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PM's Udhampur Rally On April 12 **BJP Expects Over 2 Lakh Turnout**



Agencies

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir Unit of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is expecting a turnout of over two lakh attendees for the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's rally slated to take place in Udhampur on April 12, this vear. This will be the Prime Minister's 3rd public rally

this year alone. Sources said that the much-anticipated meeting with Home Minister Amit Shah, initially slated for April 9 in Jammu, has been postponed. However, political engagements continue as a gathering in Basohli, Kathua, has been arranged for April 15, focusing on discussions pertinent to | More on P6

THE MUCH-ANTICIPATED MEETING WITH HOME MINISTER AMIT SHAH, initially slated for April 9 in Jammu, has been postponed."

Congress To Hold Rally A Day After Modi Visit

o give boost to Congress party's campaign for Udhampur-Doda parliamentary seat, Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) is making every effort to bring star campaigner Priyanka Gandhi to address a rally in Udhampur. Congress party will be holding a



Shoppers Throng Markets In Kashmir Ahead Of Eid-ul-Fitr

even witnessed traffic snarls

due to the Eid shopping rush,

Srinagar and in other district

headquarters to ease vehicle

An employee at a famous

movement, the officials said.

bakery and confectionery

chain here said there was a

they said.

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Markets in Kashmir were abuzz with activity on Monday as people in large numbers were out to shop for Eid-ul-Fitr festival, which will be celebrated this week to mark the culmination of the Muslim fasting month of Ramzan. Bakeries, confectioneries,

mutton and chicken outlets, readymade garments and crockery stores witnessed a heavy rush of customers as good footfall of customers Muslims started preparing and the sales have picked up for the festival, officials said. in the last couple of days. Some places in Kashmir

"We still have at least a couple of days before the Eid and we hope the sales will be

good," he added. Traffic police personnel were deployed in strength in Shopping outlets dealing in clothing, including kids wear and footwear, saw brisk sales, while roadside stalls sprung up in most parts of the city to woo the buyers.

Yawar Ahmad, a young shopper, said | More on P6

Rain In J&K From April 10 **Evening: Met** KO Web Desk

Srinagar: Weatherman here on Monday forecast mainly dry weather in Jammu and Kashmir in next 24 hours and possibility of light rain and snow at many places towards evening of April 10.

A meteorological department official said that until April 9, weather is expected to be generally dry. " On 10th April, weather is

likely to be partly to generally cloudy with light rain/snow (higher reaches) at many places

towards evening," he said. From April 11-12, partly to generally cloudy weather is expected with light rain/snow (higher reaches) | More on P6

Non-local Shot At By Terrorists In Shopian **Press Trust Of India**

Srinagar:Terrorists shot at and injured a non-local person in Jammu and Kashmir's Shopian district on Monday, officials said. At about 9 pm, terrorists fired upon and injured Dilranjeet Singh, a resident of Uttarakhand's Dehradun, in the Herpora area of the south Kashmir district, they said.

Singh was rushed to the Shopian district hospital, from where he was referred to a hospital in Srinagar, the officials said.

They added that the injured man's condition is stated to be stable. | More on P6

Congress, NC Announce Alliance For LS Polls In J&K, Ladakh

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Eid In Makkah

he Shawwal Crescent

Moon was not sighted

in Saudi Arabia on

2024. Meanwhile, Morocco's

Islamic Affairs Ministry an-

nounced that the crescent

moon sighting | More on P6

Monday, April 8, so Eid Al

Fitr will be celebrated on

Wednesday, April 10th,

On April 10

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi:The Congress and the National Conference on Monday announced they will fight the Lok Sabha polls in Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh, in alliance, with both parties contesting three seats each. At a joint press conference here alongside Congress leaders Salman Khurshid and Pawan Khera, National Conference vice | More on P6

the Lok Sabha elections aims to make the country stronger and maintain its secular credentials, National Conference chief Farooq Abdullah said on Monday. "I don't think the manifesto is to break the country. I think the manifesto is to make the country strong and to keep it secular. That is what it is," Abdullah told reporters when asked about Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "Muslim League imprint" remarks on the manifesto. "Anyone who thinks | More on P6

School Timings **Changed From April 12**

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Director School Education Kashmir on Monday ordered change in school timings in the Valley from April 12.

The changes will be effective for recognised government and private educational institutions.

While the schools within Srinagar Municipal Limits will work from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, those falling outside it and other areas (districts) of Kashmir division will work from 10:00 am upto 4:00 pm, as per the order by DSEK. "All the concerned | More on P6

Saudi Stress India-Pak Dialogue

Press Trust Of India

Islamabad: Saudi Arabia and Pakistan have underlined the importance of dialogue between Islamabad and New Delhi to resolve their "outstanding issues", especially the Kashmir issue.

This was stated in a joint statement which was issued a day after Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Saudi de-facto ruler Prince Mohammed bin Salman held an official meeting | More on P6

Pvt Schools In Kashmir Flout Norms **Parents Allege Covert Charges, Forced Book Purchases**

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: In the midst of stringent directives from the Directorate of School Education Kashmir (DSEK) regarding the charging of admission fees by private schools alongside other grievances, allegations have surfaced from parents of students saying some private schools are flouting government norms.

Parents alleged that some schools charge money by minting money under 'miscellaneous' charges and allege that their children are forced to purchase additional books from prescribed book shops.

Pertinently, the Director of School Education Kashmir (DSEK) had instructed private schools to introduce additional books only with the consent of parents. These directives came about during a meeting organized by the Director

Don't Deprive Students Of **Necessary Documents: DSEK**



of School Education Kashmir which involved representatives from approximately 51 private schools affiliated with JKBOSE and CBSE.

However, the public opinion over the introduction of additional books in private schools remains divided. Speaking to Kashmir Observer, some parents voiced their support while some voiced disapproval over the use of addi-

tional books in private schools. "We admit our children in private schools for | More on P6

chool Education Department has nformed that no student in private schools should be victimised by depriving them of necessary documents. The directives were passed by the Director of School Education Kashmir (DSEK) in More on P6



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Including Evidence **In Question Confuses ChatGPT, Lowers Its Accuracy, Study Finds**

Press Trust Of India

sking ChatGPT a health-related question that included evidence was seen to confuse the AI-powered bot and affect its ability to produce accurate answers, according to new research. Scientists were "not sure" why this happens, but they hypothesised that including the evidence in the question "adds too much noise", thereby lowering the chatbot's accuracy.

They said that as large language models (LLMs) like ChatGPT explode in popularity, there is potential risk to the growing number of people using online tools for key health information. LLMs are trained on massive amounts of textual data and hence are capable of producing content in the natural language.

The researchers from the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) and The University of Queensland (UQ), Australia, investigated a hypothetical scenario of an average person asking ChatGPT if 'X' treatment has a positive effect on condition 'Y'. They looked at two question formats - either just a question, or a question biased with supporting or contrary evidence.

The team presented 100 questions, which ranged from 'Can zinc help treat the common cold?' to 'Will drinking vinegar dissolve a stuck fish bone?'. ChatGPT's response was compared to the known correct response, or 'ground truth' that is based on existing medical knowledge.

The results revealed that while the chatbot produced answers with 80 per cent accuracy when asked in a question-only format, its accuracy fell to 63 per cent when given a prompt biased with evidence. Prompts are phrases or instructions given to a chatbot in natural language to trigger a response.

"We're not sure why this happens. But given this occurs whether the evidence given is correct or not, perhaps the evidence adds too much noise, thus lowering accuracy," said Bevan IRO Principa nan

Office of the Returning Officer, I-Baramulla Parliamentary Constituency (Deputy Commissioner) Baramulla

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"Greater Participation For A Stronger Democracy:

PUBLIC NOTICE

This Notice is issued for information of General Public, Political Parties and prospective Candidates intending to submit their Nominations for the upcoming General Election to the Lok Sabha 2024. The Nomination Process for the 1-Baramulla Parliamentary Constituency will commence on 26th of April 2024 (Friday), in accordance with the schedule issued by the Election Commission of India on 16th of March, 2024.

