڑھے سات بجے انجام پذیر ہوگی بعد ازاں ان کے گھر پر چک صدرہ مل حضرت بل میں دن بھر مجلس و تعزیت پرسی جاری رہے گی۔

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اظہار تعزیت

إِنَّا لِلّٰهِ وَاِنَّا اِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ
 قاتون اہی ہے کہ اس وسیع و عریض کائنات میں ہر ذی روح کو موت کا مزہ چکھنا ہے اور فرس کوس اور دارفانی سے دارالقیامت کا جانب رخت سفر باندھ کر دوارا لہی میں حاضر ہونا ہے۔ یہ خبر سن کر بہت دکھ ہوا کہ غلام محمد ابن علی محمد سید میرک شاہ کالونی جبک 10 دسمبر 2023ء بروز اتوار کو کلکٹنس ڈائریکٹ موت کو لبیک کہہ کر اپنے رشتہ داروں کو ادغ و غارت دے کر اس دنیا فانی سے رحلت کر گئے۔ مرحوم کا رسم چہارم 13 دسمبر 2023ء بروز بدھواران ہوگا۔

انظامیہ مسجد امام مہدی علیہ السلام سید میرک شاہ کالونی مرحوم کے اقرباء سے اظہار تعزیت کرتے ہوئے اللہ تعالیٰ سے دعا گو ہے کہ خدا بحق محمد آل محمد مرحوم کی کامل مغفرت فرمائیں خطا و لغزشوں کو بخش اپنے فضل و کرم سے معاف فرمائیں اور اولاد خیرین کو برکت عطا فرمائے۔ (آمین)

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با اجلاس: اروند شرمہ

J&K Bank B/U M.A University Camus Hazratbal

بنام
 Arifa Akhter

دعوی وصولیاتی رقم مبلغ =/Rs: 212,058.00

اشتیہار ہرخاص وعام
 Arifa Akhter D/o Mohd Ismail Guroo R/o Shikara Ghat 2 Negeen Lake Sgr

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J&K Bank B/U Khanyar Sgr

بنام
 Abdul Razak Dar

دعوی وصولیاتی رقم مبلغ =/Rs: 1,61,275

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 Abdul Razak Dar S/o Gh Mohd Dar R/o Dagga Mohalla Rainawari Sgr

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با اجلاس: اروند شرمہ

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بنام
 Manzoor Ahmad Bhat

دعوی وصولیاتی رقم مبلغ =/Rs: 62,907.00/-

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 Manzoor Ahmad Bhat S/o Gh. Mohd Bhat R/o Mayan Shah Sahib Rainwari Sgr

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Shallabugh Wetlands Host Spectacular Influx Of Migratory Birds

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Shallabugh wetlands, spanning over thousands of kanals from Takenwari Srinagar to Sangam Ganderbal in central Kashmir, are witnessing a significant influx of migratory birds from places like Siberia, China, and Japan. The annual migration, taking place here in the winter months, adds to the region's natural beauty and cultural richness.

Migratory birds, including those from the renowned Hokersar, flock to the Shallabugh wetlands in October, seeking refuge from freezing temperatures. These birds, known for their natural skills in aviation, make a journey to Kashmir. This demonstrates their remarkable balance in flight length and height.

Experts say these birds contribute significantly to Kashmir's ecological system, and call for lov-

ing them "like our kids".

Wildlife Warden Wetlands, Ifshan Dewan, said, "We expect 10 to 13 lakh migratory birds to

said, adding that the wetlands serve as a crucial stopover and wintering area for migratory Amittidae, contributing to the valley's

“We expect 10 to 13 lakh migratory birds to arrive this year. The birds start arriving in October and stay until the end of March. Last year, Kashmir's wetlands recorded 12 lakh migratory birds, which highlight the region's importance as a wintering and breeding ground for various waterfowl species

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To safeguard the birds from poaching, control rooms have been activated at six locations, Dewan

rich avian diversity.

Range Officer Shallabugh; Mohammad Ashraf Kabli informed KNO that due to cold weather conditions, the number of birds is currently low. "As the weather improves, we anticipate an increase in the bird population."

Kabli said the expected influx is significant. "We expect around 10 to 12 lakh birds," he said.



Normal business activities in city center Lal Chowk remained unaffected amid heightened security arrangements as Apex Court pronounced its verdict on Article 370 on Saturday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

International Mountain Day Organized At TRC Srinagar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Today on the occasion of international mountain day 2023 an impressive event was organized by the directorate of tourism, Kashmir, at the tourist reception centre, Srinagar.

Secretary to the government, Department of tourism and culture, Dr Syed Abid Rashid was the chief guest besides Di-

rector tourism Kashmir, senior officials from the department of tourism, representatives of various travel trade organizations, and Adventurers from different clubs and associations were present.

Number of presentations were made on this year's theme for the event i.e restoring mountain ecosystems. Speakers highlighted the need for sus-

tainable and responsible tourism. In collaboration with S IDBI two new projects on homestay entrepreneurship and Paragliding training were inaugurated in addition maps for 30 new offbeat, trekking routes were unveiled.

Many associations and individuals with exemplary achievements in the field of adventure tourism were also felicitated.

Agri Dep't Kashmir Organizes Grand Event Under VBSY

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Agriculture Department Kashmir today organized a grand event under the theme of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) at Agriculture Complex Lalmandi, Srinagar.

The event was presided over by Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal. Joint Director Agriculture Extension, G.M Dhobi; Joint Director Agriculture Inputs, Tabassum Naz; Deputy Director Agriculture Central, Waheed-ul-Rehman; Chief Agriculture officer Srinagar, Manoharlal-Sharma, and other senior officers, officials of the department and a large number of farmers and agripreneurs were present on the occasion.

In his inaugural address, Director Agriculture highlighted the importance of VBSY and said that the basic objective of organizing this event is to reach the last farmer in the queue and to cover the uncovered under different centrally sponsored schemes.

He directed all the officers to ensure that the benefits under different schemes reach every farmer of the region. Under 'Meri Kahani, Meri Zubani' a number of farmers and agripreneurs shared their experiences as farmers and their journey in becoming successful growers.

The Agriculture and farmers welfare department has so far actively par-

ticipated in the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra and organized various awareness camps among the farming communities at panchayat level. The door-to-door campaign was also conducted to provide first hand information about the centrally sponsored schemes being implemented by the department for the farming community of the region.

SP College Attends PM's Viksit Bharat@2047 Launch

Srinagar: As part of the post-event launch of Viksit Bharat @2047 by Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, Sri Pratap College, Srinagar today organized an Interactive Session with Vinod Kumar Bhat, CIO, Vistara.

Earlier in the morning, the faculty and the students witnessed the live streaming of the formal launch of the Viksit Bharat @2047 in its auditorium by Hon'ble Prime Minister of the country. The event was well organized by the dedicated team assigned for the purpose headed by Dr. Javid Hassan, NSS PO and Prof. Aijaz Magray, IT.

The post event Session was thrown open by Principal of the College, Prof (Dr) Prof. Ghulam Jeelani Qurashi. Speaking on the occasion, the Principal of the college provided a holistic overview of the forthcoming journey of the country in attaining the feat of a developed nation by 2047.



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Before The Hon'ble Court Of Principal District And Sessions Judge At Pulwama

In the case of: 1. Sona Ullah Malik 2. Nazir Ahmad Malik Sons of: Late Gh. Qadir Malik Residents of: Pinglena Pulwama (Applicants/Caveators)

V/S Public At Large (Non-Applicants/Non-Caveators)

In the Matter of: Caveat application in terms of section 148-A of CPC on behalf of Caveators.

May it please your honour: The application is most humbly submitted as under:

1. That the caveators are the permanent residents of Jammu and Kashmir UT.
2. That the Caveators/applicants apprehend that people from non-applicant may institute some false and frivolous case against the Caveators/Applicants to harass and intimidate them and may succeed in getting ex-parte order regarding the land falling under Khevat no. 25 and survey numbers 2299, 2300, 1970, 4909/2193, 4910/2193, 2569/2374, 2836/2311, 2838/2311, 4922/1947 and 2246 situated at Pinglena which is in peaceful possession and ownership of the Caveators/Applicants.

3. That before passing any kind of ex-parte order/relief in favour of the non-applicants on any suit or application the Caveators be given reasonable opportunity of being heard, otherwise the caveators shall have to face great irreparable loss, injury and inconvenience.

4. That an affidavit duly sworn by the Caveators/Applicants is enclosed herewith.
In the premises it is therefore prayed that this hon'ble court be pleased to provide an opportunity to the Caveators/applicants of being heard before passing /granting any kind of order/relief in favour of non-applicants with regard to the subject property mentioned above in the interests of justices and law.

fko Caveators

Before the Hon'ble Court of Civil Judge (Jr. Division) Munisiff at Pampore

In the case of:

1. Mst. Naseema
2. Mst. Zareena
Daughters of late Mohd Rajab Lohar Residents Wuyan Pampore

Public at Large Caveators

IN THE MATTER OF:- Caveat Application in terms of Section 148-A CPC

May it please your Honour: The Caveator humbly submits as under:

That the Caveators are the owner in possession of land estate measuring 33 Kanat at Wuyan Pampore falling under survey no 2477,2478,2503 and 2535 and have already constructed workshop over the above said land and the Caveators intend to establish a fish farm in the above said land.

That the Caveator apprehend that any person from general public may file false and frivolous suit/application to harass them and entangle them in litigation and in the eventuality any proceeding is filed against the Caveator, the Caveator may be heard before passing any interim order.

IN THE PREMISES, it is, therefore, submitted that this Hon'ble Court may accept this caveat application and in the eventuality the non-Caveator files any proceedings against the Caveator, the Caveator may be heard before passing any interim order.

Caveator through counsel Fayaz Ahmad Lone ft Associates

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Shivraj Singh Chouhan Out As BJP Picks Ujjain MLA Mohan Yadav Next Madhya Pradesh CM



Press Trust of India

BHOPAL: Springing a surprise, the BJP on Monday picked Mohan Yadav, a leader of Other Backward Classes (OBC) and a three-time MLA, as the next chief minister of Madhya Pradesh, state party president VD Sharma said.

The BJP legislature party elected Yadav (58), a minister in the outgoing government, as its leader, paving the way for him to take over as the next CM of Madhya Pradesh.

Outgoing Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan proposed the name of Yadav, the BJP MLA from Ujjain South, for the top post at a meeting of the newly-elected legislators held in the evening in Bhopal in the presence of party's central observers, Sharma said.

Yadav, who was not seen as among contenders for the CM post, is considered to be close to the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and is a three-time MLA and a prominent leader of OBCs, who account for more than 48 per cent of the state's population.

He was first elected as an MLA in 2013 from Ujjain South and retained the assembly seat in 2018 and again in 2023.

The BJP legislator was serving as the higher education minister in the outgoing CM

Chouhan's cabinet.

With this, the BJP has reposed its faith in OBC leaders for the fourth time since 2003 when Uma Bharti was made the chief minister.

After Bharti, Madhya Pradesh saw two more OBC CMs from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) — Babulal Gaur and Chouhan.

The BJP retained power in MP in the November 17 assembly polls, winning 163 seats in the 230-member assembly, leaving the Congress a distant second with 66.

In run-up to the polls, the BJP did not project a CM face and relied heavily on the mass appeal of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who campaigned extensively in the state.

Yadav will succeed Chouhan (64), a four-time CM who took office in 2005, 2008, 2013 and 2020 and was the BJP's longest serving chief minister.

Shivraj Singh Chouhan resigns as MP CM

Meanwhile, Madhya Pradesh chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan submitted his resignation to Governor Mangubhai Patel after Mohan Yadav was elected as the leader of the state legislative party at a meeting held in Bhopal Monday.

Chouhan reached Raj Bhavan immediately after the meeting of newly-elected MLAs concluded and tendered his resignation.

Mother Paraded Naked, Tied To Pole And Beaten After Son Elopes With Girl In Karnataka

Agencies

BELAGAVI, (KARNATAKA): A horrific incident of a mother being paraded naked on the streets in Vantamuri village near Belagavi city after her son eloped with a local girl, came to light on Monday.

The incident has shocked the state and proved to be a great embarrassment for the government as it was reported from a place located close to the Savarna Vidhana Soudha in Belagavi, where the winter session of the Assembly is underway.

According to police, the incident took place in the wee hours of Monday after the couple eloped on Sunday night.

Dundappa Nayak and Priyanka were in love and the family of the girl was opposed to this. They were planning to get her married to another man so she eloped with Dundappa Nayak on Sunday night.

The enraged family members of Priyanka barged inside Dundappa Nayak's residence and ransacked it.

They broke the tiles of the roof of the house by pelting stones and then dragged Kalamamma, the mother of the boy outside the house.

The incident took a heinous

turn when they stripped her naked and paraded her in the village before tying her to an electric pole and beating her.

Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara rushed to visit the victim at the Belagavi District Hospital and inquired about her condition. He got the details of the incident from her and also visited her house at Vantamuri Village. Parameshwara also spoke to the grandmother of the youth, who eloped with the girl and talked to the neighbours about the incident.

When the neighbours hesitated to answer, Parameshwara urged them to cooperate with the investigation and reminded them that the victim was from among them.

"The inhuman incident had taken place at 12.30 am on Monday. A 24-year-old youth had eloped with an 18-year-old girl. About 10 to 15 relatives ransacked the house of the boy. They stripped the mother of the boy naked and assaulted her after tying her to an electric pole. The police rushed to the spot and rescued the women. Seven people have been arrested in this connection," he stated.

Parameshwara stated that efforts were being made to track the lovers.

"Living Hell": Thousands Take Refuge In Ruins Of Gaza's Largest Hospital



Agencies

GAZA CITY, PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES: Hundreds of makeshift tents stand in a desolate landscape at the foot of Gaza City's ruined Al-Shifa hospital.

At least 30,000 people have taken refuge in its grounds between piles of rubble and waste after Israeli forces raided the medical facility last month, an AFP correspondent reported from the hospital.

Its medical equipment was heavily damaged and is now virtually unusable.

Food is scarce, too, and Gazans still come in search of what little safety a hospital -- supposedly protected under international law -- can afford as the shelling rumbles on.

AFP spoke to Gazans lacking everything from baby milk to tarpaulins for shelter from the rain and cold.

Mohammed Dalouf arrived at Al-Shifa "with great difficulty" and described shelling and shooting around the hospital.

The 38-year-old, who fled with his wife and three children, said the artillery fire had not stopped for "several days".

He was unable to take anything from his house in the ruined Zeitoun district of Gaza City's old neighbourhood.

"Our life has become a living hell, there's no electricity, no water, no flour, no bread, no medicine for the children who are all sick," he told AFP.

"All we can think about is survival", he said.

Hospital raid

The largest hospital in bombed-out Gaza had already been under immense strain in the first stages of the war, with bodies piling up after food, fuel and anaesthetics ran out.

But it became a major focus of the Israeli ground offensive, with Israel claiming that Hamas was running a command centre below the facility despite repeated denials from hospital officials and the Palestinian group.

On November 15, Israeli troops sparked international outcry by launching a nighttime raid on Al-Shifa.

Several people, including the hospital director, were arrested and interrogated.

Israel invited journalists to visit a tunnel it said it had found beneath the complex, but what it achieved in the raid remained unclear.

More than two months into the war, the fighting has killed at least 17,997 people in Gaza, mostly women and children, according to the Hamas-run health ministry.

Hamas triggered the conflict with deadliest-ever attack on Israel on October 7 in which it killed some 1,200 people and seized some 240 hostages, according to Israeli officials.

"Death will follow us"

An estimated 1.9 million of Gaza's 2.4 million people -- about 80 percent of the population -- have been displaced, according to UN figures. Many are now in the south and run-

ning out of safe places to go.

Hundreds of thousands of displaced people are still believed to be in the heavily-bombed north.

On Saturday the Israeli army again told residents in the north to evacuate to safe areas -- but international organisations have condemned the lack of areas free from bombardment in the narrow coastal strip.

Hospitals have been hit repeatedly. On Sunday, Gaza's health ministry reported damage from a strike at the Jordanian field hospital in the southern city of Khan Yunis.

Gazans are desperate.

Souhail Abou Dhalifa said his family sought refuge at Al-Shifa after his 20-year-old son was wounded when their house was hit by relentless bombardment in Shejaiya, in the east of Gaza City.

"We put together a tent", the 56-year-old said. "We don't know if they will storm Al-Shifa again, and it doesn't matter -- wherever we go, death will follow us."

