

## No Restrictions On Republic Day: Div Com

Appeals People To Attend Function In Large Numbers

Majid Nabi

**Srinagar:** Divisional Commissioner Vijay Kumar Bidhuri on Thursday that there are no plans by the administration to impose any restrictions or to cut off internet connectivity on January 26 in the valley. He urged the public to attend the Republic Day function at Bakshi Stadium in large numbers.

Highlighting the shift from the past when restrictions were deemed necessary for maintaining law and order, the Divisional Commissioner said that Kashmir has advanced to the point where the government could do away with restrictions on the Republic Day eve. "The days are long gone," he said.

Bidhuri said that honoring Republic Day in line with the interests of the country is a collective responsibility of all Indian citizens. He hoped that the people of Kashmir would observe the event in the same manner as they observed the Independence Day last year with enthusiasm.

"I would like to reiterate our worthy LG's appeal to the public to attend the Republic Day function in large numbers at Bakshi Stadium on January 26. This is your festival and we want this to be celebrated with great enthusiasm." Div Com told reporters here. "What they must d | [More on P6](#)

# Iran-Pakistan Crossfire Puts Region on Edge

KO Web Desk

**Srinagar:** Amid rising hostilities rippling through the region, Pakistan on Thursday carried out unprecedented missile strikes inside Iran in response to an earlier Iranian strike on a terrorist hideout in its Baluchistan province.

The tensions between two Muslim countries escalated at a time when Iran's allies, so called Axis of Resistance- have stepped up attacks on Israeli forces and its allies across the Middle East against the backdrop of the war in Gaza.

Iran also staged airstrikes late Monday in Iraq and Syria over an Islamic State-claimed suicide bombing that killed over 90 people in early January and attack inside Pakistan was in response to killing of 11 policemen by Jash-al-Adl operating out of Pakistan.

On Tuesday Iran hit what it called Jash-al-Adl hideout inside Pakistan prompting angry reaction and today's retaliation from Pakistan.

Pakistan's military described using "killer drones, rockets, loitering munitions and standoff weapons" in the attack. Standoff weapons are missiles fired from aircraft at a distance - likely meaning Pakistan's fighter jets didn't enter Iranian airspace. It said the targets were bases used by the Baloch Liberation Front (BLF) and the associated Baloch Liberation Army.

In Islamabad, a foreign ministry



spokesperson said Pakistan's caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-haq Kakar would cut short a visit to the World Economic Forum in Davos and return home.

A day before, Iran conducted an airstrike in Baluchistan Province in Pakistan. The Iranian government later said that the strike in Pakistan, as well as attacks it conducted this week in Iraq and Syria, showed that Iran would hit

back forcefully at enemies anywhere. An emboldened Iran has been using its allied forces against Israel and its allies since the war in Gaza began in October after the Hamas-led attacks on Israel.

Pakistan denounced the Iranian strike as a blatant violation of international law and warned on Wednesday that it "reserves the right to respond." Reacting to the strikes Iran summoned Pakistan's chargé d'affaires

demanding Islamabad's "immediate explanation" about the attack.

Pakistan, which is grappling with political and economic troubles, indicated on Thursday that it did not want further escalation in its clash with Iran. In a statement, the Pakistani military called the two neighbors "brotherly countries" and said that "dialogue and cooperation is deemed prudent in resolving bilateral issues" between them.

In carefully crafted statements issued on Thursday, Pakistani officials refrained from directly accusing Iran. Pakistan's narrative mirrored Iran's rationale for its own strikes, saying that the Pakistani actions similarly targeted only those separatists who had taken refuge across the border.

After Iran's strike in Pakistan, Iranian officials said that the attack had been aimed at terrorists who threatened Iran, but the Pakistani authorities rejected that account, citing what they said were civilian casualties from the strike.

Pakistan's comments after its retaliatory strikes signal a desire to keep the row contained, but analysts warned it could get out of hand. "Iran's motivation for attacking Pakistan remains opaque but in light of broader Iranian behaviour in the region it can escalate," Asfandyar Mir, a senior expert on South Asia security at the U.S. Institute of Peace, told Reuters. "What will cause d | [More on P6](#)

## 1990 IAF ATTACK Witness Points To Malik As Main Shooter

Press Trust of India

**Jammu:** JKLF chief Yasin Malik lifted his 'pheran', pulled out his gun and opened fire at a group of IAF personnel, an eyewitness deposed before a special CBI court on Thursday while narrating what happened in Srinagar on January 25, 1990.

Former IAF corporal Rajwar Umeshwar Singh, who survived the terror attack in which four IAF personnel were killed, pointed to Malik in the courtroom as the main shooter. Malik attended the court proceedings on video from Delhi's Tihar Jail where he has been incarcerated since 2019.

Besides the four men, including squadron leader Ravi Khanna, who were killed, 40 people were injured on January 25, 1990, in Rawalpora on the outskirts of Srinagar. The IAF employees were waiting for their pickup to old Srinagar airfield for duty when they came under fire from terrorists.

A charge sheet was filed on August 31, 1990 against Malik and five others before the designated TADA Court at Jammu.

Besides Malik, others accused in the killing of the IAF personnel are JKLF operatives Ali Mohammed Mir, Manzoor Ahmed Sofi alias Mustafa, Javed Ahmed Mir alias 'Nalka', Showkat Ahmed Bakshi, Javed Ahmed Zargar and Nanaji. "This is an d | [More on P6](#)

## Over 4 Cr Have Taken Health Checkups During VBSY: PM

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi asserted on Thursday that a transparent system put in place by his government, its honest efforts and an emphasis on people's participation have led to nearly 25 crore people being lifted out of poverty in the last nine years.