In light of this, advanced publication of guidelines pertaining to the filing of Nominations by candidates nominated by Recognized Political Parties/ Registered Political Parties or those standing independently is provided as under. This is intended to facilitate a seamless and efficient process ensuring ease and convenience for all involved parties/ candidates to avoid any last moment error which can lead to any unwanted action or rejection of Nomination Paper on scrutiny.

PROPOSERS:

- One elector of the Constituency as Proposer with full particulars and his/her signatures on part II of Nomination Paper is required for a candidate set up by a National or State Recognised Political Party.
- b) Ten (10) electors of the Constituency as Proposers with full particulars and their signatures on part II of Nomination Paper are required for a Candidate set up by a Registered but un-recognised Political Party or an Independent Candidate.

DOCUMENTS TO BE ENCLOSED WITH NOMINATION PAPERS:

1. **AFFIDAVIT IN FORM-26**

- a) All the columns to be filled up. If there is no information to furnish against any item, "Nil/NA/Not Known" as may be appropriate, should be mentioned.
- b) Incomplete forms are liable for rejection. Forms received latest by 03:00 PM on the last day of Nomination won't be
- accepted. The candidate shall publish a declaration about all cases mentioned in Form d) 26 for wide publicity in News Papers in Format C-1 at least three different dates from last date of withdrawal till 2 days before Poll Day.
- Same declaration should be made on TV channels on 3 different dates The Political Parties also to make such publications on their website, TV
- Channels and Newspapers in Format C-2

CERTIFIED EXTRACT COPY OF THE ELECTORAL ROLL. 2.

3. FORM-A & FORM-B:

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Form A (Mandate of the Recognised Political Party) to be submitted to Chief a) Electoral Officer J&K and Form A & B to Returning Officer concerned

SECURITY DEPOSIT: 4.

- a. Rs. 25,000/ (Rupees Twenty-Five Thousand) for General category candidate,
- b. Rs. 12,500/ (Rupces Twelve Thousand and Five Hundred) for candidate belonging to Scheduled Caste /Scheduled Tribe Category,

to be deposited in Returning Officer's Official Account No. 0213010200003338 Jammu & Kashmir Bank Branch Baramulla, or under following Head of Account for Election:

8443-CIVIL DEPOSITS -121-DEPOSITS IN CONNECTION WITH ELECTIONS-2-DEPOSITS MADE BY THE CANDIDATE FOR PARLIAMENT.

OATH/ AFFIRMATION. 1.

- Oath to be taken under Article 84 (a) or Article 173 (a) of the Constitution a) of India.
- To be made and subscribed in the Prescribed Form before Authorized b) Persons.
- Authorized Persons are Returning Officer, Superintendent of Prison in c) case of person under preventive detention and Superintendent of Hospital in case of candidate confined to bed in hospital, in case Out of India the Diplomatic/Counsellor Representative of India, Magistrate of First Class, District Judges etc.

2. PHOTOGRAPH:

One Photograph to be pasted on Nomination Paper in the space provided for and another Stamp size recent Photograph in white background with full face view with signature on the back to be enclosed for use on Ballot Paper.

Office of the Naib Tehsildar **Executive Magistrate 1st class Palhallan**

Subject:- Application of Hari Krishan S/o Ram Chand R/o Palhallan Tehsil Pattan District Baramulla Kashmir A/P Govt. Qtr No 261 Block O Janipur Jammu (2) Ganesh Lal razdan s/o Lassa Ram Razdan R/o Palhallan Tehsil Pattan District Baramulla Kashmir A/P presently Residing at ward no 66. sec Ist, Vinayak Nagar Muthin Jammu (3)

Makhan Ial Razdan S/o lassa Ram Razdan R/o Palhallan Tehsil pattan District Baramula Kashmir presently residing at Vivek vihar paloura Jammu (4) Hriday Nath Razdan s/o Lassa Ram Razdan R/o Palhallan Tehsil Pattan District Baramulla Kashmir presently residing at house no 6 sec I. Vivek vihar paloura Jammu (5) Moti Lal Razdan S/o lassa Ram Razdan R/o Palhallan Tehsil Pattan District Baramulla Kashmir presently residing at Vivek vihar paloura Jammu (6) Kanhaiya Lai Razdan S/o Lassa Ram Razdan R/o Palhallan Tehsil Pattan District Baramulla Kashmir presently residing at Vivek vihar paloura Jammu (7) Shuban Lal Razdan S/o Lassa Ram Razdan R/o Palhallan Tehsil Pattan District Baramulla Kashmir presently residing at Vivek vihar paloura Jammu (8) Avtar Krishan S/o Lassa Ram Razdan R/o Palhallan Tehsil Pattan Distnct Baramulla Kashmir presently residing house no 2/131 vikas nagar. subash nagar Jammu (9) Ritu Razdan and Reenu Razdan D/o Late Chaman Lai Razdan R/o Palhallan Tehsil Pattan Distnct Baramulla Kashmir presently residing at Vivek vihar paloura Jammu (here in after called the vendors / party of the first part) for alienation of land measuring 3 kanal 12 malra under surevy no 2860 situated at Village Palhallan Tehsil Pattan through attorney namely Haji Fayaz Ahmad bhat S/o Ghulam Qadir Bhat R/o Palhallan Tehsil Pattan District Baramulla under provisions of J&K migrants immovable property (prevention protection and restraint distress sales act 1997).

PUBLIC NOTICE

Shri Hari Krishan S/o Ram Chand R/o Palhallan Tehsil Pattan Distnct Baramulla Kashmir A/p Govt Qtr No 261 block O Janipur Jammu and others have authorised Haji Fayaz Ahmad Bhat S/o Ghulam Oadir Bhat R/o Palhallan Tehsil Pattan District Baramulla Kashmir alinete the land measuring 3 kanals 12 marlas under survey no 2860 situated at Village Palhallan and the said land owner have exceeded irrevocable general power of attorney duly registered attested by Sub Registrar 3rd additional Munsiff Jammu 29- 11-2017 subsequently the said land owners have alienated 19 marlas out of said survey no 2860 by virtue of agreement to sell duly attested by the notary public Jammu City as per copy of the same produced by Bashir Ahmad Lone S/o Ghulam Mohammad Lone R/o Palhallan .The Said land Owners have moved an application addressed to the Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Srinagar for according permission in favour of the said Bashir Ahmad Lone and accepted to have received commendation from the said vindea (Bashir Ahmad Lone) The said Fayaz Ahmad Bhat has already handover the possession of 19 Marla of land to the said Bashir Ahmad Lone and the rest of the land is possession of the said attorney holder. Now the said Bashir Ahmad lone require permission of competent authority empowered under migrant act. As such the land owners and any other person having interest in the said portion of land may file objections, if any within seven days from the date of publication of this notice and no objection will be entertained after the situpalaited date.

This may be treated final notice issued under my seal & Sign. Executive magistrate Ist class Palhallan fko

The Jammu and Kashmir **State Board Of School Education** New Campus Bemina Srinagar

Notice for General Public

The applicant/ candidate whose photograph is published in this notice and claiming to have lost her qualification certificate/s issued under as per below mentioned details:-

Roll No: 16110211 Class 10th Year & Session Annual Regular 2020 Registration: 1932010000040025 Name : mEHVISH aHSAN Father's Name: Mohammad Ahsan Wani Mother's Name : Mehmooda

Office Of The Advocate Mohammad Fayaz Magrey

OFFICE District Court Complex, Budgam. Pin: 191111.