Raed, who gave only his first name, has been sleeping on an old blanket under the stairs near the former emergency ward.

The 24-year-old's family of nine has no money for a tent, he said.

His eight-year-old sister Manal sleeps with her head on a bundle of clothes.

Beside her, their mother keeps watch over a bottle of water, some bread and cheese.

UN Assembly Likely To Vote On Gaza Ceasefire On Tuesday: Report



Agencies

The 193-member United Nations General Assembly is likely to vote Tuesday on a draft resolution demanding an immediate humanitarian ceasefire in the

conflict between Israel and Palestinian militants Hamas in the Gaza Strip, diplomats said on Sunday. The move comes after the U.S. vetoed on Friday a U.N. Security Council demand for immediate humanitarian ceasefire in Gaza.

The General Assembly in October adopted a resolution - 121 votes in favor, 14 against and 44 abstentions - calling for "an immediate, durable and sustained humanitarian truce leading to a cessation of hostilities."

Article 370 Verdict: 'Reclaim PoK Before Election', Demands Cong Leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury

Press Trust of India

Congress' leader in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury on Monday asked the government when it would reclaim Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, while also demanding that elections be held in Jammu and Kashmir and its statehood restored.

His remarks came after the Supreme Court on Monday upheld the Centre's decision to abrogate provisions of Article 370 of the Constitution that gave special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, and directed the restoration of statehood "at the earliest" as well as elections to the assembly by September 30 next year.

Asked about the verdict, Chowdhury said it was also the Congress' view that Article 370 was a temporary ad hoc measure and when it was put in place, the reasons were explained.

"We have been demanding in Parliament that when will you restore the statehood. Inside Parliament, (Home Minister) Amit Shah was saying with great conviction that we will reclaim Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, so they should tell us when will they reclaim PoK. Elections will come and go but reclaim PoK before this election," Chowdhury told reporters outside Parliament.

He asked the government to state when will elections be conducted in Jammu and Kash-



mir. "We used to say remove 370 but do not commit atrocities on the common persons. When Article 370 was abrogated, what had happened in Kashmir. Thousands of people belonging to political parties, civil society, apart from journalists, were put in jails and they languished there," Chowdhury said.

"If the Supreme Court had taken a decision before it would have been better but better late than never. We want that the government on the directive of the Supreme Court hold elections and the statehood be restored," he said.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday had said Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) is part of India and hence 24 seats have been kept reserved for the region in the Jammu and Kashmir assembly.

Shah said this while replying to a debate in Lok Sabha on the Jammu and Kashmir Reservation (Amendment) Bill and the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill.

Gyanvapi Survey: Archaeological Survey Of India Granted One More Week To Submit Final Report



Agencies

LUCKNOW: The Varanasi district court granted one week more to the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) for the final submission of the report of the scientific survey the agency has conducted on the Gyanvapi mosque premises. The ASI, which sought a seventh extension of a week for the submission of the report stated that their superintendent Archaeologist Avinash Mohanty was unwell and hence the agency was unable to submit the report.

It may be recalled that on November 30, the Varanasi District Court granted 10 more days to the ASI to finalize the report and submit it before the court by December 11. The court granted a sixth extension to ASI asking it to positively submit the report in the given time and not to seek a further extension.

The court had fixed December 11 as the final date of report submission in response to the ASI application seeking an extension of three more weeks for the final submission of the Gyanvapi mosque premises

survey report.

Now the ASI has been granted one additional week by Varanasi district judge Dr AK Vishweshwara who fixed December 18 as the day for submission of the final report. The ASI was ordered by the Varanasi district court to conduct a scientific survey of the Gyanvapi mosque premises barring the sealed area of the abtution pond on July 21, 2023.

The ASI was given the mandate by the court to ascertain through the survey if the mosque was standing on a pre-existing Hindu temple. In compliance with this order, the ASI started the scientific study of Gyanvapi mosque barring the sealed area of the abtution pond on July 24.

However, Anjuman Intezamia Masjid (AIM) the mosque management committee filed a revision petition before Allahabad High Court. On the order of the HC, the ASI survey of Gyanvapi mosque was halted on July 24. Later after hearing the AIM plea, the HC dismissed the objection of AIM against the district judge's court order on August 3.

TMC Leader Mahua Moitra Moves SC Challenging Her Expulsion From Lok Sabha

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Trinamool Congress (TMC) leader Mahua Moitra moved the Supreme Court on Monday challenging her expulsion from the Lok Sabha, after the House adopted the report of its ethics committee that held her guilty of accepting gifts and illegal gratification from a businessman to further his interest.

On December 8, after a heated debate in the Lok Sabha over the panel report during which Moitra was not allowed to speak, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi moved a motion to expel the TMC MP from the House for "unethical conduct", which was adopted by a voice vote.

Reacting sharply to her expulsion, Moitra had equated the action with



hanging by a "kangaroo court" and alleged that a parliamentary panel was being weaponised by the government to force the opposition into submission.

The ethics committee report found Moitra guilty of "unethical conduct" and contempt of the House as she shared her Lok Sabha members' portal credentials -- user ID and password -- with unauthorised people, which had an irrepressible impact on

national security, Joshi said.

The committee had also recommended that in view of the "highly objectionable, unethical, heinous and criminal conduct" of Moitra, an intense, legal and institutional inquiry be initiated by the government in a time-bound manner.

The motion moved by Joshi said Moitra's "conduct has further been found to be unbecoming as an MP for accepting gifts and illegal gratification from a businessman to further his interest, which is a serious misdemeanour and highly-deplorable conduct" on her part.

Earlier, ethics committee Chairman Vinod Kumar Sonkar tabled the first report of the panel on a complaint filed by Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP Nishikant Dubey against Moitra.

UP Man Wrongly Jailed For Murder Studies Law, Fights His Own Case And Wins

Agencies

MEERUT: When he was 18, Amit Chaudhary found himself entangled in a crime he did not commit.

Framed for the murder of two constables in Meerut in 2011 and wrongly accused of being a gangster, Chaudhary's life suddenly went awry.

Then UP chief minister Mayawati ordered the immediate arrest of the culprit and Amit, who was with his sister in Shamli district when the incident took place, was made one of the 17 accused in the case, facing stringent charges under the IPC and National Security Act.

Accused of being part of the notorious Kail gang that had hatched the murder plot, Chaudhary endured



two years behind bars, facing charges that threatened to mar his future.

Chaudhary, however, turned this adversity into an opportunity and studied law to prove his innocence.

A farmer's son from Kirthal village in Baghat, he said, "In Muzaffarnagar jail, dreaded gangsters like Anil Dujana and Vicky Tyagi (both killed in encounters) tried to enrol

me into their gangs. The jailor was good-natured, and he allowed me into a barrack where gangsters were not lodged."

Released on bail in 2013, Chaudhary embarked on a journey to clear his name "so that his family could walk with their head held high in society".

He pursued study of law, achieving academic milestones that included a BA, LLB and LLM, eventually passing the Bar Council's exam.

Armed with legal knowledge, he took charge of his own case.

"The case dragged on at a snail's pace with no statements recorded. By that time, I had completed all academic and other formalities to join the Bar as a lawyer and pursued the case with a single-minded focus."

NEWS MAKERS

RS Passes J&K Bills On Reservation, Representation

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Parliament on Monday passed two bills related to Jammu and Kashmir as Rajya Sabha cleared them with a voice vote, with Home Minister Amit Shah assuring the country that the beginning of a "new and developed Kashmir" that will be free from terrorism has been made under Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The two bills - JK Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill and JK Reservation (Amendment) Bill - seek to nominate two members from the Kashmiri migrant community and one representing the displaced persons from Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) to the legislative assembly, besides providing reservation to certain commu-

nities in Jammu and Kashmir. They were passed by Lok Sabha last week.

The home minister said the two bills related to Jammu and Kashmir brought by the government would give justice to those deprived of their rights for the last 75 years and asserted that reservation to the displaced people would give them a voice in the legislature.

He also alleged that Jammu and Kashmir suffered due to the "mistakes" of first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and listed decisions like the "untimely" ceasefire and taking the Kashmir issue to the United Nations among them.

The opposition led by the Congress, however, walked out of the House midway during the Home Minister's reply.

Debate Over, Restore Statehood, Hold Polls: Congress

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: With the Supreme Court unanimously upholding the Centre's decision to abrogate provisions of Article 370, the Congress Monday said the debate over the issue has ended but demanded immediate restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir and holding of assembly elections there.

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served for adjudication in a suitable case in the future. The Congress has always demanded the restoration of full statehood for what has become the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

"We welcome the Supreme Court's verdict. Full statehood must be restored immediately," Chidambaram asserted.

He added that the aspirations of the people of Ladakh must also be fulfilled.

"We welcome the Supreme Court's direction to hold assembly elections. However, we believe the elections should be held immediately and there is no reason to wait until September 30, 2024," Chidambaram said.

Addressing a press conference at the Congress headquarters along with party colleague Abhishek Singhvi, P Chidambaram said the judgement has decided many issues but has left open some that are also vitally important.

"It has also held as ultra vires how Article 367 was invoked to amend part of Article 370. Hence the judgement needs careful study. Prima facie, we respectfully disagree with the judgement on how Article 370 was abrogated," Chidambaram said.

"When elections are held, the people of Jammu and Kashmir will have an opportunity to express their views on the crucial questions that were debated in the Supreme Court -- an opportunity that has been denied to them so far," he said.

Since its accession, Jammu and Kashmir has been an integral part of India, the former home minister asserted.

"The people of Jammu and Kashmir are Indian citizens. We reiterate our resolve to work for the security, peace, development and progress of Jammu and Kashmir," Chidambaram said.

To a question that the provision itself was temporary, Chidambaram said, "I don't think there was any debate that the provision was temporary. The debate at that time was whether the temporary provision can be removed except in accordance with the Constitution."

To another question, he said the Supreme Court has held that abrogation of Article 370 using the power under Article 367 is valid.

"We reiterate the Congress Working Committee resolution dated August 6, 2019, that Article 370 deserved to be honoured until it was amended strictly in accordance with the Constitution," he said.

The Congress is also disappointed that the Supreme Court did not decide on the question of dismembering the state and reducing its status to two Union Territories, he said.

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peatedly asked for decades. Democratic Progressive Azad Party Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad termed the verdict "sad and unfortunate".

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"We are proud of our country, Constitution and our judiciary. We respect and honour the judgment of the Supreme Court in true letter and spirit," Raina told PTI.

He said the Centre has made it clear it is ready to hold assembly elections but the decision has to be taken by the Election Commission.

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Article 370 Was A Temporary Provision: SC

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NEW DELHI: Article 370 of the Constitution, which bestowed special status on the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, was a "temporary provision", the Supreme Court ruled on Monday.

In a landmark verdict, the apex court unanimously upheld the Centre's August 5, 2019 decision to abrogate provisions of Article 370, while directing restoration of statehood for Jammu and Kashmir at the earliest and holding of the assembly elections by September 30, 2024.

A five-judge constitution bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud, in its three concurring judgements, dealt with the question of whether the provisions of Article 370 were temporary in nature or they acquired a permanent status in the Constitution at the end of the J&K Constituent Assembly's tenure in 1957.

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SC Verdict On Article-370 Evokes Mixed Reactions In J&K

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The ruling sparked a range of reactions, reflecting the complex and deeply held views on the issue.

As the apex court's Constitution bench finished delivering its verdict, National Conference Vice-President Omar Abdullah expressed his disappointment on X but vowed to continue the struggle.

The former chief minister of the erstwhile state acknowledged that it took the BJP decades to reach this point, emphasising their preparedness for the long haul.

"Dil na-umid to nahin nakam hi to hai, lambi hai gham ki shaam magar shaam hi to hai (I grieve but I do not despair, the dusk of sadness is long, but it's

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HC Quashes PSA Detention Order Against Journalist Asif Sultan

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SRINAGAR: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh has quashed the detention order under Public Safety Act against journalist Asif Sultan Saïda, observing that the procedural requirements have not been followed by the authorities in letter and spirit.

"It needs no emphasis, that detenu cannot be expected to make a meaningful exercise of his Constitutional and Statutory rights guaranteed under Article 22(5) of the Constitution of India and Section 13 of the J&K Public Safety Act, 1978, unless and until the material on which detention order is based, is supplied to him," said a bench of Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul while quashing order (No. DMS/PSA/ 30/ 2022) dated 9 April 2022 passed by District Magistrate Srinagar whereby Asif Sultan Saïda, a resident of Firdous Abad, Batamalloo Srinagar was placed under preventive detention "with a view to prevent him from acting in any manner prejudicial to the maintenance of security of the State."

"It is only after detenu has all the material available that he can make an effort to convince detaining authority and thereafter the Government that their apprehensions vis-à-vis his activities are baseless and misplaced," the court said, adding, "If detenu is not supplied the material, on which the detention order is based, he will not be in a position to make an effective representation against his detention order. The failure on the part of the detaining authority to supply the material, relied at the time of making the detention order to the detenu, renders the detention order illegal and unsustainable."

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD(R&B) DIVISION VAILOO

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

NIT No.67/6218-27 of R&B/Vailoo /2023-2024/e-tendering/ DATED:11/12/2023

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory J&K e-tenders (In Single cover system) are invited on %age basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works.

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1	Establishment of GDC Chattisinghpura by way of construction of Prefabricated structures (One No. 90x20)	55.03	1600	110060	06 Months	Higher Education	AAY Class	4202 Higher Education
2	Establishment of GDC Chattisinghpura by way of construction of Prefabricated structures (Washroom Block Male/Female)	13.12	600	26240	06 Months	Higher Education	BEE/CEE/DEE Class	4202 Higher Education
3	Construction of PHG Building at Khanpora (Balance Work)	2.10	200	4200	15 Days	H & ME	DEE Class	District Capex (PRI)
4	Renovation of Panchayat Hut at Rambirpora A (Balance Work)	0.40	200	800	15 Days	PWD R&B	DEE Class	District Capex (PRI)
5	Construction of Administrative/Fisheries department GDC Kokemag (By way of Electrification)	20.36	800	40720	25 Days	Higher Education	AAY Class with Electrical	4202 Higher Education

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The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	11.12.2023
2.	Period of Downloading of bidder documents.	From 11.12.2023 4.00 pm
3.	Bid submission Start Date	From 11.12.2023 4.00 pm
4.	Bid Submission End Date	To 20.12.2023 4.00 pm
5.	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	21.12.2023 at 10.30 A.M in the Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Vailoo

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Observer News Service

NEW DELHI: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Monday that for the first time in the history of India, the youth, symbol of skills and infinite energy are getting an opportunity to become important stakeholders of a development revolution.

"Youth has absolute power to create a new vision for society. Youth has the potential to provide the nation influential ideas that will self-replicate and set the development agenda," the LG said.

He was addressing the 'Viksit Bharat @2047: Voice of Youth' workshop, launched by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi on Monday.

Vice Chancellors, Heads and faculty members of premier institutions of J&K, who were actively engaged in the workshop at Raj Bhawan Jammu, shared their valuable suggestions during the panel discussion on thematic areas to build a roadmap for students involvement and contribution in 'Viksit Bharat@2047'.

The LG expressed his gratitude to the Prime Minister for creating a strong education ecosystem, industrial-academic relation, in the last 9 years, to

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PDP Suspends Political Activities For One Week

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: The Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) on Monday said it has suspended all its political activities for a week in the wake of the Supreme Court upholding the abrogation of Article 370.

"The decision has been taken in order to stand in solidarity with the people of Jammu & Kashmir in the wake of the Supreme Court of India's judgment of the issue of Article 370," PDP chief spokesperson Syed Suhail Bukhari said in a statement issued here.

Bukhari said party president Mehbooba Mufti was scheduled to address various workers conventions as part of her ongoing public outreach pro-

gramme over the next few days.

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CANCELLATION

SUBJECT: CONSTRUCTION OF DROUGHT PUMPING STATION AT LIS KAKAPORA

REFERENCE: E NIT NO 43 OF 2023-24 DATED: 11/10/2023

In response to the recommendations/observations by tender opening committee, the above E NIT is hereby cancelled.

