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### LS Polls To Begin On April 19, Results On June 4; MCC Kicks In

**Press Trust Of India** 

New Delhi: The seven-phase Lok Sabha polls, the world's biggest election exercise, will kick off on April 19 with the counting of votes set to take place on June 4 as Prime Minister Narendra Modi makes a bid for a third consecutive term in office.

Announcing the election schedule on Saturday, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar said over 97 crore voters – 49.7 crore males and 47.1 crore females - were eligible to cast their vote in the polling process spread over 44 days and across 10.5 lakh polling booths.

The elections will begin on April 19 followed by subsequent phases on April 26, May 7, May 13, May 20, May 25 and June 1, Kumar said at a press

In the previous general elections in 2019, there were a total of 91.2 crore eligible voters of which 61.5 crore --67.4 percent -- turned out to exercise their franchise.

Kumar said the aim was to improve the voting percentage in this



election and better the record of holding peaceful and fair elections with near-zero repolls.

The Election Commission is pulling out all stops to increase voter turnout and has plans to reach out to voters over the age of 85 years at their homes to help them cast their votes. Similar facilities will be available to persons with more than 40 per cent disabilities.

The model code of conduct has

come into effect with the announcement of the elections.

"It is our promise to deliver a national election in a manner that we ... remain a beacon for democracy around the world," Kumar said.

The entire election process, from the announcement of polls on Saturday to the declaration of results on June 4, spans across 82 days. Assembly elections in Arunachal

#### THE UPCOMING GENERAL **ELECTIONS WILL BE SPREAD OVER 44 DAYS,**

which makes the Lok Sabha election 2024 voting period, longest since first general elections in 1951-52.

Pradesh and Sikkim will be held on April 19, and in Andhra Pradesh on May 13. Elections to Odisha assembly will be held in four phases on May 13, May 20, May 25 and June 1.

Bypolls will also be held for 26 assembly constituencies, Kumar said at the press conference flanked by two new Election Commissioners Gvanesh Kumar and Sukhbir Singh Sandhu.

Polling will be held in all seven phases in three states - Bihar, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh.

The CEC said the poll authority is

prepared to counter the challenges of four 'M's - muscle power, money power, misinformation and Model Code of Conduct violations.

Nearly 1.5 crore personnel including those on election and security duties will be deployed for the smooth conduct of polls.

Drone-based checking at borders, surveillance of non-chartered flights, a crackdown on misleading advertisements and fake news, and "ruthless" action against poll violence are part of the EC's strategy to deal with the four challenges.

Soon after the Election Commission announced the Lok Sabha polls, Modi, in a series of posts on X, highlighted the "glorious turnaround" India has seen in the 10 years of his government and said the ruling alliance will go to people based on its track record of good governance and service delivery across sectors.

Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge said the Lok Sabha elections were "perhaps the last chance to save democracy and our Constitution from dictatorship". | More on P10

areas after delimitation, will

go to polls on May 7 in the

third phase. The notification

will be issued on April 12 and

April 19 will be the last date for filing nominations. The last date for withdrawal of candidature is April 22.

For the Srinagar Lok Sabha

seat in the Kashmir region,

polling will be held in the

fourth phase on May 13. While

the notification will be issued

on April 18, the last date for

nomination filing is April 25.

The last date for withdrawal of

Pulwama and Shopian dis-

tricts have been added to

the Srinagar Lok Sabha con-

stituency while two assem-

bly segments -- Budgam and

Beerwah -- have been deleted.

delimitation,

candidature is April 29.

After



#### **UDHAMPUR** LOK SABHA SEAT

- Polling Date: April 19 (First Phase)
- · Issuance Of Notification: March 20
- · Last Date for Nomination Filing: March 27
- · Last Date for Withdrawal of Candidature: March 30

#### **JAMMU LOK SABHA SEAT**

- Polling Date: April 26 (Second Phase)
- Issuance Of Notification: March 28
- · Last Date for Nomination Filing: April 4
- · Last Date for Withdrawal of Candidature: April 8

#### **ANANTNAG LOK SABHA SEAT**

- Polling Date: May 7 (Third Phase)
- Issuance Of Notification: **April 12**
- · Last Date for Nomination Filing: April 19
- · Last Date for Withdrawal
- of Candidature: April 22

#### SRINAGAR LOK SABHA SEAT

- · Polling Date: May 13 (Fourth Phase)
- Issuance Of Notification:
- April 18
- Last Date for Nomination Filing: April 25
- · Last Date for Withdrawal
- of Candidature: April 29

### **BARAMULLA**

· Polling Date: May 20

LOK SABHA SEAT

- (Fifth Phase) Issuance of Notification:
- **April 26**
- Last Date for Nomination Filing: May 3
- Last Date for Withdrawal of Candidature: May 6

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phase of polls.

Centre Bans JKPFL,

Four Factions Of JKPL

Extends Ban On JKLF For 5 More Years

J&K ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS

**REMAIN IN THE WAITING ROOM!** 

### To Be Held Soon After **LS Elections: CEC**

**Press Trust Of India** 

New Delhi: The Assembly election in Jammu and Kashmir will be held after the Lok Sabha polls as organising both simultaneously is not viable from the security point of view, Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Rajiv Kumar said on Saturday as he announced the schedule of the general election and some Assembly and bypolls.

The Lok Sabha polls will be held in seven phases beginning from April 19 and the results will be announced on June 4.

Asked why Assembly polls are not being held in Jammu and Kashmir along with the Lok Sabha election, the CEC said forces have to be provided to every candidate in the Union Territory, which is not possible at a time when elections are being held across the country.

He also said the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act was amended in December 2023 after a delimitation exercise and the clock had started ticking for the Election Commission (EC) since then. "The Jammu and Kashmir

Reorganisation Act was passed in 2019. There was a provision for 107 seats, 24 of which were in Pakistanoccupied Kashmir. Then the delimitation commission came and there was a change in the | More on P10

### LS Polls In J&K To Be held In 5 Phases

**Press Trust Of India** 

Srinagar: The Lok Sabha elections in Jammu and Kashmir will be conducted in five phases with voting in each of the five parliamentary constituencies of the Union Territory to be held in each phase, according to the poll schedule announced by the Election Commission on Saturday.

The Lok Sabha polls will be held across the country in seven phases beginning from April 19 and the counting of votes will take place on June 4 for the world's biggest election exercise in which Prime Minister Narendra Modi will bid for a third consecutive term.

The Udhampur Lok Sabha seat in the Jammu region will go to polls on April 19 in the first phase. The notification will be issued on March 20



tions. The last date for withdrawal of candidature will be March 30. Voting for the Jammu Lok

Sabha seat will be held on April 26 in the second phase of elections. The notification will be issued on March 28 and April 4 will be the last date for filing nominations. April 8 is the last date for withdrawal of candidature.

The Anantnag constituency, which spreads across the Pir Panjal range and in-

cludes Rajouri and Poonch

Baramulla constituency in north Kashmir I More on P10

#### **DURING LS POLLS** EC To Use 2 Laws, **Counter-narrative**

CURR MISINFORMATION

**Press Trust Of India** 

New Delhi: The Election Commission will use a twopronged strategy to deal with misinformation and fake narratives on social media during the Lok Sabha polls, with Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar asserting that the poll body will "join the issue" to provide the correct picture to voters.

Addressing a press conference to announce the schedule for elections to the 18th Lok Sabha, Kumar said the commission will soon launch a "Myth vs Reality" project to clear the air around fake news being spread on social media.

"Misinformation troubles us a lot during | More on P10

LOK SABHA SEAT

• Polling Date: To be conducted in the fifth

POST-ART 370 POLITICAL LANDSCAPE IN J&K

### **Battle Lines Drawn Amidst Divergent Political Agendas**

**Press Trust Of India** 

Srinagar,: Long buffeted by the winds of conflict, Jammu and Kashmir is gearing up for a general election that will be the first significant political activity after the revocation of its special status in 2019 and is characterised by contrasting political narratives and agendas.

At stake are five Lok Sabha seats -- Baramulla, Srinagar and Anantnag in Kashmir Valley that are with the National Conference (NC), and Jammu and Udhampur in Jammu represented in the House by the BJP. Ladakh, which was carved out as a separate union territory after reorganisation of the state on



August 19, 2019, is also with

Discussing the critical question of when assembly elections will be held. Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar said in Delhi on Saturday they will take place after the Lok Sabha polls. Organising both simultaneously is not viable from the security point of view, he said.

Regional parties National Conference and the PDP, both members of the INDIA bloc, are expected to push for the

restoration of Article 370 to underscore their fight for autonomy for the region as campaigning hots up. The BJP, which has pushed the abrogation of Article 370 as amongst its big achievements, will be stressing on the surge in tourists, the infusion of investments in the union territory and its commitment to eradicating terrorism.

Also in the mix is the Congress, which unlike the others, lacks a clear strategy to navigate the complex political landscape of Jammu and Kashmir. The absence of a cohesive narrative might prove to be a significant obstacle for the party in the upcoming elections. | More on P10

### Democratic Space Being Denied To People: J&K Political Parties

Something Fishy In **Not Holding Elections** Simultaneously: Farooq **Press Trust Of India** 

Srinagar: Political parties in Kashmir are disappointed that Assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir are not being held simultaneously with the Lok Sabha election. They have said a crucial democratic space is be-

ing "denied" to the people of the Union Territory by keeping the polls in a "deep freeze". However, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has defended the move of the Election Commission (EC), citing secu-

rity reasons. The EC on Saturday said the Assembly election in Jammu and Kashmir will be held after the Lok Sabha polls as ously is not viable from the security point of view. National Conference (NC) president Farooq Abdullah

said there is "something

organising both simultane-

fishy" in not holding the Assembly election along with the Lok Sabha polls. "If there are conducive conditions for the parliamentary election, how is it not alright for the state election? There is something fishy," the former Jammu and Kashmir chief

minister told PTI Videos. NC leader Omar Abdullah said the EC is unable to conduct simultaneous polls in Jammu and Kashmir even as it has acknowledged that the Assembly election is due in the Union Territory.

"So much for 'One Nation One Election'. | More on P10

Post-Article 370 Crackdown On Terror Networks

### Now We Can Move Beyond **Neutralizing Gunmen: DGP**

**Auqib Javeed** 

Srinagar: Highlighting a significant change post abrogation of Article 370, Director General of Police (DGP) RR Swain said that Jammu and Kashmir Police now has the capability to target the masterminds behind terrorism and dismantle its supply chain.

During an interview with Times Now, Swain said that they can move beyond "merely neutralizing the individual holding the gun."

Highlighting the destructive nature of terrorism, Swain compared it to "toxic water." He went on to say that when terrorism strikes, a thorough



investigation is crucial to understand the root causes and those behind the attack.

"This is not true that people would shelter the terrorists out of fear. We couldn't investigate it and hence the war kept going on," he added. | More on P10

"Fear-free, Corruption-free & Terrorism-free J&K"

### J&K A Hub of Innovation, Industry, Tourism, and More: LG

Says Development Works Focus On Needs Of Common Man

**Observer News Service** 

New Delhi: Sharing the achievements of Jammu and Kashmir post the abrogation of Article 370 and vision for the future, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday said that J&K is growing at an impressive pace and quiet transformation is taking place in various sectors.

"We have embarked on a transformation of key economic areas to achieve the goals of inclusive and rapid development to fulfill the aspirations of the people," LG said.

The LG made these remarks

while addressing the Business Conclave 2024 organized by Shri Ram College of Commerce

in New Delhi.

has become the centre of innovation, industries, tourism, education, sports, agriculture, health, entrepreneurship and handicrafts," the LG said.

Narendra Modi.

in diverse sectors under the

leadership of Prime Minister

'Today, Jammu Kashmir

He said that the commitment of the administration towards inclusive development has created an enabling environment for the deprived sections, youth, women and farmers to unleash their true

potential. | More on P10

#### **Press Trust Of India** challenges, and achievements

New Delhi:The Central government on Saturday banned the Jammu and Kashmir Peoples Freedom League and all factions of the Jammu and Kashmir Peoples League associated with the separatist conglomerate Hurriyat Conference under strict anti-terror laws.

Additionally, the ban on the Jammu Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF), which is led by imprisoned terror accused Yasin Malik, has been extended by another five years.

The announcement came just hours before the schedule

for the general elections was to be declared. Union Home Minister Amit

ment will remain unsparing to people and organisations involved in terror activities. "The Modi government has designated the Jammu and Kashmir Peoples Freedom

Shah said the Modi govern-

League (JKPFL) as an 'Unlawful Association' for five years. The organisation threatened India's integrity by promoting, aiding and abetting the secession of Jammu and Kashmir through terrorism," he wrote on 'X'.