During a virtual interaction with beneficiaries of the 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra', he said that nobody could have thought that poverty in India can decline but the poor have shown that it can be if they are given resources.

People's trust in the government is visible everywhere, he said.

Citing a recent Niti Aayog report, which highlighted the decline in poverty, Modi said India has presented a model to other countries in helping the poor and this has drawn global attention.

It is a very encouraging report, he said.

Modi said the yatra has met success beyond his imagination and his government is likely to



extend its beyond January 26 due to an increasing demand from the masses that the vehicles meant to publicise welfare schemes and enlist more beneficiaries should visit their places too.

It has become a mass movement in two months and a study will find it as a great example of last-mile delivery, the prime minister said. Asserting that no one will be left out of these welfare schemes, he said, "Modi worships and values people who were neglected by everyone"

The yatra has already reached 70-80 percent of panchayats and about 15 crore | [More on P6](#)

## J&K Leads In Innovative Education Interventions: LG Encourages 'Entrepreneurship with Education' Model

Observer News Service

**Srinagar:** Asserting that Jammu Kashmir is emerging as a frontrunner in planning and implementing innovative interventions in the education sector, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said that it is high time for our Higher Education Institutions to carry out self-assessment of capabilities and work on a collaborative model of 'Entrepreneurship with Education' aligning with National Education Policy.

He was speaking at the first meeting of the Advisory Board for Creating and Developing Entrepreneurship (ABCDE), constituted under the aegis of J&K Higher Education Council, at Raj Bhawan on Thursday.

The LG exhorted Higher Education Institutions of the Union Territory to reinvent classroom learning, reorient curriculum to focus on entrepreneurship in education to develop critical thinking, problem-solving skills and promote hands-on activities and



ecosystem spearheaded by the Design Your Degree programme.

The meeting, attended by Prof Dinesh Singh, Vice Chairman, J&K Higher Education Council; Alok Kumar, Principal Secretary Higher Education Department; Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; Vikramjit Singh, Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce Department; Vice Chancellors of various Universities, Director, CIC Delhi University; Director Colleges and other Board members, emphasised on strengthening of industry-academia connect and building new partnership with corporate.

Pioneers in the industry including Piyush N Singh, Senior Managing Director Accenture; Vinod Sood, Co-Founder Hughes Systique Corporation; Sanjay Salil, MD Media Guru; Dr Subi Chaturvedi, Global SVP Chief Corporate Affairs & Public Policy Officer InMobi and young d | [More on P6](#)

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### ECHOES OF THE PRESENT

## 2013 Research Foreshadowed What Kashmir Witnesses Today

Auqib Javed

**Srinagar:** As Kashmir navigates through the impacts of this prolonged dry spell, the tourism sector has become a focal point, reflecting the intricate interplay between climate patterns and economic sustainability in the valley. The current scenario eerily echoes a prescient warning from a 2013 research endeavor, highlighting the challenges foreseen a decade ago that are now unfolding with grim actualization.

Kashmir Observer, earlier this month reported on how prolonged dry weather is squeezing the winter tourism in the valley and the same was anticipated by a group of researchers nearly a decade ago. The findings of the show that winters are getting prolonged with little snowfall on account



of climate change. The average minimum and maximum temperatures are showing statistically significant increasing trends for winter months and that the precipitation is showing decreasing trends.

The team headed by Prof. Shakeel Ahmad Ramhsoo through this study has made an

attempt to know the impact of climate change on the snow precipitation, water resources, and winter tourism in the two famous tourist resorts Gulmarg and Pahalgam of the Kashmir Valley.

According to the study, "Climate change is a severe threat to snow-related winter sports d | [More on P6](#)

## Snowfall Shortage Causes Kashmir's Springs to Dry Up

Shereen Naman

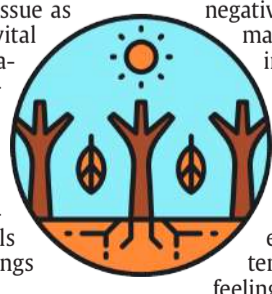
**Srinagar:** Amidst a prolonged winter dry spell, Kashmir confronts a pressing issue as the crucial springs vital for the region's water supply dwindle. Experts note that the continuous absence of precipitation has led to the recession of water levels in various springs across Kashmir.

Verinag spring, the major source of the Jhelum River, is experiencing a decline in water levels to an extent that

the underlying ground's green layer is becoming visible.

"The valley's recent extended dry spell has had a negative impact on the main springs, including Verinag and Chashma Shahi. These once-vibrant water sources, which were essential to the region's ecosystem and water supply, are now feeling the effects of no snowfall," said Faizan Arif, an independent Meteorologist.

Earth scientist, Professor Shakil A Romshoo d | [More on P6](#)



## Night Temperature Drops In Kashmir

Night temperatures dropped at most places in Kashmir as the cold-wave conditions intensified again after a day's respite, officials said here on Thursday. Srinagar city recorded a minimum temperature of d | [More on P6](#)

### J&K HEALTH INSURANCE CASE

## ED Attaches Assets Worth 36 Crore

Observer News Service

**Srinagar:** The Enforcement Directorate has attached property worth over Rs 36 crore in the case of M/s Reliance General Insurance Pvt. Ltd. (RGIPL) and M/s Trinity Reinsurance Brokers Private Limited (TRBL) linked to health insurance of employees in Jammu and Kashmir.