No MIDA/3564-70
Date: 11.12.2023
DIPK-13599-23
DT: 11/12/2023

Sd/= Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Deptt Mech. Irr. Div., Anantnag H.Q. Awantipora

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E-Tender Notice

Tender Notice No. 343 & 345-2023-24-BDGM-DRM-FZR & 344-2023-24-MCTM-DRM-FZR Date: 11.12.2023

Sr. DEN-IV/FZR acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www.irps.gov.in with closing date 29.12.2023 up to 15:00 Hrs. & closing date 02.01.2024 upto 15.00Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

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S.N	Tender No	Details of Tender	Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest Money	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion
1	343-2023-24-BDGM-DRM-FZR	Quick watering arrangement at Srinagar, Budgam & Baramulla railway stations on BAHL-BRML section.	4,74,97,239.79/-	3,87,500/-	60 Days	12 Months
Similar nature of work:- "Any civil work other than track work"						
2	344-2023-24-MCTM-DRM-FZR	Repair of approach road to Gypsum siding by laying of railway concrete sleepers at MCTM (Udhampur) railway station on JAT-SVDK section under ADEN/MCTM.	3,96,91,261.87/-	3,48,500/-	60 Days	12 Months
Similar nature of work:- "Any civil work other than track work"						
3	345-2023-24-BDGM-DRM-FZR	Upgradation to existing infrastructure of Banihal (BAHL), Qazigund (QG), Hiller Shahabad (HRSB), Sadura (sdua) & Anantnag (ANT) railway stations in Kashmir valley & Faceliffing of Srinagar (SINA), Mazhom (MZMA), Pattan (PTTN), Hamre (HME) and Baramulla (BRML) railway stations and other allied works on BAHL-BRML section under ADEN/BDGM.	4,62,41,592.03/-	3,81,200/-	60 Days	12 Months
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New Naya Kashmir

The Supreme Court upholding the withdrawal of Article 370 marks a critical moment in India's legal history, and this is certainly a big victory for the prime minister Narendra Modi. Under his leadership, the BJP has one more feather in its cap as it goes to general polls in May 2024 which it is already favourite to win. The decision to revoke the region's special status in 2019 by the union government was met with various responses, including legal challenges. Kashmiri political parties and civil society groups were quick to petition the apex court and seek the reversal of the decision. Court took four years to hear the case and pronounce the verdict.

The move to revoke Article 370, stripping Jammu and Kashmir of its semi-autonomy, was undoubtedly a contentious decision. However, the recourse taken by Kashmiri politicians to challenge this in court raises pertinent questions about their strategy. The legal battle waged by them, while seeking to contest the constitutional validity of the government's decision, perhaps missed an opportunity for a more robust political struggle. They completely eschewed politics in favour of the easier legal challenge which, in hindsight, appears more out of convenience than a result of any strategy.

Complex political issues can't and shouldn't be outsourced to lawyers. Even when the political process resumed in Kashmir months after revocation of Article 370, other than an odd politician or two who tried to respond to the evolving situation, most others chose to play possum, behaving as if they didn't exist. They literally threw ball in the court to avoid being on the wrong side of the altered state of affairs. This has been an abdication of leadership at a time when Kashmir needed it most.

The courtroom battle, while legitimate in a democratic setup, might have inadvertently diverted attention and resources away from a potentially more impactful grassroots movement. A political approach, fostering unity among diverse Jammu and Kashmiri voices, could have made a stronger case for the region's rights within the framework of Indian democracy.

Going forward, it becomes imperative for Kashmiri leaders to reassess their strategies, fostering unity, and channeling efforts toward a more inclusive and comprehensive political engagement. This approach could involve dialogue, advocacy, and building consensus among stakeholders in Jammu and Kashmir, both within the region and in discussions with the central government.

At the same time, it's crucial to acknowledge that legal battles alone might not address the deeper socio-political aspirations and grievances of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. And PM Modi by his direct handling of Kashmir over the past four years has shown that he understands what needs to be done to usher in the political and economic transformation in Jammu and Kashmir.

With the top court also battling for statehood and elections which it wants to be conducted by September 2024, the democracy is likely to be restored sooner than later. The court has also called for setting up the Truth and Reconciliation Commission on the pattern of South Africa. Should this be constituted by the government, this hopefully will lead to redressal of the scars and grievances accumulated over the past more than three decades and pave the way to a future less burdened by the past.

OTHER OPINION

Bad precedent

The expulsion of Trinamool Congress Member of Parliament Mahua Moitra from the Lok Sabha by a hurried voice vote on December 8, based on a report of the Ethics Committee of the House, is bad in form and substance. It was not, however, surprising. By a 6:4 majority, including the vote of a suspended Congress MP, the committee recommended her expulsion, holding her guilty of 'unethical conduct,' 'breach of privilege' and 'contempt of the House.' These were charges raised by a Bharatiya Janata Party MP, who was in turn depending on the statement of Ms. Moitra's estranged partner. The committee cited in its report a precedent of the expulsion of 11 MPs in 2005 for a cash-for-query sting operation by a news platform. There was video evidence that established a strong case then, unlike the charges against Ms. Moitra. She shared her login credentials with businessman Darshan Hiranandani to upload Parliament questions, a fact she herself admitted. The committee conceded in its report that it had no proof of cash exchanges and its report called for "legal, intensive, institutional and time-bound investigation", into that aspect. Nevertheless, it was emphatic in calling for her expulsion, and even labelled the sharing of her login credentials a criminal act.

The links suggested between Ms. Moitra's Parliament questions and the business interests of the Hiranandani group are frivolous. For instance, a question on steel prices or India's trade relations with Bangladesh is of interest to numerous business groups and consumers. The committee said it acknowledged the fact that several MPs share their login credentials with others, but went on to make a laboured case that Ms. Moitra had endangered national security. The argument that MPs have access to documents on the Parliament portal that are not in the public domain is a stretched one. In fact, there is no good reason to keep draft Bills secret. Bill drafts are meant for public circulation and debate before being brought to Parliament for discussion and voting. That there is very little of that happening these days is a sad commentary on parliamentary democracy. The report of the Ethics Committee also faced the same fate. The 495 page report was tabled and voted on the same day, rejecting the appeal of Opposition MPs for a more detailed discussion once Members had the time to read it in detail. The precedent that the majority in Parliament can expel an Opposition member on a dubious charge is ominous for parliamentary democracy. The expulsion of Ms. Moitra is a case of justice hurried and buried.

The Hindu

'Eve Teasing' Persists in Kashmir, Neutralises Women's Empowerment

Zia Darakshan

I vividly recall the front cover of Women's Era magazine from my childhood—a beautiful young girl adorned in a stylish green kurta pyjama, with neatly brushed short hair and a matching green bindi, clenching her fists closely. A few ruffians observed her from a distance, engaging in indecent gestures. The frightful and equally disturbing look on the girl's face was evident, subjected to the intrusive gaze of these boys. At that time, I could hardly comprehend the picture, but as I grew older, I understood the poignant narrative it depicted without needing an explanation.

This is the story of every woman, where a majority face harassment at some point in their lives, irrespective of their financial condition, beauty, colour, race, class or even age. Some may ask, "Do we ever talk about men's empowerment?" No, we don't, because there is no need to. However, we frequently discuss women's emancipation and liberation because the need has persisted.

Despite ongoing discussions and debates on women's empowerment for an extended period, a concept that cropped up during the 19th and 20th century when Marxists and liberal thinkers raised voice against the long standing harassment of women and advocated equality of women, violence against women has not seen a decline; in fact, it has increased. Although rules in many countries have tightened against harassment of women in the workplace and at home, there is not enough attention given to crimes like eve-teasing—harassment women face in public places. Among developing countries, India tops the list in recording an increase in sexual harassment cases in public places due to the rising participation of women in activities outside the home, such as education and employment.

The term "eve teasing" itself reflects the nature of the offence. It involves the seemingly 'playful' or malicious harassment of women, encompassing both physical and psychological forms of misconduct. This can include making fun, provoking, annoying, embarrassing, and engaging in various actions such as comments, remarks, gestures, jokes, physical contact, and taunts.

Notably, the term "eve teasing" is a unique and euphemistic expression specific to South Asia, particularly in India. Its usage is not prevalent in Britain or European countries. This cultural specificity emphasises the need for a comprehensive understanding of the issue within the local context.

It is worth mentioning that eve teasing is legally recognized as a crime under Section 509 of the Indian Penal Code, with a maximum punishment provision of three years of imprisonment. Despite the legal framework, it remains a grave issue, constituting harassment against women in public places such as workplaces or streets.

This form of harassment is often downplayed, but its seriousness cannot be overstated. Eve teasing encompasses a range of actions, including sly whistles, casual touches, humming suggestive songs, and more. The criminal laws in India acknowledge this as a gendered crime against women, where the perpetrators are typically men.

According to the annual report of NCRB 2019 (National Crime Record Bureau) India has revealed a distressing surge of 4% in crimes against women throughout 2022. This includes cruelty by husbands and relatives, abductions, assaults, and rapes.

The NCRB report detailed a substantial escalation in reported crimes against women, soaring from 3,71,503 cases in 2020 to 4,45,256 cases in 2022. Compared to 2021's 4,28,278 cases, the 2022 statistics marked a troubling increase.

Studies attribute several factors to sexual harassment of women by men, where the gender, age, and socio-cultural background of both the perpetrator and victim play significant roles. Eve-teasing is a per-



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vasive threat to women, occurring daily, leaving them feeling insecure, embarrassed, and humiliated.

In the context of our region, eve-teasing is not something unusual. In Kashmir it is on the rise, particularly in Srinagar city, and possibly in villages and districts, though they often go unreported. Here, official data quoted by the local media is worth mentioning. It reveals that Srinagar district reported seven rape cases in 2020, 21 cases in 2021, 14 cases in 2022, and five cases registered so far in 2023.

Similarly, under the category of 'Sexual Offences against Children', the district recorded 8 cases in 2020, 20 cases in 2021, 26 cases in 2022, and 12 cases in the current year. Regarding 'Kidnapping of Women', there were 42 cases in 2020, 83 cases in 2021, 116 cases in 2022, and 36 cases registered so far in 2023. There were 187 cases of molestation in 2020, 204 cases in 2021, 227 cases in 2022.

This kind of rising crime sce-

nario has become a significant concern for many parents, as young girls frequently face harassment while walking to tuition centres, markets, employment places, or even recreational spots. Due to the lack of safety, young girls prefer not to travel alone, opting to take along friends or family members for protection, as told by one of my acquaintances when detailing her daily experiences.

While we often associate eve-teasing with road Romeos, typically young boys, a deeper examination reveals that college and school boys may engage in such behaviour for fun, out of a liking for a girl, hormonal influences, or the misguided perception of their infatuation as love. The situation worsens with middle-aged or older individuals who not only pass lewd comments but also engage in more grievous acts such as groping, lecherous staring, Kerb crawling.

Another acquaintance, a middle-aged woman, shared her experience of being subjected to uncomfortable gazes and lecherous behaviour from groups of older men in traditional pherans while she was out for a stroll. Feeling violated and uncomfortable, the woman has opted to work out at home instead of going out.

Both the women represent different age groups, but both stories accentuate the alarming reality that women of all ages can be victims of harassment from men. However, there is another intriguing aspect to middle-aged woman's story. In her case, the perpetrators are older individuals who should be providing guidance to younger generations, teaching them values and urging them to respect women. When those who are expected to set an example are themselves involved in such activities, it adds complexity to the challenges faced by society.

Kerb crawling menace

Another trend that is rampant in Srinagar city is Kerb crawling. The google definition of kerb crawling says, "A kerb crawler (or curb crawler) is a person who drives around the areas known for street prostitution soliciting prostitutes for sexual activity." The act is known as "kerb crawling" because the person will typically drive very slowly along the kerbside." A breed of kerb crawlers chase women without any lead the moment they see them travelling alone. I am sure Kashmir is not a place where flesh trade is acceptable in any form, yet Kerb crawlers are increasing manifold.

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the experience of being pursued by Kerb crawlers as they venture out. The situation worsens as these predators extend invitations for rides, making it an extremely uneasy situation for women waiting for the bus or any other mode of transportation.

The escalating magnitude of this issue in Kashmir is a cause for growing concern with each passing day. The matter extends beyond the personal experience of women, it has become a collective worry for parents as well as families to take proter measures to curb such eve teasing like menace.

So, what should be done to fight the menace?

Addressing this menace of eve-teasing in any form requires immediate and concerted efforts to ensure the safety and well-being of women in public spaces. It is vital for communities to take proactive measures in curbing such incidents and stimulating an environment where women can move freely without fear or discomfort.

In such situations, the only recourse for parents is to empower their children by urging them to report such incidents. Encouraging them to be bold and teaching them to refuse to remain silent in the face of harassment. The situation is far from ideal, demanding a sustained and collective effort to address this pervasive problem. Unfortunately existing laws have fallen short in curbing the menace of eve teasing. To counteract this issue, we need a comprehensive remedy. Stricter punishment, better enforcement mechanisms, gender sensitization, and public education could be some of the effective methods to combat this social evil. Combining legal measures with educational initiatives, we can hope to build a safer and more respectful environment for women.

Dr. Samuel Johnson, an 18th-century English writer and lexicographer, once remarked on the intrinsic power bestowed upon women by nature, he says, 'nature has given women so much power that the law has given them very little.'

To conclude, no woman aspires to merely adorn the front cover of a magazine; for weak and timid reasons instead, they aspire to be celebrated for their merits, courage and accomplishments, surpassing any notion of being perceived as inferior or incapable beings.

Views expressed in the article are the author's own and do not necessarily represent the editorial stance of Kashmir Observer

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In Search of "I"

Hibban Showket

"One must imagine Sisyphus happy." The myth of Sisyphus, the conundrum of the rolling ball, the mind's eye looked deep into the concept of absurd and the sense of surrounding. It brings out an individual's discordance of the existence and the steady battle for meaning and meaninglessness of life. Descartes asserted, "Cogito, ergo sum" (I think, therefore I am) to the existentialist conundrum. "I rebel, therefore I exist", Camus would roll the ball deeper into and closer to nothingness rather than Sisyphus going up.

With philosophers making it a part of their thinking, my name is Hibban and I was born in Kashmir and I would never be enough to write about "self" because the concept of self is a whole subject of contemplation. My name, my place misses Freud's psychoanalytic, Jung's archetypes and extra views on self. Whether our approach to understanding self is philosophical, psychological or personal, the essays on self would be adaptable, multifaceted and complex. If someone asks a human to pick me out in a room full of people, it is indeed vital for at least my name, my colour, my looks or my clothes to feature among the characteristics that person would need to identify a "self", me. With regard to this precedent, self would simply mean what sets an individual apart from the rest. The physical aspects suffice the definition of self. What presented me as a unique entity among the rest of the people in the room could have been my 5'6" height, my brown race, my convex profiled nose, my narrow-waved hair or even my inverted trapezoid face shape, but my identification in this locale did not engender the need for inclusion of my conscious being. A change of the locale to embrace the thoughts, emotions, experiences, self-awareness into the identification of a self would contribute to the understanding of the complex nature of self.

Imagine that instead of a human being, some extraterrestrial being was to identify me in that room and their species lack the concept of physical attributes. "Self" would change its definition altogether. From this perspective, self is not an inher-



Understanding "myself" is an odyssey with both clear and distorted parts. External aspects, like what I do and achieve, mould one into a particular shape. But there is also an internal domain — dreams and feelings that guide one. It is as though a dance between the outside world and inner self is taking place. External things, such as life events, push and pull one

ently independent entity. Rather, the formation of self is primarily a cause of external factors. Perhaps, at the moment, my fascination in lieu of my fear of some extraterrestrial trying to identify me would set me apart from the rest of the people in the room. It would make sense if the terrestrial puts "curious" as my identifying emotion. "Myself" would now stem from my emotions but concurrently this should not mean that my physical attributes no longer encompass my identity but that "my self" is a coalescence of my personal identity, my ever changing thoughts, emotions, experiences, and conscious mind.

All these characters stem fundamentally from knowledge and while talking about self, two cardinal types of knowledge must be understood.

I and all other humans have tacit and direct or innate knowledge that shapes and defines our existence. Innate knowledge is genetically stored in us, the knowledge that a human used to identify me while tacit knowledge is learned, the knowledge that some extraterrestrial would use to identify me. One thing to consider here is that in both these situations, the meaning for self was derived from other beings and not from any internal cognitive model of myself. In both situations, I was letting my body and mind do what it had to. I did not shape my body in a particular way to be unique but when it comes to the basics of what shaped my mental make up to take fascination in extraterrestrial beings, then my role in defining myself would play a major role.