Cel I: N o 9797792309 email: fayazanj@gmail.com

In the case of: -

1. Mst. Zaina Allias Zeba D/o Jaffar W/o Mohammad Oasim Malik

- 2. Mohammad Qasim Malik
- 3. Ghulam Mohammad Malik
- 4. Mohammad Ibrahim Malik
- 5. Ali Mohammad Malik
- 6. Zoona Begum

Sons and daughters of Ghulam Ahmad Malik All residents of Sehpora Tehsil Magam District Budgam.

7. Ishfaq Ahmad Sheikh s/o Manzoor Ahmad Sheikh R/o Dansira Gondipora Tehsil Beerwah District Budgam.

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| | Caveators |
| V/s | |

Public At Large.

Non Caveator.... IN THE MATTER OF: - Caveat Petition in terms of Section 148-A of C.P.C.

1. That the Caveator has reasons to believe/apprehension that non-Caveator (s) may file a suit/application/petition or any other type of proceedings before the Hon'ble High Court, District Courts. Revenue Courts or any other forum on the ground of distorted facts/misrepresentation and cooked story, may succeed in obtaining some relief/order at their back/ex-parte against the caveators and in such eventuality, the caveators will be put to an irreparable loss and inconvenience. It would be proper that caveators are given opportunity of being heard by the Hon'ble Court before passing any order or direction.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas I Aijaz Ahmad Bhat S/o Abdul Rashid R/o Sariwarpora Pattan.Tasil Pattan District Baramulla intendes to apply in the department of tourism for registration of my proposed travel unit under name and style of inspire Adventures tour and travels Agency situated at Guiwa pattan under tourist trade act 1978/82/2011 12

Whereas,I will submit state domicile, qualification,pan card, experience,(min 5yrs) character(police verification) bank statement (10000) site plan ,affidavit,rent deed,daly attested by sub registrar printing material (letter head visiting card), photograph of the unit (indoor & outdoor) and 2 passport size photograph of the department of tourism as per prescribed checklist prior to registration of my unit as an Excursion Agency. Now as per j&k registration of tourist trade act 1978/82/2011/12 before my case is processed for registration by the competent authority, the matter is hereby notified for information of general public/ financial institutions/bank organization etc.For objection, if any and the same should reach to the assistant Director tourism Gulmarg registration (emaild info@inspireadventures.net) within a period of 15 days from the publication of this notice in leading local newspaper of the valley.No objection beyond a period of 15 days shall b entertained.

ازعدالت ایکزیکیٹومجسٹریٹ درجداول نارہ بل ضلع بڈگام منوان: درخواست منجانب رفيقه بانويوه كلزاراحمه بث ساكنه موضع يارى كند يخصيل ناره بل ضلع بزگام بمراد عطائی اجرائی ڈیپنڈنٹ سرتھیکیٹ تجن سائلہ اشتہار ہرخاص دعام



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Research Scientist and Associate Professor at UQ.

The team said continued research on using LLMs to answer people's health-related questions is needed as people increasingly search information online through tools such as ChatGPT.

"The widespread popularity of using LLMs online for answers on people's health is why we need continued research to inform the public about risks and to help them optimise the accuracy of their answers," said Koopman.

"While LLMs have the potential to greatly improve the way people access information, we need more research to understand where they are effective and where they are not," said Koopman.

The peer-reviewed study was presented at Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP) in December 2023. EMNLP is a natural language processing conference.



I intend to rectify the name and moth er's name of my ward namely Muham mad Noman Wani presently studying in the grade 5th session 2024-25 under roll number 19 and Admission number 8484. Section White in Greenvalley Educational Institute, Ellahi Bagh , Srinagar from Muhammad Noman Wani instead Muhammad Numaan Wani and mother's name from Mudasir instead Mudasir Ashraf which in inadvertently recorded in the school record. In this regard, if anybody have any kind of objection he/she may file the same with Principal Greenvalley Educational Institute, Ellahi Bagh, Srinagar within a period of 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there is no objection from any quarter.

MUSHTAQ AHMAD WANI **R/O AJAS, BANDIPORA**

A separate Bank Account for the purpose of Election Expenditure be opened and Account Number with Name of Bank/ Branch with IFSC be enclosed.

4. SIGNATURE:

Specimen signature of the Candidate and his Election Agent (if any) to be enclosed also.

SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS: 5.

All Social Media Accounts run by the candidate be also enclosed with the Nomination Paper.

NOMINATION BY OVERSEAS ELECTORS:

An overseas elector may approach the authorized person in the Indian mission of the country concerned for making the oath of affirmation.

At the time of filing nomination, he may make the Oath or Affirmation before the Returning Officer or the Assistant Returning Officer, the RO / ARO concerned shall ensure that the identity of the person is properly verified by carefully going through the particulars of the Original Passport of the person.

FILING OF NOMINATION PAPER: Nomination Paper is to be presented in Form - 2A for Lok Sabha either by the Candidate or his Proposer or any one of the proposers of his Nomination Paper and by no one else at the place specified in the public notice between 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM on any of the notified dates.

Nomination papers not to be received on a public holiday as notified under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.

A maximum of 4 sets of Nominations can be filed by each candidate for one constituency.

A candidate cannot file nomination from more than 2 constituencies.

During filing of nominations maximum of 3 vehicles can be allowed within the periphery of 100 meter of RO office.

Apart from candidate only four persons can enter the RO office.

Entire proceeding in and outside the RO's office to be recorded with CCTV or video camera

OPTIONAL FACILITY OF ONLINE SUBMISSION OF NOMINATION:

- h) The facility of Online data entry in Nomination Form will be available for the Candidates through ECI Suvidha Portal (i.e. https://suvidha.eci.gov.in).
- Candidates are required to adhere to the prescribed procedure for registration and completion of the Online Portal meticulously. i) j)
- In online facility (Suvidha portal i.e. suvidha.eci.gov.in), the Candidates can make data entry of their personal details in the Nomination Form and the Affidavit (Form-26).
- k) Validation checks at each step of the process will help the candidates to fill the form in proper format and without errors.
- The facility for online payment of security deposit by the candidates is also 1) available through the same Suvidha Portal.
- m) The process for verifying Nomination Forms in which data entry made by candidates Online shall be scrupulously followed.
- n) It is to be noted that the Form in which the online data entry was made by the candidate, will only be treated duly submitted if a printout with QR Code is taken from the system, signed in ink and delivered by hand, either by the candidate himself or by his proposer between the hours of 11.00 in the Forenoon and 3.00 in the Afternoon to the Returning Officer / Authorised Officer on the appointed date and place being issued through Gazette Notification on 26-04-2024. The Online Nomination Facility will be closed one day prior to the last date of Nomination.

Returning Officer

No. DEOB/2024/563-65 Date: 8 /04/2024 J 1-Baramulla Parliamentary Constituency (Deputy Commissioner Baramulla). DIPK-64/24

dated: 08-04-2024

Date of Birth:- 05-03-2006 **Residenc:- Malwari Newa**

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According the candidate concerned has approach to this office for issuance of Duplicate Qualification /Marks Certificate/s, so before the same is processed and provided to the candidate, under rules, anybody having any objection in this regard, shall bring into the notice of Assistant Secretary of Certificate as well as Assistant Secretary Examination Unit I & III KD within the period of 10 & 7 days respectively, from the date of publication of this notice. (Besides the above referred "Qualification / Marks Certificate/s" bearing No: 20ARKAM-1039942 be treated as "CANCELLED") No: F(Cer is-I-DOC)B/KD/24 Assistant Secretary Dated

Certificates, KD.

