



Office of the Competent Authority Land Acquisition Deputy Commissioner (District Collector) Baramulla

Subject: Acquisition of land for construction of Pattan Bypass (Package-II) in estate Pahlalan Tehsil Pattan District Baramulla.

Notice under Section 3(G) 3&4 of National Highway Act, 1956.

Whereas the Central Government, through the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, declared its intention to acquire the land specified in the Schedule annexed to the Notification bearing No. S.O. 5428 (E) Dated 22-12-2023 published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, issued under sub-section (1) of Section 3 A of the National Highway Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) for building (widening) two lane with paved shoulder/four laning etc., maintenance, management and operation of NH-1 on the stretch of land from Km 17+400 to Km 101+000 in the district of Baramulla in the state of Jammu & Kashmir;

And whereas, the substance of the said notification was published in two local dailies viz. Rising Kashmir & Chattan on 06-01-2024 under sub-section (3) of section 3A of the said Act.

And whereas, the Competent Authority has received objections, filed under Section 3-C, considered and settled the same appropriately;

And whereas, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Competent Authority has submitted schedule/land details to the Central Government;

And whereas, upon receipt of the schedule/land details from the competent authority and in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government has declared that the land specified in the said schedules should be acquired for the aforesaid purpose;

And whereas, the said declaration has been published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, bearing No. S.O. 777 (E) Dated 19-02-2024 as required under Section 3D of the said Act.

And further, in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that on publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, the land specified in the said Schedule shall vest absolutely in the Central Government, free from all encumbrances.

Now, therefore, in compliance of sub-section (3) of Section 3G, the Competent Authority hereby invites all the landowners or persons interested in the land being acquired under these proceedings to submit their claims in respect of the land mentioned in the Schedule given here-in-below within a period of 15 days from the date of publication of this public notice in the office of the Competent Authority Land Acquisition Deputy Commissioner (District Collector) Baramulla.

All the persons interested (owner of the lands and other interested person(s)) in the lands specified in the Schedule given below are hereby called upon to submit their claims in the said land (their share, area of land, any assets attached thereto e.g. structures/trees etc. and state the nature of the respective interest in such lands along with relevant records. The said landowners or persons interested therein shall also furnish the particulars of their Bank Accounts to which they would like their compensation amount to be credited. The claims may be submitted in the following indicative format:

Table with 6 columns: Name of Village, Name of the landowner/interested person, Field Survey No., Area in Hectares, Name of Bank & Branch in which he holds the account, Particulars of the Bank Account No. with IFSC Code.

Schedule

Brief description of land to be acquired, with or without structures falling NH-1 in the stretch of land from Km. 17+ 400 to Km. 101+ 000 (Srinagar-Baramulla-Ul Road (Package-II) (Pattan Bypass) in the district of Baramulla in the state of Jammu & Kashmir.

Main schedule table with columns: Sl. No., Survey/Plot Number, Type of Land, Nature of Land, Area (in Hectares), Name of Land Owner/Interested Person. Contains 46 entries.

Table with 6 columns: Sl. No., Survey/Plot Number, Type of Land, Nature of Land, Area (in Hectares), Name of Land Owner/Interested Person. Contains 100 entries.

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# Gardeners At Asia's Largest Tulip Garden Hopeful For Favorable Outcome

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** As the biggest tulip garden in Asia gets closer to opening, there's a lot of anticipation for a spectacular display of the beauty of nature, with gardeners who have put a lot of effort into creating this amazing exhibit, hoping for a favorable outcome.

Presumably slated to open this month, the highly awaited tulip exhibition is expected to draw attention for its breathtaking display as well as the fact that, as previously disclosed by the authorities, the garden will include five new types among the 1.7 million tulips that are expected to blossom.

The gardeners said the weeding procedure is going on. "The process for a successful tulip garden show is on, and we have added more varieties of tulips to the show," they said.

Ghulam Mohammad

Wani, a gardener who has been working in Srinagar's tulip garden for more than eighteen years, said the work starts in the month of November. "Like a child is taken care of, the same has to be done with tulips," he said, adding that an ocean of people used to visit the tulip garden and it is a heartwarming time to see the hard work getting paid off.

"All this is because of the hard work of a dedicated gardener, and one can see the beautiful scene of the tulip garden only when a gardener works hard and his hard work gets praised in this month of tulip festival," he added.

Another gardener said, "Behind the successful tulip show holds a hardworking garden, and as of now, the weeding procedure is on. Before the garden opens, one more weeding procedure needs to be done. It needs

an expert gardener to handle the opening deadline procedure from one side and continue the process."

After the successful tulip show, these tulips need to be taken out from the land and then again taken care of for the rest of the year, he added.

Commissioner Secretary Floriculture, Sheikh Fayaz Ahmad has informed that Asia's largest Tulip garden has added five more new tulip varieties this year besides expanding the existing garden area, bringing the total number of tulip varieties to 73.

He said 1.7 million tulips are set to bloom this year in the upcoming season, the groundwork of which has been completed, he said adding that the department has also added another four kanals of land for the parking lot at the tulip garden to ensure a smooth experience for the visitors.

## Lalit Grand Palace Holds Crash Course For Gurez Homestay Owners



Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** The Lalit Grand Palace Srinagar, in collaboration with Indian Army's Dawar Battalion, conducted a transformative Hospitality Skills Renewal Course for Homestay owners of Gurez valley.

The course was held from March 11 to 16, 2024, at The Lalit Grand Palace Srinagar.

"A total of 11 Homestay owners from Gurez Valley participated in workshops covering essential hospitality domains

like housekeeping, front office management, food & beverage services, and marketing & sales", an official of The Lalit Grand Palace said.

"Through interactive sessions, attendees gained invaluable insights into optimizing hotel and homestay operations. This collaborative endeavor not only enriched participants' skill sets but also fostered a deeper understanding of hospitality standards, poised to enhance the tourism landscape in Gurez Valley", he said.

## NIT Faculty Member, His Team Secures Patent For Innovation

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** A faculty member from Department of Physics, National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar, Dr. Vijay Kumar and his team have received a patent for their research titled as "Biodegradable Packaging Film and How to Make It" from Govt of India.

The other collaborators of Dr. Kumar include Dr. Vishal Sharma (Panjab University Chandigarh), Dr. Kashma (DAV College, Sector-10, Chandigarh, and Sonal Choudhary (Panjab University Chandigarh).

The whole team was granted a patent for their research titled "Biodegradable Packaging Film and a Process for its Preparation thereof."