"Existence precedes essence" also assists the claim that self is a result of external factors. The choices and actions, and not only physical attributes form a unique Hibban Showket. With this external factor concept, it would be antithetical to look at self as a constant.

Consider that there is some form of the extraterrestrial being that I would fear, this would change my fundamental identity and fear would be used for my identity. Now, this also brings a very cardinal question of human existence into debate. "Who then am I?" which has been a constant theme in every thinker's life. One figures out who he/she is via experiences and thoughts. It is not a one-time thing, but a perpetual discovery. Every novel experience adds to an individual's story and construc-

tion of his identity.

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Each moment and experience contribute to who you are. This voyage is not about reaching a final destination; it is actually about always discovering new things regarding "you". In this ongoing discovery, there is solace in not having all the answers. The identity unfolds gradually, and that is okay.

Life's twists and turns, both joyful and challenging, contribute to the ongoing narrative of You. In this eternal discovery, one comes to appreciate the beauty of welcoming contradictions within "self". As the odyssey of self-discovery persists, the narrative becomes a testament to the resilience of the human spirit in the face of life's uncertainties in that it underscores the courage to confront uncertainties head-on, embracing them as integral components of the ongoing saga of self-discovery.

Cultural and societal factors play a pivotal role in shaping an individual's identity as well, intertwining external expectations, norms, and values into the ongoing narrative of self-discovery. The concept of self is not an isolated one but, it is deeply embedded in the cultural fabric that surrounds an individual. Societal constructs, ranging from cultural traditions to prevailing norms, impose expectations that shape one's sense of self. In Hibban Showket's or anyone's journey of self-discovery, external influences are evident — from the fear of extraterrestrial beings to the societal constructs defining acceptable emotions and behaviours.

"But no price is too high to pay for the privilege of owning yourself", Nietzsche.

How to Set Interpersonal Boundaries Gently

Daniel S. Lobel Ph.D.

Interpersonal boundaries, when properly expressed, allow individuals in a relationship to feel safe and secure. These feelings of safety and security support the sharing of the self and facilitate intimacy. The healthiest individuals approach intimate relationships with healthy boundaries already in place, thus minimizing the need to overtly state and reinforce these boundaries. People with a weak capacity to understand boundaries accept boundaries from others that they cannot create on their own. Unhealthy individuals, who either are poor at perceiving boundaries, or who intentionally violate them, most notably those suffering from symptoms of personality disorder, are offended by boundaries and resist or test the boundaries of others.

Setting boundaries with others requires confrontation. You must state to another person that there are some behaviors, or absence of behaviors, that are unacceptable. Many people are uncomfortable with confrontation because they see it as an aggressive act. Many people express boundaries harshly either because they are anxious about the confrontation or because they don't know of any other way. In the following paragraphs you will learn how to set boundaries with others in a gentle and compassionate way.

A common example is when people wish to live in a smoke free environment. Healthy individuals do not walk into other people's homes and light up. They ask the host if it is OK to smoke and cheerfully abstain if the answer is "no". Individuals with weak personal boundaries might walk into someone's home and without thinking about it light up. This requires the setting of a boundary: the host must confront the guest and tell them not to smoke in the house. Examples of aggressive confronta-



tion are:

"Get that cigarette out of here right now!"

"How dare you smoke in my house!"

"What kind of person lights up in someone else's house?"

This style of boundary setting is often seen as condescending, or sometimes contemptuous. At best, this will accomplish the goal of not allowing others to smoke in

your home, but it will do so with damage to the relationship associated with your disrespectful expression. At worst, aggressive boundary setting can trigger oppositionality or defiance in individuals with symptoms of personality disorder. In this example, this might take the form of outright defiance, such as continuing to smoke after being told not to, or putting the cigarette out on a piece of furniture or carpet. Alternatively,

it might take the form of getting around the boundary such as by smoking in the bathroom with a window open and a fan on, or vaping in the house.

The best boundary setting results will be achieved when boundaries are set as gently as possible. These are some guidelines as to how to formulate ways to present boundaries gently. You may not be able to use all of these elements in every situation. Each sug-

gestion offers benefit and they are synergistic when used together.

Tone of voice is extremely important regardless of the words you choose. Speak in a soft and compassionate voice.

Be respectful rather than demanding.

Show appreciation that the other person's respecting your boundary requires effort or sacrifice on their part.

Offer suggestions to make them comfortable with compliance with your boundaries.

If you have to set a no smoking boundary with guests in your home, a gentle format might sound something like this.

"We are so excited to have you visit our home. We know that you are a smoker and we don't have any indoor smoking areas, so we set up some chairs and firepit for you on our deck. Please let us know if there is anything else we can do to make you more comfortable. We appreciate your kindness."

Naturally, it is more challenging to be gentle once a stated boundary is violated. Intentional or frequent violations of your boundaries are reason to reconsider whether or not the person should continue to be part of your life. Even under this circumstance, a gentle approach to confrontation will still yield the best results. In this example it might sound like the following.

"I must insist that you not smoke in my home but is there anything I can do to make you more comfortable so that we can continue to enjoy our time together?"

Relationships will benefit from use of the gentle approach to boundary setting. In addition, confrontation is a very useful method of communication. Adding gentle confrontation to your communication toolbox will give you greater facility in communicating with others.

The article was originally published by Psychology Today

Researchers Examine Efficacy Of Kala-Azar Therapy Regimens In India

Press Trust Of India

Researchers have evaluated the efficacy of current therapy regimens for the neglected tropical disease, Visceral Leishmaniasis (VL), and published their findings in The Lancet Regional Health-Southeast Asia journal.

The researchers conducted a meta-analysis of 131 studies aimed at quantifying the proportion of relapses observed at and beyond 6-months using the University of Oxford's (UK) Infectious Diseases Data Observatory (IDDO) systematic review database.

Overall, 27,687 patients were included in the analysis, of which 1193 were found to have relapsed. The analysis included 101 studies from the Indian sub-continent (India, Nepal and Bangladesh), 14 from East Africa, along with studies from the Mediterranean region, Latin America and Central Asia.

The team of researchers, including those from India's Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, estimated that the proportion of VL patients relapsing after following the currently recommended drug regimen ranged from 0.5 to 4.5 per cent in the Indian sub-continent.

Further, they found that over one-quarter of relapses would be missed with 6-months follow-up suggesting a longer follow-up may be warranted.

Visceral Leishmaniasis, also known as kala-azar, is a protozoan parasitic disease spread by sandflies and manifests as sores, untreated cases of which can be highly fatal in most of the cases. Therapeutic interventions can, however, reduce mortality significantly.

In the Indian sub-continent (ISC), relapse estimates at 6-months was 4.5 per cent following single dose of liposomal amphotericin B (L-AmB) and 1.5 per cent for L-AmB in a combination therapy. Currently, 10 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg) dosage of the single dose L-AmB is the first line regimen and had the estimated average relapse of 3.5 per cent, the researchers said in their study.

In the Indian sub-continent, the overall relapse rate at 6-months for single dose L-AmB was 8.4 per cent for 5 mg/kg dosage and 1.8 per cent for 15 mg/kg dosage, indicating that higher doses of L-AmB may be more effective in preventing relapse, they said.

The lower relapse rates observed at higher doses of L-AmB may be due to the increased drug exposure and higher tissue concentrations achieved with higher dosages, the researchers wrote in the study.

Along with dosage, they found that other factors such as patient characteristics, parasite susceptibility, and drug action in the body, could influence the efficacy of the L-AmB regimen.

With every 1 mg/kg increase in dosage, the chances of a relapse decreased by 19 per cent, they found.

Further, the researchers also found fewer relapses to occur in patients following a combination regimen compared to a monotherapy.

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I, Hanam Choudhary D/o Amin Choudhary R/o Humhama Budgam, I have Purchased Plot No. 213 measuring 35*45*80 situated at in Housing colony Ompora Housing Colony Budgam from Mohammad Ashraf Dar S/o Gh. Rasool Dar R/o Haroo Budgam At Present New Colony Batmaloo. I have applied for transfer of leasehold rights of above said plot in my favour. Objection, if any, may be conveyed to the Managing Director, J&K Housing Board, Green Belt Park, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu within a period of 15 days from the date of publication of this Notice. However, no objection will be entertained after the expiry of the above said period.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR Jammu And Kashmir Services Selection Board

Advertisement Notification No. 02 of 2023 Dated: 08.12.2023 Subject: Advertisement for District Cadre posts, belonging to Social Welfare Department. Reference: Indent received from the Social Welfare Department, Government of Jammu & Kashmir.

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Accordingly, the JKSSB invites online application forms from eligible Female candidates for participating in the selection process for the aforementioned posts. The important dates/details with regard to the posts being advertised are as under:

- a. Date of Commencement for submission of Online Application Forms: 15.12.2023. b. Cut-off Date i.e. Last Date for submission of Online Application Forms: 14.01.2024. c. Annexure A: Name of the Post, Cadre, Pay Level, Category-wise break up, Qualification and Criteria for Selection for the advertised posts. d. Annexure B: Certificate regarding Physical Limitation to Write. e. Annexure C: Letter of Undertaking for using Own Scribe.

Total Number of Posts Advertised = 201

The detailed Terms and Conditions with regard to eligibility, educational qualification, domicile, reservation etc. for participating in the selection process for the aforementioned posts are as under:

01. APPOINTMENT OF THE CANDIDATES:

The Appointment and other service conditions in respect of the candidates selected through this selection process, shall be governed as per extant rules/regulations.

2. DOMICILE:

The candidates seeking to apply for the advertised posts shall be Domiciles of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir and must possess a valid Domicile Certificate issued by the Competent Authority on the prescribed format on or before the cut-off date i.e. last date of submission of online application forms, which, unless otherwise extended, shall be 14.01.2024.

3. VACANCIES:

The details of posts advertised are given in Annexure-A to this Notification. However, the number of posts can undergo increase or decrease without any Notice before the completion of the selection process, if so communicated by the concerned Indenting Department.

4. AGE LIMIT:

The requirement of age for applying against these posts, as on 01.01.2023 for Open Merit & various Reserved Categories Candidates, shall be as under:

Table with 5 columns: Sr. No., Category, Max. Age Limit in Years, Not Born Before, Not Born After. Rows include OM, SC, ST, RBA, ALC/IB, EWS, PSP, Social Caste.

Table with 5 columns: Sr. No., Category, Max. Age Limit in Years, Not Born Before, Not Born After. Rows include Physically Handicapped Person, Governmental Service/Contractual Employment, and a note on EWS category.

2. QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- a. As per the indent received from the Indenting Department and subject to the terms and conditions mentioned in the advertisement given in Annexure-A to this Notification. b. The candidates who are shortlisted for Document Verification will be required to produce original documents in support of their qualifications as per the indent received from the Indenting Department. c. Candidates who are shortlisted for Document Verification will be required to produce original documents in support of their qualifications as per the indent received from the Indenting Department. d. Candidates who are shortlisted for Document Verification will be required to produce original documents in support of their qualifications as per the indent received from the Indenting Department.

3. APPLICATION OF RESERVATIONS:

The Reservation for the posts under this Advertisement Notification shall be applied as per the indent received from the Indenting Department and subject to the terms and conditions mentioned in the advertisement given in Annexure-A to this Notification.

4. HORIZONTAL RESERVATION (Persons with Benchmark Disabilities):

- a. Horizontal Reservation for ESM candidates and Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBDs) shall be applicable to the extent as communicated by the Indenting Department/s in accordance with the extant rules/regulations. b. The suitability/Type of Disabilities/eligibility of Persons with Benchmark Disabilities for these posts under Horizontal Reservation shall be governed by the extant regulations. c. Horizontal Reservation for ESM candidates is applicable, as per extant rules, for the posts which carry Pay of and up to Level-6E (35900-113500). d. In terms of S.O. 361 of 2021 dated 20.10.2021, a candidate with ESM category on joining any post after having availed Horizontal Reservation, cannot avail of the benefit of Horizontal Reservation as ESM candidate for any subsequent Employment. A candidate seeking to apply under ESM category shall be required to submit an affidavit in this regard at the time of scrutiny of documents. e. ESM candidates shall be required to produce a Certificate in form-XIV duly signed by the competent authority as provided in the Rule 18 of Jammu and Kashmir Reservation Rules, 2005. f. In case sufficient number of candidates belonging to the ESM are not available on the basis of General standard to fill all the vacancies reserved for them, female candidates belonging to the category of ESM may be selected under the relaxed standard of selection to make up the deficiency in the reserved quota subject to the condition that such relaxation will not affect the level of performance by such candidates.

8. APPLICATION FEE:

- a. Fee payable: Rs.500/- (Rupees Five Hundred only) for candidates applying under OM, RBA, OSC, ALC/IB, PSP, ESM and Rs.400/- (Rupees Four Hundred only) for SC, ST, EWS and PwBD categories. b. Fee can be paid only online through Net Banking, Credit or Debit cards. c. Applications received without the prescribed fee shall not be considered and shall be summarily rejected. No representation against such rejection will be entertained. Fee once paid shall not be refunded under any circumstances nor will it be adjusted against any other examination or selection. d. All the disputes related to refund of excess payment, if any, are subject matter of the J&K Service Selection Board. Candidates are advised to apply for refund of excess payment, if any, through official e-mail: ssb@jksb.nic.in only. No chargeback request shall be entertained.

APPLICATION FEE:

- a. The candidates belonging to reserved categories shall submit the application fee in cash, by Demand Draft, Allocated Post Office Money Order (Post Office Money Order) for SC, ST, EWS and PwBD Categories. b. The fee can be paid only online through Net Banking, Credit or Debit cards. c. Applications received without the prescribed fee shall not be considered and shall be summarily rejected. No representation against such rejection will be entertained. Fee once paid shall not be refunded under any circumstances nor will it be adjusted against any other examination or selection. d. All the disputes related to refund of excess payment, if any, are subject matter of the J&K Service Selection Board. Candidates are advised to apply for refund of excess payment, if any, through official e-mail: ssb@jksb.nic.in only. No chargeback request shall be entertained.

9. DATE & MODE OF EXAMINATION:

The J&K Services Selection Board will notify the dates for examination and the mode of examination (written/oral) separately. The details shall be made available on the Board Website: www.jksb.nic.in. In case of any change in the date of examination, the Board will be notified through its website and the candidates shall be notified through its website.

10. SCOPE OF EXAMINATION:

- a. The examination will consist of Objective Type Multiple Choice Questions. The candidates will be tested in English Language only. b. There will be Negative Marking of 0.25 marks for every wrong answer.

11. SYLLABUS FOR THE POSTS:

The syllabus for the posts shall be available on the Board Website: www.jksb.nic.in.

12. ADMISSION TO THE EXAMINATION:

- a. The Board will not undertake detailed scrutiny of applications for the eligibility and other aspects at the time of written examination and, therefore, candidature will be accepted only provisionally. The candidates are advised to go through the requirements of educational qualification, age, and reserved category and satisfy themselves that they are eligible for the post. Copies of supporting documents will be sought at the time of Document Verification. When scrutiny is undertaken, if any claim made in the application is not found substantiated or correct, the candidature will be cancelled, and Criminal Proceedings under law may also be initiated, or any other action as may be deemed appropriate by the Board, shall be taken. b. All eligible candidates who register themselves in response to this Advertisement Notification, by the closing date and time and whose applications are found to be in order, and are provisionally accepted by the Board as per the terms and conditions of this Advertisement Notice, will be assigned Roll numbers and issued Admit Card/Roll No. slips for appearing in the Written Examination. c. The Examination details will be uploaded on the official website of the Board i.e. www.jksb.nic.in. Examination detail/Roll Number slips will not be issued by post for any stage of examination. Therefore, candidates are advised to visit the official website of Board regularly for updates and information about the examination. d. Candidate must submit her online Application form, Email-ID and Mobile Number along-with her Name, Date of Birth and Name of the Examination, while addressing any communication to the Board. No communication shall be entertained from the candidate without these particulars. e. Facility for download of Admit Cards will be available about one week before the Date of Examination on the official website of the Board. Candidate must bring printout of the Admit Card/Roll Number Card/Slip to the Examination Hall. f. In addition to the Roll Number Card/Slip, it is mandatory to carry at least two passport size recent colour photographs, Original valid Photo-ID proof such as: Aadhaar Card/ Printout of E-Aadhaar, Voter's ID Card, Driving License, PAN Card, Passport, School/ College/University I-Card, Employer ID Card (Govt./ PSU/ Private), etc.