Shah also said that pursuing Prime | More on P10



Interacting with the students of SRCC, the LG highlighted the 15



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

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**Subject:-**Acquisition of land for construction of Pattan Bypass (Package-II) in estate Palhallan 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 lanning 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 to 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:

of	Name of the landowner/ interested person		Area of land in his share	structures/ trees/	Name of Bank & Branch in which he holds the account		with		Bank Code
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#### 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-Uri Road (Package-II) (Pattan Bypass) in the district of Baramulla in the state of Jammu & Kashmir.

SI. No.	Survey/ Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Hectares)	Name of Land Owner/Interested Person			
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Taluk: Pattan Village: Palhallan								
1 -	100	Private	Non-Irrigated Horticulture	0.0491	Ab Majeed S/o GULAM Mohi-ud Din Dar R/o Deh 100			
2	100	Private	Non-Irrigated Horticulture	0.0318	MstMehtaba D/o Akbar Yatoo R/o Deh			
3	100	Private	Non-Irrigated Horticulture	0.027	Ghulam Nabi S/o Khazir Mohd Yatoo R/o Deh Share holder 100			
4	100	Private	Non-Irrigated	0.027	Abdul Rehman S/o Abdul Rashid Yatoo R/o Deh			
_			Non Irrigated	_	100 Ghulam Qadir S/o Habib Dar R/o Deh			
5	101	Private	- Horticulture	0.0149	101 Abdul Ahad S/o Abdul Rehman Yatoo			
6	101	Private	Non Irrigated - Horticulture	0.0068	R/o Deh 101			
7	101	Private	Non-Irrigated	0.0281	Sona-Ullah S/o Abdul Rehman Yatoo R/o deh			
	101	Private	Horticulture	0.0281	101 Mohd Maqbool S/o Rahim Yatoo R/o			
8	101	Private	Non-Irrigated Horticulture	0.0333	Deh 101			
9	102	Private	Non-Irrigated Horticulture	0.036	Amma Alias (Gulam Ahmad) S/o Abdul Raheem Ganie R/o Deh			
			Non-Irrigated		102 Mushtaq Ahmad S/o Gh Mohd Ganie			
10	102	Private	Horticulture	0.0379	R/o Deh 102			
11	103	Government (Shamilat- Deh)	Gairmumkin- Road	0.0154	Gair mumkin Road 103			
42	102	Government	Gairmumkin-	0.0234	Gair mumkin Road 103			
12	103	(Shamilat- Deh)	Road Non-Irrigated		Ghulam Nabi S/o Abdul Gaffar Lone			
13	104	Private	Horticulture	0.0575	R/o Deh 104			
14	104	Private	Non-Irrigated Horticulture	0.0122	Ali Mohd S/o Ambir Lone 104			
15	104	Private	Non-Irrigated Horticulture	0.0027	Riyaz Ahmad & Nayeem Ahmad (sons) Mst. Meena (daughter) and Mst. Syeda W/o Lassi Lone 104			
16	1046	Private	Irrigated- Agriculture	0.0022	Abdul Rashid S/o Ali Mohd Tantray R/o Deh 1046			
17	1046	Private	Irrigated-	0.0145	Mst. Sara D/o Ali Parray R/o Deh 1046			
18	1047	Government	Agriculture Irrigated-	0.0193	Gair mumkin Koul 1047			
19	1049	Government	Agriculture Gairmumkin-	0.0172	Maqbooza Public Works Department			
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23	1050 Alif	Private	Irrigated- Agriculture	0.0045	Abdul Rahim S/o Ghulam Ahmad Mir R/o Deh 1050 Alif			
24	1050 Alif	Private	Irrigated- Agriculture	0.0195	Mohd Sultan S/o Mukht Mir R/o Deh 1050 Alif			
			Irrigated-	0.0016	Ghulam Mohd S/o Ghulam Nabi Mir R/o Deh			
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26	1050 Alif	Private	Irrigated- Agriculture	0.0357	Ghulam Ahmad S/o Mohl-Ud-Din R/o Deh 1050 Alif			
. 27	1050 Alif	Private	Irrigated- Agriculture	0.0009	Mohd Ashraf S/o Ghulam Nabi Mir R/o Deh 1050 Alif			
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38	1052 Alif	Private	Irrigated-	0.0203	1052 Alif Ali Mohd S/o Gani Wani R/o Deh 1052			
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42	1054	Private	Agriculture	0.0324	Ganie R/o Deh 1054			
43	1057	Private	Irrigated- Agriculture	0.0937	Mohd Maqbool ,Wali Mohd, Ss/o Sideeq Shelkh in equal shares R/o Del			
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58	1139 Bay	Private	Agriculture	0.013	share holder R/o Deh 1139 Bay Jehangir Ahmad 13 Marla & Naseer
59	1140 Alif	Private	Irrigated- Agriculture	0.0354	Ahmad 1 Maria S/os Abdul Rashid Peer R/o Deh 1140 Alif Naseer Ahmad S/o Peer Abdul Rashid
60	1141 Bay	Private	Irrigated- Agriculture	0.0027	R/o Deh 1141 Bay
61	1150	Private	Irrigated- Agriculture Irrigated-	0.0113	Mohd Ramzan S/o Aziz Sheikh R/o Deh 1150 Ghulam Mouhi-ud- Din S/o Abdul Ahad
62	1150	Private	Agriculture  Irrigated-	0.05/3	Sheikh R/o Deh 1150  Mohd Maqbool, Mohd Munawar S/os Ghulam Mohd Tantray in equal shares
63	1151	Private	Agriculture Irrigated-		R/o Deh 1151 Mohd Sultan S/o Aziz Malia R/o Deh
64	1152	Private	Agriculture  Irrigated-	0.0527	1152 Farooq Ahmad S/o Ab Salam Malla R/o
65	1152	Private	Agriculture Irrigated-	0.0546	Deh 1152 Bashir Ahmad S/o Ab Ahad Malla R/o
66	1152	Private	Agriculture  Irrigated-	0.0486	Deh 1152 Abdul Hameed S/o Mohd Shaban Malla
67	1152	Private	Agriculture	0.0224	R/o Deh 1152 Ghulam Ahmad S/o Mohd Shaban
68	1152	Private	Irrigated- Agriculture	0.0228	Malla R/o Deh 1152 Gulam Mohl-Ud-Din
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70	1153	Private	Irrigated- Agriculture	0.0701	Gulam Hassan S/o Sabir Malla R/o Deh 1153 Gulzar Ahmad S/o Ghulam Hassan Sof
71	1153	Private	Irrigated- Agriculture	0.054	R/o Bhat bagh Budgam seir cultivation1153
72	1155	Private	Irrigated- Agriculture	0.1871	Mohd Ramzan S/o Mahda Yatoo R/o Deh 1155
73	1211	Private	Irrigated- Agriculture	0.0248	Mohd Ramzan S/o Abdul Rehman Sheikh R/o Deh 1211 Faroog Ah S/o Rehman Sheikh R/o
74	1211	Private	Irrigated- Agriculture	0.008	Deh 1211
75	1211	Private	Irrigated- Agriculture	0.0028	Manzoor Ahmad S/o Ghulam Mohd Sheikh R/o Deh 1211
76	1211	Private	Irrigated- Agriculture	0.0655	Mohd. Ramzan S/o Aziz Sheikh R/o Deh 1211
77	1212 Bay	Private	Irrigated- Agriculture	0.0002	Mohd S/o Abdul Reshi Tantray share holder R/o Deh 1212 Bay Ghulam Rasool S/o Ahmad Tantray
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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

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.

Mohammad Ghulam

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

"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

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.

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### **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

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).



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 ecofriendly 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

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 Ihelum 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, onfirmed to Srinagar based news ager cy 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.

### 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** 

**TAMMU** - 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 slate institute of education is projected to be upgraded to the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) while the Stale 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 registar 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 Faroog Ahmad Mian R/o Mian Mohalla Pattan Tehsil Pattan District Baramulla with vertified date of event (birth) as 21/03/2010 occurred at

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

### 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

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 Batnora Kunzer within a period of

seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no

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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**

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### **Vote-From-Home Option For People Above 85 In Lok Sabha Polls: Election Body**

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: For the first time in Lok Sabha elections, people above 85 years of age and those with more than 40 per cent disability will be able to cast their votes from home, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar announced on Saturday.

"We are ready to take vote at home for those above the age of 85 years, before nominations we will send form 12 D to their homes to choose the option.

"We have tried this in some parts of the country earlier in assembly elections but this is the first time it will be implemented across the country,' Kumar said while addressing a press conference to announce the schedule of the Lok Sabha elections.

"If they choose the option of voting from home, we will conduct voting for them at their residence. Our experience is that majority of these people want to come to the booths because they have consistently been part of our democracy... they will have volunteers and wheelchairs if they come to the booth," he added.

According to Kumar, there are 85 lakh registered voters who are aged above 85 years while

the number of PwD voters is

A total of 21.18 lakh centenarians are also part of the electoral rolls.

The CEC said there are 97.8 crore eligible voters of which 49.72 crore are male voters and 47.1 crore are female voters. The polls for 543 Lok Sabha seats will be held in seven phases, starting with voting for 102 seats in the first phase on April 19. The counting of votes will be held on June 4.



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### Despite Economic Turmoil, Pak Military Remains A Threat: Chief Of Defence Staff

**Press Trust Of India** 

New Delhi: Chief of Defence Staff Gen Anil Chauhan today said Pakistan may be in a kind of economic turmoil but militarily there has been "no denting" in its capabilities and its armed forces "remain a threat for us'

During an interaction at a conclave in New Delhi, he also said that India has resources to "take care of our borders". especially disputed borders in the north, very well.

He said this in response to a question on some of the biggest security challenges for India in the 21st century

"I think if you look at the armed forces, the biggest challenge would be mostly external (ones). And they are of immediate concern. But then external challenge also unite a nation. We have seen it in Kargil, we have seen it in Galwan," Gen Chauhan said.

The interaction was on the subject of 'Vision National Security: The Challenges Before the Indian Military' during the India Today Conclave 2024.

"As far as the armed forces

"This particular path of how to predict and what paths to take right now so that we are at the right place at the right time that I think is the biggest challenge for us," he added.

Chief Of Defence Staff, US Indo-Pacific Command Affirm Strong Defence Ties

He was also asked if a "financially weaker Pakistan" continues to remain a threat.

"Pakistan may be in economic kind of turmoil and may be politically also slightly unstable, now they have a proper government. But militarily there has been no denting in its capabilities actually. And, we should.. give full marks to the adversary. That's a better way of looking at things, that is how I look at things," the CDS said.

'They retained their capabilities..., so, Pakistan remains a threat, you can't say that Pakistan armed forces will not remain a threat. Yes, there may be a challenge for them to fight a long war because of the current economic problems which they have. But they remain a threat for



are concerned, our immediate challenge is the rise of China and the unsettled boundary problem. We have two neighbours, both adversarial to us. Both of them profess that their friendship is higher than the Himalayas and as deep as the oceans. And they are both nu-

clear capable," the CDS said. But both of them are predictable actually and the Indian military knows that these are the kinds of threats, he said.

"What is unpredictable, and for us what the biggest challenge would be, is the way warfare is changing in future. And, because of this, we will have to introduce new weapon systems, technologies and tactics and strategies are going to change. And, probably organisation systems," Gen Chauhan said.

us," he added.

The remarks from the top general of the armed forces comes days after the Indian military conducted the mega exercise 'Bharat Shakti' at Pokhran near the international border, where it showcased the prowess of its indigenous defence equipment and plat-

Gen Chauhan and other members of India's top military brass had also witnessed the exercise held in the field firing range located in the arid terrain of Pokhran in Jaisalmer district.

As far as the border is concerned, they are "reasonably well secured", the CDS said during the conclave.

'We have resources to take care of our borders, especially disputed borders in the north very well," he said.



Lok Sabha elections 2024

### What Are The High-Stakes **Contests To Watch Out For?**

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The Lok Sabha polls announced on Saturday will witness a number of high-profile electoral battles, starring veterans and debutants, formidable opponents and unlikely contestants. Here are some key contests to watch out for:

#### NARENDRA MODI VS? IN VARANASI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will contest the upcoming Lok Sabha elections from Varanasi for the third time. In 2014. he defeated AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal and won against Samajwadi Party's Shalini Yadav in 2019.

The Congress is yet to announce its candidate from the high-profile constituency. In 2019, there was a buzz that Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra might fight from Varanasi but the party fielded Ajay Rai, also its candidate from the constituency in 2014. Before Modi, the Varanasi seat was held by BJP veteran Murli Manohar Joshi.

#### RAHUL GANDHI VS ANNIE RAJA IN WAYANAD

Senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi will face CPI leader and women's rights activist Annie Raja as he seeks a second term from Wayanad in Kerala. The contest has aroused public interest particularly since both the Congress and CPI are members of the INDIA alliance.