Dr. Vijay said that it is a significant milestone for us, marking a culmination of hard work, dedication, and innovative thinking. Developing sustainable solutions has always been a core focus for us, and this patent approval reaffirms our commitment to environmental stewardship, he said.

"Mostly our biodegradable packaging film offers a sustainable alternative to traditional packaging materials, addressing the growing need for eco-friendly solutions in today's market," Dr Vijay said.

He said that the present invention relates to a biodegradable packaging film comprising agarose, neem gum, hydroxyapatite and polysorbate 80.

"The invention also relates to a process for the preparation of said biodegradable packaging film. The present biodegradable packaging film incorporates natural ingredients and is prepared by green synthesis," he added.

Another team member of the group, Dr. Vishal Sharma said in today's era, the most pervasive and enduring recent change to the environment is the accumulation and fragmentation of plastics.

"Plastic has lured humans due to its empowered quality of life whether it is through the ease of packaging or due to its flexibility, longevity, plasticity, or its overall convenience to humans," she said.

## Lack Of Fire Station Raises Alarm In HMT Industrial Estate

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** The unit holders at the Industrial Estate of HMT Zainakote here have expressed deep concern over the absence of a fire station, citing numerous incidents where businesses have been reduced to ashes.

Former president of the Industrial Estate, Kumar Ji Wanchoo stressed upon the pressing need for a fire tender station, stating that despite four decades of demand, their plea remains unheeded.

"This is the eleventh unit that has burned to ashes. With a fire tender on-site, the damage could have been minimized," Wanchoo lamented.

The aggrieved unit holders highlighted the paradox of government claims of fostering investment and industrial growth while neglecting essential infrastructure.

Javid Haroon, another unit holder and former president of the industrial estate expressed disillusionment over the lack of response to their repeated appeals for a fire tender. "Is this the government's seriousness towards industrialists? We feel neglected and unheard," Haroon asserted.

Current president of the estate, Farooq Ahmad, echoed similar



concerns, stressing that the absence of a fire tender station leaves many businesses vulnerable to devastating fires.

"Despite the evident risk, authorities have shown a lack of urgency and non-seriousness in allocating the fire tender station in our estate," Ahmad remarked.

He said that the recent fire incident that engulfed a plastic factory in Srinagar's HMT industrial estate, underscores the urgent necessity for proactive measures to safeguard businesses from such disasters.

"As unit holders continue to grapple with the aftermath of these incidents, the absence of a fire tender station remains a glaring gap in the industrial estate's infrastructure, raising pertinent questions about the government's commitment to ensuring the safety and prosperity of its industrial sector", Wanchoo remarked.

## Body Of Man Recovered From Jhelum After 17 Days

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Body of a man, who had jumped in river Jhelum on February 29, was recovered near Shalteng area of Srinagar here this morning, officials said.

An official said the body of Nazir Ahmed Matoo son of Ali Mohd Matoo, of Srinagar's Eidgah was recovered from river Jhelum near Shalteng Bridge.

He said that Matoo had jumped in the Jhelum near Safa Kadal Bridge on February 29. The body has been shifted to a hospital and will be handed over to family after medico-legal formalities.

**Former Dy Mayor Parvaiz Qadri Resigns From NC**

**Observer News Service**

**SRINAGAR:** Former SMC Deputy Mayor, Parvaiz Ahmad Qadri on Saturday said that he has resigned from the basic membership of the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference.

Qadri, while citing personal reasons, confirmed to Srinagar based news agency Kashmir Dot Com that he has resigned from the basic membership of Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC).

Qadri has been associated with NC since 1998. He was Deputy Mayor of SMC from January 2020 to November 2023 and also served as acting Mayor of Srinagar.

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**HIGHWAY STATUS**

- Sgr-Jammu highway - ( Open )
- Mughal Road - ( Closed )
- Srinagar- Leh - ( Closed )

**PRAYERS**

**HIJRI CALENDAR**  
06 - Ramazan  
1445

FAJR 5:17  
ZUHR 12:40  
ASR 4:58  
Magrib 6:43  
ISHA 8:03

## This Day In History

- 1776 - British forces evacuate Boston to Nova Scotia during Revolutionary War
- 1861 - Italy is unified into a single kingdom under Victor Emmanuel II following the campaigns led by Giuseppe Garibaldi.
- 1894 - US & China sign treaty preventing Chinese laborers from entering US
- 1905 - Albert Einstein finishes his scientific paper detailing his Quantum Theory of Light, one of the foundations of modern physics
- 1921 - Lenin proclaims New Economic Politics
- 1924 - Netherlands & USSR begin talks over USSR recognition
- 1924 - Sweden & USSR exchange diplomats
- 1926 - Spain & Brazil prevent Germany joining League of Nations
- 1927 - US government doesn't sign League of Nations disarmament treaty
- 1932 - German police raid Adolf Hitler's Nazi headquarters
- 1934 - Dollfuss, Mussolini & Gombos sign Donau Pact (protocols of Rome)
- 1938 - The Italian Air Force, in support of Francisco Franco, bombs Barcelona during the Spanish Civil War
- 1939 - Battle of Nanchang between the Kuomintang and the Japanese breaks out (Sino-Japanese War 1937-1945)
- 1943 - Physician Willem J Kolff performs the world's first 'hemodialysis' using his artificial kidney machine, however the treatment is unsuccessful and the patient dies, in the Netherlands
- 1945 - Allied ships bomb North-Sumatra
- 1955 - After Maurice Richard is suspended for the remainder of the season, riots break out in Montreal. 37 people are injured and over 100 are arrested. The following morning, Richard goes on the radio to ask citizens to stop vandalizing

*From KO Archives*

## Govt To Punish Dull Teachers

Observer News Service

**JAMMU -** Government is strictly gauging the performance of teachers in various government schools and punitive action, which may include premature retirement, demotion to the next lower post, withholding of increment, etc. is being taken against the teachers whose result performance remains repeatedly unsatisfactory.

This was stated by Minister for Education Harshdev Singh in reply to a question in the House today. He said government have taken several measures for promoting the Equality of education in the state, which include introduction of Kindergarten system, for the first time in the government schools. He said minimum age limit for admission in government schools has been reduced from 6 to 4 years and English language introduced as a compulsory subject from first primary. He said school curriculum at secondary and senior secondary levels have been revised so as to catch up with the contemporary needs besides trying to bring it at par with the CBSE syllabi. Some text books upto class 8th have been revised so as to get them in tune with National curriculum framework. Other measures taken up by the government to improve education standard include introduction of new subjects like Biotechnology Bio-chemistry. Environment science, functional English. Islamic studies, Vedic studies besides introduction of vocational subjects at the +2 stage. The Minister said that the state institute of education is projected to be upgraded to the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) while the State Institute of Educational Management and training is also being set up.