13. PROVISION OF COMPENSATORY TIME AND ASSISTANCE OF SCRIBE:

In terms of the extant guidelines, the Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBDs), who are eligible for the post of Supervisor, Social Welfare Department and are in possession of valid disability certificate, may choose to avail the facility of Scribe and/or compensatory time of 20 minutes per hour of examination, on production of a certificate from the competent Medical Board/Authority as per Annexure-B and an Undertaking to this effect as per Annexure-C to this Notification. The facility of Scribe for such candidates shall be available only with the following conditions:

- a. The candidate shall have to arrange for her own Scribe to save the facility. b. The person engaged as Scribe should not be a candidate for the same examination himself. c. The scribe shall not be a student of the same institution/centre where the test is being conducted and also not a relative of the candidate. d. The Scribe shall be a student of a lower grade of education than the candidate appearing in the examination. She shall also not possess more than the minimum qualification as required for the post for which the candidate is taking the examination. If subsequently it is found that the qualification of the Scribe is not as declared by the candidate, the candidate shall forfeit her right to the post and claims relating thereto. e. The Scribe would need to produce a valid ID Proof in original at the time of examination. f. If a candidate is deemed as assisting another PwBD candidate as scribe in the examination, the candidature of both the candidates shall be cancelled. g. No attendant other than the Scribe for eligible candidates shall be allowed inside the Examination Hall. h. The candidates with Benchmark Disabilities opting for facility of a Scribe shall be required to submit details of the Scribe at the time of examination as per proforma at Annexure-C. i. For availing the facility of Scribe and/or compensatory time in terms of the conditions given above, a candidate should have filled the application form as PwBD candidate, at the time of applying for the post and in addition shall have to submit following documents (whichever applicable) to the Observer on the day of the examination: i. Application on plain paper. ii. Person with Disability Certificate (Self-attested). iii. Certificate regarding physical limitation to write (Annexure-B). iv. Letter of Undertaking for Using Own Scribe (Annexure-C). v. Admit Card/Roll Number and Contact Number. vi. Qualification certificate of Scribe (Self-attested). vii. Photocopy of the Scribe's Photo-ID Proof signed by the candidate as well as the Scribe. j. Candidates who wish to avail facility of a Scribe and/or compensatory time, are advised to reach the examination centre at least one hour in advance before the scheduled time to make the process hassle free. k. The candidature of such candidates shall remain provisional till the veracity of the relevant document/s is verified. Candidates shall be debarred from the examination in case of fraudulent claim of PwBD status.

14. DOCUMENT VERIFICATION (DV):

- a. The candidates who are shortlisted for Document Verification will be required to appear for Document Verification along-with the original documents as well as self-attested Photostat copy of each document/certificate/online application form as per the Advertisement Notification. b. The candidate must be in possession of the prescribed academic qualification and other documents like Birth Certificate, Domicile Certificate, Category Certificate, etc. on or before the last date of submission of online application form. c. The candidate must appear with original Domicile Certificate/Qualification/Category/Bonafide Certificate/s etc. before the Document Verification Committee as may be constituted for such purpose by the Board. In case a candidate fails to appear before the DV or fails to produce relevant documents/testimonials in original on the scheduled date of DV, she shall not be considered for selection. d. No TA/DA will be paid for participation in the written test/ document verification. e. Candidates shall be required to bring two passport size recent colour photographs and to produce a valid ID Proof in original at the time of Document Verification. f. Wherever a specific format has been prescribed for any certificate, in accordance with the relevant rules/orders, a candidate shall be supposed to furnish the said requisite documents in the prescribed format at the time of Documents Verification, otherwise her candidature shall be liable for cancellation/rejection. g. Candidates who wish to be considered against reserved vacancies or such age relaxation wherever applicable, must submit requisite certificate/documents from the Competent Authority in the prescribed format when such certificates are sought by the Board at the time of Document Verification, otherwise their claim will not be entertained & their candidature shall be considered under Open Merit Category. h. Candidates claiming to be Domicile of Jammu & Kashmir shall be asked to produce the Domicile Certificate in original issued by the competent authority up to the cut-off date, in the prescribed format at the time of Document Verification or as and when sought by the Board. i. ESM candidates shall be required to produce a Certificate in form XIV duly signed by the competent authority as provided in Rule 18 of Jammu and Kashmir Reservation Rules, 2005. j. Bonafide Certificate on the format prescribed by the Board duly issued by the Controller/Registrar of the concerned University in respect of the candidates, who have obtained Degree from the Universities/Colleges/Institutes outside the UT of J&K and other than Central Universities. k. In addition, any other Certificate, as may be required as part of the eligibility for a specific post, shall also be produced at the time of the DV.

15. MISCONDUCT/MALPRACTICE:

If any candidate is found indulging in any irregularity/misconduct/malpractice at any stage of selection process, such candidate shall be debarred from the examinations conducted by the Services Selection Board for such period as may be deemed appropriate, and apart from cancellation of candidature for the instant examination any other action as would be necessary & expedient, shall be taken.

16. STEPS TAKEN FOR FAIRNESS & TRANSPARENCY IN EXAMINATION PROCESS:

The Board, for the purposes of ensuring integrity, fairness and transparency in the Examination process shall be well within its rights & duties to take steps as necessary or issue instructions as deemed appropriate, at any stage of selection process, and all such steps/instructions shall be deemed to have been taken/given in furtherance of its mandate, as enshrined in the relevant laws/rules/regulations.

17. BOARD'S DECISION FINAL:

The decision of the Board in all matters relating to eligibility, acceptance or rejection of the applications, penalty for false information, mode of selection, conduct of examination(s), allotment of examination centers and preparation of merit list & Cadre/Department allocation, debarment for indulging in malpractices would be final and binding on the candidates and no enquiry/ correspondence will be entertained in this regard.

18. IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

- a. BEFORE APPLYING, CANDIDATES ARE ADVISED TO GO THROUGH THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN IN THE NOTICE OF EXAMINATION VERY CAREFULLY. b. THE CANDIDATE MUST WRITE NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH STRICTLY AS RECORDED IN THE MATRICULATION CERTIFICATE. c. CANDIDATES ARE ADVISED IN THEIR OWN INTEREST TO SUBMIT ONLINE APPLICATIONS MUCH BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE AND NOT TO WAIT TILL THE LAST DATE TO AVOID THE POSSIBILITY OF DISCONNECTION/INABILITY OR FAILURE TO LOGIN TO THE ONLINE APPLICATION PORTAL ON ACCOUNT OF HEAVY LOAD ON THE WEBSITE DURING THE CLOSING DAYS. d. CANDIDATES ARE ADVISED TO FILL THE APPLICATION FORM CAREFULLY & DILIGENTLY, AS NO CLAIMS FOR MAKING CHANGES IN ANY ENTRY/FIELD SHALL BE ENTERTAINED AT ANY LATER STAGE. e. THE BOARD WILL NOT UNDERTAKE DETAILED SCRUTINY OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE ELIGIBILITY AND OTHER ASPECTS AT THE TIME OF WRITTEN EXAMINATION AND, THEREFORE, CANDIDATURE WILL BE ACCEPTED ONLY PROVISIONALLY. THE CANDIDATES ARE ADVISED TO GO THROUGH THE REQUIREMENTS OF EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION, AGE, ETC. AND SATISFY THEMSELVES THAT THEY ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE POST(S). COPIES OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS WILL BE SOUGHT AT THE TIME OF DOCUMENT VERIFICATION. WHEN SCRUTINY IS UNDERTAKEN, IF ANY CLAIM MADE IN THE APPLICATION IS NOT FOUND SUBSTANTIATED, THE CANDIDATURE WILL BE CANCELLED AND THE BOARD'S DECISION SHALL BE FINAL AND BINDING. f. CANDIDATES SEEKING RESERVATION BENEFITS AVAILABLE FOR RBA/SC/ST/ OSC/ EWS/PSP/ALC/IB/PWD/ESM MUST ENSURE THAT THEY ARE ENTITLED TO SUCH RESERVATION AS PER ELIGIBILITY CONDITION PRESCRIBED IN THIS NOTICE. THEY SHOULD ALSO BE IN POSSESSION OF THE CERTIFICATES IN THE PRESCRIBED FORMAT IN SUPPORT OF THEIR CLAIM. g. CANDIDATES WITH BENCHMARK PHYSICAL DISABILITY ONLY WOULD BE CONSIDERED AS PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWD) AND ENTITLED TO RESERVATION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. h. WHEN APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFULLY SUBMITTED, IT WILL BE ACCEPTED 'PROVISIONALLY'. CANDIDATE SHOULD TAKE PRINTOUT OF THE APPLICATION FORM AND SUBMIT THE SAME AT THE TIME OF DOCUMENTS VERIFICATION. THE CANDIDATES ARE FURTHER ADVISED NOT TO SUBMIT THE HARD COPIES OF THE ONLINE APPLICATION FORM IN THE OFFICE OF THE SERVICES SELECTION BOARD EITHER IN PERSON OR BY POST/EMAIL. i. ONLY ONE ONLINE APPLICATION FOR THE POST OF SAME ITEM NO. IS ALLOWED TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE CANDIDATE. THEREFORE, THE CANDIDATES ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE DUE DILIGENCE AT THE TIME OF FILLING THEIR ONLINE APPLICATION FORMS. IN CASE, MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION OF A CANDIDATE IS DETECTED FOR THE SAME ITEM NO., THE BOARD WILL CONSIDER LATEST APPLICATION. IF A CANDIDATE SUBMITS MULTIPLE APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE SAME POST AND APPEARS IN THE EXAMINATION (AT ANY STAGE) MORE THAN ONCE FOR THE POST OF THE SAME ITEM NO., HER CANDIDATURE WILL BE CANCELLED AND SHE WILL BE DEBARRED FROM THE EXAMINATIONS OF THE BOARD AS PER RULES. j. REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION OR CHANGE IN THE PREFERENCES ONCE FILLED RELATING TO CADRE AND DEPARTMENT, IF APPLICABLE, SHALL NOT BE ENTERTAINED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. k. THE CANDIDATES MUST WRITE THEIR FATHER'S NAME AND MOTHER'S NAME STRICTLY AS GIVEN IN THE MATRICULATION CERTIFICATE OTHERWISE THEIR CANDIDATURE MAY BE CANCELLED AT THE TIME OF DOCUMENT VERIFICATION OR AS AND WHEN IT COMES INTO THE NOTICE OF THE BOARD. l. APPLICATIONS WITH BLURRED/ ILLEGIBLE PHOTOGRAPH/ SIGNATURE WILL BE REJECTED SUMMARILY. m. REQUEST FOR CHANGE/ CORRECTION IN ANY PARTICULARS IN THE APPLICATION FORM, ONCE SUBMITTED, WILL NOT BE ENTERTAINED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. THEREFORE, THE APPLICANTS ARE ADVISED TO FILL ALL THE FIELDS OF THE ONLINE APPLICATION FORM WITH DUE DILIGENCE AND AFTER CAREFULLY READING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS GIVEN IN THE ADVERTISEMENT NOTIFICATION. n. THE CANDIDATES MUST CARRY TWO PASSPORT SIZE RECENT COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS AND A LATEST PHOTO BEARING IDENTIFICATION PROOF SUCH AS AADHAAR CARD/ PRINTOUT OF E-AADHAAR, DRIVING LICENSE, VOTER CARD, PAN CARD, IDENTITY CARD ISSUED BY SCHOOL/COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY/ EMPLOYER (GOVERNMENT OR ANY OTHER OFFICE, WHERE THE CANDIDATE MAY BE WORKING, ETC) IN ORIGINAL TO THE EXAMINATION VENUE, FAILING WHICH THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO APPEAR FOR THE SAME. PWD CANDIDATES USING THE FACILITY OF SCRIBE SHALL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO CARRY REQUIRED MEDICAL CERTIFICATE/ UNDERTAKING/ PHOTOCOPY OF THE SCRIBE'S PHOTO ID PROOF, AS SPECIFIED THEREIN. o. IN CASE OF FAKE/ FABRICATED APPLICATION/ REGISTRATION BY MISUSING ANY DIGNITARIES NAME/ PHOTO, SUCH CANDIDATE(S) SHALL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAME AND LIABLE FOR SUITABLE LEGAL ACTION UNDER CYBER/ IT ACT. p. FOR SINGLE STAGE EXAMINATION POSTS: FEE PAYABLE: RS.500/- (RUPEES FIVE HUNDRED ONLY) FOR OM, RBA, PSP, OSC, ALC/IB AND ESM CANDIDATES AND RS. 400/- (RUPEES FOUR HUNDRED ONLY) FOR SC, ST, PWD & EWS CATEGORIES. q. THE CANDIDATES SHALL CAREFULLY INDICATE THE ITEMS FOR WHICH SHE IS APPLYING AND SHALL BE CONSIDERED FOR SELECTION FOR ONLY SUCH ITEMS FOR WHICH SHE HAS APPLIED AND IS OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE. EACH CANDIDATE APPLYING FOR SUCH MULTIPLE ITEMS SHALL BE REQUIRED TO CLEARLY INDICATE THE ITEMS FOR WHICH SHE IS COMPETING (DEPENDING UPON HER CHOICE AND ELIGIBILITY) AND THE FINAL ALLOTMENT AGAINST THE ADVERTISED POSTS/SERVICES/CADRE SHALL BE MADE ON THE BASIS OF MERIT-CUM-PREFERENCES GIVEN BY THE CANDIDATE.

19. PROCEDURE FOR FILLING ONLINE APPLICATION:

The necessary instructions regarding filling up of online applications, including the details of Online Portal in this regard shall be made available on the Board website separately. Candidates will be required online only and no other means/mode of application will be accepted.

20. IN-SERVICE CANDIDATES:

In service candidates shall submit print out of filled online application form along-with duly filled, signed and stamped Certificate given at last paragraph of the application form through proper channel viz; the concerned Head of Department (as defined in the JK Book of Financial Powers). The Head of Department concerned shall forward the application form of the In-service candidates (TPC cases) to the office of the Secretary, J&K Services Selection Board by or before the date of scrutiny of documents/documents verification. Such candidates shall also indicate the same while submitting online form. (Sachin Jarnwal) JKAS Secretary Services Selection Board No. JKSSB-PLAN/I/2023-03(E- 7098040) DPK-13560/23 Dated:11.12.2023

GST Evasion Of Rs 345 Cr Detected Against Lottery Distributors Till November 2023: FinMin

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: A total of 12 cases of GST evasion involving Rs 345 crore have been detected against lottery distributors since July 2017, Parliament was informed on Monday. Minister of State for Finance Bhagwat Karad in a written reply to the Lok Sabha said Rs 622 crore, including interest and penalty, have been recovered from lottery distributors from July 2017 till November 2023.

"Twelve cases involving GST evasion of Rs 344.57 crore have been detected against lottery distributors and Rs 621.56 crore (including interest and penalty) has been recovered/realized from July 2017 to till November 2023," Karad said. Karad further said the Finance Ministry had received a reference from the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) for comments regarding disbursement of prize amount of lotteries through formal banking channel.

"Comments in this regard have been sent to MHA. Using formal banking channel for any kind of transaction, including disbursement of lottery prize, is helpful in mitigating the associated money laundering/terrorist financing/proliferation funding risks in view of the robust banking system and effective regulation/supervision of the regulated entities," Karad said. Under income tax law, a 30 per cent Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) is to be levied on winnings from lotteries, game



shows, card games, online games provided the earnings exceed Rs 10,000 in a fiscal.

"The Income Tax Department takes appropriate action in cases involving evasion of tax whenever any credible information/intelligence of violation of provisions of direct tax laws relating to any taxpayer comes to its notice. Such action under direct tax laws includes conducting enquiries, mounting search and seizure or survey action, assessment and consequential action..." Karad said.

Sensex likely to hit 1-lakh mark by Christmas 2025, says Hiren Ved. These 2 sectors to drive rally

If this happens, the Sensex will deliver 43 percent returns in about two years, compounding at about 20 percent a year from current levels. Pro-rata IPO allotment was corrupting price discovery: Sebi chief on why it was stopped

The SEBI chief said that this process was not helping in the price discovery, and was painting a wrong picture of the IPO, showing a much higher interest in the offering than the actual figure

I-T raids on Odisha distillery enter 6th day, Rs 353 crore recovered so far

Domestic Airlines Reported 406 Instances Of Aircraft Malfunctioning In Jan-Nov 2023: Govt Data



Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Domestic airlines reported 406 instances of aircraft malfunctioning in the first 11 months of this year, according to the government.