In a statement, the ED said that case is linked to awarding of tender of Mediclaim Insurance Policy for the J&K Government Employees, PSUs' employees & pensioners fraudulently to Reliance General Insurance by J&K Finance Department in collusion with Trinity Reinsurance Brokers Limited (Insurance Broker).

The statement reads that the ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by the CBI, ACB, Srinagar for commission of offences under various sections of PC (Pari-Materia to sections 120-B & 420 of IPC) and JKPC (Pari-Materia to sections 13(1) (d) read with 13(2) of PC Act), on

the basis of complaint filed by the J&K government against Trinity Reinsurance Brokers Limited, Reliance General Insurance Company Limited and unknown Public Servants & private persons.

It reads that the investigation revealed that J&K Finance Department deliberately awarded the tender for engagement of intermediary

for designing, floating the tender for and implementation of the Health Scheme for government employees & pensioners of J&K by dubious or questionable selection and short-listing process to TRBL without holding the essential eligibility criteria.

"Moreover, the tender for engagement of IRDAI registered insurance company was awarded through M/s TRBL to the said Insurance Company which was already blacklisted by Govt. of Chhattisgarh by modification and deletion of essential eligibility criteria even though the company had | [More on P6](#)



## BGSBU Researchers Discover New Caddisfly Species

Hirra Azmat

**Srinagar:** Researchers at Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University have discovered a novel species of Caddisfly found in Jammu & Kashmir.

Caddisflies are a vital component of aquatic ecosystems. The insects play a crucial role in the food chain. Not only do they serve as a primary food source for various fish species, they also contribute to water purification by filtering algae and other potentially problematic organisms.

The novel species found in J&K has been officially designated as *Rhyacophila masudi* sp. nov.

The researchers told Kashmir Observer that the insect has been named after Late Dr Masud Choudhary, a visionary and founder Vice



Chancellor BGSBU. The species etymology in Dr. Choudhary's name has been decided in view of his significant contribution in transforming the university into a center of excellence in teaching and research and his outstanding services to the local communities, especially for residents of Pirpanjal Range in the UT.

This discovery underscores ecological significance of these insect species, showcasing the ongoing contributions of BGSBU University scholars to the field of entomology, the researchers said. The initial d | [More on P6](#)



## DC Srinagar Chairs DLEPC Meeting

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A meeting of District Level Export Promotion Committee (DLEPC) was held under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat here at Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex to finalize the Draft Export Action Plan aimed to enhance the Export of Goods from Srinagar District to boost the local Economy and institutionalize the Export Ecosystem through establishment of Srinagar Export Hub.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner held an extensive discussion with all the stakeholders present in the meeting on the proposed Draft District Export Action Plan.

The DC, who is also the Chairman of DLEPC held a detailed deliberation on the comprehensive Export Plan placed before the Committee under which 3 products have been identified/finalized having good export potential viz Silk Carpet, Pashmina and Papier Mache in Srinagar District.

On the occasion, the DC asked the concerned to include wood carving in the Export Plan. He said it is an ornamental and delicate craft process that is unique to Kashmir and is among the most important crafts of Kashmir.

The DC asked the Officers

to prepare a plan for Walnut wood carving in consultation with the stakeholders at the earliest so that the same is incorporated in the District Export Plan.

The DC said the objectives of the initiative is to give a fillip to the Export volume and to boost the local economy, particularly focusing on promoting specific products or industries within the District that have good export potential, thereby likely enhance production, improve quality, and facilitate marketing and export of these products with adequate market linkage.

"The idea is also to enable holistic socio-economic growth of the local Artisans and Exporters of the District", he added.

Earlier, a PowerPoint presentation was given to the DC and was appraised that Rs 10.65 crore plan has been earmarked under Silk Carpet having different components including Strengthening of Indian Institute of Carpet Technology(IICT), Srinagar, setting up of Raw Material Banks, Replacement of Old worn-out Carpet Looms, Skill Up-gradation and Capacity Building Training, Publicity and Promotion of GI Tagging of Carpets, Marketing and Promotion, Market Research/Study, Setting up a Common Facility for Carpet Washing and Drying on Modern Lines.

## SMC hosts VBSY Camp At Gilli Kadal Srinagar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) Thursday organized a successful Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) camp at Gilli Kadal, demonstrating the corporation's commitment to community engagement and collaboration.

The event, held at Green Land School Alamgari Bazar, facilitated meaningful interactions between local officers, officials, and citizens, foster-

ing a platform for knowledge-sharing and cooperation.

With participation from various departments, the camp aimed to educate the community about the objectives and procedures of different schemes, ensuring that citizens are well-informed about the available benefits and support systems.

This proactive initiative reflects SMC's dedication to bridging the information gap and empowering the local populace.



A protracted dry spell has gripped the Kashmir valley, causing the water level in the Jhelum River to drop alarmingly. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

## CT Scan, CT Simulator Machines At SKIMS Defunct, Patients Suffer

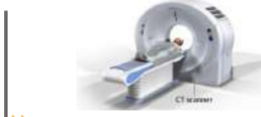
Observer News Service

Srinagar: Dozens of patients at Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS) Soura are facing hardships as vital CT scan and CT simulator machines have been non-functional for several days.

The patients and their attendants travelling from distant places of the valley expressed dissatisfaction, saying the inoperative CT scan machine has compelled them to visit private labs, which incurs additional expenses.