(Kashmir Observer, 17 March, 2005)

**Office of the Naib-Tehsildar Pattan**  
Executive Magistrate 1st Class

**Subject: Issuance of Registration orders in respect of delayed Birth**

**Public Notice**

The registrar Births and deaths (EO Municipal Council Pattan/Block Development Officer Lolpora) has submitted a case file pertaining to Birth of Faisal Ahmad Mian S/o Farooq Ahmad Mian R/o Mian Mohalla Pattan Tehsil Pattan District Baramulla with verified date of event (birth) as 21/03/2010 occurred at Home

In this connection, if anybody having any objection to the issuance of said registration may contact this office within seven (07) days, after which no objections shall be entertained.

**Executive Magistrate 1st Class**  
Naib Tehsildar Pattan

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is informed to general public that I want to change my daughter's name from Simran Mushtaq To Falak Mushtaq in school records. If any body has any objection in this regard he/she may contact to the office of Alnoor Model School Turk Batpora Kunzer within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Mushtaq Ahmad Rather  
S/O Ghulam Hassan Rather  
R/O Mehmoodpora Kunzer Bla

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is for the information to the general public that I intend to register a Tour and Travel Agency by the name and style of Rising Kashmir Tour & Travels at R/o Palhallan. In this regard if anybody have any kind of objection he/she may file the same with Dy. Director Tourism within a period of 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. No objection will be entertained afterwards.

Vasim Gul Nadaf  
S/o Ghulam Mohammad Nadaf  
R/o Palhallan

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**PW(R&B) DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR, JHELUM & TAWI FLOOD RECOVERY PROJECT (WORLD BANK FUNDED)**  
BID (TENDER) NO: 191/14362-71/2023-24/RnB/Bla Dated 15.03.2024

**NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING**  
(Two-Envelope Bidding Process with e-Procurement)

NAME OF WORK: DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION (Complete Job) of SUPERSTRUCTURES OF BRIDGE AT SHRAKWARA INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION OF APPROACH ROADS AND NALLAH TRAINING WORKS FROM 16.03.2024

PERIOD OF SALE OF BIDDING DOCUMENT TO 06.04.2024 upto 04:00 PM

TIME AND DATE OF PRE-BID CONFERENCE 22.03.2024 TIME 11:00 AM in the Office of Superintending Engineer, PWD (R&B) Circle Baramulla.

LAST DATE AND TIME FOR RECEIPT OF BIDS 06.04.2024 upto 04:00 PM

\* TIME AND DATE OF OPENING OF BIDS - Technical Part1 08.04.2024 upto 11:00 AM

PLACE OF OPENING OF BIDS : Office of Superintending Engineer, PWD (R&B) Circle Baramulla

OFFICER INVITING BIDS : Executive Engineer (R&B) Division Baramulla

No. 14362-71 Dated 15.03.2024 **DIPK-18098-23 DT: 16/03/2024** Executive Engineer R&B Division Baramull

**PW(R&B) DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR, JHELUM & TAWI FLOOD RECOVERY PROJECT (WORLD BANK FUNDED)**  
BID (TENDER) NO: 192/14386-95/2023-24/RnB/Bla Dated 15.03.2024

**NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING**  
(Two-Envelope Bidding Process with e-Procurement)

NAME OF WORK: DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION (Complete Job) of SUPERSTRUCTURES OF BRIDGE AT WAZMOMALLA INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION OF APPROACH ROADS AND NALLAH TRAINING WORKS FROM 16.03.2024

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March 2024

No. 14386-95 Dated 15.03.2024 **DIPK-18102-23 DT: 16/03/2024** Executive Engineer R&B Division Baramulla



## Nothing Adverse, Watermelons Safe For Consumption: Govt

**Agencies**

**SRINAGAR:** Amid the controversy, the authorities on Saturday said that watermelons are safe for consumption.

Addressing a press conference, Deputy Commissioner, J&K Drug & Food Control Organisation, Shagufta Jalal, as per the news agency said that they had taken samples from all the districts of the Kashmir valley after apprehensions were raised about the sue of watermelons.

She said that the test results that came today have shown that watermelons are safe for consumption.

"Nothing adverse has come in the test reports and we appeal to the people not to pay heed to rumours," Jalal said, adding that watermelon is not a seasonal fruit.

About action against those who have spread the rumors, Jalal said the matter has been taken up with the higher ups—(KNO)



## DGP, GoC 15 Corps Jointly Preside Over High Level Security Meeting

**Agencies**

**JAMMU:** Director General of Police (DGP) R. R. Swain and Corps Commander Lt Gen Navin Sachdeva of the strategic 15 Corps jointly presided over a high level meeting and reviewed the security of the Jammu region keeping in view, among other things, the forthcoming general parliamentary elections.

As per a statement issued to the news agency, the meeting was attended by senior army commanders and senior police officers from Jammu



representative officers from other central armed police forces, including CRPF.

A wide range of security challenges facing the region were discussed in detail. Keeping in view the different strengths and expertise of different agencies and forces, coordination modules and action plans were drawn for execution.

DGP Swain and Lt. Gen Sachdeva deeply appreciated the high level of synergy between forces and agencies and each suggested many steps to consolidate and take it to a different level—(KNO)

## Bihar Man Convicted For Raping Minor In 2015

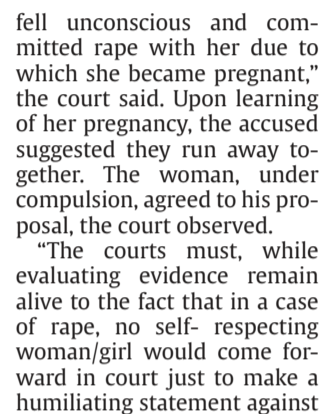
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**SRINAGAR:** A fast-track court in Srinagar on Saturday convicted a resident of Bihar for kidnapping and raping a 15-year-old girl in Habba Kadal area here in 2015.