Annie party general secretary D Raja regularly shares the stage with Gandhi. In 2019, Gandhi was elected from the Wayanad constituency after he defeated P P Suneer of the CPI by an impressive 4.31 lakh votes. Annie Raja, general secretary of the party's National Federation of Indian Women, is making her debut in

#### the Lok Sabha elections. **SMRITI IRANI VS? IN AMETHI**

Amethi, once the pocket borough of the Gandhi family, has seen fierce contests in the last two Lok Sabha polls. While BJP's Smriti Irani, who wrested the seat from Rahul Gandhi in 2019, is seeking a re-election from the constituency, the Congress has not yet announced its candidate from Amethi.

Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi represented

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across the country.

New Delhi: Over 97 crore vot-

ers are eligible to exercise

their franchise in the Lok Sab-

ha elections, Chief Election

Commissioner Rajiv Kumar

said today and urged everyone

Addressing a press conference

to announce the Lok Sabha

elections, Kumar said the poll

authority is preparing to set

up 10.5 lakh polling stations

"We are fully prepared and

I request the voters to get

inked," the Chief Election

Commissioner said flanked

by two new Election Commis-

sioners Gyanesh Kumar and

Amethi in Parliament from 2004 till 2019. Party workers have been wanting him to contest from Amethi to win back the seat, represented earlier by his uncle Saniay Gandhi. father Rajiv Gandhi and later, his mother Sonia Gandhi. This will be Irani's third Lok Sabha election from the constituency. In 2014, she had made her LS polls debut but lost to Rahul Gandhi.

#### SHASHI THAROOR VS RAJEEV CHANDRASHEKHAR IN THIRUVA-**NANTHAPURAM**

Sitting MP and former Union minister Shashi Tharoor is seeking a re-election from Thiruvananthpuram for a consecutive term. He will face BJP leader and Union minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar, who is making his Lok Sabha debut and wants to open the saffron party's account in Kerala. The other prominent leader in the contest is CPI's Pannyan Raveendran, who had won the elections from the constituency in 2005.

#### ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY VS YUSUF PATHAN IN BAHARAMPUR

Former cricketer Yusuf Pathan has been fielded by the Trinamool Congress (TMC) from the Baharampur constituency in West Bengal, a Congress stronghold currently held by its Lok Sabha leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury.

Chowdhury, the West Bengal Congress unit president, has represented Baharampur five times as an MP since he was first elected from the seat in 1999. He is gearing up to seek a sixth term from the constituency. The Congress has not yet announced its candidate from the seat.

#### BANSURI SWARAJ VS SOMNATH BHARTI IN NEW DELHI

BJP has replaced two-time MP and Union minister of state Meenakshi Lekhi from this seat with Bansuri Swaraj, daughter of late Union minister Sushma Swaraj. The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has fielded Malviya Nagar MLA Somnath Bharti from the seat. With the Congress and AAP contesting the Lok Sabha polls in alliance in the national capital, the contest in the high-profile constituency has acquired added significance and urgency.

Over 97 Crore Voters In 2024 LS

Sukhbir Singh Sandhu.

for all of us," he said.

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"This is a historic opportunity

He said the poll panel promis-

es to deliver the national elec-

tion in a manner that can add

to India's shine on the world

stage. "After assessment in all

states, we are confident of en-

suring a memorable, indepen-

dent and impartial polls," Mr

"We have 97 crore registered

voters, over 10.5 lakh polling

stations manned by 1.5 crore

personnel, and 55 lakh EVMs,"

Mr Kumar said the Commis-

sion has conducted 17 Lok Sab-

ha elections, 16 Presidential

elections and more than 400

The CEC said there are 97.8

assembly elections.

Elections - World's Largest

BHUPESH BAGHEL VS SANTOSH PANDEY IN RAJNANDGAON

Congress has fielded its former chief minister Bhupesh Baghel from the Rajnandgaon Lok Sabha seat in Chhattisgarh, a BJP bastion for more than three decades and seen as the turf of its former threetime CM Raman Singh. He is locked in a contest with BJP's sitting MP Santosh Pandey. The BJP hasn't lost this seat since 2009. The Congress has put one of its strong candidates in an attempt to break the convention and win from the BJP's stronghold.

#### RAHUL KASWAN VS DEVENDRA JHAJHARIA IN CHURU

Two-time MP from Churu Rahul Kaswan resigned from BJP last week and has been fielded by the Congress from the same seat. He is pitted against paralympic champion Devendra Jhajharia who will contest the election from BJP. Padma Bhushan javelin thrower, Jhajharia is a two-time paralympics gold medallist and onetime silver medallist.

Kaswan is a third generation Jat politician from Rajasthan's Shekhawati region. He became the youngest Lok Sabha member from the state at the age of 37 when he won the 2014 general elections by defeating Bahujan Samaj Party's Abhinesh Maharshi. He had won with a record margin of 2.94 lakh votes in 2014, which was the highest-ever in Churu Lok Sabha constituency. He was an immediate successor of his father Ram Singh Kaswan, who represented the seat in Lok Sabha for four terms.

#### MAHABAL MISHRA VS KAMALJEET SEHRAWAT IN WEST DELHI

Veteran Congress leader and former MP Mahabal Mishra is in the fray again but as an AAP candidate. The seat went to the AAP in alliance with the Congress. He was elected as Congress MP from West Delhi in 2009 by defeating BJP's Jagdish Mukhi.

The BJP has replaced sitting MP Pravesh Verma and has fielded former South Delhi mayor Kamaljeet Sehrawat. In 2019, Verma won this seat with the highest margin of 578,000 votes among all seven Lok Sabha seats of Delhi.

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49.72 crore were male voters and

He said there are 1.82 crore

first-time voters The last 11

state elections were peaceful

and violence-free with near-ze-

ro re-polls, he said, adding that

this will further be improved

In the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, poll-

There were a total of 91.2 crore

eligible voters with about 43.8

crore female voters and nearly

A total of about 61.5 crore

votes were cast and the voter

In the 2019 poll results, the BJP

won 303 seats, Congress 52,

Trinamool Congress 22, BSP

10, NCP 5, CPI-M 3 and CPI 2.

turnout was 67.4 per cent.

47.3 crore male voters.

ing was held in seven phases.

going forward.

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### Hamas, Houthis Hold Rare Meet To Discuss Their Actions **Against Israel: Report**

Palestinian Territories: Senior figures from Hamas and Yemen's Huthi rebels held a rare meeting to discuss coordinating their actions against Israel, Palestinian factional sources told AFP on Friday.

Hamas and the Houthis be long to the "axis of resistance", a collection of Iran-backed movements hostile to Israel and the United States that also includes Lebanon's Hezbollah and Iraqi militias.

The Houthis have attacked

According to the United Nations, around 1.5 million people are crowded into and around Rafah, Hamas's last stronghold in Gaza, most of whom are displaced and crammed against the Egyptian border in dire living conditions.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said on Friday he had approved the military's plan for an operation in Rafah.

The Houthis confirmed they would continue their attacks on Red Sea shipping to "support the Palestinian resistance", according to the Hamas



Red Sea shipping for months since the Israel-Hamas war broke out on October 7, saying they are targeting Israeli linked vessels in solidarity with Palestinians in Gaza.

According to sources from Hamas and Islamic Jihad, leaders from the two Palestinian Islamist groups, as well as the Marxist Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, held an "important meeting" with Houthi representatives last week

discussed The groups 'mechanisms to coordinate their actions of resistance" for the "next stage" of the war in Gaza, the sources said without identifying where the meeting took place.

The Palestinian groups and the Houthis also talked about a possible Israeli ground assault into southern Gaza's Rafah, said the sources, who requested anonymity.

and Islamic Jihad sources

The rebels' leader Abdul Malik al-Huthi said on Thursday their attacks would expand to target ships avoiding the Red Sea by navigating past South Africa's Cape of Good Hope.

Hamas's unprecedented October 7 attack resulted in about 1,160 deaths in Israel, mostly civilians, according to an AFP tally of official Israeli figures.

Palestinian group also seized about 250 Israeli and foreign hostages, dozens of whom were released during a weeklong truce in November, Israel believes about 130 captives remain in Gaza, including 32 presumed dead.

Israel's retaliatory campaign against Hamas has killed at least 31,490 people in Gaza, most of them women and children, according to the territory's health ministry.

### Arvind Kejriwal Announces Street Vendors' Survey In Delhi To Provide Shops

**Press Trust Of India** 

New Delhi: Ahead of the declaration of Lok Sabha poll dates, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Keiri-

wal today announced a survey of "rehri-patri" (street) vendors in the city to provide them space for running their shops. In a video message, Mr Kejriwal

said the survey would be completed in a few months after which the vendors would be provided space in a proper manner so that there is no problem to other shopkeepers and any traffic issue.



Arvind Kejriwal said his government was committed to ensuring that street vendors were able to earn their livelihood respectably without facing any harassment from police or other authorities.

### No Smartphone Or Internet? AI-Backed Phone Has You Covered

Agencies

Visually-impaired LAGOS: Nigerian Kehinde Olutubosun is a geography and animal enthusiast who struggled to find information because he has no smartphone. But that is changing, thanks to an Artificial Intelligence-powered mobile phone that works offline.

The service, launched by Canada-based Viamo in Nigeria last month, allows anyone - even in the middle of nowhere without the internet to access AI technology.

Viamo uses a traditional handset to tap into local mobile phone networks to send commands or requests for information through SMS or voice calls.

It works like other AI chatbots and can be used by illiterate persons since it can be prompted by voice. It is

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that financially buoyant, they still have this opportunity to use even as little as 10 naira to ask lots of questions that will actually benefit them, I am so happy," said Olutubosun.

Viamo said the device was targeted at the world's poorest and remotest communities and is being expanded to Pakistan, India and Tanzania after being first launched in Zambia.

also cheaper. "For people who are not

# Nothing Adverse, Watermelons Safe For Consumption: Govt

**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 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

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)



### DOODH GANGA MINING

### **NGT Fines Two Contractors For Violating Environmental Clearance**

**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

pensation 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 JKPCC," 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

"We find it appropriate to direct JKPCC 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 JKPCC and Collector Budgam.

### 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

ply 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 Ial 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

### **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

"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 elec-tricity has widely increased and we are trying our best to ensure uninterrupted power supply during vital hours in Ramadhan including Iftar and

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

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



and Kashmir Police including ADGP Law & Order Vijay Kumar, ADGP Jammu Zone Anand Jain, ADGP CID Nitish Kumar, IG BSF D. K. Boora, province level senior officers of the central agencies and 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**

**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 cas-"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 prosecutirx after taking benefit of absence of her family members at the relevant time offered her juice due to which she Station Kralkhud to the ef- legal terms with the girl.

mitted 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 fect of the girl's father that in his house a person namely Santosh Kumar Paswan was doing mason work and after completing his work at his home, he often used to visit his house.

The complainant said his daughter (name with-held) was missing from her house and that he is having strong doubts that she has been enticed. During the course of search, the girl and kidnapper were found riding on a motorcycle near Humhama and



her honour such as is involved in the commission of rape on her," the court said, adding, "In cases involving sexual molestation, supposed considerations which have no material effect on the veracity of the prosecution case or even discrepancies in the statement of the prosecutrix should not, unless the discrepancies are such which are of fatal nature. be allowed to throw out an otherwise reliable prosecu-

The police had filed the charge-sheet against Paswan regarding kidnapping and rape of the minor girl (name withheld) in 2016.

According to prosecution, on 1 September 2016 a complainant was lodged in Police

going in suspicious condition towards Airport, the prosecution said. Subsequently, the prosecution said, they were apprehended and brought to Police post Humhama. The motorcycle, Air Tickets of accused and prosecutrix from Srinagar to Delhi were seized, the prosecution said.

The medical examination of the prosecutrix (girl) was conducted by a doctor who has reported that in the womb of the prosecutrix a fetus of about 10 weeks and 6 days is present. Actually, the prosecution

said, the accused used to go to her home and after taking advantage of the minority and immaturity of the victim, the kidnapper had established il-

### **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. Kotiswar 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 Bourney, 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.



#### From the principal District Judge, Srinagar Present: Mr. Jawad Ahmad

Mudasir Un Nisa (56 years) W/o Late Syed Showkat Hussain

Qadri R/o Arabal Shalimar Srinagar Kashmir

fixed on 02-04-2024

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in the matter of Application for issuance of Succession certificate in favour of the petitioner(s)

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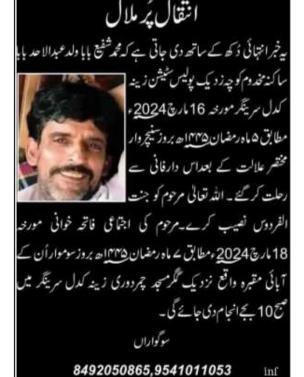
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# Is Comparative Education the Panacea of Modern Education?