Minister of State for Civil Aviation VK Singh shared the data in a written reply to the Rajya Sabha on Monday.

From January to November 2023, IndiGo reported 233 instances of aircraft malfunctioning, while SpiceJet reported 44 such cases.

Air India reported 52 instances of malfunctioning of aircraft, followed by the now-grounded Go First (22), Akasa

Air (20), AirAsia (India) Ltd (15), Vistara (13), Fly Big (5) and BlueDart Aviation (2).

In 2022, these airlines had reported 542 instances of malfunctioning of aircraft.

"Technical snags in aircraft are caused due to improper function/malfunction of components/accessories fitted on the aircraft," the minister said.

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has laid down regulations under Civil Aviation Requirement (CAR), which requires that the aircraft is maintained in accordance with the manufacturer and DGCA guidelines, and all

snags reported on the aircraft are rectified before it is released for flight, he added.

In a separate written reply, Singh said there was no shortage of pilots in the country.

"Currently, there are 34 Flying Training Organisations (FTOs) in the country operating at 55 bases, which are imparting flying training to cadets. In the current year 2023 (till October), a total of 1,371 CPLs have been issued so far and the trend indicates a sharp increase in the number of CPLs issued in comparison to previous years," he noted.

CPLs are Commercial Pilot Licences.

Sensex Scales 70k-Peak, Nifty Closes Just Shy Of 21k On Gains In Metal, IT Shares

Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI: Equity benchmark Sensex breached a new milestone of 70,000 points before closing 102 points higher, while Nifty settled just shy of the 21,000 mark on Monday, driven by gains in banking, IT and metal shares.

After a gap-up opening, the 30-share index rose to a record intra-day high of 70,057.83 points. Later, it shed some of the gains to close at 69,928.53 points, showing a rise of 102.93 points or 0.15 per cent.

As many as 18 Sensex shares closed in the green, 11 declined, and one settled unchanged.

The broader Nifty also hits record trading high of 21,026.10 amid early gains in global markets. The 50-share index gained 27.70 points or 0.13 per cent to settle just below the 21,000 level at 20,997.10, its all-time closing high.

Among Sensex shares, Ultratech Cement jumped the most by 3.04 per cent. Nestle rose 1.3 per cent, Power Grid 1.05 per cent and Tata Motors 0.85 per cent. Gains in IndusInd Bank, HCL Tech, TCS, Tech Mahindra, NTPC, ITC, JSW Steel and Tata Steel helped the barometer scale a fresh high.

Axis Bank fell the most by 1.26 per cent, M&M by 0.99 per cent and Hindustan Unilever by 0.67 per cent. Maruti, Bajaj Finserv, Bharti Airtel, and HDFC Bank and Infosys also declined.

"The market crossed 70,000 levels today, while the broader market outperformed the main indices. However, profit



booking was evident at higher levels as traders anticipated clues from tomorrow's significant data releases on inflation from the US and India, as well as the IIP," Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services, said.

Investors will be closely watching the upcoming FOMC meeting tomorrow for clues about potential future rate cuts while expecting to keep rates the same this time, Nair added. The US Federal Reserve will announce its next move on interest rates on Wednesday.

The US government will report on consumer inflation on Tuesday.

In the broader market, BSE LargeCap advanced by 0.21 per cent, BSE MidCap by 0.91 per cent, while SmallCap rose by 0.71 per cent.

Among sectoral indices, BSE Commodities rose by 1.16 per cent, BSE Metal by 1.1 per cent, BSE Services by 0.95 per cent, BSE Capital Goods by 0.76 per cent, BSE Utilities by 0.67 per cent, and BSE Auto by 0.48 per cent.

However, BSE Healthcare dropped 0.38 per cent and Oil

& Gas by 0.15 per cent.

On the Nifty scaling 21,000 level, Rupak De, Senior Technical Analyst at LKP Securities, said, "The Nifty traded mostly sideways as traders stayed on the sidelines at the beginning of a data-packed week. There's a strong resistance at 21,000, with call writers actively building positions. A decisive breakthrough above 21,000 is necessary to resume the uptrend. Until then, it's anticipated that the market will consolidate within a broader range".

Meanwhile, Asian markets were mixed. Hong Kong's Hang Seng dropped 0.8 per cent, and the Shanghai Composite added 0.7 per cent, while Tokyo's Nikkei 225 index gained 1.5 per cent.

In Europe, Germany's DAX was unchanged, and the CAC 40 in Paris gained 0.2 per cent. In London, the FTSE 100 was down 0.4 per cent.

Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) have turned bullish, investing Rs 26,505 crore into domestic equities in the first six trading sessions of December.

Retail Inflation Now Stable, Temporary Increases Due To Demand-Supply Mismatches: FM

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday said retail inflation is now "stable" and temporary increases in inflation on a few occasions are caused by demand-supply mismatches arising out of global shocks and adverse weather conditions.

In a written reply to the Lok Sabha, Sitharaman said India's retail inflation has declined from an average of 7.1 per cent in April-October 2022 to 5.4 per cent in the corresponding period of 2023.

"The retail inflation is now stable and within the notified tolerance band of 2 per cent to 6 per cent. A steady decline in core inflation, estimated after removing volatile food and fuel items from retail inflation, has been critical in weakening the inflationary pressure in the Indian economy," she said.

The core inflation rate has declined from 5.1 per cent in April 2023 to 4.3 per cent in October 2023.

The minister said retail inflation in India has been mostly within acceptable limits after the notification of the inflation tolerance band in 2016.

"Temporary increases in inflation on a few occasions are caused by demand-supply mismatches arising out of global shocks and adverse weather conditions," Sitharaman added.

Proactive supply-side initia-



tives by the government and effective demand stabilisation measures by the Reserve Bank of India have helped resolve the demand-supply mismatches and rein in inflation, she added.

The measures taken by the government to restrain inflation include strengthening buffers for key food items, making periodic open market releases, easing imports of essential food items through trade policy measures, and preventing hoarding through imposition/revision of stock limits, and channelling supplies through designated retail outlets.

To ensure food security for the poor, the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, which provides free foodgrains to about 81.35 crore beneficiaries, has been extended for five years with effect from January 1, 2024.

In October 2023, the government also increased the subsidy under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana from Rs 200 to Rs 300 per 14.2 kg cylinder.

Cooking Gas LPG Rates For Ujjwala Consumers Cheapest In India Compared To Neighbouring Nations: Govt

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The price of domestic cooking gas LPG at Rs 603 for a 14.2 kilogramme cylinder for beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) is the cheapest in India when compared to rates in neighbouring countries, Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said in the Rajya Sabha on Monday.

The minister, during the Question Hour in the Upper House, said India imports 60 per cent of its LPG requirement. Despite volatile and high global prices of LPG, the government absorbed it and kept the prices lower for the Ujjwala beneficiaries.

"Ujjwala cylinders are available at Rs 603. It costs Rs 1,059.46 in Pakistan, Rs 1,033.35 in Sri Lanka and at Rs 1,198.56 in Nepal. We are providing LPG cylinders at 50 per cent of the price. ...We have absorbed the global price increase and that's why cylinders are cheapest in India," he said.

The LPG price in Saudi Arabia has increased from USD 415 per tonne to USD 700-odd per tonne in two years, but the government has absorbed the rise in rates, he said.

The minister said that the consumption under PMUY has gone up to 2.8 cylinders per household annually now. The number of connections under the scheme has also increased to 9.6 crore and utilization has increased.

Responding to a query on the



number of lives saved due to implementation of the PMUY, Puri said shifting from traditional firewood, kerosene and coal to a cleaner gas medium has significant health benefits, especially for women. However, it is difficult to quantify precisely.

He said the total number of cooking gas connections in the country, which stood at 14 crore in 2014, has increased to 33 crore at present. Out of which, the connections under the PMUY are 9.6 crore.

The government has decided to provide additional 75 lakh gas connections under the scheme, out of which 34 lakh has already been accomplished, he added.

To another query on incorporating the auditor CAG recommendations on PMUY, the minister said all the recommendations were included while tweaking the scheme.

"We take CAG recommendations very seriously unlike the previous dispensation," he said.

Responding to a query regarding the number of oil bonds issued by the UPA-2 government, the minister said that the question is distinctly related to the Ujjwala scheme.

'Over 679,500 Central Govt Pensioners As Of Mar 2023'

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NEW DELHI: There are over 67.95 lakh central government pensioners, including defence pensioners, as of March 31, 2023, the finance ministry said on Monday.

As per the data compiled and furnished by Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare on the basis of database maintained by Central Pension Accounting Office, Controller General of Defence Accounts, Ministry of Railways, Department of Telecommunication and Department of Posts, the total number of central government pensioners as on March 31, 2023, is 67,95,449, Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary said in the Lok Sabha.

The number of civil and defence pensioners stood at close to 11.42 lakh and over 33.87 lakh, respectively. The number of telecom and postal pensioners stood at over 4.38 lakh and 3.01 lakh, respectively.

Railway pensioners stood at over 15.25 lakh as of March 2023.

To a question on whether the government proposes to restore the old pension scheme (OPS) for central government employees, Chaudhary said, "No such proposal is under consideration".

A committee has been set up under the chairmanship of the Finance Secretary to look into the issue of pensions under the National Pension System (NPS) in respect of government

employees and to, inter alia, examine whether in the light of the existing framework and structure of the National Pension System, as applicable to government employees, any changes therein are warranted.

He further said the state governments of Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Punjab, and Himachal Pradesh have informed the central government/ Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) about their decision to revert to the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) for their state government employees.

"These State Governments have requested for withdrawal/ refund of contribution along with return thereon. However, the Government of Punjab has also informed the Government of India that it continues to pay staff and government contributions to the NPS," Chaudhary said.

There is no provision under the PFRDA Act, 2013, and other relevant regulations, vide which the accumulated corpus of the subscribers viz. government contribution, employees' contribution towards NPS, along with accruals, can be refunded and deposited back to the state governments, he added.

Under the OPS, retired government employees received 50 per cent of their last drawn salary as monthly pensions. The amount keeps increasing with the hike in the DA rates. OPS is not fiscally sustainable as it is not contributory, and the burden on the exchequer keeps on mounting.

India's Bioeconomy Grew To \$80 Billion In Eight Years: Mandaviya

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AHMEDABAD: Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Monday said India's bioeconomy has grown eight-fold in the last eight years to \$80 billion, and the country has set a target to reach \$600 billion by 2030.

The minister was speaking at the pre-Vibrant Gujarat seminar on 'Biotechnology: The Path of Innovation and Wellness for Viksit Bharat'.

"The Indian bioeconomy has grown eight times in the last eight years to \$80 billion from \$10 billion earlier. India has set a target for the biotechnology industry to grow to \$150 billion by 2025 and \$600 billion by 2030. There are more than 760 companies and 4,240 startups in the biotechnology sector in the country," he said.

The country is not far from being among the top 10 in the biotechnology global ecosystem, he said at a seminar organised as part of the upcoming Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2024.

"Biotechnology will become the biggest foundation for health treatment, and will help resolve complex questions in the fields of agriculture, environment, industrial production, and several such areas," Mandaviya said.

The economy will be based on biotechnology because of all these factors, he added.

The National Biotechnology Development Strategy 2022-25 has focused on skill development, R&D, knowledge sharing, commercialisation facilities and public-private partnership mode to connect to the markets, the minister informed.

Govt Assures Onion Farmers There Won't Be Export Ban Impact

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Amid onion farmers' protest in Maharashtra against ban on exports, the Centre on Monday said it will procure about 2 Lakh Tonne (LT) of the kharif crop for its buffer stock from all mandis to protect their interest.

The procurement will ensure domestic wholesale rates remain stable and do not fall sharply because of the ban.

On the other hand, the buffer stock will be used to arrest spike in retail prices, the government said.

On December 8, the Centre banned onion exports till March 31 next year to increase domestic availability and keep prices under check.

This has led to protests by onion farmers in Maharashtra's Nashik district.

Briefing the media, Consumer Affairs Secretary Rohit Kumar Singh said, "There won't be any impact of

export ban on farmers as the government procurement is going on. So far this year, we have procured 5.10 lakh tonnes of onion and about 2 lakh tonnes kharif crop will be procured."

Usually, the government procures rabi onion considering its long shelf life.

However, for the first time, the government will procure the kharif crop to protect the interest of farmers and arrest spike in prices in retail markets.

The government is procuring onion to maintain a buffer stock and use it for market intervention to boost domestic availability and check prices.

The government has raised buffer stock target to 7 lakh tonnes for the 2023-24 fiscal, against the actual stock of 3 lakh tonnes last year. According to Singh, about 5.10 lakh tonnes of onion have been procured from farmers for the buffer stock, of which 2.73 lakh tonnes have been disposed of in wholesale mandis as part of its market intervention.

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HANDY DASTI QUOTATIONS

Subject: Contour mapping / survey for quantification of legacy waste.

In pursuance to the directions issued by the Directorate of Urban Local Bodies Kashmir with regard to the survey of quantification of legacy waste, sealed dasti quotations are invited from registered / reputed agencies who are capable of conducting the Contour mapping of the legacy waste at Municipal Committee Awantipora which should reach to the office of the undersigned by or before 17/12/2023 on the below mentioned terms and conditions:-

Terms and conditions:

01. The successful quotationer is bound to complete the survey within seven days positively from the date of contract
02. The payment will be released only after proper verification / certification of the report by the Committee constituted by this Institution.
03. The quotationer should quote rates inclusive of all taxes etc.
04. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any quotation or quotation without assigning reasons thereof;
05. The Quotations are opened on same date in presence of quotationers who wish to be present on the same date and time.
06. Other terms and conditions can be had from the office of undersigned during working hours.

NO: MC/AWP/23/2539-42
Dated:- 09-12-2023

Executive Officer
Municipal Committee
Awantipora.

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I-League: Real Kashmir Stun Gokulam Kerala With 3-0 Win



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SRINAGAR: Real Kashmir Football Club (RKFC) on Monday trounced Gokulam Kerala FC by 3-0 in an I-League match in front of a home crowd here.

Demonstrating dominance from the start, RKFC scored the first goal, originating from a seemingly harmless back pass, through Gnohere Krizo who capitalized on a goalkeeper's hesi-

tation in the 31st minute. Leading the first half 1-0, the RKFC continued their dominance over the game with Jeremy Laldinpuai adding the second goal in the 59th minute of the game. Within six minutes, as Real Kashmir FC orchestrated their attack through skilful passing, Gokulam Kerala FC, the former I-League champion, defender Muhammad Saheef attempted to intercept by heading the

ball to his teammate Vikas. Vikas' clearance fell short, hitting Krizo who wasted no time capitalizing on the error and seizing the opportunity to secure his second goal of the match. The win helped Real Kashmir FC climb to the third spot in the I-League. They have 17 points from nine games, including five wins, two draws and two losses.

Gokulam Kerala FC hold

the sixth spot in the table with 13 points from nine games. Real Kashmir's standout feature in this I-League season has been their exceptional defensive strength. They will play their next home game on December 16. Owner of RKFC Sandeep Chattoo said it was a "spectacular" win on a day when the Supreme Court pronounced its verdict on the abrogation of Article 370.

International Mountain Day: Tourism Department Unveils 30 Trekking Maps



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: On International Mountain Day, Directorate of Tourism organised an event to celebrate the occasion in which adventure lovers and mountaineers participated. The theme for this year's event was "Restoring Mountain Ecosystems" aiming at raising awareness about relevance of mountain ecosystems. Participants discussed the need to preserve mountain ecosystems while promoting tourism that respects the environment. Dr. Abid said that tourism in Kashmir has flourished tremendously with the valley recording

a steep rise in number of visiting tourists from the whole country. He said that the number of tourists who have already visited JK this year in different segments like adventure, leisure, pilgrim has already crossed 20 million and this counting will grow further in this month owing to the winter tourism peak. Assuring the stakeholders of all support, Dr Abid said that we will redouble our efforts to make sure that JK Tourism attains newer heights while calling for coordinated efforts from all stakeholders. On the occasion, the Tourism Department also launched two projects in collaboration with SIDBI. These included Homestay En-

trepreneurship Training Program and 10 day P1 and P2 paragliding course at Bir Billing Himachal Pradesh. To encourage exploration and adventure, maps for 30 new offbeat trekking routes were unveiled. The event also featured the felicitation of associations and individuals who have shown exemplary achievements in the field of adventure tourism. On the sidelines of the event, the department had organized several activities like flagging off a cycle rally from TRC, distribution of mountain gear among the adventure lovers and a photo exhibition.