"This court is of the considered opinion that prosecution has beyond any reasonable doubt succeeded in establishing its case fully, by way of reliable and clinching evidence and the documents placed on record have been fully proved and exhibited during trial, on the basis of which, no conclusion other than guilt of the accused stands established, as such accused is liable to be convicted for the offence punishable under Sections 363 and 376 of RPC," said Renu Dogra Gupta, 2nd Additional Sessions Judge (Fast Track Court pertaining to rape cases).

"This court accordingly convict the accused namely Santosh Kumar Paswan S/o Saider Paswan R/o Lalpora Bhim Nagar Bihar in the case FIR No.32 of 2016 of Police Station Kralkhud Srinagar for the commission of the offences punishable under Sections 363 and 376 of RPC". The court has posted the case for announcing the quantum of punishment next week.

"This court cannot afford to overlook the situation in which a poor helpless minor girl had been raped by the accused who used to earn livelihood while working at her house as mason who as per the statement of the prosecutrix after taking benefit of absence of her family members at the relevant time, offered her juice due to which she



fell unconscious and committed rape with her due to which she became pregnant," the court said. Upon learning of her pregnancy, the accused suggested they run away together. The woman, under compulsion, agreed to his proposal, the court observed.

"The courts must, while evaluating evidence remain alive to the fact that in a case of rape, no self-respecting woman/girl would come forward in court just to make a humiliating statement against

## NGT Fines Two Contractors For Violating Environmental Clearance

**Agencies**

**SRINAGAR:** The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has imposed an interim fine of nearly Rs 16 lakh on two contractors for violating the environmental clearance for mining of minor minerals from Doodhganga stream in Kashmir.

A bench of the NGT on Friday imposed the interim fine on contractors Danish Yousuf and Rouf Ahmad for violating the terms and conditions of the environmental clearance for the mining lease in their favour.

Allowing the application partly, the bench imposed an interim environmental compensation of Rs 7,46,400 on Danish Yousuf and Rs 8,33,520 on Rouf Ahmad. The contractors were directed to deposit the same within two months with the Jammu and Kashmir Pollution Control Board.

"The said amount shall be subject to final computation of environmental compensation by JKPC," it said.

The bench said it could not determine the environmental compensation in the absence of the requisite information regarding the quantum of mineral extracted by the respondents, sale price of mineral and actual period of mining activities.

"We find it appropriate to direct JKPC to proceed to compute environmental compensation in accordance with law, besides taking other prohibitive and punitive action against respondents 5 and 6 and remedial action for rejuvenation and restoration of the damage caused to the environment," it added.

The amount of environmental compensation shall be used for remediation, rejuvenation and restoration of the environment in the affected area on the basis of a rejuvenation plan which shall be prepared jointly by the JKPC and Collector Budgam.

### DOODH GANGA MINING

## Admin Kashmir Expects High Voter Turnout in Upcoming Elections

**Agencies**

**SRINAGAR:** Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Vijay Kumar Bidhuri on Saturday said that the administration is fully prepared for polls, and is awaiting the announcement which has to be made by Election Commission of India (ECI).

He asserted that the administration is expecting good poll percentage in the upcoming elections whenever they will be held.

"During the meeting with ECI the administration briefed them with a detailed presentation about preparations in place for polls. The body was satisfied with the preparations. We are expecting a good poll percentage this time, but are awaiting the nod of ECI who has to take the final call," Divisional Commissioner Kashmir VK Bidhuri as per KNS said.

He maintained that since consumers across the valley stopped using crude electric gadgets the supply of electricity has widely increased and we are trying our best to ensure uninterrupted power supply during vital hours in Ramadhan including Iftar and Sehri. (KNS)



## Jaundice Outbreak In Pulwama; Nine Test Positive

**Agencies**

**SRINAGAR:** An outbreak of jaundice in Dargund Bellow village in south Kashmir's Pulwama district has raised concerns as nine persons have tested positive, while many others are having symptoms of the disease.

A health official informed the news agency that the screening process is underway, and nine cases have been confirmed positive for jaundice.

Residents allege that contaminated water is the main reason behind the outbreak of the disease. According to locals, they are receiving water from a water supply sourced from a tubewell, but the water is highly contaminated.

"Authorities had earlier promised a new water supply scheme for the village, but no action has been taken," they claimed.

They also said the tank of their water supply scheme has not been cleaned for several years. Despite repeatedly informing the authorities about the issue, we have not received potable water, they said.

Chief Medical Officer Pulwama, Dr Tehmeena, told KNO that nine cases of jaundice have been reported from the village.

"We took water samples, but they came back negative as the Jal Shakti Department had already chlorinated the water," she said, adding, "People should not panic but consume boiled water and maintain proper hygiene."

Meanwhile, an official of the Jal Shakti Department informed KNO that the village was receiving water from a spring and tubewell. While the water from the spring is safe, the tubewell has recently collapsed.

He assured that the concerned department has been contacted, and work is expected to commence from Monday. The official also said that water is being supplied to the village after proper treatment—(KNO)

## Judicial Academy, e-Committee SC Organize Refresher Programme



**KO NEWS SERVICE**

**JAMMU :** Under the patronage of Chief Justice, High court of J&K and Ladakh, Justice N. Kotiwar Singh and guidance of Justice Sanjeev Kumar and other members of Governing Committee for Judicial Academy, the J&K Judicial Academy in collaboration with e-Committee, Supreme Court of India organized one day refresher programme (ECT-9-2024) for staff members of District Courts of twin UT's of J&K and Ladakh at J&K Judicial Academy, Janipur.

The training programme was inaugurated by Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Chairman, Governing Committee for Judicial Academy in presence of Mr. Anoop Sharma, Registrar Computer, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, who was the resource person in the day long event.

Justice Sanjeev Kumar, in his inaugural address, observed that the technology has proved a great accelerant in almost all aspects of human lives including dispensation of justice. He noted that e-courts represent a more viable alternative to conventional courts, harnessing technology to expedite legal proceedings. He highlighted that Court staff forms the backbone of our judicial system and any shortcoming at their part adversely impacts a judge's ability to deliver justice.

Elaborating further, Justice Kumar said that in J&K 15-16 courts are paperless now wherein entire records have been

digitized but still we are facing difficulties because of certain issues faced by the staff in adapting to the new technology. He advised the participants to transform their mindset and switch over to the technology for larger benefit of the society.

The Chairman further highlighted that e-Courts have the potential to revolutionize the administration of justice particularly for underprivileged and marginalized communities facing barriers to traditional court systems by reshaping access to justice and enhancing efficiency, transparency and fairness.