Office of the Principal Green Vale Public School Dhobiwan Zone Kunzer DATED: 08-04-2024 Ref. no; GVPS/24/8794 Public Notice

Ths is to inform that we are closing school operations temporarily aand the management / administration of this school has decided to issue school leaving certificates to all enrolled students. In this regard, if anyone has any objection he/she may contact principal HSS Lalpora or ZEO Kunzer within 03 days positively . No objection will be entertained after the lapse of the time given

Principal Green Vale Public School Dhobiwan Tangmarg

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 Pattan) has submitted a case file pertaining to Birth of Zainab Bint Mudassir D/o Mudassir Amin R/o Indergam Tehsil Pattan District Baramulla with verified date of event (birth) as 18-05-2020 occurred at SDH Pattan 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** fko Naib Tehsildar Pattan

فوت ہو چکا ہے متوفی پیشد سے سرکاری ملازم تھا اب سائلہ ڈیپنڈنٹ سرٹفکیٹ حاصل کرنے کی خواماں ہے سائلہ کا پسماندگان بذیل ہے۔ فيقة يبكم يوه كلزاراحمه بث 45 سال كحريلوكام يوه متوفى ماية گلزارد ختر گلزاراحد 17 سال زيرتعليم دختر باذق گلزار ولد گلزاراحه ب 14 سال زیرتعلیم پیر متوفی غلام محمد بث ولد نبر بث ۲۹ سال عمر رسیده والد متوفی تلجه بانوز وجه غلام محمه بث ۲۱ ساک عنر رسیده والده متوفی س کےعلادہ ادرکوئی افرادکنہ مہیں ہے۔ سرگفیکیٹ زیر بحث اجراءکرنے میں اگر 🛛 کہ اگر کم څخص کو کوئی عزر باا عتراض ہوتو وہ بعد مشتہرا خیار سات دن کے اندراندراً بے عذر باعتراض ودالت ہذا کو دفترى دقات كے دوران پیش كريں۔ بعد گزرے ميعادكويى عذر باعتراض قابل قبول نبيس ہوگا۔ نائب تخصيلدا bmg

ازنيابت پلهالن عنوان: در درخواست منجانب مهراج الدين تجام ولد محدر مضان تجام ساكنداوين كهوئي تتخصيل پیٹن بمراداجرائی OBC سرٹفیکیٹ تجق خود اشتهار هرخاص وعام معامله مندرجة غوان الصدريين سائل نے ايک درخواست بغرض OBC سرگفيکيٹ بذمرہ حجام پیش کی ہے جو کہ زیرکاروائی ہے اس بارے میں پٹواری حلقہ سے ریورٹ طلب کی گٹی ہے جس سے عیاں ہے کہ سائل واقعی حجام ذات ہے تعلق رکھتا ہے اور سائل اوس کھوئی تخصیل پٹن میں رہائش پذیر ہےاور بھی بھی ترک سکونت نہیں کی ہے سائل کا کنبہ بذیل افراد پر مشتل ہے محمدر مضان حجام ولدر حمان حجام 66 حجام تاجه بيكم زوجه محمد رمضان تحجام 65سال گھريلو کام مهراج الدين حجام ولدمحد رمضان حجام 28 سال زىرتىعلىم مسره مشتاق زوجه مهراج الدين حجام 28 سال گھريلوکام صبان مهرباج ولدمهراج الدين حجام 03 سال شيرخوار سائل ندکور OBC سرٹفیکیٹ حاصل کرنے کاخواں ہے اورکنبہ کی سالانہ آمدنی 108000 روبےتک ہے ۔ مرتفیکیٹ زیر بحث اجراء کرنے میں اگر کہ اگر کی شخص کو کوئی عزرياا عتراض موتووه بعدمشتهرا خبارسات دن كاندرا ندرآ يناعذر باعتراض ودالت هذا كودفتري ادقات کے دوران پیش کریں۔بعد گزرے میعادکویی عذر پاعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔ نائب تخصيلدار FKO

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Haryana Governor Visits **Srinagar's Lal Chowk**

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatreya on Monday visited the historic Clock Tower in Srinagar's Lal Chowk city centre during his visit to Jammu and Kashmir.

Dattatreya visited the Lal Chowk city centre this evening and also clicked pictures near the famous Ghanta Ghar (Clock Tower), which was renovated last year under the Srinagar Smart City Project and has become a major attraction for tourists.

feeling of immense happiness," he said.

Dattatreva said now there is peace and calm in the Kashmir valley, which is a matter of immense happiness.

Kashmir to move forward on the path of development," he added.

governor also visited the under construction martyrs memorial at Pratap Park here

tyrs' memorial and paid tributes to our martyrs,



Speaking to reporters, the Haryana governor said he felt very happy to visit the city.

"I came here when I was Railways minister in Vajpayee government. I got to visit the Lal Chowk and it gave me a

he said. Dattatreya said he

same day.

Women Embellish Hands With Henna Ahead Of Eid-ul-Fitr

Agencies

Srinagar: As Eid ul Fitr approaches, the traditional art of applying henna, known as Mehandi has gripped Kashmir, drawing women and girls to the markets in large numbers.

Many women of various age groups were seen thronging markets, eager to adorn their hands with intricate henna designs.

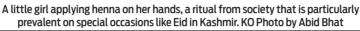
A woman said the tradition of applying henna is deeply rooted in the culture and it's heartening to see so many people embracing it

with such enthusiasm. She added that surge of interest in henna artistry, noting the creativity and passion displayed by customers in selecting their preferred designs.



Later, the Haryana

"I visited the mar-



Conference In Srinagar

Darakhshan Chairs Imam-o-Khateeb

Observer News Service Srinagar: Chairperson of Jammu and Kashmir Waqf Board, Dr Sved Darakhshan Andrabi today chaired a Conference of Imams and Khateebs in Srinagar today. All Imams and Khateebs of

Waqf Board participated in the conference while as Waqf Board members Syed Mohammed Hussain & Dr Darakhshan Andrabi

reviewed in the meeting and a deliberation on propagation of the sufi ideology took place where in all religious preachers expressed their views on the responsibility of Imams & Khateebs on social awakening related to the hazards of the drug abuse, importance of peace and harmony in the society.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Andrabi said that it was the responsibility of the preachers to pass on the messages related to moral values and social values to the new generation in our society.

"Spirit of inclusivity and spirituality is our strength & we need to propagate this sufi ideology. The teachings of our spiritual leaders and Wallis and Rishis need to be disseminated to the youth", said Dr Darakhshan.

She said that this was the age of the revival of the sufi thought in J&K and religious preachers have a bigger role to play. While extending Eid greetings to the religious preachers, Dr Andrabi wished them all the best for Eid prayers in their respective areas.



Observer News Service

Srinagar: On the auspicious occasions of Navratra and Eid-ul-Fitr, the Director General of Police. J&K, R.R Swain has extended heartfelt greetings to the fellow citizens living in J&K, Police officers, men and women person-

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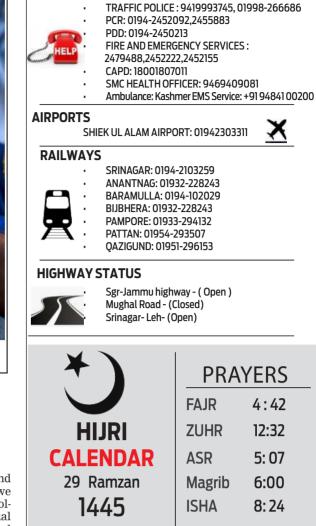
nel and their families. He has conveyed special wishes of health and happiness for the families of our martyrs.

In his message the DGP has said, "May almighty usher in peace and prosperity to each home in J&K. Let all souls emit prayers for the good of their neighbors,

origin."

On this propitious occasion, the DGP thanked the people of the J&K for their unwavering support and cooperation to the police whenever work with sincerity and honesty.