Mohammad Hanief

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omparative 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, enhancing 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 endeavour 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

"ust 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 "nonartificial" 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-resourceuse-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 auto-pilot 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** 

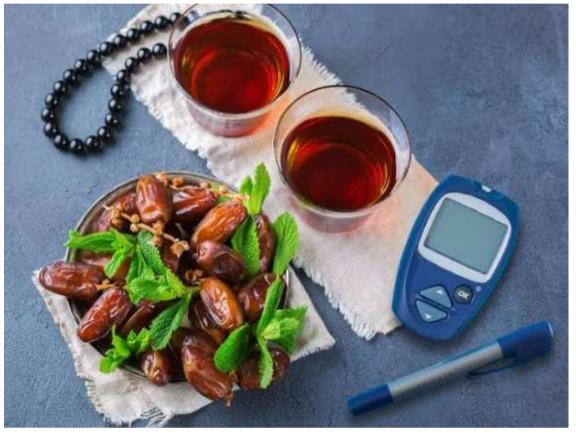
As the crescent moon heralds the arrival of Ramazan, Muslims around the world embark on a sacred journey of fasting, prayer, and reflection.

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-docu-



mented in scientific literature.

For patients suffering from noncommunicable diseases such as obesity, diabetes, hypertension, etc. Ramazan fasting can be particularly beneficial when managed under medical supervision. Contrary to common misconceptions, fasting during Ramadan 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 physical 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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### 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.

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### 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,

ing 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 Institution 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 Qarawiyyin Podcast

The Qarawiyyin podcast, a part of the Qarawiyyin 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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249	2164	Private	Agriculture Irrigated-	0.0102	2164 Ghulam Nabi S/o Ghulam Mohd Da	
250	2165	Private	Agriculture Irrigated- Agriculture	0.0333	2165 Ali Mohd S/o Subhan Dar share hold	
252	2167	Private	Irrigated- Agriculture Irrigated-	0.0543	Mohd Sultan S/o Subhan Dar R/o De 2167 Gh Nabi S/o Ahmad Dar R/o Deh	
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253	2168 Min		Agriculture Irrigated-	0.0562	Ghulam Mohd, Mohd Ramzan, Ghula	

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256	61 Alif Min	Private	Non-Irrigated Horticulture	0.0132	Gulam Hassan S/o Khaliq Yatoo R/o Deh
257	61 Alif	Private	Non-Irrigated	0.018	61 Alif Min Gulam Mohd S/o Mohd. Shaban Yatoo
	Min 61 Alif		Horticulture Non-Irrigated		61 Alif Min Maqsood Ahmad S/o Ghulam Mohd.
258	Min	Private	Horticulture	0.0334	Yatoo R/o Deh 61 Alif Min MstShameema W/o Farooq Ahmad
259	61 Alif Min	Private	Non-Irrigated Horticulture	0.0657	Yatoo R/o Deh 61 Alif Min
260	61 Bay	Private	Non-Irrigated	0.0237	Gulam Mohd S/o Subhan Parray R/o Deh
-			Horticulture Non-Irrigated		61 Bay Abdul Ahad S/o Rehman share holder
261	62	Private	Horticulture	0.0439	62 Abdul Harneed S/o Abdul Gani Yatoo
262	62	Private	Non-Irrigated Horticulture	0.0357	R/o Deh. 62
263	63	Private	Non-Irrigated Horticulture	0.0029	Mohd Ramzan S/o Sultan Yatoo R/o Deh share holder
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264	63	Private	Horticulture	0.0469	Deh share holder Mst Fahmida D/o Habib-Ullah Yatoo
265	63	Private	Non-Irrigated Horticulture	0.0327	R/o Deh 63
266	63	Private	Non-Irrigated Horticulture	0.0224	Gulam Qadir S/o Habib-Ullah R/o Deh 63
267	64	Private	Non-Irrigated Horticulture	0.0469	Mohd Yousuf S/o Khaliq Dar share holder R/o Deh 64
268	64	Private	Non-Irrigated Horticulture	0.0474	Gulam Nabi & Ab Qayoom Son's of Gulam Mohd Yatoo 64
269	64	Private	Non-Irrigated Horticulture	0.0182	Maqbooza Koul 64
270	65	Private	Non-Irrigated Horticulture	0.089	Gulam Nabi S/o Jabar Yatoo R/o Deh 65 Shahid Maqbool S/o Mohd Maqbool
271	66 Alif Min	Private	Non-Irrigated Horticulture	0.065	Kar R/o Sopore66 Alif Min  Mohd, Mukhtar S/o Abdul Rahim
272	66 Alif Min	Private	Non-Irrigated Horticulture	0.0294	Ganaie R/o Deh Degree Gairandah 66 Alif Min
273	68	Private	Non-Irrigated Horticulture	0.0185	Nazir Ahmad S/o Ali Mohd Dar R/o Deh 68
274	68	Private	Non-Irrigated	0.0126	Bashir Ahmad S/o Ali Mohd Dar R/o Deh
			Horticulture Non-Irrigated		68 Saif-ud Din S/o Qadir Tantray R/o Deh
275	70	Private	Horticulture	0.0538	70 Mohd. Yousuf S/o Mst. Khati Share
276	72	Private	Non-Irrigated Horticulture	0.0373	holder 72
277	73 Bay	Private	Non-Irrigated	0.0204	Ghulam Ahmad S/o Abdullah Yatoo R/lo Deh
			Horticulture Non-Irrigated		73 Bay Gulam Ahmad S/o Abdullah Yatoo R/o
278 279	74	Private Private	Horticulture Non-Irrigated	0.0176	Deh Share holder 74 Abdul Ahad S/o Abdullah Yatoo Share
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280	75	Private	Non-Irrigated Horticulture	0.0202	Ghulam Ahmad S/o Ali Yatoo R/o Deh 75
281	76	Private	Non-Irrigated Horticulture	0.0168	Khazar Mohd. Yatoo S/o Reshu Yatoo R/o Deh
282	768	Private	Irrigated	0.0072	76 Rahi-Aam(Common Path)
			Agriculture Irrigated	and the Posterio	768 Mukhtar Ahmad S/o Razaq Lone
283	768	Private	Agriculture	0.0485	768 Mohd. Maqbool, Abdul Rashid S/os
284	768	Private	Irrigated Agriculture	0.0157	Subhan Lone 768
285	768	Private	Irrigated	0.0621	Habib-Ullah S/o Razaq Lone R/o Deh 768
286	768	Private	Agriculture Irrigated	0.0288	Ali Mohd S/o Razaq Lone
287	768	Private	Agriculture Irrigated	0.0556	768 Fateh Mohd S/o Jumma Lone 768
207	700	rivace	Agriculture Irrigated	0.0550	Manzoor Ahmad, Bashir Ahmad S/o
288	768	Private	Agriculture	0.076	Reshi Lone in equal shares 768
289	769 Bay	Private	Irrigated	0.0715	Ghulam Ahmad S/o Abdullah Yatoo R/o Deh
209	709 Day	rivate	Agriculture	0.0715	769 Bay Ghulam Ahmad S/o Habib-Ullah Yatoo
290	77	Private	Non-Irrigated Horticulture	0.0164	R/o Deh
			Irrigated	0.000	Ghulam Ahmad S/o Abdullah Yatoo
291	770	Private	Agriculture	0.0606	R/o Deh 770
292	771 Alif	Private	Irrigated Agriculture	0.0313	Ghulam Rasool S/o Khaliq Dar R/o Deh 771 Alif
293	772	Private	Irrigated	0.0085	Manzoor Ahmad, Hilal Ahmad Ss/o Abdul Ahad Yatoo in equal shares R/o
			Agriculture Irrigated		Deh 772 Mst.Fatima D/o Rahim Dar R/o Deh
294	773	Private	Agriculture Non-Irrigated	0.0485	773 Gulam Ahmad S/o Reshu Yatoo R/o
295	78	Private	Horticulture	0.0575	Deh 78 MstSayida D/o Khaliq Naikoo share
296	781	Private	Irrigated Agriculture	0.0719	holder R/o Deh 781
297	782 Min	Private	Irrigated	0.0182	Mst Hajira D/o Ghulam Mohi-Ud Din
23,	7021111	1	Agriculture Irrigated		(Mahada) Naikoo R/o Deh782 Min Abdul Ahad S/o Ghulam MohlUd Din
298	782 Min	Private	Agriculture	0.0337	Naikoo R/o Deh 783 Alif
299	783 Alif	Private	Irrigated	0.0354	Ghulam Nabi S/o Qadir Naikoo R/o Deh
233	705 AIII	1111416	Agriculture Irrigated	1000000000	783 Alif Abdul Salam S/o Satar Shah R/o Deh
300	783 Bay	Private	Agriculture	0.0039	783 Bay  Bashir Ahmad S/o Ghulam Nabi Shah
301	783 Bay	Private	Irrigated Agriculture	0.0289	R/o Deh
			Irrigated		783 Bay Ghulam Mohi-Ud- Din S/o Mohd Sultan
302	786	Private	Agriculture	0.0037	Naikoo R/o Deh 786
303	786	Private	Irrigated Agriculture	0.1223	MstSarwa Begam W/o Wali Mohd. Naikoo R/o Deh 786
		Detecto	Non-Irrigated	0.0135	FeroozAhmad ,Mohd Younis, Shabir
304	79	Private	Horticulture	0.0125	Ahmad Ss/o Habibullah Yatoo in equal shares R/o Deh 79
305	79	Private	Non-Irrigated Horticulture	0.0434	Akbar S/o Reshu Yatoo R/o Deh 79
306	80	Private	Non-Irrigated Horticulture	0.0294	Razaq S/o Sultan Shareholder 80
307	81	Private	Non-Irrigated Horticulture	0.0285	Abdul Rahim S/o Mohd. Sultan Lone R/o Deh shareholder 81
308	81	Private	Non-Irrigated	0.0113	Ghulam Hassan S/o Ghulam Mohd.
309	815	Private	Horticulture Irrigated	0.0087	Manzoor Ahmad S/o Aziz Naikoo R/o
310	815	Private	Agriculture Irrigated	0.0607	Deh 815 Nisar Ahmad S/o Aziz Naikoo R/o Deh
210	012	Filvate	Agriculture		815 Ghulam Nabi,Farooq Ahmad Ss/o Asad
311	816 Alif	Private	Irrigated Agriculture	0.0521	Naikoo in equal shares R/o Deh 816 alif
312	816 Alif	Private	Irrigated Agriculture	0.0153	Abdul Majeed S/o Aziz Naikoo R/o Deh 816 alif
			Irrigated	0.0000	Mohd. Yousuf S/o Jamal Ganaie R/o
313	816 Alif	Private	Agriculture	0.0362	Deh 816 alif
314	818 Bay	Private	Irrigated Agriculture	0.0345	Abdul Ahad S/o Abdul Satar Naikoo R/o Deh
	-				818 bay Bashir Ahmad S/o Abdul Gaffar Naikoo
315	818 Bay	Private	Irrigated Agriculture	0.0374	R/o Deh 818 bay
316	82	Private	Non-Irrigated	0.016	Bashir Ahmad S/o Abdul Rahman Lone
310	UZ.	. 117000	Horticulture	0.020	82 Ali Mohd.S/o Assadullah&Mohd.Irfan
317	85	Private	Non-Irrigated	0.0201	S/o Mohd. Sultan & Abdul Rashid, Abdul Majeed Ss/o Ramzan in
-			Horticulture		Equal Shares 85
318	87 Bay	Private	Non-Irrigated Horticulture	0.0599	Fateh S/o Jumma Lone R/o Deh share 87 Bay
319	884	Private	Irrigated	0.0298	Nazir Ahmad S/o Ghulam Mohi-Ud- Dir
10.00			Agriculture Irrigated		Hajam R/o Deh 884  Abdul Rasheed S/o Samad Naikoo R/o
320	888	Private	Agriculture	0.0006	Deh 888
	76. 31.	Debroto	Irrigated	0.0172	Mudasir Ahmad & Sajad Ahmad Ss/o Sabir Naikoo in equal share R/o Deh
321	889	Private	Agriculture		889