Director, J&K Judicial Academy, Y P Bourny, while presenting welcome address, highlighted the core purpose and importance of the programme. He stated that e-Courts Project was conceptualised on the basis of "National Policy and Action Plan for Implementation of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in the Indian Judiciary-2005" submitted by the e-Committee of the Supreme Court of India. The e-Courts National portal (ecourts.gov.in) was launched by the Chief Justice of India on 07th August, 2013 which provides case status, daily cause-list, cases filed, and cases registered through the CIS software.

He emphasised the objectives, services and benefits of e-Courts. He stated that digitization has bridged the gap between the court and the litigant, ensuring justice not only at the door step of the citizens but at their fingertips.

## J&K Bank Assistant Manager Arrested

**Press Trust Of India**

**JAMMU:** A bank official was arrested on Saturday for allegedly swindling over Rs 1.26 crore from dormant accounts over the past three years in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district, police said.

The fraud by Ishwinder Singh Ranyal, Assistant Manager in J&K Bank Pouni branch, came to light last month when the accused withdrew an amount from an active account, prompting the account holder to lodge a complaint, Reasi Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Mohita Sharma said.

After receiving the complaint and sensing the gravity of the offence, a special team was constituted and Ranyal, a resident of Pouni, was finally arrested from Sainik Colony in Jammu this morning, the officer said.

"The criminal was evading arrest for the last one month. He wrongfully gained the amount causing loss of public money of worth Rs 126.34 lakh by way of cheating and falsification of accounts at J&K Bank Branch Pouni," Sharma said.

She said the modus operandi of the accused officer involved discretely activating the dormant accounts and then illegally withdrawing deposited money.

"This practice was allegedly going on for the last three years and an amount of Rs 126.34 lakhs was illegally withdrawn by the accused assistant manager, who is a resident of Pouni," the officer said.

A dormant account is an account that has had no financial activity for a long period of time, except for the posting of interest. After the dormancy period, dormant accounts become the unclaimed property of the state.

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V/S

- Public At Large
- Numila Qadri D/o Late Syed Showkat Hussain Qadri
- Syed Tansheet Ahmad Qadri S/o Late Syed Showkat Hussain Qadri

Both Residents of Arabal Shalimar Srinagar (Respondents)

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# Is Comparative Education the Panacea of Modern Education?

Mohammad Hanief

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**By comparing the strengths and weaknesses of different education systems, researchers can identify successful practices and strategies that can be adapted or adopted to improve education elsewhere**

Comparative education is a field of study that involves analyzing educational systems, practices, policies, and outcomes across different countries or regions. It aims to understand similarities and differences in education systems, their underlying principles, and their impact on learners and societies. By comparing various educational approaches, researchers can identify best practices, challenges, and potential areas for improvement in education systems around the world.

It is a vast field of study which does not only study other countries' educational systems or confine itself to a single, strict definition because it covers disciplines such as the sociology, political science, psychology, and anthropology of different countries. Comparative education is a detailed study of educational systems to determine how people's values and beliefs affect their educational system and provide a suitable education. The field is a deep, critical examination of other countries' societal values and educational systems to evaluate one's system and refresh one's own culture by adopting progressive aspects from elsewhere based on the comparison.

Comparative educationists are primarily scholars who study education in different environments to discover why they are the way they are and attempt to solve educational problems. Comparative education is a multidisciplinary subject that uses knowledge from other humanities and social sciences disciplines. It is also a comparative study of educational theories and practices in various countries. Comparative education attempts to use cross-national data to test propositions about the relationship between education and society and between teaching practices and learning outcomes.

By comparing the strengths and weaknesses of different education systems, researchers can identify successful practices and strategies that can be adapted or adopted to improve education elsewhere.

Through its multidisciplinary approach, comparative education helps policymakers understand the impact of various educational policies and reforms in different settings, providing evidence to guide decision-making. It helps in identifying global trends and shifts in education, such as the adoption of technology, changing curriculum approaches, and evolving teaching methods.



At the core of comparative education's approach is the recognition that one-size-fits-all solutions don't work due to the unique cultural and societal factors in each region. It promotes the adaptation of successful practices to fit the specific needs of a particular context. By studying how different education systems address issues of equity, access, and inclusion, comparative education contributes to discussions on reducing educational disparities.

Comparative education's diagnostic approach sheds light on challenges faced by different systems, such as teacher shortages, funding issues, or curriculum gaps, and offers potential solutions based on lessons learned elsewhere. It encourages collaboration among researchers, policymakers, and educators from various countries, fostering the exchange of ideas and expertise to improve global education standards.

Researchers in comparative education need to be sensitive to cultural differences and avoid imposing their own biases when interpreting data or making recommendations.

Findings from comparative education research can influence policy decisions and educational practices by providing evidence-based insights into what works and what doesn't in different contexts. In essence, comparative education provides a platform for examining education systems holistically, promoting knowledge-sharing, and contributing to the enhancement of education worldwide.

Professionals in this area of endeavor are absorbed in advancing evocative terminologies and guidelines for education worldwide, en-

hancing educational structures and producing a context to which the success and effectively of education programs and initiatives can be assessed.

This field deals with the comparison of current educational proposition and practice in different countries for the purpose of broadening and heightening understanding of educational problems beyond the boundaries of one's own country. It analyzes a country's education system with data and systems from other countries and establishes educational development programs.

It's an area of study which compares current educational proposition and practice in colorful countries with a view to broadening and heightening understanding of the problems of education across public boundaries.

The study helps scholars to ameliorate the education in their home country. Relative education helps scholars to acquire better understanding of education system of other countries and adopt some aspects for better enhancement of education at home.

Comparative study is the act of comparing two or further effects with a view to discovering commodity about one or all of the effects being compared. Relative study helps to define the association structure of the subjects as well as give the discrimination points between the subjects' matter.

Individualizing comparison compares 'a many cases to understand the features of each case. This simply means that the characteristics or functionalities of each case studied are completely defined. It contributes to extending our mindfulness and offers sapience into events.

Universalization comparison

demonstrates that every case of a miracle basically follows the same law. It includes comparing abecedarian propositions with significant generality and significance, and presenting propositions to justify the studies.

The comparison is designed to establish a description of variability in the character or intensity of a miracle through a methodical analysis of variations between cases. This means that comparing several types of an individual miracle will identify logical variations between cases and set a position of friction in the character or inflexibility of the miracle.