"Not everyone can afford tests at private clinics," said an attendant from Pulwama, adding that the machine must be repaired at the earliest so that the patients do not suffer.

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Official sources confirmed that both the CT scan and CT simulator at the hospital have been frequently developing snags, causing distress, particularly to cancer patients.

An official from SKIMS Soura told KNO that the machines are currently under repair.

"The SKIMS administration is actively working towards procuring an additional CT scan to prevent further inconvenience to patients," he said.



## Exploring Investment Options

Irshad Mushtaq

If you find yourself in the dilemma of wanting to invest but uncertain about the ideal sector, navigating India's diverse market can be overwhelming. Here are some of the best sectors to consider -

1. IT and Technology - With India being a hub for IT services and software development, this sector often shows strong growth potential.

2. Pharmaceuticals and Healthcare - India's pharmaceutical industry is one of the world's largest and is bolstered by both domestic demand and export potential.

3. Consumer Goods - As the Indian middle class expands, consumer demand for both durable and non-durable goods tends to increase, often benefiting companies in this sector.

4. Financial Services - With increasing financial inclusion, the banking and



finance sector in India typically presents opportunities, especially with the growing digitization of financial services.

5. Infrastructure - The Indian government's focus on improving infrastructure can be a tailwind for companies in this sector.

6. Renewable Energy - With a national commitment to reducing carbon emissions, renewable energy is gaining focus, and investments in this sector may be promising.

7. Automobiles - The sector can benefit from increasing consumer spending, but it can also face headwinds from regulatory changes and global supply chain issues.

8. Telecommunication - This sector is pivotal for India's digital transformation and could have growth potential, especially with the rollout of new technologies like 5G.

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CORRIGENDUM

For E-NIT No's. PHE/MRD/TS/ 139,140&142 of 01/2024 published vide Nos: 2024.PHE.242769.1&2, 2024.PHE.242816.1,2,3&4 and 2024.PHE.242978.1 following correction/modification in specification/terms and conditions shall be considered:-

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**CORRIGENDUM**

In continuation to auction notice dated 16.01.2024, published in daily Kashmir Observer on 18.01.2024, the date of auction has been inadvertently mentioned as 25.02.2024 instead of 27.02.2024. Therefore the auction date now shall be read as 27.02.2024. Rest of the contents of the auction notice dated 16.01.2024 will remain unchanged.

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## Snow In New York, Davos Raises Hope

New York City on Tuesday witnessed its first significant snowfall in over 700 days, shattering a previous record of 400 days without measurable snowfall. The iconic Central Park reported a layer of snow, marking the end of an unprecedented period without substantial snowfall.

The resumption of snowfall in New York City, home to 8.5 million residents, brought about a flurry of activity as residents in various parts of the city engaged in clearing sidewalks after the long snowless streak, things that now trigger nostalgia in Kashmir experiencing one of its driest winters.

Simultaneously, parts of Europe faced their own weather challenges, with freezing rain disrupting travel in central and southern Germany. Davos in Switzerland where currently the World Economic Forum is being held also recorded heavier snowfall.

It is, however, disheartening that regions in India, known for snowfall, are experiencing a dry winter. Kashmir, Manali, and Shimla, typically blanketed in snow during the winter months, are facing an unusual absence of snow. The Chilla-i-Kalan in Kashmir, characterized by intense winter and heavy snowfall, is about to pass without snow. Weather forecasts predict dry conditions in the three regions until January 21, further emphasizing the impact of changing climate patterns.

Over the last two years, the growing tourism has gone a long way to shore up the Kashmir economy and brought back employment lost to the successive security and Covid-19 lockdown. The boom in tourism, which forms 6.8 percent of Kashmir's GDP and employs over two million people, has also had a positive spillover effect on other sectors.

The absence of snow in both the plains and upper reaches, including popular tourist spots like Gulmarg, Pahalgam, and Sonamarg, has cast a pall over the Valley's tourism industry. The Travel Agents Association of Kashmir (TAAK) reports a staggering 70-75% cancellation or postponement of bookings for January, highlighting the severe impact of the dry spell on the tourism sector.

The snowfall in New York City, contrasting weather events in Europe, and the absence of snowfall in parts of India collectively highlight the unpredictable nature of our changing climate. As we celebrate the return of snow to some regions in the west, we must also acknowledge the broader context of climate change and its far-reaching consequences on weather patterns across the globe. Meanwhile, in Kashmir, people anxiously await a change in weather patterns. The hope remains that the snow will return, rejuvenating Kashmir's tourism industry and restoring its winter magic.

### OTHER OPINION

## Historic hearing

Whatever the outcome of the preliminary hearing at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) at The Hague, South Africa's case against Israel's ongoing military campaign in Gaza has garnered global attention in a way no proceeding at this elite interstate forum may have done before. As the 15-member court assembled, along with two ad hoc judges representing South Africa and Israel, quite a bit of history must have weighed on the parties. Of the two countries on either side of this dispute over whether the Gaza war is aimed at wiping out the people, one has left behind its apartheid past, but believes that the other is practising 75 years of 'apartheid' against the Palestinian people since 1948; one firm in its belief that it is acting in the interest of justice and humanity, the other equally firm in its belief it can never be accused of genocide, a crime that was sought to be prevented by the Genocide Convention of 1948, a treaty to prevent the sort of Holocaust the Jewish people had suffered. Both countries spent many years in the last century in diplomatic isolation, as countries and sporting bodies boycotted them, but both had the support of their western allies. Today, save for those few allies, the entire world supports a ceasefire in Gaza to end the epic suffering of its people.