This Day In History

1691 - French troops occupy Mons

- 1772 Philosopher and mathematician Jean-Baptiste Le Rond d'Alembert becomes permanent secretary of the French Academy of Sciences
- 1864 Battle of Pleasant Hill LA, 2870 casualities 1869 - Hudson Bay Company cedes its territory to Canada
- 1917 Battle of Arras begins
- 1928 Turkey passes separation of church & state
- 1942 Battle of Bataan; US-Filipino forces overwhelmed by Japanese at Bataan
- 1945 Battleship Admiral Scheer sunk by RAF bombing in Kiel
- 1945 Liberty ship at Bari Italy carrying aerial bombs explodes, kills 360
- 1947 Atomic Energy Commission confirmed
- 1947 Tornadoes striking West Texas & Oklahoma kill 169, injuring 1,300
- 1948 Massacre at Deir Yassin.
- 1949 UN International Court of Justice holds Albania responsible for incidents in Corfu Channel and awards Britain damages
- 1955 US performs nuclear test at Nevada Test Site. 1959 - NASA names 1st 7 astronauts for Project Mercury
- 1960 South African Prime Minister Hendrik Verwoerd survives an assassination attempt by David Pratt despite being twice shot in the face
- 1963 Winston Churchill becomes 1st honorary US citizen



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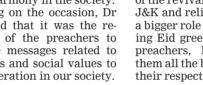
heartening to see so many people

embracing it with such enthusiasm.

each stroke of the henna cone, intricate patterns and motifs come to life, reflecting the rich cultural heritage of the region.

Likewise, a henna artist, whose stall was bustling with customers eager

also participated in the conference. Eid-al-Fitr arrangements were



the wider community they live in irrespective of caste, religion and

and wherever JKP tried to do good

Another female, Mosina said that Henna application is not just a form of adornment; it's an expression of identity and tradition. She added that with

to get their hands adorned, told KNO as an artist, she is satisfied to see her customers happily leaving her kiosk when they see the final result.

She added that their work gets doubled ahead of Eid and they are working tirelessly to see their clients are satisfied—(KNO)

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 - اداسی کی کیفیت۔
 - ذبنی پریشانی کے آثار
 - منشیات کی لت پر قابو پانے کے لۓ مشاورت
 - خودکشی کے انتہائی اقدام سے روکنے کی مشاورت





- 1967 1st Boeing 737 (a 100 series) makes its maiden flight
- 1972 USSR & Iraq sign friendship treaty
- 1975 24 OECD members sign an agreement to establish a \$25 billion lending facility to provide assistance to industrial nations hurt by high oil prices

From KO Archives

War Of A Different Kind Breaks Out On LoC

Observer News Service

AMAN POST, (LOC) -India and Pakistan for a change engaged in a different game other than cricket on Thursday when the passengers from both the parts of divided Kashmir crossed sides at the Aman Sethu (Peace Bridge) here.

Besides the 49 passengers from – 19 from India and 30 km Pakistani part of Kashmir- a large number of media persons gathered from across the globe, leaders of some political parties and of course the soldiers saw the two countries lock horns -in a poster and banner battle.

"Pakistan se rishta kya...la-ilaha-il-Allah" read a huge hoarding erected just

across LoC "Mazhab nahin Sikahat Aapas Mein Bair Rakhna" countered a banner from India. Then there was one from j Pakistan which read. "We welcome our Kashmiri brethren". "Every Step on April 7 will strengthen the bonds between India and Pakistan," was the Indian reply.

However Pakistan gave | an edge over India in display of flags. While the tri-colour was not at all seen at the last Indian military outpost, the green and white dominated the entire area: across the border. Hundreds of Pakistani and 'Azad Kashmiri flags were seen on the other side.

The other count where Pakistanis seem to have scored over India was the errection of a signboard indicating direction and distance to various cities. While the Indian sign showed the distance to Srinagar, the Pakistani one indicated direction to Islamabad, Tehran and Makkah.

The Jammu and Kashmir government presented a momento to the passengers on board the "karvaane-aman (Caravan of Peace)" from India and also to those from Muzaffarabad. 'The wooden memento had carvings of two Kashmiris embracing each other. Bouquets were also presented to them. (Kashmir Observer, 09 April, 2005)

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Alliances That Fragment Votes

he emergence of competing political alliances in Jammu and Kashmir threatens to exacerbate an already fractured electoral scenario. The envisioned coalition spearheaded by the Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP), Apni Party (JKAP), and People's Conference (JKPC) adds yet another layer of complexity to an already intricate web of political alliances and rivalries in the union territories.

While the formation of alliances may ostensibly aim to provide an alternative to entrenched political players, the reality is that such alliances risk fragmenting the vote further in the Kashmir Valley. This fragmentation could potentially undermine the democratic process and inadvertently benefit parties with narrower interests. Besides, the competing alliances threaten to dilute the strength of opposition voices and pave the way for electoral outcomes that do not necessarily reflect the will of the people. With analysts widely predicting that these alliances are unlikely to secure any seats outright, their presence in the electoral arena could ultimately lead to undesirable outcomes for the people of Kashmir, on whose behalf they are professing to fight.

At a time when Jammu and Kashmir is grappling with numerous challenges, including political instability, and economic underdevelopment, what is needed is a concerted effort to prioritize the interests of the people above narrow partisan interests. Instead of perpetuating the cycle of fragmented politics, political actors should focus on building consensus and forging meaningful alliances that address the disenchantment in the region.

It is imperative for political actors in Jammu and Kashmir to adopt a more pragmatic and inclusive approach to electoral politics. Rather than pursuing shortterm gains at the expense of long-term stability, they should prioritize dialogue and cooperation in order to address the multifaceted challenges facing the region.

The advent of competing alliances in the Kashmir Valley is therefore a cause for concern, as it threatens to deepen existing divisions and undermine the prospects for meaningful political change.

In the larger context of Indian politics, the formation of this alliance assumes significance as it reflects the growing trend of pre-poll alliances across the country. With political parties increasingly recognizing the strategic imperative of forging alliances to maximize electoral gains, the Jammu and Kashmir alliance typifies this trend, albeit in a region characterized by unique socio-political realities.

As the Lok Sabha elections draw nearer, the political maneuvering in Jammu and Kashmir is becoming increasingly complex. With multiple parties vying for supremacy and alliances redefining political equations, the stage is set for a keenly contested electoral battle. And its outcome will determine to a large extent the future political course for Kashmir.

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Goal Worth Setting

Why Wildlife Conservation in India is Important, Now More Than Ever

Mohammad Hanief

Excessive exploitation of plant and animal resources by human beings has disturbed the ecosystem thoroughly. About 1,300 plant species are endangered and about 20 species are extinct. Many species are endangered and some have even become extinct. There has been a depletion of wildlife and forests in India as well

life species like lions, crocodiles, rhinoceros present in the forest. They usually get hunted for their skins, nails, horns and meat. Skins are used for manufacturing clothes, ropes and many useful items. Human beings kill these animals only to fulfil their needs, which are unnecessary and can be fulfilled by other alternatives. So, preventing wildlife species from uneven poaching and killing is wildlife conservation. It is the distinctive approach for protecting the wildlife on Earth and their habitat so that their future generations can exist without any fear.

here are hundreds of wild-

Wildlife refers to those organisms that live in forests and remain unfamiliar with the interaction of humans. In simple words, wildlife refers to undomesticated animal species that live away from humans in their habitat. Animals who live in a wild en-

vironment can be called wild animals, which are also referred to as "wildlife" in the modern world. Some of its examples include: Fox, Eagles, Bull, Bear, Crocodile, fox, wild sheep, wild cat, mountain goat, gazelle and so forth. Deserts, forests, rainforests, plains, and grasslands are some places where wildlife is found.

Wildlife Conservation can be defined as preventing wildlife from uneven killing and poaching. It also involves the practice of making people aware by telling them about the importance of wildlife.