322	890	Private	Irrigated	0.0324	Ghulam Rasool S/o Abdul Ahad Naikoo
			Agriculture Irrigated	0.0139	R/o Deh890 MSt, Misra W/o Ghulam Nabi Malla R/o Deh
323	891	Private	Agriculture Irrigated	W	891 Nazir Ahmad S/o Ghulam Nabi Malla
324	891	Private	Agriculture Irrigated	0.062	891 Mohd. Maqbool(Muqli) S/o Mahad
325	892	Private	Agriculture	0.0283	Naikoo R/o Deh 892
326	893	Private	Irrigated Agriculture	0.0237	Mohd, Maqbool(Muqli) S/o Mahad Naikoo R/o Deh 893
327	894	Private	Irrigated	0.0365	Ghulam Hassan S/o Rahim Naikoo R/o Deh
-			Agriculture Irrigated		894 Mst. Sayeeda D/o Khaliq Naikoo R/o
328	894	Private	Agriculture Irrigated	0.0418	Deh 894 Ghulam Ahmad S/o Rahman Mir R/o
329	894	Private	Agriculture Irrigated	0.0099	Deh 894 Abdul Ahad Rather Adopted son of
330	894	Private	Agriculture	0.0907	Rahman Mir 894 Mohd Sideeq& Wali Mohd Ss/o Mohd
331	898 Bay	Private	Irrigated Agriculture Irrigated	0.118	Shaban Gojrii in equal shares R/o Deh 898 Bay
332	907	Private	Agriculture Non-Irrigated	0.0011	Samad S/o Hayat Bhat R/o Deh 907 Ghulam Nabi S/o Mohd. Sultan Yatoo
333	92	Private	Horticulture	0.0014	R/o Deh 92 Mushtaq Ahmad S/o Ghulam Mohd
334	93	Private	Non-Irrigated Horticulture	0.0183	Tantray R/o Deh 93
335	93	Private	Non-Irrigated Horticulture	0.0202	GULAM Mohi-Ud- Din S/o Reshi Tantray 93
336	93	Private	Non-Irrigated Horticulture	0.0201	Abdul Ahad S/o Ghulam Mouhi-Din Tantray R/o Deh 93
337	947	Private	Irrigated Agriculture	0.0708	Mohd Yousuf S/o Ghulam Nabi Yatoo R/o Deh 947
338	948	Private	Irrigated Agriculture	0.0687	Mst. Misra D/o Ramzan (W/o Ghulam Ahmad) R/o Deh 948
339	949	Private	Irrigated Agriculture	0.083	Mst. Misra D/o Ramzan Parray (W/o Ghulam Ahmad) R/o Deh
			Irrigated		949 Feroz Ahmad, Ishfaq Ahmad, Mohd Shahbaz Sons &Mst. Aisha Wd/o Gh
340	949	Private	Agriculture	0.0829	Hassan Parray R/o Deh 949
341	95	Private	Non-Irrigated Horticulture Non-Irrigated	0.0312	Nazir Ahmad S/o Ali Mohd Yatoo R/o Deh 95 GULAM Nabi S/o Kabir Yatoo R/o Deh
342	95	Private	Horticulture	0.0348	95 Nazir Ahmad S/o Ali Mohd.
343	95	Private	Non-Irrigated Horticulture	0.0302	YatooMaqboozaMohd, Ashraf S/o Mohd, Yousuf Dar 95 Ghulam Mohd, Ghulam Hassan & Mohd
344	95	Private	Non-Irrigated Horticulture	0.0628	Ramzan Ss/o Habib Share holder R/o Deh 95
345	950	Private	Irrigated Agriculture	0.0238	Mst Sara D/o Ali Parray R/o Deh 950 Wali Mohd S/o Ghulam Qadir Bhat R/o
346	950	Private	Irrigated Agriculture	0.0201	Deh 950
347	950	Private	Irrigated Agriculture	0.0359	Mst Fatima D/o Habib Parray R/o Deh950
348 349	951 952	Private Private	Irrigated Agriculture Irrigated	0.0701	Abdul Hameed S/o Mst Sara R/o Deh 951 Abdul Gaffar S/o Ghulam Ahmad Wani
181	332	- Trivate	Agriculture		R/o Deh 952
350	952	Private	Irrigated Agriculture	0.041	Abdul Ahad S/o Ghulam Nabi Wani R/o Deh 952
351	956 Min	Private	Irrigated Agriculture	0.0079	Mst Jameela D/o Ali Mohd Bhat R/o Deh 956 min
352	956 Min	Private	Irrigated Agriculture	0.0329	Mohd Sultan Ganai S/o Abdul Rahim Hakeem R/o Deh 956 min Ghulam Mohd S/o Abdul Rashid Waza
353	958 Alif	Private	Irrigated Agriculture	0.05	R/o Deh 958 Alif
354	958 Alif	Private	Irrigated Agriculture	0.0482	Ghulam Mohd S/o Reshi Tantray R/o Deh 958 Alif
355	958 Bay	Private	Irrigated- Agriculture	0.029	Ghulam Hassan S/o KhazirTantray R/o Deh 958 bay
356	958 Jeem	Private	Irrigated Agriculture	0.0293	Ghulam Hassan S/o KhazirTantray R/o Deh
357	959	Private	Irrigated- Agriculture	0.0377	958 jeem Ghulam Hassan S/o KhazirTantray R/o Deh
358	960	Private	Irrigated-	0.0414	959 Hafeezullah S/o Habib Ullah Rasray R/o Deh
			Agriculture  Irrigated-		960 Abdul Hameed S/o Habib Ullah Rasray
359	960	Private Government	Agriculture Irrigated-	0.0217	R/o Deh 960
360	961	(Railway)	Agriculture  Irrigated-	0.1158	Railway Road 961 Hilal Ahmad S/o Ramzan Tantray R/o
361	961	Private	Agriculture	0.0727	Deh 961 Fayaz Ahmad S/o Ghulam Ahmad
362	962 Min	Private	Irrigated- Agriculture	0.0031	Malik R/o KhanyarSgr 962 min Wall Mohd. S/o Ali Tantray R/o Deh
363 364	962 Min 962 Min	Private Private	Irrigated- Agriculture Irrigated-	0.079	962 min Abdul Rasheed S/o Ali Tantray R/o
365	962 Min	Private	Agriculture Irrigated-	0.0022	Deh 962 min Nazir Ahmad S/o Abdul Rehman
366	962 Min	Private	Agriculture Irrigated- Agriculture	0.004	Tantray R/o Deh 962 min  Manzoor Ahmad S/o Gh Rasool Waza R/o Deh
367	963 Min	Private	Irrigated-	0.0432	962 min  Mst. Gulshana D/o Abdul Gaffar Bhat R/o Deh
368	964	Private	Agriculture  Irrigated-	0.0432	962 min Abdul Majeed S/o Gani Dar R/o Deh
369	964	Private	Agriculture Irrigated- Agriculture	0.0175	964 Farooq Ahmad S/o Ramzan Dar R/o Deh 964
370	965	Private	Irrigated- Agriculture	0.0231	Abdul Rahim S/o MstMehtaba Dar R/o Deh 965
371	965	Private	Irrigated- Agriculture	0.011	Ghulam Ahmad S/o Abdul Ahad Yatoo R/o Deh 965
372	965	Private	Irrigated- Agriculture	0.023	Nazir Ahmad S/o MstMehtaba R/o Deh 965
373	965	Private	Irrigated- Agriculture	0.0195	Ghulam Rasool S/o Abdul Ahad Yatoo R/o Deh
374	965	Private	Irrigated- Agriculture	0.011	965 Mohd Ramzan S/o Ali Yatoo R/o Deh 965
375	966	Private	Irrigated- Agriculture	0.0246	Aashiq Hussain & Nazir Ahmad Ss/o Samad Yatoo in equal shares R/o
376	966	Private	Irrigated-	0.0347	Deh966  Mohd Ramzan S/o Habib-Ullah Bhat R/o Deh
			Agriculture Irrigated-		966 Bashir Ahmad S/o Abdul Ahad Bhat
377	966	Private	Agriculture	0.03	R/o Deh 966
378		Private	Irrigated- Agriculture Irrigated-	0.0188	Ghulam Qadir S/o Ismall Yatoo R/o Deh 966 Ghulam Nabi S/o Karim Yatoo share
379	966	Private	Agriculture  Irrigated-	0.2694	holder R/o Deh 966 Ghulam Nabi S/o Samad Yatoo R/o
380	966	Private	Agriculture	0.0202	Deh 966 Mohd Ashraf, Shabir Ahmad , Mohd
381	966	Private	Irrigated- Agriculture	0.0015	Yousuf Ss/o Ghulam MohiUd Din Yatoo R/o Deh
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382	-	Private	Agriculture  Irrigated-	0.0403	Firdous Ahmad S/os Mohd Shafi Qadri in equal shares R/o Deh 967 bay Mohd Ashraf S/o Ghulam Ahmad Qadri
383	-	Private	Agriculture Non-Irrigated	0.0538	R/o Deh 967 bay Ghulam Nabi S/o Jabar Yatoo R/o Deh
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### Paytm Users To Get All Services As Before Except For PPBL's Wallet, Fastag

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**NEW DELHI:** Paytm app users will continue to use all services like mobile and DTH recharges except for Paytm Payments Bank's offerings including wallet funds, Fastag and bank accounts, according to the company hit by RBI restrictions.

Paytm Payments Bank users will not be able to add any funds to their wallet and bank accounts but will be able to use the balance until it is exhausted, according to the RBI order.

"The RBI has issued a directive restricting Paytm Payments Bank Account/Wallet from accepting new deposits or allowing credit transactions after March 15, 2024. Please note that you will not be able to deposit or add money to your Paytm Payments Bank Account/Wallet after March 15, 2024. However, there is no restriction on withdrawal of money from your existing balance even after March 15, 2024," Paytm said in frequently asked questions (FAQ).

The company has said that users can buy HDFC Bank FASTags and also recharge FASTags of other partnered banks on the Paytm app but cannot purchase Paytm Payments Bank FASTags. However, the balance left in the Paytm Payments Bank FASTags can be used until it is exhausted.

"All other services on the Paytm app, including movies, events, travel (metro, flight, train, bus) ticket bookings, and more, remain fully operational.



Users can continue to recharge their mobile phone, DTH or OTT subscriptions, and pay all utility bills (electricity, water, gas, internet) with ease directly through the Paytm app," the company said.

Paytm app users can continue to use UPI service as NPCI has approved collaboration of the firm with four banks-SBI, HDFC, YES Bank and Axis Bank.

Paytm will work as a thirdparty app (TPAP) and facilitate UPI transactions through the partner bank. It has got five handles in partnership with four banks to continue UPI transactions, as per an update on the NPCI website.

The company's existing handle @paytm is among the five handles that users can continue using without the need to make any changes at their end.

National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has approved @paytm and a closed user group UPI handle @ptyes for Paytm in partnership with Yes Bank.

NPCI has also approved @ pthdfc with HDFC bank and @ ptsbi with State Bank of India as a partner. However, these two handles are not active immediately.

### Round 14 of India-UK FTA Talks Close Ahead Of Election Schedule

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LONDON: The 14th round of the free trade agreement (FTA) negotiations between India and the UK has now closed, with formal negotiations being put on hold as India heads into election campaign mode as the general election schedule was announced on Saturday.

According to UK officials familiar with the discussions, a lot of progress has been made but the teams are not in a position to conclude an agreement which led to the Round 14 closing on Friday.

The next round of formal trade talks can commence only after the Lok Sabha polls have concluded.

The India-UK FTA negotiations, which opened in January 2022, are aimed at securing an "ambitious" outcome for bilateral trade currently worth around GBP 38.1 billion a year as per official statistics from last month.

"We anticipate that while some talks might happen between rounds, the next round of negotiations will take place after the Indian elections," of-

ficial sources in the UK said.

"Neither side is walking away from talks. It's just that we don't have what we need yet to finalise a deal that meets our joint ambition across goods, services and investment. We're



very proud of the track record we have and how far we've been able to come with this trade deal so far. Negotiators have worked really hard in the past few years and we've managed to get a lot of chapters closed," the sources said.

The development follows a phone call between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his UK counterpart, Rishi Sunak, earlier this week when both leaders reaffirmed their commitment towards "securing a historic and comprehensive deal" and reiterated the importance of reaching an "ambitious outcome".

"The UK and India are continuing to work towards an ambitious trade deal. Whilst we don't comment on the details of live negotiations, we are clear that we will only sign a deal that is fair, balanced and ultimately in the best interests of the British people and the economy," a UK Department of Business and Trade spokesper-

### DGCA Sticks To June 1 Deadline For Revised Flight Duty Norms For Pilots

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**NEW DELHI:** Aviation regulator DGCA has decided not to extend the June 1 deadline for implementing the revised flight duty norms for pilots and asked airlines to submit the revised schemes by April 15, according to a communication

The Federation of Indian Airlines (FIA), comprising Air India, SpiceJet and IndiGo, had written at least twice to the regulator seeking more time for implementation of the revised Flight Duty Time Limitations (FDTL) norms were issued on January 8.