Encompassing comparison involves 'placing different cases in colorful positions within the same structure, describing their features in confluence with their separate structure-wide connections'.

Educationists ought to chalk out a comprehensive plan so that it could be made clear in what proportions should the scholars be given the Education of wisdom, commerce, drugs, trades, technology, education, administration etc.

Nonetheless, the findings derived in such a way can still be of great use for understanding international policy trends in education. Moreover, they can help policy-makers improve the work of educational institutions. This is the main argument that should be explained and illustrated in this paper.

Comparative education helps students to acquire better understanding of education system of other countries and borrow some aspects for better improvement of education at home. Professionals in this area of endeavor are absorbed in advancing evocative terminologies and guidelines for education worldwide, enhancing educational structures and producing a context to which the success and effectively of education programs and initiatives can be assessed.

A critical look at the various definitions of the discipline no doubt reveals that Comparative Education is an interdisciplinary subject since it relies on other subjects to be able to accomplish its objectives.

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# Distracting Ourselves To Death The Reign Of Technological Instrumentalism

Mugees Ul Kaisar

“Just do it” is the creed of contemporary technological, instrumentalist, practice-centric mass mentality. The world of humankind is so “busy” that it has no time for humans. The mindless acceleration of time, heading towards “un-thought” abyss, has trampled everything “non-artificial” under its mindless motion of wheels. This is the fear that few thinkers towards the end of the last century had raised with regard to the rising technology i.e. the obliteration of human itself. It is technology that is using humans now and not the other way round. There is no human now.

The world has no time, giving the impression that something important is being done; when in fact the busier contemporary humans get, the more deteriorated the world becomes. As the world gets busier, it also increasingly approaches its proximate extinction. It seems that, not idleness or speculation or leisure, but “activity”/work/manipulation is more problematic & threatening. There is a certain violence in every kind of “work”; working upon nature, manipulating it for our use, and now “using”/abusing each other as well since human beings

have also now been declared as a new “human resource”. This, we need to realize, is the overarching background underlying ontology of our technocratic instrumentalist world where the primary category through which the world is revealed to us is that of the “resource” and with it the tonality of “working upon”, using, exploiting, acting, consuming and what not.

But is human life solely driven by “use”? Is it not the case that all great facets of our lives, which make our lives truly worth living, are “useless” & thus “priceless”? Do relationships fail and become toxic precisely because they too have now become “transactional” as money-resource-use-practice-result is the raison d'être of contemporary life? A “priceless” moment shared with one's parents or kids or old people or friends or all great works of art are all “use-less”. And it is this “uselessness” that salvages meaning in our lives – like a gift; and a “gift”, as we know, dissolves all transactionalism. A gift is an ex-nihilo act and need not be reciprocated; sadly, even “gifts” now, are, “exchanged”, tainted with the “logic” of transaction; abused by capitalism to churn out more profit. The ontology of gift is to violate the violence of transaction.

A person who keeps downplaying

art, literature, poetry & philosophy, should be invited to throw old parents out as they are quite “useless”; “expenditure”, with no “profit”. Technology is “plastic”; it is human face of the “other” (as Levinas would say) or nature looked at disinterestedly (with no motive of exploitation) that allows us to taste something of the “Transcendence” in a (technological) world that alienates. Nothing is more “banal” – and thus more dangerous – than the celebration of the obliteration of humanities and social sciences from our public spaces and collective lives amidst the rise of scientific instrumentalist pragmatism. Full blown focus on “use”, “resource” and “instrumentality” is taken as a given “good” when in fact it is this instrumentalism which is destroying both humanity and environment. Capitalist mass consumerism, exploitation of nature, technological and arms race, madness over “numbers” and acceleration of time obliterates “human” itself. It is precisely this void of “human” that mass consumerism unsuccessfully tries to fill up.

Human desperately looks at the “smart” phone 24/7 but cannot find himself/herself there. Extinction of humans unconsciously haunts humans, only to be repressed by over-eating, over-using, over-doing in the swim of blissful distraction. Losing oneself to

senseless “chatter”. Sadly, humans have forgotten to talk to each other”. Smart phones are both fascinating & “fantastical” digital void/abyss that distracts us to our own deaths. The social media therein with all its algorithms run comfortably on the autopilot of overarching egotisms which feed off of the same overarching background metaphysics of “violence” i.e. usurping/consuming/eating up of other “humans” as mere “followers”. Reducing humans down to mere “means” to certain ends. Again, the obliteration of “human” in the “digital”. There is no “human” in the digital; only “numbers”. The “other” human is not understood here in terms of enlightenment humanism but in the sense of “infinite” as Levinas has it. The “other” is the radical other that I cannot reduce down to an object. I can never “know” (& thus never essentialize) the other. This transcendence of the other evokes awe, respect & reverence; and this is ethics.

When the digital/technological “thoughtlessness” becomes the norm then the sudden spurt of horrendous violence follows suit. The rise of populism, cultism, demagoguery and mob mania in today's world is the result of the crystallization of the thoughtless amorphous “mass” – half sleeping in the mindless distractions. Add to it

the factor of “speed”, as people have no time to “think”, the mentality of getting quick results manifests into brute mechanical violence or indifference as both are “un-thought” and heartless.

Highest concern of human is not “technology” but a certain “way of life/being” which makes us alive to ourselves. The most important questions for humans are not technological but existential. Biggest crises of politics today are not technological but ethical. To reverse this technocratic malaise today, we need a re-orientation towards life, world, nature and humans – not dictated by the logic of use and resources. This re-orientation, again, is a philosophical (i.e. ontological, phenomenological, existential and hermeneutic) issue and not technological. It warrants a certain humble receptivity towards Being/existence. It is the humble registration of the Sacred mystery of Being which always recedes if attacked with concepts and techniques; it hides, conceals itself, whilst emitting out mere “numbers”/quantities that the scientist happily latches upon.

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# Embracing the Blessings of the month of Ramazan

## Journey of Spiritual and Physical Renewal

Dr Syed Riyaz Ahmed

As the crescent moon heralds the arrival of Ramazan, Muslims around the world embark on a sacred journey of fasting, prayer, and reflection.

This holiest month in the Islamic calendar holds profound significance, not only in spiritual realms but also in the realm of human well-being, as illuminated by the teachings of the Holy Quran.