At this preliminary stage, South Africa sought to demonstrate that some of Israel's acts were capable of falling within the terms of the Genocide Convention and that there was 'genocidal intent' behind its acts. It relied on data on deaths and destruction and the collapse of civilian life and health infrastructure in Gaza. It drew upon statements attributed to key Israeli government figures to underscore what it called 'genocidal intent'. The provisional measures sought include a suspension of military operations and steps by the parties to prevent the occurrence of genocide. Israel described the South African case as 'blood libel' before the hearing, but sought to make a case that its Gaza operations were a legitimate response to the terrorist attack on October 7 last year. It played down the relevance of its leaders' statements, calling them mere rhetoric. It attributed the civilian casualties to Hamas using civilians as shields and hospitals as storage for explosives and launching pads for attacks. The issue before the court is quite straightforward, but the larger concern is whether Israel will abide by any provisional measure. Russia ignored an ICJ order to suspend its operations in Ukraine in March 2022. However, there is little doubt that any provisional measure will cast a shadow on the legitimacy of Israel's Gaza war.

The Hindu



# Systemic Solutions

Can't blame social norms alone: Policymakers must create conditions for female employment before investing in equality

Ashwini Deshpande

In China, the painful custom of binding young girls' feet to alter their shape began in the 10th century and continued for a millennium, until it was outlawed in 1911. Although the practice did not truly end until the establishment of the People's Republic in 1949, by 1990, China's female labour-force participation rate had climbed to 73%—well above the OECD average. In 15th-century Europe, women started wearing corsets, often reinforced with wood, bone, or even metal, designed to mold the upper body into a V-shape. Comfortable clothing that was easier to move in came into fashion only over the course of the 20th century. And yet today, several European countries have the highest rankings in terms of gender parity across various dimensions. Both practices—binding women's feet and constricting their waists—started among the aristocracy before spreading to the middle and lower classes. Given this trajectory, it is not surprising that adherence to beauty norms made it difficult for women to participate in economic or productive work.

Although China and Europe are poles apart culturally, both pushed women into subservient roles in similar ways. Similarly, both societies were able to shed restrictive social norms—of which body modification is only one example—and make significant progress on gender equality. It is important to understand how this happened, especially because international organisations and academics have increasingly focused on changing social norms as a means of achieving gender equality, designing toolkits and interventions aimed at nudging individuals towards new attitudes and practices. But they tend to forget an important lesson from history: social norms are products of material realities and, as a result, only shift in response to changes in those conditions, not because of a sudden change of heart.

Comprehending the complex evolution of social norms requires

examining the long arc of history. The work of Nobel laureate economist Claudia Goldin exemplifies this approach. Focusing on the United States, Goldin found that "increased participation of women over the long run resulted more from a changed nature of jobs, such as decrease in hours of work and the rise of white-collar work, than from shifts in social norms and attitudes." This insight is particularly useful in India, where the proportion of women in paid work remains very low, despite high rates of economic growth and rapid poverty reduction over the last two decades. The discrepancy has sparked debate about which social norms are constraining female labour-force participation and, equally importantly, whether norms are the only limiting factor. A new study by Ashoka University identifies the norms that matter. Foremost is Indian women's disproportionate responsibility for domestic chores, including cooking, gathering fuel, fetching water, household maintenance, childcare, and elder care. Indian women spend as much as 10 times more time on these activities than men, one of the highest gaps globally.

Moreover, with nearly universal marriage and a strong preference for sons, young women enter marriage and motherhood sooner than in other parts of the world and are expected to produce a male heir. Despite the limiting effect of these norms, our data also reveal unmet demand for paid work on the part of women. Women move in and out of paid employment over short periods, indicating a willingness to take on such work when it is available. Constraints on mobility vary by caste status, with women from lower castes historically participating in the labour market at higher rates and also reporting a greater number of transitions, indicating the precarity of available work.

The low proportion of women in paid employment in India is a matter of serious concern, and policymakers should focus more on generating demand for female labour, rather than changing social norms. That means working to ensure the regular availability of paid work that women can



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access and incentivising employers to hire them. Several Indian states have already enacted gender quotas in public-sector employment. But with more than 90% of India's workers in the informal sector, such quotas do not affect female labor-force participation rates substantially. Instead, private employers must hire, retain, and promote women workers. Some leading companies, including Tech Mahindra, Wipro, Hero Moto-corp, and Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, have already launched initiatives to increase female workforce participation, and others should follow their lead. More importantly, mandatory reporting of gender-disaggregated data can reveal the exact contours of gender gaps and shape a focused policy response.

Given India's predominantly rural population, there is also an urgent need to create avenues for remunerative employment for women in labour-intensive sectors such as food processing, textiles, leather goods, and small-scale, low-tech manufacturing. Women in India want to earn their own livelihoods, as shown by the massive number of rural women—larger than the combined population of Canada and Australia—who have joined self-help groups under the National Rural Livelihood Mission, the largest and longest-running program of its kind in the world.

There is tremendous potential to promote productive and remunerative female self-employment. In East Asia, the availability of rural non-farm employment provided a massive stimulus for women to enter the paid workforce, and social norms started to change in response. There is no reason to believe that India is any different in this respect. Policymakers must put the horse before the cart: create conditions for female employment before spending immense sums on efforts to engender a new culture of equality.