The new norms, to come into force from June 1, provide for rest time for pilots and seek to alleviate pilot fatigue.

In a communication to the FIA, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) said that airlines have to take all necessary steps to roll out the revised FDTL CAR, with effect from June 1, 2024.

Further, the carriers have been asked to ensure that the FDTL schemes in tune with the revised norms are submitted for approval by April 15.

The revised norms provide for increased weekly rest time to 48 hours for pilots and limit the number of landings to two during night operations.

Besides, the night hours for pilots will be extended to cover the period from 0000-0600 hours, whereas it was 0000-0500 hours earlier.

Also, all airlines have to compulsorily submit quarterly fatigue reports, which "should follow a non-punitive and confidentiality policy".

"The CAR (Civil Aviation Requirement) provisions may

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MUMBAI: The Sebi board on

Friday approved a proposal under which it will be man-

datory for alternative invest-

ment funds (AIF) managers to

ensure that their investments

do not circumvent any finan-

The AIF, its manager and

key management personnel,

will be mandated to carry

out "specific due diligence"

of their investors and invest-

ments so that "AIFs do not

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specified regulations admin-

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Ease of Doing Business (EoDB)

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statement from the capital

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"While perceptions may vary, DGCA is primarily concerned in ensuring safe operations and practices that are best suited to the unique operating environment prevailing in India," the commu-

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It can be noted that the

Reserve Bank has been con-

cerned with AIFs being used

for the evergreening of loans.

The AIF industry had voiced

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AIFs shall be formulated by the

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nication said.

According to the DGCA, the time frame for implementation of the revised CAR was arrived at after taking into account the lead time involved for operators to put in place the necessary change management steps, including crew recruitment, crew training and other attendant logistical arrangements.

Alleviation of flight crew fatigue is the core philosophy behind the revised FDTL norms, and the perspective planning framework of airlines will adequately cater to meeting the requirements of the new stipulations, the regulator said.

"The unfortunate instances of pilot deaths in the recent past ostensibly due to punishing roster schedules and consequent cumulative attendant impact on flight crew health and wellbeing is an urgent wake-up call to address these issues without further delay," the DGCA noted.

The draft of the revised FDTL norms was issued in October 2023, and more than 1,500 comments/ objections and recommendations were received from public stakeholders and operators.

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RBI regulations, it said.

### Real Estate Sector May Touch USD 1.3 Tn by 2034: CREDAI Report

**Press Trust Of India** 

**NEW DELHI:** The real estate sector is estimated to reach a market size of USD 1.3 trillion by 2034 and USD 5.17 trillion by 2047, according to a report by realtors body CREDAI.

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cent of projected GDP) by FY 2034 and USD 5.17 trillion (17.5 per cent of projected GDP) by 2047."

Among the residential segment, 61 per cent of current supply is above the cost of Rs 45 lakh.

The average home area is



crore (around USD 300 billion), split between residential and commercial segments in the ratio of 80 per cent and 20 per cent, respectively, it said in a statement on Saturday.

The Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Association of India (CREDAI) on Saturday released a report 'Building Viksit Bharat-Transformative role of the real estate sector in India', at its event YouthCon.

According to CREDAI, Indian real estate will have a significant impact on the Indian economy in the coming years "with the sector projected to reach USD 1.3 trillion (13.8 per

on an annual basis.

CREDAI also projected that there will be 7 crore units of additional housing demand by 2030. Reflecting the aspirational growth of Indian homebuyers, over 87.4 per cent of housing demand by 2030 is expected to be of houses costing more than Rs 45 lakh.

CREDAI emphasized the significance of Indian real estate to the overall growth of the economy and some of the most important macro-economic indicators including employment, revenues for government and banking eco-system, and increasing per capita income.

### CCI Orders Probe Against Google's Alleged Discriminatory Play Store Pricing Policies

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** Fair trade watchdog CCI on Friday ordered a probe against Google for alleged discriminatory practices with respect to its Play Store pricing policy after finding a prima facie violation of the competition law.

The order for detailed investigation comes less than two years after the Competition Commission of India (CCI) penalised and passed various directions against Google regarding Play Store policies.

The regulator's latest decision came on a raft of complaints that Google's updated payment policies in relation to its proprietary app store -- Google Play Store -- which is alleged to be in violation of the competition law.

The complainants are Anupam Mittal's People Interactive India Pvt Ltd, Mebigo Labs Pvt Ltd, Indian Broadcasting and Digital Foundation (IBDF) and the Indian Digital Media Industry Foundation (IDMIF).

The order also comes less than two weeks after Google removed some apps from the Play Store over payment issues and later reinstated them.

In their complaints, they alleged that the payment policies are stated to be impacting several stakeholders, including app developers, payment processors and users alike.

A Google spokesperson said

Google Play

it is examining the CCI's order to initiate the investigation.

"The CCI has previously examined our service fee in detail between 2020 and 2022 and found no illegality. However, we take our commitment to comply with local laws and regulations in India seriously and will cooperate with the process in every way," the spokesperson said.

The CCI noted that there were concerns regarding the revenue distribution model within the Google Play Store app developers potentially facing substantial costs, with nearly half of their chargeable value, towards the service fee of Google (up to 30 per cent) and an additional 20 per cent spent on advertising across Google's platforms and third-party apps.

However, Google claimed that 97 per cent of developers pay no service fee at all. According to the regula-

According to the regulator, Google has other revenue streams from the 'free apps' listed on Play Store, in the form of advertisement-related revenue or otherwise.



### Govt Approves 17% Wage Hike For 1.10 Lakh Employees Of LIC

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** The government has approved a 17 per cent overall hike in wages for more than 1.10 lakh employees of insurance giant Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC).

The wage hike approval has come days after the government cleared a similar raise for the employees of public sector banks.

The wage hike for LIC employees is effective from August 1, 2022, the insurer said.

NPS contribution is enhanced from 10 per

cent to 14 per cent of nearly 24,000 employees who joined after April 1, 2010, it said while thanking the government for the wage revision. A one-time ex-gratia payment to LIC pen-

sioners was also made to more than 30,000 pensioners and family pensioners, it said.

Earlier this week, the government had given no objection to a 17 per cent wage hike for bank

employees effective November 1, 2022.





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**MUMBAI:** India's forex kitty jumped by USD 10.47 billion to USD 636.095 billion for the week ended March 8, the Reserve Bank said on Friday.

In the previous reporting week, the overall reserves had risen by USD 6.55 billion to USD 625.626 billion.

In October 2021, the country's forex kitty had reached an all-time high of USD 645 billion. The reserves took a hit as the central bank deployed the kitty to defend the rupee amid pressures caused majorly by global developments since last year.

For the week ended March 8, the foreign currency assets, a major component of the reserves, increased by USD 8.121 billion to USD 562.352 billion, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said.

Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves.

Gold reserves increased by USD 2.299 billion to USD 50.716 billion during the week, the RBI said.
The Special Drawing Rights (SDRs)

were up by USD 31 million to USD 18.211 billion, the apex bank said. India's reserve position with the

India's reserve position with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) was also up by USD 19 million to USD 4.817 billion in the reporting week, the central bank data showed.

### Air India Lays Off Over 180 Non-Flying Staff

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** Air India has laid off more than 180 non-flying staff in recent weeks, sources said while the airline maintained that the affected people were not able to utilise the voluntary retirement schemes and reskilling opportunities.

The loss-making Air India was taken over by the Tata Group in January 2022 and since then, efforts are being made to streamline the business model.

An Air India spokesperson on Friday said that as part of the fitment process, employees in non-flying functions have been assigned roles based on organisational needs and individual merit.

"A comprehensive process has been followed to assess the suitability of all employees over the past 18 months. During this phase, there have also been multiple Voluntary Retirement Schemes and reskilling opportunities offered to employees.



"However, for less than 1 per cent of our employee base who have not been able to utilise VRS or reskilling opportunities, we have to part ways. We are honouring all contractual obligations during this process," the spokesperson said in a statement.

While the airline did not mention the exact number of staff who have been laid off, the sources said it was a little over 180 legacy employees.

Air India has around 18,000 employees. Two rounds of VRS were of-

fered since the takeover by the

Tata Group.

As part of the multi-year transformational initiative Vihaan.AI, the spokesperson said one key aspect is to build an agile and effective organisational structure in line with the business model to support expansion and ambition, the spokesperson added.

# **J&K Bank renews MoU with Piaggio**Borrowers from J&K and Punjab to get free vehicle registration

Kashmir Bank today renewed the MoU with M/s Piaggio Vehicles Private Limited (PVPL) - India's leading manufacturer of small commercial vehicles for three more years to finance all its variants and models.

Deputy General Manager (Corporate Banking/MSME) Nishikant Sharma signed the MoU on behalf of the Bank, while as representing Piaggio,



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the papers in presence of senior officers from both the

organizations besides few

here at the Bank's Corporate Headquarters. As per the tieup, PVPL shall extend preferential treatment to the Bank's customers in J&K and Punjab by offering them free registration of the Vehicles.

Speaking on the occasion, DGM Nishikant Sharma said, "This is another J&K Bank's initiative to facilitate the affordable and hassle-free credit to the people across our areas of operations especially to those belonging to rural and urban areas in our core geography.'

"Our mutual belief in the higher standards of customer service has resulted in the renewal of this agreement", he added

In his comments AVP Neelesh Arya remarked, "Under the strategic collaboration between J&K Bank and PVPL, the vehicle registration of Bank's clients in J&K and Punjab will be free. Besides, the EMI's and down payment will become more affordable for Piaggio customers as they can earn and save more owing to the interest rates lower than

On the occasion both the signatories expressed the hope that the MoU will bring synergy in the business development of both the companies and will help pool resources to achieve the mutually beneficial

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### **LS Polls To Begin**

"The 2024 Lok Sabha elections will open the 'door of Nyay' for India. This would be perhaps the last chance to save democracy and our Constitution from dictatorship," he said.

The chief election commissioner said the assembly election in Jammu and Kashmir would take place soon after the Lok Sabha polls. He said it was unfeasible to hold elections simultaneously due to the logistical challenge of providing security to every candidate in the Union Territory.

In ethnic violence-hit Manipur, people living in camps will be allowed to vote from there with the Election Commission making special twophase voting arrangements in one of the two Lok Sabha constituencies.

In the first phase on April 19, voting will take place in 102 constituencies spread over 21 states/UTs, with 10 states/UTs completing the poll process in this phase.

Voting will take place in 89 constituencies across 13 states/UTs in the second phase on April 26, Kumar said, adding that the poll process would be completed in four more states/UTs.

In the third phase on May 7, voting will take place in 94 constituencies spread across 12 states/UTs. With this, polling will be completed in six more

In the fourth phase on May 13, 96 constituencies spread across 10 states UTs would vote. With this, three more states/UTs would have completed

As many as 49 constituencies spread across eight states/UTs will vote in phase five on May 20. This phase will see voting completed in three more states/UTs.

In the sixth phase on May 25, voting will take place in 57 constituencies spread across seven states/UTs. Polling in two more states/UTs would be completed with this phase.

The seventh and final phase will take place on June 1 in 57 constituencies spread across eight states/UTs. The polling process in eight states/UTs would be completed.

The CEC advised political parties against hate speeches, caste or religious appeals, criticism of any aspect of private life, masquerading of advertisements as news and social media posts vilifying or insulting rivals.

"Pattern of past MCC violations will prepare the ground for civilised campaigning in Lok Sabha elections. There should be responsibility on star campaigners for maintaining decorum," he said.

Responding to a question about allegations of biases in dealing with MCC violations during previous elections, Kumar said, "Wherever there will be a case of violation against anyone however renowned the politician may be, we will not sit back, we will take action. Earlier we used to morally

The upcoming general elections will be spread over 44 days, which makes the Lok Sabha election 2024 voting period, longest since first general elections in 1951-52. The Election Commission conducted the first general elections in a four month period, but the voting period reduced dramatically from the second general elections.

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seats.... The reorganisation Act and delimitation were not in sync. That happened in December 2023. So our meter started running from December 2023," Kumar said.

"All parties in Jammu and Kashmir said the Assembly election should be held with the parliamentary polls, but the entire administrative machinery said it cannot be done simultaneously. Every Assembly segment would have 10-12 candidates, which would mean more than 1,000 candidates. Every candidate has to be provided forces. It was not possible at this time," the CEC added.

"But we stand committed that as soon as these elections are over, we will hold elections there," he asserted.

### LS Polls In J&K

will go to polls on May 20 in the fifth phase of elections. The notification will be issued on April 26 while May 3 will be the last date for filing nominations. The last date for withdrawal of

candidature will be May 6.

The Ladakh Lok Sabha seat spread over Kargil and Leh districts will go to polls in the fifth phase of polls.