The Quran, revered as the ultimate guide for Muslims, emphasizes the importance of Ramadan as a period of self-discipline, self-reflection, and spiritual growth. It is during this month that the Quran was revealed, marking a time of heightened divine connection and guidance. In Surah Al-Baqarah (2:183), believers are commanded: "O you who have believed, decreed upon you is fasting as it was decreed upon those before you that you may become righteous."

The wisdom encapsulated in this verse transcends mere ritualistic observance; it speaks to the profound transformation fasting can bring about in individuals and communities. Ramazan serves as a spiritual detox, purifying the soul from worldly distractions and fostering a deeper connection with Allah.

But the benefits of Ramazan extend beyond the spiritual realm. Fasting, when approached with mindfulness and moderation, offers a multitude of physical benefits, both apparent and hidden. From improved metabolic health to heightened mental clarity, the effects of fasting are well-documented in scientific literature.



For patients suffering from non-communicable diseases such as obesity, diabetes, hypertension, etc. Ramazan fasting can be particularly beneficial when managed under medical supervision. Contrary to common misconceptions, fasting during Rama-

dan can actually improve glycemic control, reduce insulin resistance, and promote weight loss in individuals with diabetes and obesity.

During the fasting period, the body undergoes metabolic adaptations that optimize energy utilization and promote cellular repair. Insulin sensitiv-

ity improves, leading to better blood sugar control, while levels of inflammation decrease, reducing the risk of chronic diseases such as cardiovascular disease.

Moreover, fasting encourages healthier lifestyle choices, including mindful eating and increased physi-

cal activity, which are essential components of disease management and prevention. By abstaining from food and drink during daylight hours, individuals are compelled to reevaluate their relationship with food, fostering greater awareness of hunger cues and nutritional needs.

However, it is imperative for individuals with pre-existing medical conditions to consult healthcare professionals before embarking on fasting during Ramadan. Medical guidance ensures that fasting is conducted safely and effectively, with appropriate adjustments made to medication regimens and dietary plans.

In essence, the teachings of the Holy Quran and the practice of fasting during Ramazan serve as a holistic prescription for human well-being, addressing the needs of the body, mind, and soul. As believers engage in acts of worship and self-discipline during this sacred month, they also reap the physical and spiritual rewards that come with aligning oneself with divine wisdom.

As we embark on this journey of self-discovery and renewal, let us heed the timeless wisdom of the Quran and embrace the blessings of Ramadan with gratitude and humility. In doing so, we not only nurture our bodies and minds but also cultivate a deeper sense of compassion, empathy, and unity with our fellow human beings.

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## Listen In

# 5 Islamic Podcasts to Follow

KO Web Desk

We thought videos were taking over. However, podcasts are not only followed but loved by many. Who would have thought that in the era of Instagram takeover by short videos and visuals, audio could still make a mark?

Whether it is your commute to the office, your morning walk, running errands, buying groceries, cleaning your room or your kitchen chores, why not spend your time listening, learning and living alongside? There are thousands of podcasts in every single genre and it is not quite possible to recommend a representative list. So, we've tried to compile here some podcasts that will help you brush up Islamic history among other topics that will help you understand the world around critically, as Muslims.

Views expressed in the podcasts do not necessarily represent the views of Kashmir Observer. These are random recommendations for information and are not meant for promoting any specific person or ideology.

### The Islamic History Podcast

This podcast is a hit among youngsters as it gives them an opportunity to explore history that has often been institutionally sidelined in modern day schools and university curriculums. IHP began in 2015 as an off-shoot of Islamic Learning Materials blog.

The podcast not only deals with history as it panned out but reads it in tandem with Islam as it exists and operates today.



In their own words, their website states that they aim at understanding, "not only what happened" but "why it happened". They have explored the most pressing, integral, significant and instrumental aspects of Islamic history.

You can listen to them on Spotify, Apple Music, Youtube, Islamichistorypodcast.com and Google Play Music

### Mindful Muslimah Speaks

This self-help podcast is meant for an overall growth of Muslim women. It focuses on personal growth, parenting, relationships, marriage, work, mindfulness, social life, mental health and every aspect of one's life.

It answers some of our everyday questions such as facing failures, dealing with

divorce, navigating relationships, achieving goals, making and breaking habits, nurturing family life and many others.

It is available on Spotify, iTunes or their website

### Yaqeen Podcast

The Yaqeen Podcast by Yaqeen Institute is yet another source of enlightening

content on Islam. It covers a wide range of topics. Whether it is matters of fiqh, tafseer or modern day issues that concern Muslims – it is your one stop destination for all information. Yaqeen Institute in general has brilliant resources on Islamic content. Subscribe for your Ramadan learning!

It is available on Apple, Google, Spotify, Other Platforms

### Boys in The Cave

This popular podcast aims at reviving the ethos of discussions and debate about Islam and Muslims in a modern context. It intends to and deservedly achieves to trigger a revival of Islamic discourse. The discussions revolve around varied subjects like activism, orientalism, masculinity, colonization, racism and bioethics. Their latest episode, "China, Authoritarianism and the Uyghurs" talks about oppression, chinese communist party, Islamophobia, politics and the Muslim World with Uyghur activist Arslan Hidayat.

Check out Episode 56, "Orientalism, Modernity & Mohammad Iqbal" and thank us later (email maybe?)

### The Qarawiyin Podcast

The Qarawiyin podcast, a part of the Qarawiyin project is an attempt at reviving the tradition of scholarly debates and critical issues among Muslim women. It aims to empower muslim women to discuss issues that concern them and take an active role in engaging with the world around.



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## Banker Secretly Withdraws ₹1.26 Crore From Dormant Accounts, Arrested



Jammu: A bank official was arrested today for allegedly swindling over ₹1.26 crore from dormant accounts over the past three years in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district, police said.

The fraud by Ishwinder Singh Ranyal, Assistant Manager in J&K Bank Pouni branch, came to light last month when the accused withdrew an amount from an active account, prompting the account holder to lodge a complaint, Reasi Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Mohita Sharma said.

After receiving the complaint and sensing the gravity of the offence, a special team was constituted and Ranyal, a resident of Pouni, was finally arrested from Sainik Colony in Jammu this morning, the officer said.

"The criminal was evading arrest for the last one month. He

wrongfully gained the amount causing loss of public money of worth ₹126.34 lakh by way of cheating and falsification of accounts at J&K Bank Branch Pouni," Mr Sharma said.

She said the modus operandi of the accused officer involved discretely activating the dormant accounts and then illegally withdrawing deposited money.