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## Do Not Self Medicate

MANY thanks to Kashmir Observer for publishing a very useful and informative article on the dangers of 'self-medication' online. ("The rise of 'Dr. Google'", Aug. 24). Living in the e-world, naturally the internet is an endless source for information. And for many of us, it is our 'first go-to' for just about everything we want

to know. It is also a tempting tool for medical self-diagnosis, but which one should be extremely careful of. For their illness, the temptation of people to treat themselves through online medication is totally wrong and highly dangerous.

When you self-diagnose, you are essentially assuming that you know the subtleties that diagnosis consti-

tutes. This can be fatal as people who assume that they can surmise what is going on with themselves may miss the nuances of diagnosis. Says eminent Radiation Oncologist Sean Vance: "The wealth of medical information we have at our fingertips can be empowering. But we need to be really choosy about the sources we are using, especially when searching

topics like cancer, stroke and heart attack." The problem with seeking medical advice through the internet is that you could end up being provided with completely incorrect information, which could become an added detriment to your health.

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Mindful Fridays

# The Art of Letting Go

Unshackling the Chains of the Past for a Fulfilling Present

Wasim Kakroo

Letting go, a profound concept central to personal liberation, involves breaking emotional chains tethered to the past, enabling unrestrained personal growth and happiness. Despite awareness of its potential harm, severing ties with the past remains a formidable challenge for many. This article delves into the psychological complexities of holding onto the past, dissecting the impact of perfectionism on this struggle. Unraveling the intricate threads that bind us to bygone experiences, it sheds light on how this attachment adversely affects mental well-being, strains relationships, and impedes overall success in life. By examining the roots of this struggle, we can navigate the path to release, fostering resilience and embracing the transformative power of letting go.

## THE ALLURE OF THE PAST

Human beings, creatures of habit, are drawn to the comfort of the familiar, even if it brings pain. The roots of our attachment to the past intertwine with nostalgia, fear of the unknown, and an inherent resistance to change. Past experiences, relationships, and achievements become emotional anchors, providing an illusion of stability and security. Reflecting on this, ask yourself: What aspects of my past do I cling to for a sense of stability? How does my fear of the unknown influence my reluctance to let go? Am I sacrificing my well-being by holding onto the past? These reflective questions prompt an exploration of the motivations behind our attachments, paving the way for a deeper understanding of the challenges associated with letting go.

## PERFECTIONISM'S GRIP ON LETTING GO

Perfectionism, often viewed as the relentless pursuit of flawlessness, stands as a formidable barrier to the art of letting go. The paralyzing fear of making mistakes or encountering failure cultivates a compulsive need to clutch onto past accomplishments, creating a safety net against potential imperfections. This fear also drives perfectionists to steer clear of situations that might challenge their meticulously high standards, inadvertently trapping them in a cycle of avoidance.

The consequences of such perfectionist tendencies are profound. The relentless pursuit of flawlessness can lead to stagnation, impeding both personal and professional growth.

Reflecting on this, individuals grappling with perfectionism may ask themselves:

How has my fear of making mistakes hindered my progress?

In what ways has my pursuit of flawlessness limited my willingness to embrace new challenges?

These reflective questions serve as a



starting point for dismantling the perfectionist mindset and fostering an environment conducive to letting go of the past.

## THE CONTINUATION OF TRAUMA

Clinging to the past, particularly when it entails traumatic experiences, acts as a potent force that perpetuates a cycle of pain and suffering. Unresolved trauma infiltrates various dimensions of life, casting a long shadow over relationships, decision-making processes, and overall well-being. The grip of past trauma can create a pervasive emotional distress, akin to a relentless storm that refuses to subside.

## ASK YOURSELF AND LISTEN TO THE ANSWERS:

1. How has my past trauma influenced my current relationships, and what steps can I take to mitigate its impact?
2. In what ways has unresolved trauma affected my decision-making, and what changes can I make to promote healthier choices?
3. How do I recognize the signs of emotional distress linked to past trauma, and what coping mechanisms can I adopt to break free from this perpetual cycle?
4. What aspects of my overall well-being are most affected by my inability to let go of past trauma, and how can



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I actively work towards healing and recovery?

Breaking free from the chains of past trauma begins with self-reflection, as these questions prompt individuals to confront and navigate the complex web of emotions tied to their experiences.

**TOXIC ATTACHMENT AND EMOTIONAL UNREST**  
Toxic attachment to the past acts as

an insidious force, casting a shadow over the present and hindering the ability to fully embrace the current moment. The perpetual replay of past mistakes or the retention of grudges plants seeds of discontent, fostering emotional unrest that can infiltrate various aspects of life. Individuals trapped in this cycle find it challenging to experience peace and fulfillment, as their minds remain entangled in the web of bygone grievances.

## ASK YOURSELF AND LISTEN TO THE ANSWERS:

1. What specific past mistakes or events am I currently fixated on that may be hindering my ability to embrace the present?
2. How do I hold onto grudges, and what impact do these lingering resentments have on my emotional well-being?
3. In what ways does my toxic attachment to the past manifest in my daily life, affecting my relationships, decisions, and overall sense of contentment?

By contemplating these questions, individuals can gain insight into the nature of their toxic attachments and begin the process of untangling themselves from the past, paving the way for a more serene and fulfilling present.

## IMPACT ON MENTAL HEALTH

The lingering grip of past traumas can cast a long and dark shadow over one's mental health. Refusing to let go often precipitates severe consequences, with anxiety, depression, and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) frequently emerging as unwelcome companions of unresolved past experiences. The mind, like a broken record, replays negative scripts etched in the subconscious, perpetuating destructive thought patterns that deepen mental health challenges.