A total of 86.93 lakh voters, including 42.58 lakh women and 161 people of third gender, are eligible to exercise their franchise in Jammu and Kashmir. Nearly three lakh voters form the electorate for the Ladakh seat.

### **Battle Lines**

The divergent ideologies and promises will play out against the backdrop of a region striving to define its political future in a post-special status era.

\*Srinagar: The Srinagar Lok Sabha constituency now encompasses 19 assembly segments after a recent delimitation exercise following the abrogation of Article 370. It is currently held by Faroog Abdullah of the National Conference, which will face a challenge in retaining the constituency, especially if the PDP decides to contest

The PDP, a part of the INDIA alliance, is still contemplating its strategy in response to the NC's decision to contest all three Lok Sabha seats in the Valley. While NC leaders cite incumbency to argue that they will fight from all three seats, the PDP has expressed its problems with what they perceive is the party's unilateral move

Following the delimitation exercise, the constituency now includes six seats from Shopian and Pulwama districts while two assembly segments from Budgam district have been excluded.

BJP's incumbent MP Jugal Kishore Sharma will be trying his luck for the third consecutive term from the Jammu Lok Sabha constituency, which was reshaped on the recommendations of the delimitation commission

The INDIA bloc, with the Congress, JC and PDP is vet to announce the official candidate. But there is likelihood that the Congress will field its candidate, supported by coalition partners, from the seat.

Here is how the two main parties, NC and BJP, stack up:

### **NATIONAL CONFERENCE:**

\*The party has a well-established grassroots network and support base. \*Being one of the oldest political parties, it has a rich political legacy in

\*The National Conference has had strong leadership over the years, namely the Abdullah family.

\*Regional appeal: The party has a strong regional appeal and has traditionally represented the interests of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

### Weaknesses:

\*National Conference may struggle with outreach beyond its traditional support base in Jammu and Kashmir. factionalism within \*Internal the party could weaken its overall

effectiveness. \*The region's security situation can pose challenges to the party's activities and political campaigning.

### **Opportunities:**

\*With changing political dynamics in Jammu and Kashmir, there may be opportunities for the National Conference to adapt and expand its

\*By focusing on engaging the youth population, the party can secure its future leadership and support base.

\*Forming strategic alliances with other political parties could help strengthen the party's position in the

\*By focusing on good governance and development initiatives, the party can enhance its public image and

### **Threats:**

The region's political environment is prone to instability, which could pose a threat to the party's operations. \*Facing strong competition from other political parties in the re-

gion could threaten the National Conference's electoral prospects. \*Ongoing security challenges in Jammu and Kashmir could disrupt the party's activities and hamper its po-

litical efforts. \*Shifting demographics and preferences among the population may pose a threat to the party's traditional support base.

#### **Strengths:**

Weaknesses:

\*Strong organisational structure, significant support in certain regions, association with central government, effective leadership.

\*The party has also increased its presence among the youth.

\*Limited support in certain areas, challenges in coalition building, historical tensions with local populations, perception issues. **Opportunities:** 

\*Potential for growth in new segments, room for policy innovation, scope for improving regional relationships.

#### Threats:

\*Competition from other parties, security challenges, backlash from certain communities, changing political landscapes.

### **Democratic Space**

The EC is unable to conduct assembly polls in J&K with the general election even when they acknowledge that elections are due #GeneralElection2024," the former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister said in a post on X.

The NC said while it had no expectations from the EC, it was hoping against hope that common sense would prevail and the poll panel give the people of Jammu and Kashmir the right to govern

"We were not expecting anything from the EC because there was no positive vibe coming from it. We were hoping against hope that common sense will prevail and it will give people the right to govern themselves. But unfortunately, that has not hap-' NC spokesperson Imran Nah Dar told PTI.

He said the EC has put the Assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir in a "deep freeze" again.

The People's Democratic Party (PDP) alleged that a crucial democratic space is being strategically denied to the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

"A crucial space in democracy is being strategically denied to the people of Jammu and Kashmir for the last 10 vears now. So much so that even the panchayat and municipal elections are not happening here when people are talking about conducting the parliamentary polls," PDP spokesperson Mohit Bhan said.

"We are absolutely sorry for the kind of management and affairs that are being run today at the whims and fancies of a certain political party. We strongly object to this," he added.

PDP leader Naeem Akhtar said Jammu and Kashmir is facing "exclusion" from the democratic process.

"Given what has been snatched from us, we did not have much expectations and we do not have much expectations even after the (Lok Sabha) election. The BJP will hold the election when it suits them," he claimed.

Akhtar said it does not "make much of a difference to us as any new government (in Jammu and Kashmir) will not be same as the earlier governments".

"The new government under the

present scheme of things is not even a glorified municipality," he added. Chief spokesperson of the Jammu and Kashmir Congress Ravinder Sharma told PTI that the EC has dis-

appointed the people of the Union Territory. He said all political parties had unanimously demanded simultaneous polls in Jammu and Kashmir. "We have again been deprived of democ-

racy," Sharma said. However, the BJP defended the EC's

"We also wanted the Assembly election to be held with the Lok Sabha polls. But it is the decision of the EC, which has said the Assembly polls will be held after the general election. It is a welcome step. There may have been security concerns," Jammu and Kashmir BJP chief Ravinder Raina said.

The Jammu and Kashmir People's

Conference (JKPC), led by Sajad Lone, said while one election is being conducted, the EC should have held another one along with it.

"We were hoping that the Assembly polls would also be conducted simultaneously. They should have conducted both elections together," JKPC spokesperson Adnan Ashraf Mir said.

Senior Communist Party of India (Marxist) leader M Y Tarigami said the EC not announcing the Assembly polls was a big disappointment.

"It is a big disappointment again for the people of Jammu and Kashmir. The recent visit of the EC had generated a certain amount of hope that the polls might be held for the Assembly after a long time. But they have been deferred again by giving excuses," he

Tarigami said when the Lok Sabha polls are being conducted in phases, security can be rationalised and a huge component of security is not required for the Assembly election.

"These are excuses which are not acceptable. Denying democracy to the people does not serve the interests of the country," he said.

Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party vice-president Ghulam Hassan Mir said it seems that the EC does not want to empower the people of Jammu and

"We had a hope that the EC would make an announcement on Assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir. But to our disappointment, there was no mention of it. It seems that the EC does not want to empower the people here," he said.

### EC To Use 2 Laws,

elections. We are conscious of two facts -- that social media helps us in our outreach programmes and there is freedom to criticise anybody in a democracy. But one cannot be allowed to create fake news, which is not based on facts because it can disturb public order," he said.

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Kumar said that under sections 69 and 79 (3) of the IT Act, authorities in each state are empowered to ask to take down fake social media posts.

"Authorised officials have been appointed in all states or are being appointed. In each district, we have done thorough training to deal with this kind of menace. Our entire machinery will now react to whatever is coming by (using) facts. We will join the issue instead of being in the background," Kumar said.

"If someone is trying to set a fake narrative that is disturbing the levelplaying field or disrupting the law and order, we will also join them. We will soon launch a 'Myth vs Reality' project to clear the air around fake news spreading on social media," the CEC added.

Polling for the 543 Lok Sabha seats will be held in seven phases, starting with 102 in the first phase on April 19. The votes will be counted on June 4.

'Tackling misinformation in today's digital age is complex. We have put certain measures in place to ensure misinformation is nipped in the bud. We will be proactive in debunking fake news. Originators of fake news will be dealt with severely as per extant laws," Kumar further said.

"Remember, 'Verify Before You Amplify' is the mantra to combat fake news. Let us rely on authoritative sources to ensure accurate information prevails. Stay vigilant and help us maintain the integrity of the electoral process," he added.

### **Now We Can**

He added that most of the youngsters who picked-up the arms belong to poor families and are school dropouts.

Swain said that terrorism was being glorified and the people behind it were not questioned and the investigation couldn't reach a logical conclusion.

"Certainly there was a gap in effort, certainly there was amiss when it was to stop the terror ecosystem-which means not only fighting with the man with the gun, but it also means to fight the terror financing, the terror logistics, and the terror narrative which glorifies and legitimizes terrorism,"

Replying to a question, he said that the J&K police is duty bound to provide a level playing field to all the political parties in the union territory ahead of up-coming elections. He said common citizens should vote without any fear and police will ensure peaceful elections in J&K.

...having said that, we need to make a clear distinction who is the real victim and whose wounds need to be healed. We can't put the killer and the victim on the same pedestal," he added.

The DGP said they will definitely reward those 'patriotic' people who inform them about the terrorist. "I call it clear and green information when a patriot gives information, and why shouldn't the state reward such persons," he added.

Swain said there should be clarity between friends and foes, and "when this clarity is blurred, it's a huge setback for law enforcement agencies."

#### J&K A Hub of

"We have taken concrete steps to create a fear-free, corruption-free and terrorism-free J&K. People-centric governance, efficient public service delivery mechanism, accelerated speed of project completion, saturation of welfare schemes and equal opportunity for all have empowered the common man and improved ease of living," the LG further added.

Interacting with the students of SRCC, the LG highlighted the challenges, and achievements in diverse sectors under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi "Today, Jammu Kashmir has be-

come the centre of innovation, industries, tourism, education, sports, agriculture, health, entrepreneurship and handicrafts," the LG said. He said the commitment of the ad-

ministration towards inclusive development has created an enabling environment for the deprived sections, vouth, women and farmers to unleash their true potential. We have taken concrete steps to

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The LG said that policy for him is not just a piece of paper but the dreams and aspirations of the people.

"We have made the common man a stakeholder in policy-making and development works are being taken up as per their needs. J&K is making impressive strides in the country in digital connectivity and physical connectivity. Smart City projects have realized the dream of urban transformation and the aspirations and dreams of the youth are blossoming," the LG

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### **Centre Bans**

Minister Narendra Modi's policy of zero-tolerance towards terrorism, the Union home ministry has declared four factions of the Jammu and Kashmir Peoples League "unlawful associations". There are the JKPL (Mukhtar Ahmed Waza), the IKPL (Bashir Ahmad Tota), the JKPL (Ghulam Mohammad Khan) and the

Yaqoob Sheikh-led JKPL (Aziz Sheikh). These organisations were involved in inciting terror and abetting secessionism in Jammu and Kashmir and the government is committed to sup-

pressing terrorism ruthlessly, he said. The Union home minister said the Modi government has extended the ban on the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front for a further period of

five years. "The banned outfit continues to engage in activities that foment terror and secessionism in Jammu and Kashmir. Anyone found challenging the security, sovereignty and integrity of the nation will face harsh legal consequences," he said.

In a notification, the Union home ministry said the JKPFL, chaired by Mohammad Farooq Shah, was indulging in unlawful activities prejudicial to the integrity, sovereignty and security of the country.

Members of the JKPFL have remained involved in supporting terrorist activities and anti-India propaganda to incite secessionism in Jammu and Kashmir, and its leaders and members have been involved in mobilising funds to perpetrate unlawful activities, including supporting secessionist, separatist and terrorist activi-

ties, in the Union territory, it said. The JKPFL and its members show sheer disrespect towards the constitutional authority and the constitutional set-up of the country, the Union home ministry said, justifying its decision to han the group for five years under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act,

In a separate notification, the home ministry said the four factions of the Jammu and Kashmir Peoples League (JKPL) were indulging in unlawful activities prejudicial to the integrity, sovereignty and security of the

It said members of these factions of the JKPL have remained involved in supporting terrorist activities and anti-India propaganda for fuelling se-

cessionism in Jammu and Kashmir. They have been involved in mobilising violent protests in various parts of Jammu and Kashmir to perpetrate unlawful activities, including sustained stone-pelting on security forces, the ministry said.

The JKPL has constantly asked the people of Jammu and Kashmir to refrain from taking part in elections and thereby, targeted and hampered the very basic constitutionally recognised fundamentals of Indian democracy, the home ministry said, announcing the ban on these groups for five years.

In another notification, the ministry extended the ban on the JKLF-Yasin Malik faction for five years and said that the group has been indulging in activities prejudicial to security and public order and has the potential to disrupt the unity and integrity of the country

The home ministry also cited neatly a dozen violent cases in which the members of the group were involved.

### **Public Notice**

My name has been wrongly written in my service book as Irshad Aziz Ganie S/o Mohd Dilawar Ganie R/o Wanigam Payeen while my correct name is Arshid Aziz Ganie S/o Mohd Delwar Ganie R/o Wanigam Payeen which needs to be corrected. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/ her objection in the office of the SSP Office Leh within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Arshid Aziz Ganie S/o Mohd Delwar Ganie R/o Wanigam Payeen

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# Real Kashmir Play Delhi FC At TRC Today As I-League Returns To Valley

**Observer News Service** 

SRINAGAR: Real Kashmir FC will return to their home turf at Synthetic Turf TRC on Sunday to take on Delhi FC in an I-League 2023-24 matchup at 2:00 PM. The Snow Leopards have been on the road for the past three months and will be relishing the opportunity to play in front of their fierce home support.