Wildlife Conservation is very important to maintain the food chain and ecosystem balance. If all the tigers get hunted for skins, then the count of deers increases drastically. Along with this, if humans kill all the hens for meat, then there would be no source of eggs. So, Wildlife conservation is necessary to maintain the population of animals on Earth to maintain their role in the ecosystem and food chain.

On Earth, all living beings are interconnected to each other. Whether a lion or a human, every organism plays a significant role in the ecosystem. Wildlife conser-



National Park, Sepilok Orangutan Sanctuary etc. The governments of many countries have implemented strict norms to promote wildlife conservation. The life of human beings without wildlife is impossible on Earth and therefore, wildlife conservation is very significant.

The landmass of India is home to a wide variety of flora and fauna. A wide range of birds and animals live in the diverse terrain of the country. From Royal Bengal Tigers to Asiatic Elephants, India is home to a huge variety of animals in its 89 National Parks, 18 Bio-Reserves, and more than 400 wildlife sanctuaries.

The forests of India are home to approximately 500 mammal species and over 2000 bird species. India, like its flora, is a good habitat for Fauna, the collective animal lives. A wide range of animal products is used to benefit our health. More than 90000 animal species can be found in India. This country has approximately 2000 bird species that are classified as Avifauna. They constitute 13% of the global population. There are approximately 2546 fish species present, accounting for nearly 12% of the global stock. It belongs to the Pisci Fauna family. India also has a small percentage of the world's amphibians, reptiles, and mammals, ranging from 5% to 8%

North India is rich in wildlife and provides a stunning image of Indian wildlife. North India's vegetation is primarily deciduous and coniferous, and it is home to a dilished by the government that protects large areas of natural habitats.

These areas provide buffer zones that are open for some economic uses and not only for flora and fauna but humans who inhabit the areas too. There are 3 important zones of the biosphere which include the Core, Buffer, and Manipulation. Some important biosphere reserves are the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve, Sundarbans Biosphere Reserve, Gulf of Mannar Biosphere Reserve, Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve, and so forth.

Endangered species refer to the type of organism that is being threatened by extinction. Internationally, the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species is one of the most well-recognized catalogs for threatened species.

Generally, the criteria for endangered species include a significant reduction in population size of a large percentage over recent years, with a continuing decline; along with a severe shrinkage in geographic range.

A wildlife sanctuary is an area where animal habitats and their surroundings are protected from any sort of disturbances like capturing, killing, and poaching of animals is strictly prohibited in these areas.

They aim for providing a comfortable living to the animals. India has some beautiful wildlife sanctuaries with dense forests, large rivers, and mountains. A few important wildlife sanctuaries in India



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n 2013-14, the year before the Narendra Modi government came to power, India was the world's 10th largest economy. At the end of its second term, the country's ranking has improved to fifth, behind the US, China, Japan and Germany. The Prime Minister has "guaranteed" it would further go up to third, should he get a third term.

A closer scrutiny, however, shows that the progress from No 10 to No 5 came on the back of an average annual GDP growth of 5.9 per cent between 2014-15 and 2023-24, below even the 6.8 per cent during the 10 years of the previous Congress-led dispensation. Given India's present GDP of about \$3.5 trillion (as against Germany's \$4.4 trillion and Japan's \$4.2 trillion), it needs to grow by hardly 6 per cent annually (and the latter two at their current sub-2 per cent rates) for emerging as the world's No 3 by 2028.

d's No 3 sounds good; it adds to the neft and ability to exert influence at care. But from a developmental perspective, what

matters really is not the aggregate size of the economy as much as its population's general standard of living. That, in turn, is reflected by the per capita GDP. At just over \$2,500, it's way below China's \$13,000.

Considering that, in 1990, India's per capita GDP of \$369 was actually higher than China's \$348, it only shows how much distance the latter has traveled over the last three decades. If the current and the coming two decades are to be India's decades, the least it must do is target a quadrupling of the per capita GDP to \$10,000 in today's prices.

This is consistent with the Modi government's own vision of a Viksit Bharat or "developed India" by 2047. Going by the World Bank's definition, India is now a "lower-middle income" and China an "upper-middle income" country, with the threshold for "high income" — roughly corresponding to "developed" — at \$13,845. China is, in fact, almost there.

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Quadrupling an average Indian's income in real terms by 2047 is an aspirational target most would more easily relate to, than a \$30-trillion GDP. When Prime Minister Modi, in February 2016, gave a call for "doubling farmers' income by 2022", it led to more focused policy-making from all concerned departments towards achieving the stated goal. A similar target, to raise the standard of living of ordinary Indians, would be worth aiming for — more so when evidence points to headline poverty rates under successive governments coming down significantly. Per capita GDP targets, both near and far term, would be good gauges for policymakers seeking to move beyond eliminating poverty.

The Indian Express

dangered animals like giant pandas, tigers, whooping cranes, Asian elephants and so forth live in these wildlife sanctuaries. Here, they can enjoy their habitat and can breed easily.

Wildlife conservation is essential to maintain the balance of the ecosystem. It is necessary to protect the rare and extinct species of animals. In India and around the world, there are different wildlife sanctuaries to protect and preserve some distinctively rare animals like Kaziranga National Park, Jim Corbett Himalayas, and the Indo-Burma region are three of the 34 richest biodiversity spots in the world. According to a study conducted, India is one of the 17 countries that host about 60 to 70 percent of the world's biodiversity.

Biosphere reserves are protected areas that are meant for the conservation of plants and animals. They also help to restore the traditional life of the tribals living in close vicinity. There are 18 Biosphere Reserves in India estabuse of reckless cutting of trees to bring land under cultivation and habitation are also responsible for the imbalances which are caused in the ecosystem.

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Srinagar's Tulips Delight

In the heart of Srinagar lies a celebration of nature's finest artistry. As the winter chill fades away and the sun starts to shine brighter, the Kashmir Valley comes to life with the vibrant colours of the Tulip Garden Festival. The iconic annual festival, which is being held in Kashmir now, carries profound cultural significance. The festival serves as a testament to the region's rich heritage and vibrant arts scene. Every year, the majestic festival draws a huge attraction as it offers a breath of fresh air to the war-torn region. And this year, the festival is even more enchanting, with new features and an expanded garden area. There are hundreds of thousands of flower bulbs planted across swathes of prime floral estate. In fact, the London-based World Book of Records has included the garden in its pages for a record of 1.2 million bulbs bloomed in 2018. It has also been judged among the top five tulip gardens of the world by the World Tulip Summit Society in Canada. Indeed the promising petals of tulip flowers bloom in Kashmir around this time every year against the snow-capped mountains lure the localites and tourists back to a land torn by years of separatist violence.

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Farewell to Ramazan

The days that have passed are gone forever, irretrievably lost to man

Mohd Amin Mir

66By time! Verily man is in loss. Except such as have faith, and do righteous deeds and (join together) it is mutual enjoining of truth and of patience and consultancy" (Quran 103:1-3).

How so true are the words of Allah! It seems almost unbelievable that we welcomed the blessed month of Ramazan only a few weeks ago. And again here we are; getting ready to bid goodbye to the month of glory.

These days that have passed are gone forever, irretrievably lost to man and they will only be called forth to be accounted for on the day of Judgement. Truly, anyone that has not used this month of fast to earn the mercy of Allah is in total loss and IS a sure loser! Man is also a loser if he has abstained from food, drink, and sex during the daylight of this month but still has not benefited from the discipline, piety and spirituality of Ramadan.

Only that person has gained who has used the month to constantly remember Allah and "do righteous deeds and (join together) in the mutual enjoining of truth and of patience and constancy"(Q103:3). Now is the time to ask ourselves which of the three categories we belong to: are you a sure loser, a kaffir (unbeliever) who has refused to obey Allah and fast in this glorious month? Or are you a loser still, the one who has observed the fast as a cultural habit without its lessons or are you the winner - the muttaqi (the pious) who has observed the fast with true iman (faith) and insha Allah gets the full reward from Allah? It is an annual ritual;



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with our piety indicator; then the whole of this blessed month would have been wasted. If however, fasting and the taqwa and constant remembrance of Allah that comes with it becomes a way of our lives, then we belong to the class of the muttaqun on whom there is neither fear nor grief.