With 5 Games Left For T20 WC, Indian Youngsters Running Out Of Time

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GOEBERHA: After a washout in the series-opener robbed the auditioning Indian youngsters of valuable game time, the think tank will be hoping for clear weather in the second T20I against South Africa here on Tuesday. Even the toss could not be held in Durban on Sunday and there is a rain forecast even for the second game of the three-match series. Now only five games are left in the build up to the T20 World Cup in June and the management has a very small window to try out players. In the current scenario, form in the IPL will carry a lot of weight for selection in the Indian team bound for USA and Caribbean. The selectors announced a 17-man squad for the series

and it is highly unlikely that all of them would get an opportunity in the remaining two games. Shubman Gill, who was not part of the T20 series against Australia held right after the World Cup, Suryakumar Yadav and Rinku Singh seem to be the only certainties in the batting order for the ICC event six months later. Both Yashasvi Jaiswal and Ruturaj Gaikwad have got runs under their belt but if Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma make themselves available for the World Cup, the two fringe players would need a sensational effort in the IPL to make the cut. The only other series India play before the World Cup is against Afghanistan at home next month. The selectors will be forced to consider only IPL performance for World Cup selection, raising questions



over the scheduling of India's T20 commitments before the World Cup. Like Rinku, Jitesh Sharma is

also being seen as the finisher for India in the shortest format. After showing promise against Australia, Jitesh will be hoping

for game time against the Proteas. The extra bounce on South Africa pitches will pose a stiff

test for the young batting line-up. In the bowling department, multiple spots are up for grabs with only Arshdeep Singh and Jasprit Bumrah, who is not playing this series, straightforward selections for the World Cup. Deepak Chahar, who was picked for his comeback series, remains in India due to a personal emergency. Both Kuldeep Yadav and Ravi Bishnoi, who impressed in the T20s against the Aussies, would like to carry their good form into the series. Ravindra Jadeja, who went on a break after the World Cup, has also linked up with the squad. Like India, South Africa too have only five games left to identify their core for the World Cup. Pace duo of Marco Jansen and Gerald Coetzee were only picked for the first two games. Now with the series-opener

washed out, they will only get a single outing before shifting focus to red ball cricket. **Teams:** India: Suryakumar Yadav (captain), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Shubman Gill, Ruturaj Gaikwad, Tilak Varma, Rinku Singh, Shreyas Iyer, Ishan Kishan (wk), Jitesh Sharma (wk), Ravindra Jadeja (VC), Washington Sundar, Ravi Bishnoi, Kuldeep Yadav, Arshdeep Singh, Mohd. Siraj, Mukesh Kumar, Deepak Chahar. South Africa: Aiden Markram (captain), Ottniel Baartman, Matthew Breetzke, Nandre Burger, Gerald Coetzee (1st and 2nd T20Is), Donovan Ferreira, Reeza Hendricks, Marco Jansen (1st and 2nd T20Is), Heinrich Klaasen, Keshav Maharaj, David Miller, Andile Phehlukwayo, Tabraiz Shamsi, Tristan Stubbs, and Lizaad Williams.

Man United Has To Beat Bayern Munich To Avoid CL Exit



Agencies

MANCHESTER: The odds are against Manchester United as the three-time European Cup winners battle to avoid early elimination from the Champions League. United faces Bayern Munich at Old Trafford on Tuesday and needs to end the German giants' record 39-game unbeaten run in the group stages to have any chance of advancing to the knockout rounds. But even that might not be enough, with Erik ten Hag's team sitting bottom of Group A and also relying on a draw between

Copenhagen and Galatasaray in the group's other game. Consistency has been the biggest issue for Ten Hag this season. That was perfectly illustrated last week when United produced one of its best performances of the campaign to beat Chelsea 2-1 last Wednesday, but then lost 3-0 at home to Bournemouth, prompting loud jeers from fans inside Old Trafford. Even if United is eliminated from the Champions League, there is the possibility of the safety net of the Europa League if it can take third place in the group.

Either way, it's unlikely Ten Hag would have expected to be in this position after leading the club back into the competition in his first season in charge. United was drawn in what appeared to be a relatively straightforward group, needing to finish ahead of Danish club Copenhagen and Turkey's Galatasaray. But it has managed to win just one of five games — beating Copenhagen 1-0 at home in October. Even then, it required a stoppage time penalty save from Andre Onana to secure the three points.

Union Berlin Seek Win Against Real Madrid To Stay In Europe



Agencies

BERLIN: Union Berlin has never won a Champions League game. Now it needs to beat 14-time European champion Real Madrid on Tuesday to have any hope of extending its participation in European competition this season. A win over Madrid — which is already assured of topping Group C — coupled with a loss for Braga at Napoli in the other group game would lift Union above the Portuguese side into third place in the group and secure the consolation prize of a place in the Europa League.

There's no consolation for finishing bottom of the group, where Union finds itself with just two points after failing to beat 10-man Braga in their previous game. That 1-1 draw in new Union coach Nenad Bjelica's debut stretched the German team's winless streak to 16 games across all competitions, but Union finally ended that confidence-shattering run on Saturday in the Bundesliga with a 3-1 victory over Borussia Mönchengladbach. Madrid, meanwhile, has won every game in the competition so far and is looking to complete a perfect group

stage for the third time after 2011-12 and 2014-15. The contrast between the clubs could hardly be greater. Madrid, the tradition-steeped Spanish behemoth, has won the European Cup a record 14 times, while Union was only promoted to the Bundesliga for the first time in 2019 and is playing for the first time in the Champions League after an improbable fourth-place finish in Germany last season. Madrid had won its previous five games across all competitions until Real Betis fought back to draw 1-1 on Saturday.

Calligrapher sets record, writes Surah Yusuf on 15 metres scroll

Budgam: A 20-year-old girl Sabreena Nabi hailing from Charar-e-Sharief area in Budgam has left a remarkable mark in the world of calligraphy by writing Surah Yusuf along with its translated version in English and Urdu on a single scroll measuring 15.5 metres.

Recognized for excellent work from India World Records and the Influencer Book of World Records, she has secured a place among the best calligraphers in the world.

Sabreena said that her journey in calligraphy began with a passion for intricate handwriting and her dedication led her to undertake the significant

task of transcribing an entire chapter of the Quran.

"I have always loved calligraphy and have been practicing it since I was in school. I first got a lengthy roll of single sheets from Delhi because I was having trouble finding it here. I used a sheet of paper measuring 15.5 metres in length and translated the Surah Yusuf into both Urdu and English. After finishing it, my efforts were acknowledged, and I received awards from a number of organisations," she said.

According to Sabreena, it is just the beginning and she is working to write the 30 chapters of the Quran by hand. KNO

Article-370 Verdict: August 5, 2019 And Today's Date Will Go Down In History: SG Tushar Mehta

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New Delhi: Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, the Centre's key counsel in defending the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution, on Monday said the Supreme Court verdict upholding the government's August 5, 2019 decision will go down in the history of the country.

As the only lawyer involved in the process of abrogation of Article 370 before August 5, 2019 and having led the arguments before the Constitution bench of the Supreme Court, it is a historical day for him too, Mehta said.

"August 5, 2019 and today's date will go down in the history of India, when a Himalayan

constitutional blunder of the past with gigantic proportion was ultimately corrected by the government.

"It is only the iron will of our Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the resolute decisiveness and brilliant strategy of our Home Minister Amit Shahji that made this historic decision possible. The nation will forever remain indebted to them," he said.

Mehta said he had the good fortune of witnessing and being a part of the entire process that exhibited their exemplary resolve, coupled with the minute coordination of the smallest details and flawless and scientific stewardship of the parliamentary process and floor management inside the House.

"The judicial adjudication by the Supreme Court is also equally historic and rare. A five-judge Constitution bench decided the matter that consisted of all five senior-most judges -- Justice D Y Chandrachud, Chief Justice of India, Justice S K Kaul, Justice Sanjay Khanna, Justice Bhushan R Gavai and Justice Surya Kant -- a historic bench presided by the Chief Justice of India and also comprising three future chief justices of India. All five are legendary judges who are undisputably intellectual giants," he said in a statement.

The top law officer of the country said a very patient hearing was given by the bench to all sides for more than three weeks.

"And today comes a judgment which will go down in

the history of this great country exhibiting astounding scholarship, concern for rule of law and a visible concern for the fundamental rights of equality of every resident of Jammu and Kashmir irrespective of religion, sex, caste or creed," he said.

Mehta added that the highest court of the country has stood by the constitutional values and secured to all the residents of Jammu and Kashmir their legitimate rights that they were deprived of since independence, while taking care of democratic elections also.

"Having extensively read the history before the insertion of Article 370 into our Constitution, I can confidently say that the soul of Sardar (Vallabhbhai) Patel will be fully

contended today as the provision which he could not prevent from being inserted into the Constitution of India has finally gone. He must be showering his blessings upon Narendra Modi and Amit Shahji," Mehta said.

The judgment upholds the abrogation of Article 370 and thereby, approves the correction of a historic blunder of the Jawaharlal Nehru-led Congress in 1947 to appoint Mountbatten as the governor general and chairman of the Defence Committee, and referring the dispute to the United Nations.

Senior Advocate Rakesh Dwivedi, who represented one of the litigants supporting the abrogation of Article 370, said the article was a sequence of that blunder.

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SC Upholds GOI

Narendra Modi said. Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and Sanjay Khanna penned separate and concurring verdicts on the issue.

The apex court also upheld the validity of the decision to carve out the union territory of Ladakh from Jammu and Kashmir on August 5, 2019. On that day, the government abrogated Article 370 and bifurcated the state into two union territories -- Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh.

Justice Chandrachud referred to Solicitor General Tushar Mehta's statement that Jammu and Kashmir's statehood will be restored, except for the carving out of the Union Territory of Ladakh.

"In view of the statement we do not find it necessary to determine whether the reorganisation of the State of Jammu and Kashmir into two Union Territories of Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir is permissible under Article 3.

"However, we uphold the validity of the decision to carve out the Union Territory of Ladakh in view of Article 3(a) read with Explanation I which permits forming a Union Territory by separation of a territory from any State," he said.

In his verdict, the CJ stated that the Constitution of India was a complete code for constitutional governance.

"The President had the power to issue a notification declaring that Article 370(3) ceases to operate without the recommendation of the Constituent Assembly. The continuous exercise of power under Article 370(1) by the President indicates that the gradual process of constitutional integration was ongoing," the CJ said while pronouncing the verdict.

"We direct that steps shall be taken by the Election Commission of India to conduct elections to the Legislative Assembly of Jammu and Kashmir constituted under Section 14 of the Reorganisation Act by September 30, 2024. Restoration of statehood shall take place at the earliest and as soon as possible," the CJ said.

He said the erstwhile state of J&K does not retain any "element of sovereignty" after the execution of the Instrument of Accession and the issuance of the proclamation dated November 25, 1949 by which the Constitution of India was adopted.

"Article 370 was a feature of asymmetric federalism and not sovereignty," Justice Chandrachud said.

He said the exercise of power by the president under Article 370(1)(d) to issue CO 272 (by which Indian Constitution was put into effect in J&K) was not mala fide.

"The President in exercise of power under Article 370(3) can unilaterally issue a notification that Article 370 ceases to exist," he said.

"The President did not have to secure the concurrence of the Government of the State or Union Government acting on behalf of the State Government under the second proviso to Article 370(1)(d) while applying all the provisions of the Constitution to Jammu and Kashmir because such an exercise of power has the same effect as an exercise of power under Article 370(3) for which the concurrence or collaboration with the State Government was not required," Justice Chandrachud said.

He said the petitioners did not challenge the issuance of the proclamations under Section 92 of the Jammu and Kashmir Constitution and Article 356 of the Indian Constitution until the special status of Jammu and Kashmir was abrogated.

"The challenge to the Proclamations does not merit adjudication because the principal challenge is to the actions which were taken after the Proclamation was issued," he said.

"The exercise of power by the President after the Proclamation under Article 356 is issued is subject to judicial review. The exercise of power by the President must have a reasonable nexus with the object of the Proclamation," the CJ asserted.

He said those challenging the exercise of power must prima facie establish that it was a mala fide or extraneous exercise of power.

"Once a prima facie case is made, the onus shifts to the Union to justify the exercise of such power," the CJ said.

Pronouncing his verdict, Justice Kaul said the purpose of Article 370 was to slowly bring J&K at par with other Indian states.

He directed the setting up of an "impartial truth-and-reconciliation commission" to probe human rights violations, both by state and non-state actors, at least since 1980.

Justice Khanna, in his separate verdict, concurred with the CJ and Justice Kaul and gave his own reasons for the conclusion.

Recommends Truth

have paid a heavy price due to the volatile situation, and during his travels he observed the consequences of inter-generational trauma on an already fractured society.

"I cannot help but feel anguish for what people of the region have experienced and am constrained to write this Epilogue," he said in his 121-page verdict.

On the human rights violations of the people of the restive region, he said there have been numerous reports documenting these incidents over the years.

Justice Kaul said truth-telling provides an opportunity for the victims to narrate their stories, which facilitates an acknowledgement from those responsible for perpetuating the wrongs, and from society as a whole and this paves the way for reconciliation.

He said though there were different ways of achieving these objectives, truth and reconciliation commissions have been particularly effective globally.

Justice Kaul said South Africa's truth and reconciliation commission was set up to investigate human rights violations perpetrated during apartheid and it served as a means of "reckoning or catharsis for victims, and fostered peace-building".

He said in the past, calls for setting up a truth and reconciliation commission have also been echoed by different sections of the Kashmir valley.

"In view of the in-roads made globally, and endogenous requests for truth and reconciliation, I recommend the setting up of an impartial truth and reconciliation commission. The commission will investigate and report on the violation of human rights both by State and non-State actors perpetrated in Jammu & Kashmir at least since the 1980s and recommend measures for reconciliation," he said.

"In order to move forward, the wounds need healing," Justice Kaul said, adding, this commission should be set up expeditiously, "before memory escapes", and the exercise should be time-bound.

"There is already an entire generation of youth that has grown up with feelings of distrust and it is to them that we owe the greatest duty of reparation. At the same time, considering the significance of the matter and the sensitivities involved, it is my view that it is for the government to devise the manner in which this should be set up, and to determine the best way forward for the commission," he said.

Former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has been making demands for establishing a truth and reconciliation commission in the state for addressing the issues related to both Pandit and Muslim communities affected by protracted violence.

In his verdict, Justice Kaul said he was alive to the challenge that recommending such a panel was beyond the realm of the court.

"However, I am of the view that transitional justice, and its constituents, are facets of transformative constitutionalism. Globally, constitutionalism has evolved to encompass responsibility of both state and

non-state actors with respect to human rights violations," he noted.

"This includes the duty to take reasonable steps to carry out investigations of violations. It is in this context that the proposed truth and reconciliation commission accords with constitutionalism," Justice Kaul said.

He said the Constitution of India is designed to ensure that courts offer justice in situations where fundamental rights have been violated and in doing justice, historically, the courts have been sensitive to the social demands of our polity and have offered flexible remedies.

Referring to the apex court's Vishaka verdict, Justice Kaul noted it had issued guidelines to address workplace sexual harassment in the absence of a law which operated until the Parliament enacted the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013.

"As a word of caution, the commission, once constituted, should not turn into a criminal court and must instead follow a humanized and personalized process enabling people to share what they have been through uninhibitedly," he said.

Justice Kaul said it should be based on dialogue, allowing for different viewpoints and inputs from all sides.

"Taking a leaf out of South Africa's book, the principles of 'ubuntu', or the art of humanity, and inclusiveness should be central to the process. This will facilitate a reparative approach that enables forgiveness for the wounds of the past, and forms the basis of achieving a shared national identity," he said.

Justice Kaul added that the commission was only one of the many avenues towards the goal of systemic reform.

"It is my sincere hope that much will be achieved when Kashmiris open their hearts to embracing the past and facilitate the people who were compelled to migrate to come back with dignity. Whatever has been, has been but the future is ours to see," he said.

Resounding Declaration and Kashmir to be restored at the earliest.

In a post on X, Modi said the Supreme Court verdict on the abrogation of Article 370 is "historic" and constitutionally upholds the decision taken by Parliament on August 5, 2019.

"It is a resounding declaration of hope, progress and unity for our sisters and brothers in Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh. The court, in its profound wisdom, has fortified the very essence of unity that we, as Indians, hold dear and cherish above all else," he said.