"This practice was allegedly going on for the last three years and an amount of ₹126.34 lakhs was illegally withdrawn by the accused assistant manager, who is a resident of Pouni," the officer said.

A dormant account is an account that has had no financial activity for a long period of time, except for the posting of interest. After the dormancy period, dormant accounts become the unclaimed property of the state.

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## Murder Accused Hosts Social Media Live From UP Prison, 3 Jail Warders Fired



Shahjahanpur, Uttar Pradesh: The jail administration has suspended three jail warders of the Bareilly Central Jail in Uttar Pradesh following an investigation into the matter of an inmate accused of murder possessing a mobile phone on which he hosted a live video on a social media platform.

The probe was ordered after a purported video of a murder accused Asif lodged in Bareilly Central Jail hosting a live video surfaced on a social media platform on Thursday.

In the two minute-long video, Asif is heard saying, "I am in heaven and enjoying it." On seeing the video on social media,

the deceased's brother met District Magistrate Umesh Pratap Singh on Thursday and gave him a written complaint.

The authorities have also shunted a deputy jailor and sought written explanation from the two jailors regarding the incident.

"Three jail warders Ravi Shankar Dwivedi, Hans Jeev Sharma and Gopal Pandey have been suspended for dereliction of duty on Friday. The deputy jailor Kishan Singh Baldia has been attached to the Jail Headquarters Lucknow," Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of Prisons Kuntal Kumar on Saturday said.

"A written explanation has

also been sought from jailors Vijay Kumar Rai and Neeraj Kumar regarding the incident," he added.

The officer said that no objectionable item was recovered in barrack searches held as part of the investigation.

Asif is accused of shooting a public works department (PWD) contractor Rakesh Yadav (34) to death in broad daylight on December 2, 2019, in Sadar Bazar Police Station area of Shahjahanpur.

Another accused Rahul Chaudhury was also accused to have killed Yadav and the duo are currently lodged in Bareilly Central Jail.

## The Curious Case Of Catherine, Princess Of Wales: Unravelling The Controversy



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London: Speculation surrounding the public absence of Catherine, Princess of Wales, has transitioned from a mere fascination among royal enthusiasts to a global phenomenon, igniting a plethora of theories and jokes across various social platforms, CNN reported.

Despite assurances from Kensington Palace regarding her planned abdominal surgery in January and subsequent withdrawal from public appearances until March, peculiar details such as grainy photographs, altered images, ambiguous medical updates, and sporadic communication from the British royal family have fueled widespread conjecture.

Catherine's prolonged absence has spurred TikTok and X users to delve into a realm of bizarre conspiracy theories and humour, blurring the lines between genuine concern and comedic speculation.

Amateur detectives have meticulously crafted timelines and analyses of the princess's activities, intertwining genuine apprehension with outlandish conjectures. Ordinary individuals, doubling as amateur photo forensics experts, have cast doubt on recent images of Kate, hypothesising about her true whereabouts and those purportedly attempting to conceal the "truth," as reported by CNN.

Initially, the discourse surrounding Catherine's absence elicited typical jests from the online comedy circuit, with suggestions ranging from whimsical notions of cosmetic procedures to humorous scenarios of personal reinvention.

However, the tone shifted markedly when a Mother's Day photo featuring the princess and her children was suspected of

being doctored, prompting a cascade of skepticism from typically supportive British media outlets and even international television programs, which openly ridiculed the unfolding saga.

Despite the mounting scrutiny and myriad jokes permeating social media platforms, Catherine has remained conspicuously absent from public view since December, intensifying public interest and speculation surrounding her circumstances. The ensuing uproar, rife with theories, analyses, jokes, and genuine concern, underscores the diverse ways in which people engage with and perceive the royal family.

The allure of palace intrigue is undeniable, drawing enthusiasts from across the globe to dissect every facet of royal life. Susan Graves, a UK expatriate residing in the US, reminisces about the aftermath of Princess Diana's passing and the subsequent scandals, noting a perpetual fascination with the monarchy's intricate dynamics.

Carly Wainwright, an American immersed in royal gossip communities, likens the experience to solving a real-life mystery, emphasising the allure of uncovering secrets lurking beneath the surface.

Indeed, contemporary portrayals of the royal family in popular media, exemplified by productions such as "The Crown," have reshaped public perception, fostering an atmosphere of skepticism and intrigue. Wainwright, echoing a sentiment shared by many, harbors a perpetual suspicion towards individuals in positions of power, perpetuating a cycle of speculation and intrigue.

Amidst the fervent speculation, online communities such as "where TF is Kate Middleton" on X have flourished, attracting thousands of members eager to partake in the speculative frenzy.

## What we know so far about the rumoured Apple smart ring

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Samsung officially announced the launch of a new smart ring-shaped wearable device, Galaxy Ring, as part of its Galaxy Unpacked event earlier this year. The ring, expected to be on sale in late summer 2024, will be able to monitor the user's health parameters and provide insights based on the health metrics observed, which is very similar to what a smartwatch can do.

The global smart ring market is

expected to grow from USD 314.52 billion (246.3 billion) in 2023 to USD 2,570.30 billion (2,012 billion) by 2030. So it is no surprise that Apple is now rumoured to be applying for its smart ring patents and is expected to have the product ready in time to compete with Samsung's release.

But it might be surprising to learn that neither Samsung nor Apple are pioneers in this new wearable technology. Oura was launched in 2015 with a Kickstarter campaign for the first generation ring.

Now on its third generation, with the fourth one expected in 2024, this smart ring can measure respiratory rate, heart rate, health rate variability (HRV), blood oxygen levels, and body temperature. The ring also has an accelerometer that logs the user's activity and movement. However, the main question is: is wearable technology worth it?

**What is wearable technology?**

Wearable devices come in many shapes and sizes, including smart

watches and sports watches, fitness trackers, head-mounted displays, smart jewellery, smart clothing, and even implantable devices.

Technological advances have enabled manufacturers to access low-cost, low-power sensor technology and develop this variety of devices. At a minimum, wearable devices are equipped with sensors, software and connecting technology.

The sensors gather information from the person wearing the device, and the software gathers the data and sends it to a device with process-

ing capacity via a wireless connection. The ecosystem on which wearable technology works is known as the Internet of Things (IoT).

It is the same principle as smart technology used at home, on devices such as thermostats that can be operated from a mobile device outside the home, or smart speakers, but applied at a personal level. It is important to note that mobile devices do not process the data; it is usually sent to the cloud for processing, and the mobile device displays the data to the user.





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