Again, where are we? All praise is due to Allah at the end as in the beginning. May His blessings continue to abide on the best of mankind and the last of His Messengers, Muhammad (peace be upon him) and all those who follow him till the end of time. (Amin). May Allah accept our fast as an act of ibaadah and admit us into His Jannah (Paradise).

FAREWELL MOMENTS OF RAMAZAN

As the month of great mercies draws to a close, as the faithful engage in final acts of Ramadan devotions, as believers anticipate divine acceptance and as Muslims across the world prepare for the coming Eid celebrations, let us bid farewell to the blessed month of Ramadan with the exhortations from Ibn Rajab al-Hanbali:

Servants of God! The month of Ramazan has resolved to leave, and only a little of it now remains. Those among you who have done well in it, let them see it through till its end. Those who have fallen short, let them finish it with goodly actions. Enjoy the remaining few days and nights that are left of it. Bid it farewell with righteous deeds that will testify in your favour before the All-Knowing King. See it off by parting with it with the purist greeting of peace.

O month of Ramazan, be gentle! The tears of the lovers are streaming down at your departure and their hearts torn asunder at the pain of separation. Perhaps standing to bid you farewell may quench the flames of yearning that burn within. Perhaps a few moments of repentance and abstinence may mend of the fast all that has pierced it. Perhaps one cut-off from the caravan (of fasters) may find divine acceptance along with them. Perhaps one who was deserving of the Fire will be set free.

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Sunnah Acts of Eid-Al-Fitr

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While Eid is a day of celebration and joy, it is also a day of worship and we can attain extra rewards by fulfilling the sunnah acts that the Prophet (ﷺ) performed on this day. Here are some good deeds as per the sunnah, that you can perform to enhance your Eid day.



Spring in Kashmir: A Symphony of Tulips and Almond Blossoms

Spring symbolises nature's rejuvenation and the promise of new beginnings

Aausyf Ibn Farooq

Kashmir's springtime is



1. Perform ghusl

Perform the ritual bath before going for Eid prayer. Maintaining cleanliness is not just important for health and hygiene purposes. When we make sincere intention to perform ghusl for the sake of Allah (SWT), it also helps purify our hearts and cleanse our souls.

Abu Malik at-Ash'ari reported:

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: Cleanliness is half of faith. (Muslim)

2. Wear your best clothes for the Eid prayer

Eid-al-Fitr is a very special gift from Allah (SWT) after a month of fasting and worship and we can show our gratitude for receiving such a wonderful gift by wearing our best clothes which are clean and modest. Contrary to popular belief, they don't have to be brand new!

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Imam an-Nasafi says in Kanz ad-Daqa'iq: "The Sunnah is to wear one's best clothes on Eid."

3. Eat breakfast before the Eid prayer

It is sunnah to eat something, even if it is just dates, before leaving for Eid prayer as it signals the end of fasting and a day of rejoicing. Narrated Anas bin Malik:

"Allah's Messenger (☞) never proceeded (for the prayer) on the Day of Eid-ul-Fitr unless he had eaten some dates." Anas also narrated: "The Prophet (☞) used to eat odd number of dates." (Bukhari)

4. Take two different routes going to and from the Eid prayer

Narrated Jabir (RA): "On an 'Eid day, Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) would return by a different road from the one he had taken when going out (for the 'Eid prayer.)." (Bukhari) There is great reward for

every step taken when returning from the prayer as well as when coming to it.

Abu Huraira reported: "The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "He who purified himself in his house, and then he walked to one of the houses of Allah for the sake of performing a Fard (obligatory act) out of the Fara'id (obligatory acts) of Allah, both his steps (would be significant) as one of them would obliterate his sin and

the second one would raise his

5. Recite the Takbeerat

status." (Muslim)

It is recommended to recite the Eid Takbeer from the night of Eid up until the Imam comes forward for the Eid prayer. On the way to the masjid, takbeerat should be recited softly.

The Eid Takbeer is:

Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar. La Ilaaha Illallahu Wallahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar wa Lillahil Hamd "Allah is Most Great, Allah is Most Great, Allah is most Great there is no god but Allah, Allah is Most Great, Allah is Most Great, and to Allah be praise."

You can also read our article on How to pray Eid Salah.

6. Congratulate each other and give Eid greetings

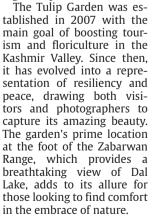
Spread the joy of Eid and greet everyone by shaking hands and embracing fellow Muslims after Eid salah. You can also sprinkle a dose of generosity by passing out candy for children at the mosque and giving gifts to family and friends.

It was narrated by Jubayr ibn Nufayr (ra), that the Sahabah (ra) used to greet each other on the day of Eid with: 'Taqabbal Allaahu Minnaa Wa Minka', which means 'May Allah accept (the fast and worship) from us and from you'. (Fathul-Bari)

May this day be a source of blessings and peace for us all and May Allah (SWT) grant us a blessed Ramadan and a joyous Eid!

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is painted with vivid colors and soft scents as nature emerges from its winter hibernation. The Tulip Garden and Badamwari Garden are two well-known locations at the center of this seasonal change. Stretching across an impressive 80 acres, the Tulip Garden, also called the Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden, is the largest tulip garden in Asia. It is located in Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir, India. This floral wonderland, bursting with over 1.5 million tulips in a kaleidoscope of colors, is a sight to behold and attracts tourists from far and wide to see its captivating beauty.



Approximately 1.7 million colored tulip bulbs were originally imported from Amsterdam's Keukenhof tulip gardens. Roughly 73 different types of tulips can be found in the garden today. In addition to tulips, there are 46 other flower varieties that were imported from Holland, such as daffodils, ranunculus, and hyacinths.

The yearly Tulip Festival, which takes place in the garden, enhances the joyous atmosphere with handicrafts, music, and food that highlight Kashmir's rich cultural legacy. This year, on March 23, 2024, the Tulip garden was opened to the public. Visitors engagement in

2023, the garden achieved a record number of visitors. The garden saw 365,000 visitors in a single month, from March to April, with 3,000 of those visitors coming from outside the country. This indicates the garden's increasing significance and popularity as a travel destination. Similarly, the historic

Badamwari Garden, known for its almond blossoms, is tucked away against the foothills of the Zabarwan Range and overlooks Dal Lake. Encompassing over 37 acres, this garden is brought to life in the springtime by the delicate pink and white blossoms of the almond trees, which create an airy and captivating atmosphere that captivates the senses. With the help of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank, Badamwari, which is thought to have existed before the 14th century, was brought back from abandonment in 2008. It still serves as a symbol of Kash-

serves as a symbol of Kashmir's diverse cultural fabric today, beckoning tourists to experience its timeless allure and serene beauty. Beyond their comparative botanical beauty, there is a deep connection between the Tulip Garden and the Badamwari Garden. These gardens tell a story of hope and resiliency that appeals to tourists from all over the world. They are symbols of love, rebirth, and harmony that capture the essence of spring in Kashmir. Almond blossoms, symbolising hope and rejuvenation and the valley's readiness to welcome the warmth of the sun after the hard winter months, are symbolic of almond blossoms and new beginnings, respectively. These gardens are becoming more and more well-known as top tourist destinations, which reinforces their significance as regional cultural landmarks. Recent developments include visitor numbers that have broken records. Jahangir visited kashmir

Jahangir visited kashmii and eloquently proclaimed;

"Gar firdous bar-rue zamin ast, hami asto, hami asto, hami ast"

"If there is paradise on this earth, it is here, it is here, it is here..."