Ishfaq Ahmad-coached Real Kashmir have been in the running for the I-League title this season, but recent draws have left them fourth in the standings, with 35 points from 19 games. League leaders Mohammedan SC have picked up 44 points from their 19 and look set to claim the title.

Real Kashmir captain and Ivory Coast striker Gnohere Krizo has led the Srinagar club with 11 goals this season and seems upbeat about how his team have performed. With five matchups



still to go, Krizo believes the title race is wide open.

club win matches by scoring goals and I hope it continues "I am very happy to help the like this," Krizo told Sportskee-

da. "We still have our chance to win the I-League. we will fight to the fullest until the last minute. I am very happy to have come back to Real Kashmir. I feel extremely proud to come back home after spending some time away. This is a place where I feel welcome, and I have enjoyed it a lot.'

Krizo also praised his Kash-miri teammates in helping new players acclimatize. He also hailed coach Ishfaq Ahmad's professionalism and hunger to

Meanwhile, Delhi FC is ninth in the 2023-24 I-League standings, racking up 22 points in their 19 outings. In the reverse fixture, the Snow Leopards fell to a 1-0 defeat in Delhi on December 2024. The contest's only goal came in the 77th

This will be the first I-League game of 2024 in Srinagar. Real Kashmir last played in front of their home support on December 16, culminating in a 3-1 win over Shillong Lajong FC.

However, the league was

shifted out of the country dur-

ing the general elections in 2014

when the UPA government was

in power. Then the first phase

was held in the UAE before re-

turning to India for the second

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**Pant's Rapid Recovery Credited** To Gymnastics Background



**Press Trust of India** 

**NEW DELHI:** Rishabh Pant's mental strength and his background in gymnastics has helped the dashing wicketkeeper-batter to make an early recovery. Fifteen months after Pant was involved in a horrific car accident on the Delhi-Dehradun highway in December 2022, the wicketkeeper-batter received a green signal to play in the IPL,

onfidence inside him made us give our 100 per cent in doing the rehab part for him," Thulasi Yuvraj, a physiotherapist at the National Cricket Academy told 'bcci.tv' "The doctors believed that he may take up to two years. Once he came to NCA, it was like a progressive phase for him," he added.

Pant had dabbled in gymnastics at a young age and that served as an asset in his recovery, according to Nishanta Bordoloi, the strength and conditioning coach at

thing was that Rishabh has a background for gymnastic which was a very very big asset for us because there are a few things that come naturally to him," Bordoloi said. "Anytime he would feel he couldn't move, he could tumble or roll over back to his feet again. Which was so much of an added advantage for him.

"The mental strength and to get foundational strength crease." in him, making his body understand what the movements are like.

"It's completely reconstructed thing and once it's reconstructed it takes a lot of mind and body connection. The neural system need to understand, the muscle, tendons have to function," he

Although Pant left no stone unturned, ticking all the boxes, the 26-year found the rehab mundane. "Rehab is very irritating, have to do same thing again and again. But you have to do it because you don't have any other choice. It's boring but the more you do the better you get," said

But returning to the cricket field has made him love the sport more than he could imagine.

"I feel so happy when I go to the ground. The love of cricket has gone up, I used to love it more than anything "The beginning phase was before but still there is an in-

> His treating doctor. nowned orthopedic surgeon Dinshaw Pardiwala has credited the NCA staff and the cricketer's extreme motivation for his comeback.

> "NCA keeping a physio with him daily. Making sure the determination and intensity was there each an every day. He has returned so quickly, six months earlier than anticipated. It is because of his drive, his extreme motivation and also he expertise in rehab aspect," Pardiwal said.

### IPL Is Not Being Shifted Out Of India: League Chairman Dhumal

**Press Trust of India** 

NEW DELHI: IPL chairman Arun Dhumal on Saturday dismissed speculation that the league would be shifted to the UAE due to the upcoming general elections in the country between April 19 to June 1.

There were endless rumours about the IPL being shifted to the Emirates due to the elections which will be held in seven phases with the reports filling social media about players being asked to deposit their passports with respective franchises.

However, Dhumal set the record straight.



"The IPL is not being shifted summit clash here on Sunday. anywhere. We will soon announce the remaining fixture Dhumal told PTI. The schedule for the first two weeks has been already released with defending champions Chennai Super Kings taking on Royal Challengers Bangalore at home on March 22.

In earlier conversations with PTI, BCCI secretary Jay Shah had categorically maintained that the full tournament will be held in India, just like it happened in 2019, the year of previous Lok Sabha election. They were only waiting for the Election Commission to announce the poll

After missing out on the title year, losing by seven wickets to Mumbai Indians in the final, DC looked a rejuvenated side this year. DC have been in superb form this year, topping the fiveteam league standings with 12 points from eight matches. Lanning has led DC from the front, scoring 308 runs from eight innings, while South African allrounder Marizanne Kapp and Australian left-arm spinner Jess Jonassen are the highest wickettakers for the side with 11 scalps

### **Short TAKES**

### **CSK Pacer Set To Be Ruled** Out For 4-5 Weeks: Reports Defending champions Chennai Super Kings have

received a huge blow ahead of their opening game against Royal Challengers Bangalore on March 22. Per Times of India, star pacer Matheesha Pathirana is set to be sidelined for four to five weeks due to an hamstring

Pathirana has been out of action since he picked up a niggle during the second T20I against Bangladesh at Sylhet on March 6 and left the field without completing

### Weightlifter Caught Entering Women's Hostel, Expelled From National Camp

commonwealth Games gold medallist weightlifter Achinta Sheuli has been expelled from the Paris Olympics preparatory camp after he was caught entering the women's hostel at night at NIS Patiala.

The disciplinary breach occurred on Thursday night. The 22-year-old, who competes in the men's 73kg weight class, was caught by security personnel, who made a video of the lifter.

The Sports Authority of India was immediately made aware of the incident.

Due to video evidence, SAI did not constitute an inves-

### Sri Lanka Appoint Aaqib Javed As Fast Bowling Coach Until T20 WC

Sri Lanka on Saturday appointed former Pakistan pacer Aaqib Javed as their fast-bowling coach until the completion of the ICC T20 World Cup 2024 in June. Javed, a 1992 World Cup winner, is currently serving as the Director of Cricket Operations and head coach of the Lahore Qalandars in the Pakistan Super League (PSL).

Javed, 51, has worked with Pakistan senior and junior teams, Afghanistan and UAE in the past. Under his guidance, UAE had obtained the ODI and T20I status and qualified for the 2015 50-over World Cup.

### Coventry Stun Wolves With 2 Late Goals To Reach FA Cup Semis

oventry City stunned Wolverhampton Wanderers 3-2 with two injury-time goals in a rollercoaster FA Cup tie at Molineux Stadium on Saturday as the Championship side reached the semi-finals for only the second time in the club's history.

Wolves' Rayan Ait-Nouri cancelled out Ellis Simms' second-half opener and Hugo Bueno then put the home side ahead in the 88th minute. But Simms grabbed a second in the seventh minute of added time before Haji Wright scored the winner in the 10th minute of injury

### Real Madrid Boss Urges 'Zero Tolerance' Of Racist Abuse In LaLiga

**D**eal Madrid manager Carlo Ancelotti called for a zero tolerance policy against LaLiga's recurring "racism problem" following more incidents of racist abuse directed at forward Vinicius Jr. On Thursday, Vinicius urged the European governing body UEFA to take action against alleged racist



chants directed at him by Atletico Madrid and Barcelona

Real Madrid have also filed a complaint with the state prosecutor's office over hate and discrimination offences, the LaLiga club said on Friday.

### Van Dijk Revels In Pressure Of Liverpool's Enduring Feud With Man United

**Agencies** 

LONDON: Virgil van Dijk says the intensity of Liverpool's bitter rivalry with Manchester United will make Sunday's FA Cup quarter-final a major test for his quadruple chasers.

Liverpool head to Old Trafford looking to move a step closer to the second trophy of manager Jurgen Klopp's farewell season. Having beaten Chelsea in the

League Cup final, Klopp's side are embroiled in a gripping Premier League title race with Arsenal and Manchester City, and also face Atalanta in the Europa League quarter-finals.

With Liverpool targeting a trophy clean-sweep and United hoping to preserve their last chance of silverware this season, the stage is set for the latest chapter in English football's most historic feud.

Separated by just 30 miles, the cities of Liverpool and Manchester have been united in mutual loathing since the Industrial Revolution, competing for bragging rights in football, music, fashion and numerous other domestic squabbles.

On the pitch, Liverpool and United have produced count-



less classic encounters.

But the rivalry turned ugly in the 1970s and '80s when bloody battles between hooligan gangs made the fixture one of the most vicious on the domestic calendar.

While violence in the stands is less prevalent these days, police will be on red alert on Sunday when 9,000 Liverpool fans descend on Old Trafford.

United have a record 20 English titles, but Liverpool, who have six European Cups to their rivals' three, hope to equal that feat this season.

In recent years, Manchester

City have emerged as Liverpool's closest challengers in a series of heavyweight fights for Premier League supremacy.

But despite that change in the balance of power, Liverpool captain Van Dijk believes meetings with United still require a unique level of commitment.

Asked to describe the experience of facing United, the Dutch centre-back said: "Intense. Not only the actual game but the whole build-up is a game on its own. I like to be involved in these type of games."

### 'EXTRA EXPECTATION'

Van Dijk added: "We always have a difficult game against them and I expect a difficult one on Sunday as well.

"They are finding ways to win but I focus on what we have to do against them. It's always difficult, it's always intense.

"The history of the games with the two biggest clubs in England brings extra expectation and pressure. But why not just go out there and enjoy it, play our game and hopefully go to the next round.'

Liverpool have held the upper hand of late, powering to a 5-0 victory at Old Trafford in 2021 and winning 7-0 at Anfield last vear.

United, winners only three times in their previous 18 games against Liverpool, are desperate to avoid the indignity of their enemies effectively ending their season. Erik ten Hag's team sit sixth

in the Premier League and face a tough task to qualify for the Champions League via a topfour finish. Closely scrutinised by new

co-owner Jim Ratcliffe, Ten Hag has been under fire in a disappointing second season, but victory over Liverpool would buy the Dutch manager some breathing space.

"Actually, we never got to turn around so far," Ten Hag said. "We had our opportunities, but we missed them.

"Sunday we have another good opportunity to get the momentum. The team showed lately we are in a very good series of games with a lot of

United will be boosted by the expected return from injury of Denmark striker Rasmus Hojlund and defenders Harry Maguire and Aaron Wan-Bissaka.

"They have to believe they can do it. Now we have to take the momentum," Ten Hag said.

"That is what I feel when I train with them, that they have belief. A good spirit is there. Go and get the turnaround." (AFP)

### **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

amsung officially announced the launch of a new smart

ring-shaped wearable de-

vice, 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 met-

rics observed, which is very simi-

lar to what a smartwatch can do.

The global smart ring market is

falsification of accounts at J&K Bank Branch Pouni."

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.

expected to grow from USD 314.52

billion (246.3 billion) in 2023 to

USD 2,570.30 billion (2,012 bil-

lion) 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 prod-

uct ready in time to compete with

But it might be surprising to

learn that neither Samsung nor Ap-

ple are pioneers in this new wear-

able technology. Oura was launched

in 2015 with a Kickstarter campaign

for the first generation ring.

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Shahjahanpur, Uttar Pradesh: the deceased's brother met Dis-The jail administration has sustrict Magistrate Umesh Pratap pended three jail warders of the Bareilly Central Jail in Uttar Singh on Thursday and gave him

sought written explanation from the two jailors regarding the in-

kar 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

"A written explanation has

also been sought from jailors Vijay Kumar Rai and Neerai 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 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**



Agenceis

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 Wainsworth, 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. Wainsworth, 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.

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



tion 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 plat-

Pradesh following an investiga-

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

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 accelerator that

logs the user's activity and move-

ment. However, the main question

is: is wearable technology worth it?

What is wearable technology?

Wearable devices come in many

shapes and sizes, including smart

a written complaint. The authorities have also shunted a deputy jailor and

"Three jail warders Ravi Shan-

Kumar on Saturday said.

What we know so far about the rumoured Apple smart ring Now on its third generation, watches and sports watches, fit-

ness trackers, head-mounted dis-

plays, smart jewellery, smart cloth-

ing, and even implantable devices. Technological advances have enabled manufacturers to access lowcost, 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 processing 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.