## ASK YOURSELF AND LISTEN TO THE ANSWERS:

1. How do my past traumas manifest in my daily thoughts and behaviors?
2. In what ways do recurring negative scripts contribute to my mental health struggles?
3. Have I noticed a pattern of heightened anxiety or depression during specific triggers related to past traumas?
4. What steps can I take to interrupt and redirect destructive thought patterns when they arise?
5. How might addressing unresolved past experiences positively impact my overall mental well-being?

## DAMAGE TO SELF, RELATIONSHIPS, AND SUCCESS

The refusal to let go wreaks havoc across multiple dimensions of life. A stagnant sense of self becomes a breeding ground for arrested personal growth, thwarting the ability to adapt to evolving circumstances. Reflect on how your past may be anchoring you to a version of yourself that no longer serves your present aspirations.

In relationships, the persistent echoes of the past drown out the potential for intimacy and connection in the present. Ask yourself: What past experiences or grievances am I carrying into my current relationships, and how are they influencing my ability to connect authentically?

Furthermore, the tenacious grip on past failures and disappointments acts as a formidable barrier to success. Ask yourself: In what ways is my fear of repeating past mistakes inhibiting my willingness to take risks and pursue new opportunities?

Unshackling oneself from the past is not merely a philosophical pursuit; it is a pragmatic necessity for unlocking personal potential, fostering meaningful connections, and achieving the success that eludes those bound by the chains of yesterday.

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# The Modern Prometheus In The Form of AI

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I've suggested that fire is our first technology. Its profound and transformative impact—to this very day—is so powerful that its mythical source is the divine. Let's start at that point where Prometheus stole fire from the gods and disrupted the divine order to challenge their authority. In some ways, it feels like it's happening again embodied as artificial intelligence.

AI emerges not merely as a technological advancement, but as a modern Prometheus. Like this mythic figure who stole fire from the gods to bestow upon humanity, AI has, in a sense, "stolen" knowledge—or rather, made accessible vast realms of information and insights previously beyond our reach. This act, much like that of Prometheus, has ignited a new spark of human achievement, heralding an era of unprecedented cognitive expansion and controversy. And building on the inspiring words of late President John F. Kennedy, the "technology torch" has been passed to a new generation.

## ENLIGHTENMENT AND DISRUPTION

AI, in its Promethean role, is a dual-edged sword, embodying both enlightenment and disruption. On one hand, it has democratized knowledge, broken down barriers to information access,

and fueled innovation at a scale hitherto unimaginable. Individuals, businesses, and societies are empowered with data-driven insights, fostering advancements in every field from medicine to education. AI's contribution to human progress in this light is unequivocal, a true testament to its role as a catalyst of human potential.

Conversely, much like Prometheus, who faced Zeus's wrath for his transgression, AI's "theft" of knowledge comes with its own set of challenges and ethical dilemmas. The disruption it brings can be seen in job displacement, privacy concerns, and the unsettling rapidity of change it imposes on societal norms. The very act of AI accessing and processing vast amounts of data—a modern equivalent of stealing fire—raises questions about security and the ethical use of information.

## A PARTNER IN HUMAN CREATIVITY

Despite these challenges, AI's role in our modern society is akin to a partner in human creativity and problem-solving. It takes on the laborious tasks of data analysis and pattern recognition, freeing human minds to engage in higher-order thinking and creative pursuits. This synergy between human and artificial intelligence is fostering a new age of innovation—a cognitive age—where the boundaries of what can be achieved are constantly



being redefined.

## A FLAME OF ILLUMINATION AND SHADOW

As AI illuminates pathways to progress, it also casts shadows, creating new complexities that must be navigated with care. The responsibility lies with us to wield this "flame" ethically and wisely, ensuring that the benefits of AI are distributed equitably and its risks are mitigated. The narrative of AI, much like that of Prometheus, is one of empowering humanity, but it also serves as a cautionary tale of the responsibilities that come with newfound power.

## THE PROMETHEAN GIFT TO HUMANITY

AI challenges us to rethink our relationship with technology and its role in society. It compels us to consider not just the benefits of the knowledge and opportunities it presents, but also the ethical and moral implications of this new power. As we cast a light at the crossroads of technology and humanity, it is imperative to balance the flame of AI with a commitment to responsible stewardship. In doing so, we can harness the full potential of this Promethean gift, ensuring that it serves as a beacon of progress and enlightenment, rather than a source of unchecked disruption for you, me, and the divine.

— Psychology Today





## Warner, Boult, Bravo Among Stars To Light Up ILT20



Press Trust of India

**NEW DELHI:** The likes of Australian big-hitter David Warner and New Zealand pace spearhead Trent Boult will headline the second edition of the six-team DP World International League T20, beginning on Friday in the UAE.

A total of 34 games will be played in the league, including the final in Dubai on February 17. Dubai will host 15 games, Abu Dhabi 11 and Sharjah will be the venue for the remaining eight games.

Former India batter Ambati Rayudu has also signed up for the competition and will represent Mumbai Indians Emirates.

The other ILT20 teams apart from MI Emirates (Reliance Industries) are Abu Dhabi Knight Riders (Kolkata Knight Riders), Desert Vipers (Lancer Capital), Dubai Capitals (GMR), Gulf Giants (Adani Sportsline), and Sharjah Warriors (Capri Global).