"I want to assure the resilient people of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh that our commitment to fulfilling your dreams remains unwavering," the prime minister added.

"We are determined to ensure that the fruits of progress not only reach you but also extend their benefits to the most vulnerable and marginalised sections of our society who suffered due to Article 370," he asserted.

The verdict is not just a legal judgment, it is a beacon of hope, a promise for a brighter future and a testament to the collective resolve to build a stronger, more united India, the prime minister said on the microblogging platform, using the hashtag #NayaJammuKashmir.

Writing the judgment for himself and Justices B R Gavai and Surya Kant, Chief Justice of India (CJI) D Y Chandrachud said Article 370 was a temporary provision in the Constitution and the president had the power to revoke it.

The court also upheld the validity of the decision to carve out the Union Territory of Ladakh from Jammu and Kashmir on August 5, 2019. On that day, the government abrogated the provisions of Article 370 and bifurcated the state into the Union territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

The erstwhile state does not have internal sovereignty different from the other states, the CJ said.

Full Statehood

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and said that full statehood would be restored to Jammu and Kashmir at an appropriate time.

Speaking in Rajya Sabha, he also hailed the Supreme Court's Monday verdict upholding the abrogation of Article 370 as historic and said there will now be only "one Constitution, one national flag and one prime minister".

He attacked the opposition saying it is unable to see the change on the ground in Jammu and Kashmir after the scrapping of Article 370 and said the entire country has understood that it was first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru's mistake in handling the Kashmir issue.

Shah also asserted that Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) was an integral part of India and no one can snatch it.

Replying to discussions on two new bills, he said they have ensured reservation of 24 seats to people from PoK in the J-K assembly.

"I want to assure the people of the country, as Prime Minister Narendra Modi has promised from the ramparts of the Red Fort, that the youth of Kashmir will no longer carry guns or stones and will instead carry laptops.

"The beginning of building a 'New Kashmir' has been made which will be free from terrorism. The foundation of a 'new and developed' Kashmir has been laid and when India becomes developed, Kashmir will stand equally among the other states, where tourists from across the world would come," he said in the Rajya Sabha.

"We are committed to providing justice to the people of Kashmir, its youth and children. We are sensitive towards them and not towards terrorists," he also said while attacking the Congress.

"The Supreme Court verdict is a historic decision and I welcome it. Now there will be only one Constitution, one flag and one prime minister," Shah said.

In a landmark verdict, a five-judge constitution bench headed by CJI D Y Chandrachud on Monday unanimously upheld the Centre's August 5, 2019 decision to abrogate provisions of Article 370, while directing restoration of statehood for J&K at the earliest and holding the assembly elections by September 30, 2024.

In an apparent reference to the Nehru, Abdullah and Mufti families, Shah alleged that three families deprived the ST and poor people of Kashmir of their rights, as several laws were not implemented in Jammu and Kashmir earlier.

"They (Opposition) will not be able to see the change, there is a problem with their glasses. They are not ready to rectify their mistake.... But people do not care anymore about them. The entire country has understood that it was Nehru's mistake," Shah said.

He also attacked the Congress for being against the other backward classes, alleging that it was because of them that the OBCs did not get reservation under various schemes in Jammu and Kashmir, which the new bills have now ensured.

He also alleged that the Congress has always been opposed to OBCs and their rights as they opposed the Mandal Commission too.

"The Congress party has always opposed the other backward classes and their rights," he said.

Shah also targeted the Congress and INDIA bloc over the huge recovery of cash during income tax raids on a company linked to a Congress MP from Jharkhand, wondering why he has not yet been suspended by the Congress.

He said the bank machines have also given up and the counting of notes has continued for more than five days.

He was replying to the over four-hour debate on the JK Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill and JK Reservation (Amendment) Bill - seeking to nominate two members from the Kashmiri migrant community and one representing the displaced persons from Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) to

the legislative assembly, besides providing reservation to certain communities in Jammu and Kashmir.

Parliament has now passed the two bills as Rajya Sabha cleared them with a voice vote on Monday after Shah's reply. They were passed by Lok Sabha last week.

The home minister said the two bills related to Jammu and Kashmir brought by the government would give justice to those deprived of their rights for the last 75 years and asserted that reservation to the displaced people would give them a voice in the legislature.

He also alleged that Jammu and Kashmir suffered due to the "mistakes" of first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and listed decisions like the "untimely" ceasefire and taking the Kashmir issue to the United Nations among them.

The opposition led by the Congress, however, walked out of the House midway during the Home Minister's reply.

SC Verdict

The scenes in Jammu -- the winter capital -- were different on Monday as several organisations held events to celebrate the top court ruling and lauded it as a momentous decision.

While upholding the government's decision on Article 370, a five-judge bench of the Supreme Court also directed that statehood to the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir be restored at the earliest and said steps should be taken to conduct elections to the Assembly in the Union Territory by September 30 next year.

In the summer capital, municipal workers were seen going about their work in the morning and tourists were busy clicking photographs at Lal Chowk in the city centre as taxis that ply between Srinagar and Jammu queued up at the tourist reception centre.

Shop owners along the upmarket Residency Road were seen lifting the shutters, unmindful of the fact that the top court of the country was scheduled to deliver the verdict on petitions challenging the abrogation of Article 370.

Muntazir Muzamil, a trader, said, "The verdict has been pronounced by the Supreme Court and there's no point debating it now. For the past 35 years, Kashmir has seen only violence... now, we are hopeful that the pace of development happening in Kashmir won't slow down."

"The situation should remain peaceful. What else can a common man expect? We have to think of our future. Whatever happened has happened, it can't be undone now," he added.

Although there were more uniformed men on the streets in the morning, the numbers were not large enough to rouse any apprehensions. There were no concertina wires or special barricades erected on the roads to check the movement of people.

In Jammu, organisations like the Dogra Front Shiv Sena (DFSS), Rashtriya Bajrang Dal and the West Pakistan Refugees hosted events to celebrate the top court verdict.

Led by DFSS chairman Ashok Gupta, scores of DFSS activists carrying national flags and pictures of Prime Minister Narendra Modi gathered in the Rani Park area. They danced to the beat of drums and dholaks and distributed sweets.

Reacting to the SC verdict, Gupta said, "It was the last nail in the coffin of Article 370. We are pleased with the decision. Article 370 is now conclusively laid to rest."

Rashtriya Bajrang Dal president Rakesh Kumar organised several events as well.

"The SC upheld the government's decision. Celebrations took place when Article 370 was abrogated. Today, with this decision, there is widespread happiness in Jammu and Kashmir and the country," he said.

Valmiki Samaj activists also distributed sweets to celebrate the verdict, expressing jubilation with slogans like "Bharat Mata Ki Jai."

"We are very happy today. Fears in our hearts and minds over its restoration have been permanently removed with the SC verdict. We thank the SC for that," Valmiki Samaj leader Garu Bhatti said.

Reports of celebrations also emerged from the R S Pura, Akhnour, and Samba areas of the Jammu region.

LG Rubbishes

Following the statement, Sinha at a press conference in Jammu denied the claim and said "no one has been put under house arrest or arrest in all of Jammu and Kashmir".

"These claims are completely baseless and an attempt to spread rumours," the Lt Governor (LG) said and stressed that he was speaking responsibly and confirming that no one had been subjected to house arrest or arrest for political reasons anywhere in the Union Territory.

The apex court upheld the government's 2019 decision to abrogate Article 370 of the Constitution, which bestowed special status on the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, and said steps should be taken to conduct elections in the assembly by September 30 next year.

Former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister and National Conference (NC) vice president Omar Abdullah on X posted pictures of his residence's main and side gates, along with the message: "Dear Mr. LG, these chains on my gate were not put by me, so why are you denying what your police force has done?"

The leader of the largest regional party also said, "Is it possible that you don't know what your police are doing? Are you being dishonest, or is your police acting independently of you?"

Journalists were also not permitted to gather near the residences of NC president Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah on Gupkar Road.

A contingent of police personnel was stationed at the entry point, preventing journalists from approaching the NC leaders' residences. The residences' main gates were reportedly locked by police in the morning.

"Mr. @OmarAbdullah has been locked up in his house. Democracy?" asked NC's additional state spokesperson Sara Hayat Shah in a post on X.

While Farooq Abdullah, who is the MP from Srinagar, is currently in Delhi for the ongoing Winter session of Parliament, his son Omar Abdullah is in Kashmir.

Omar Abdullah also took a swipe at Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) chief and former Union minister Ghulam Nabi Azad, saying, "Azad Sb is truly Azad. He's free to visit his party office while some of us are locked up with our gates chained."

"Media personnel aren't being allowed on Gupkar Road to take any reactions from us. Mother of democracy? More like raise taise democracy," he said on X.

The Jammu and Kashmir Police issued a cautiously worded statement, clarifying that no arrest orders had been issued in relation to the Supreme Court proceedings concerning Article 370, and that there were no restrictions on movement.

"The police have not received any orders to effect any arrests, particularly those related to court proceedings on Article 370 by the apex court," it said.

"There are no restrictions on movement. Examinations scheduled by different public bodies are proceeding as planned, businesses are open, and transportation is operating," the statement said.

Police emphasised that the normal life of the common people continued at its usual pace. "While the police remain vigilant against disruptive elements, they have no intention or instructions to curtail freedom of movement and activities," the Jammu and Kashmir Police asserted in the statement.

The police urged people to carry on with their daily lives and not be influenced or intimidated by social media posts contradicting this information.

Study Shows Eye Scans Offer Important Information Regarding Kidney Health

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Washington DC: According to research, 3D eye scans can provide vital information about kidney health and help track disease progression.

The advance could revolutionise the monitoring of kidney disease, which often progresses without symptoms in the early stages.

Experts say the technology has potential to support early diagnosis as current screening tests cannot detect the condition until half of the kidney function has been lost.

Researchers used highly-magnified images to detect changes to the retina – the layer of tissue at the back of the eye that senses light and sends signals to the brain. They found that the images offer a quick, non-invasive way to monitor kidney health.

The eye is the only part of the body where it is possible to view a key process called microvascular circulation – and this flow of blood through the body's tiniest vessels is often affected in kidney disease.

Researchers at the University of Edinburgh investigated whether 3D images of the retina, taken using a technology called optical coherence tomography (OCT), could be used to identify and accurately predict the progression of kidney disease.

OCT scanners – used in most high street opticians – use light waves to create a cross-sectional picture of the retina, displaying each individual layer, within a few minutes.

The team looked at OCT images from 204 patients at dif-

ferent stages of kidney disease, including transplant patients, alongside 86 healthy volunteers.

They found that patients with chronic kidney disease had thinner retinas compared with healthy volunteers. The study also showed that thinning of the retina progressed as kidney function declined.

These changes were reversed when kidney function was restored following a successful transplant. Patients with the most severe form of the disease, who received a kidney transplant, experienced rapid thickening of their retinas after surgery.

More people than ever are at risk of kidney disease, which is often caused by other conditions that put a strain on the kidneys, including diabetes, high blood pressure and obesity.

With further research, regular eye checks could one day aid early detection and monitoring to prevent the disease from progressing. It could also allow patients to make lifestyle changes that reduce the risk of health complications, experts say.

The technology, supported by Heidelberg Engineering's imaging platform, could also aid the development of new drugs, the research team says.

It could do so by measuring changes in the retina that indicate whether – and in what way – the kidney responds to potential new treatments.

The researchers say further studies – including longer-term clinical trials in larger groups of patients – are needed before the technology can be routinely used.



Geminids Meteor Shower Set To Dazzle Sky On December 14



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Toowoomba (Australia): Stargazers rejoice, the Geminid meteor shower reaches its peak later this week, and this year's sky show is particularly spectacular.

Have you ever seen a shooting star? If not, the next couple of nights will be the perfect introduction, with the peak of the year's best meteor shower – the Geminids – forecast to occur on the evening of 14 December into the morning of 15 December.

While the Geminids are a reliable annual spectacle, this year is the ideal opportunity to head out and observe them.

For one, when the Geminids reach their peak, the Moon will be new, meaning it will be below the horizon all night and the sky will be properly dark – perfect conditions for meteor watching. Even better, the peak of the shower this year occurs just at the time the Geminids are highest in the sky from Earth's eastern longitudes, meaning that viewers have a perfect ringside seat for the best display of natural fireworks this year.

To get the best view, aim to head out in the very early hours of Friday 15 December, and spend some time relaxing, gazing up at the sky, ideally somewhere with dark skies, away from bright city lights.

See what the view will be like near where you live, and the best time to go observing, in the inter-

active below.

Meteors can be seen in any part of the night sky, but if you trace the direction of their motion, they will always point back to that single point in the night sky – known as the meteor shower's 'radiant'.

Meteor showers are named for the constellation in which that radiant is found, so the Geminids radiate from a point in the constellation Gemini.

The good news is that the farther north you are, the higher in the sky the Geminid radiant will get over the course of the night and so the better view you will have.

From a latitude perspective, about 30 degrees north of the equator – so near cities like Delhi, Osaka and Tokyo – will give you the perfect view, as in the morning hours the Geminids will appear to be radiating from a point in the sky directly above you.

Astronomers quantify the strength of a meteor shower by calculating its 'zenithal hourly rate'.

This is the theoretical number of meteors you would see in one hour if the radiant of the meteor shower is perfectly overhead, you are at a perfectly dark site with no light pollution or cloud cover and you have perfect eyesight.

The actual number of meteors you will see will always be lower.

The lower the position of the radiant in the sky, the fewer meteors you will see. If there is a lot of light pollution, the fainter meteors will be hidden from your

view, and so the rate you see will also go down.

At their peak, the Geminids have a zenithal hourly rate of around 150. So under perfect conditions, with the radiant directly overhead, you might expect to see two or three meteors per minute.

It's important to note, though, that meteors are like buses – you can wait five minutes and see nothing, and then three will come along at once.

In the interactive above, there's a more realistic hourly rate of how many meteors you could expect to see at your location as the Geminids move through the night sky.

But if you're watching from somewhere with light-polluted skies, or if the sky is partially covered by clouds, expect this rate to be lower.

What makes the Geminid meteor shower so special?

The Geminids are the most active of all the meteor showers the Earth encounters through the course of a year.

Every December, our planet ploughs through the debris left behind by an asteroid called 3200 Phaethon – a potato-shaped lump of rock and metal around 5km in diameter, often described as a 'rock comet'.

Phaethon moves around the Sun on an extremely elongated orbit.

At its farthest from our star, it is well beyond the orbit of Mars, where Phaethon's surface temperature likely falls below -100 degrees Celsius.

Conspiracy Theorist Alex Jones Reinstated On X After Musk Poll

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Social media platform X, formerly known as Twitter, on Sunday showed the account of U.S. right-wing conspiracy theorist Alex Jones to have been reinstated as a poll organized by owner Elon Musk backed his return after a ban of nearly five years.

Close to 2 million votes were cast by the time the poll closed, with about 70% voting in favor of Jones' reinstatement.

"The people have spoken and so it shall be," Musk wrote in the reply to the poll that ended on Sunday.

Soon after reappearing on the platform, Jones' account began accumulating followers and currently has about 1 million. He has yet to post anything original, but has reposted two messages.

Jones' account with username "@RealAlexJones" now shows his last original post was on Sept. 6, 2018, the same day the social media platform's previous owners permanently banned his account and website Infowars, saying they had violated its behavior policies.

The ban came weeks after Apple, Alphabet's YouTube and Facebook took down podcasts and channels from Jones, citing community standards.

Reuters could not verify if X reinstated the Infowars account.

X and Infowars did not re-

spond to a request asking for confirmation on Jones' account. Jones could not be immediately reached.

Jones last year was ordered to pay nearly \$1.5 billion in damages to relatives of victims in the Sandy Hook school shooting for falsely claiming they were actors who staged the tragedy as part of a government plot to seize Americans' guns.

Right after Musk's takeover of Twitter, the social media platform implemented several modifications, including changing its name and revisiting its policies. It also reinstated previously suspended accounts including that of former U.S. President Donald Trump.

The billionaire has since sought to reassure users and advertisers that such a decision would be made with the consideration of a content moderation council composed of people with "widely diverse viewpoints" and no account reinstatements would happen before the council convened.

Separately, Musk in November cursed out advertisers that have fled X over antisemitic content.

Several companies including Comcast and Walt Disney paused their advertisements on X after Musk agreed with a post that falsely claimed that Jewish people were stoking hatred against white people.



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