Besides Warner and Boult, the other big games who will be a part of the tournament are Sunil Narine, Andre Russell, Corey Anderson, Dwayne Bravo, Dasun Shanaka, Rahmanullah Gurbaz, Sam Billings, David Willey, Alex Hales, Tom Curran, Rovman Powell, Shimron Hetmyer, James Vince, Chris Woakes and Martin Gupthill.

The recently-retired Warner, who would be captaining Dubai Capitals, is also the face

of the league's marketing campaign alongside former India spinner and the event's official ambassador Harbhajan Singh.

Boult, who is an active international cricketer but has opted out of New Zealand's central contract pool, will play for MI Emirates.

The competition will be shown live on Zee's 10 channels -- &Pictures, &Pictures HD, Zee Cinema HD, Zee Anmol Cinema, Zee Zest, Zee Ganga, Zee Cinemalu HD, &Flix, &Flix HD and Zee Zest HD--and streaming app ZEE5.

Gulf Giants had won the inaugural edition after beating MI Emirates. The tournament opener will be played between Sharjah Warriors and Gulf Giants on January 19.

The ILT20 has also announced a star-studded commentary panel that includes Harbhajan, Virender Sehwag, Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis, Shoaib Akhtar, Alan Wilkins, Simon Doull, Daren Ganga, Danny Morrison and Niall O'Brien. The event will feature both Hindi and English commentary.

According to the organisers, the event's first season attracted 367 million viewers from India and around the world, making it the second most watched T20 cricket league globally.

All single header matches will be broadcast live at 8 PM IST while the afternoon games on the double-header days will start at 4 PM IST.

RETIRED HURT OR RETIRED OUT?

## Rohit's Super Over Heroics Cause Controversy

Press Trust of India

**BENGALURU:** Was Rohit Sharma retired hurt or retired out?

It was the question on everybody's mind as the Indian skipper walked back before the last ball of the first Super Over during third and final T20 against Afghanistan, which the hosts eventually won to bag the series 3-0.

As it turned out, it was pure

if another Super Over is needed to decide the outcome of the match.

So, how did Rohit manage to bat again in the second Super Over?

A match official later explained that if the opposition captain or coach do not have any objection, a batsman can bat again in the second Super Over. Afghanistan coach Jonathan Trott hinted at minimal com-

bowlers in Super Overs too was not conveyed to them properly.

Afghanistan wanted to use Azmatullah Omarzai in the second Super Over but since the pacer had already bowled the first Super Over, he was ineligible to operate a second time.

"It was not communicated (the rule). We wanted Azmat to bowl the second over again, but Fareed (Ahmad) bowled a great over. But these things



gamesmanship from Rohit as India needed two runs from one ball to win at that stage and he wanted to use the better running abilities of third batter Rinku Singh to eke out that extra run.

But the tone of the question intensified as Rohit walked out again to open the innings in the company of Rinku in the second Super Over.

As per the rules, once a batter is deemed retired out, he cannot come out to bat again

and the players as the whole episode panned out.

"I have no idea (whether Rohit retired hurt or out). Has there ever been two Super Overs? That's what I am trying to say. We keep setting these new rules. What I am trying to say is we kept testing the rules, we kept testing the guidelines," said Trott in the post-match press meet.

Trott stressed his point saying that the rule about the use of

will be explained and done in writing in the future.

"If those are the rules, that's great. I just think we had a good game, and I don't think that (rules) should be the talking point," he added.

However, Trott, an experienced coach and a former player of repute, might just have forgotten that the Super Over rules are in vogue since 2019, and there is no need for an external entity to send reminders.

## 1st Test: Australia In Command Against WI



Agencies

**ADELAIDE:** An inspired spell of bowling from Josh Hazlewood and a brilliant attacking century from Travis Head put Australia in complete control of the first Test against the West Indies in Adelaide on Thursday.

After Head smashed 119 from 134 balls to take Australia to 283 and a first-innings lead of 95, Hazlewood took four wickets for just two runs at the start of the West Indies second innings to deal a hammer blow to the visitors.

At stumps on the second day, the West Indies were 73-6, still 22 runs from making Australia bat again. Joshua Da Silva was not out 17, with Justin Greaves dismissed off the last ball of the day's play.

Hazlewood removed the top four West Indies batsmen in a superb spell of seam bowling.

He dismissed Tegenarine Chanderpaul for a first ball duck, then in his next over he had captain Kraigg Brathwaite caught by Head at a deepish short leg.

The West Indies were 7-3 when Alick Athanaze gloved a bouncer to keeper Alex Carey, then 19-4 when Kavem Hodge edged to Steve Smith at second slip.

Kirk McKenzie and Greaves tried to rebuild the innings and took the score to 40 before

McKenzie tried an expansive drive off Cameron Green, only to spoon the ball to Marnus Labuschagne at short cover.

Greaves and Da Silva batted sensibly and looked certain to take the West Indies safely to stumps, only for off-spinner Nathan Lyon to trap Greaves lbw for 24.

The Australians were expected to dominate a below-strength West Indies, who have three players on debut in this match.

But led by exciting newcomer Shamar Joseph, the visitors took regular wickets throughout the first two sessions to initially keep the Australians on the back foot.

Joseph, playing only his sixth first class match, ended with 5-94 in a magnificent Test debut.

Australia had reshuffled their batting order on the retirement of David Warner, moving Steve Smith to opener so they could bring Green back into the side.

The first part of that experiment failed when Smith fell for 12 on Wednesday, so the Australians would have been hoping for big runs from the towering Green.

But he was gone for 14 in just the second over on Thursday morning, caught by wicketkeeper Da Silva off Shamar Joseph to leave the Australians 67-3.

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