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News

Agenceis sudden atmospheric warming event barrier between the frigid air near the course can be attributed to some-Impact on people and weather

n a startling turn of events, the Arctic's polar vortex, a colossal ring of frigid air that encircles the North Pole, recently veered off its usual course, spinning in the opposite direction. This extraordinary occurrence, which transpired around March 4, stands as one of the six most robust reversals witnessed since 1979. The

responsible for this unconventional shift has set off a remarkable "ozone spike" and has the potential to impact global weather patterns.

The polar vortex, a vast area of low pressure found in the polar regions, maintains a year-round presence, entrapping cold air within its counterclockwise flow. It is sustained by a powerful jet stream, working as a

poles and the warmer air in lower latitudes. The stratospheric polar vortex, characterized by its freezing cold air, forms high in the atmosphere near the North Pole, with winds reaching speeds of approximately 249.45 kilometer per hour – comparable to the minimum wind speed for a Category 5 hurricane.

The reversal of the polar vortex's

thing known as "Sudden Stratospheric Warming events," which caused an influx of ozone from lower latitudes around the Arctic, leading to the unexpected change in direction. Atmospheric planetary waves breaking in the polar stratosphere increased its temperature, resulting in the reported "ozone spike" – the largest ob-served in March since 1979.

The recent reversal of the Earth's polar vortex, a rare and perplexing phenomenon, has raised questions about its potential impact on global weather patterns.

When the polar vortex weakens or experiences disruption, the cold air it contains can seep into lower latitudes. leading to significant weather events. While the primary danger to humans

lies in the severity of plummeting temperatures when the polar vortex expands, sending Arctic air southward into regions unaccustomed to such extreme cold, its effects are felt far beyond the polar regions. Portions of Europe and Asia have also experienced cold surges linked to the polar vortex, and disruptions to its usual behavior can trigger extremely cold weather and storms across large areas.

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BJP Expects

the Udhampur parliamentary constituency, represented by Defense Minister Rajnath Singh. Adding to the political fervor, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to address a rally in Udhampur on April 12. State party president Ravindra Raina told reporters that there is an expected turnout of over two lakh attendees for the Prime Minister's rally. Acknowledging the logistical challenges posed by such a large gathering, meticulous planning is underway to address essential amenities such as water supply, restroom facilities, and parking arrangements.

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) had earlier unveiled an extensive campaign strategy, enlisting the support of 40 leaders, including prominent national figures and local stalwarts.

Among the high-profile leaders slated to participate in the campaign were Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BJP National President Jagat Prakash Nadda, Defense Minister Rajnath Singh, and Home Minister Amit Shah. Additionally, the lineup includes other notable personalities such as National Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, and Minister Anurag Thakur, among others. The BJP's campaign roster featured a mix of seasoned politicians and emerging leaders, aiming to resonate with diverse segments of the electorate. Notable inclusions are Jairam Thakur, Sunil Jakhar, Smriti Irani, Bhajan Lal Sharma, Pushkar Singh Dhami, and Tarun Chugh, among others, highlighting the party's concerted effort to leverage both national and local appeal—(KNO)

Congress To Hold

rally in Udhampur on April 13 to further push its chances of winning the seat.

According to reports, a day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's rally in Udhampur on April 12, Congress party will be holding the rally in the city to get people on their side.

"We will be holding a rally in Udhampur on April 13 where apart from PCC leaders some star campaigners will be in the town to address the mega event," Vikar Rasool Wani, PCC President said.

Sources in the Congress party said that Congress leaders are roping in star campaigner Privanka Gandhi to

Eid In Makkah

for Eid Al Fitr will take place on Tuesday. Eid al-Fitr marks the end of Ramadan, the month of fasting in the Islamic calendar. It's a time for joyous gatherings and breaking the fast with family and friends.

Although the moon sighting is scheduled for April 10 in India, the final confirmation may lead to cel-ebrations on April 11. This is because Eid al-Fitr falls on the first day of Shawwal, determined by the sighting of the crescent moon. Kerala is the only Indian state whose Eid al-Fitr date is determined based on a sighting of the moon in Saudi Arabia.

Rain In J&K

at few places.

"From April 13-15, generally cloudy weather is expected with light to moderate rain/snow (higher reaches) at many places with thunder/lightning/hailstorm and gusty winds at few places.'

From April 16-17, he said, partly to generally cloudy weather with light rain/snow (higher reaches) is expected at a few places.

Regarding the temperature, he said, Srinagar recorded a minimum of 5.8°C, Qazigund 2.6°C, Pahalgam 0.2°C, Kokernag 4.5°C, Kupwara 3.6°C, Gulmarg 0.0°C, Jammu 17.0°C, Banihal 4.8°C, Batote 8.5°C and Bhaderwah 4.0°C.

Non-local Shot

Police have cordoned off the area where Singh was shot at and a hunt has been launched to nab the attackers, the officials said.

Congress, NC

president Omar Abdullah said the Congress would contest Udhampur, Jammu and Ladakh Lok Sabha seats while the National Conference would field candidates in Anantnag, Srinagar and Baramulla.

The announcement comes a day after Mehbooba Mufti's Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) president named her party's candidates for three seats of the Kashmir Valley, signalling a breakdown of seat-sharing talks with the INDIA bloc partners.

Asked about seat-sharing talks not succeeding with the PDP, the Congress' national alliance committee member Khurshid said the Mehbooba Mufti-led party is very much part of the INDIA loc but seat-sharing with it could not be worked out. Abdullah said, "I want to formally announce that the National Conference and Congress will jointly contest the elections in Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh with the two parties fielding candidates on three seats each." "The National Conference will support Congress candidates in Udhampur, Jammu and Ladakh seats. The INDIA bloc will contest the polls to help fulfil the aspirations of people of Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh and truly represent them in Parliament," he said. Responding to a query about the PDP, Khurshid said, "The PDP is in our alliance. Seat adjustment is one part of the alliance and an overall alliance is a different issue. Since Jammu and Kashmir is small in area, there is not much scope for seat adjustment despite our best efforts." "The National Conference already has three Lok Sabha MPs and we have decided to give them a chance," he said. On whether the Congress-NC alliance would be there for the assembly polls also, Abdullah said their focus right now was on succeeding in the Lok Sabha polls. He said holding assembly polls has been virtually decided with the remarks of the Chief Election Commissioner and that of Union Home Minister Amit Shah that the poll process would be completed before the Supreme Court-mandated date of September 30. Abdullah also took a swipe at DPAP president Ghulam Nabi Azad, saying he was directly helping the BJP. He also wondered why Azad, who hails from Doda, was contesting from Anantnag. On claims that Azad has said that he has not decided on where he would contest, Abdullah said his remarks would appear to be "dishonest" as his party has made announcements about the seats. "If he is not contesting, it would suggest that the BJP has calculated that him contesting from (Anantnag) would be detrimental to their chances," Abdullah said. "Either way, it is shaping up to be an interesting election and the BJP is

pulling out all the stops in Kashmir to bring various parties on a single platform. The visuals of the BJP general secretary Tarun Chugh coming out of Altaf Bukhari's residence in Srinagar make it obvious what the BJP and its allies are going to do there. Our interest as allies is that the BJP's plans fail entirely in all six seats," the former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister said.

He exuded confidence that the situation was in the favour of the INDIA bloc in Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh and the opposition alliance would win all six seats.

Abdullah also dismissed Prime Minister Modi's claim of the BJP winning 370 seats and NDA 400 in the Lok Sabha polls, saying it shows that he is "rattled".

The PDP has named candidates for three seats in Kashmir, fielding Mehbooba Mufti against Ghulam Nabi Azad in Anantnag. The Congress has named Lal Singh as its candidate from Udhampur to take on Union Minister Jitendra Singh.

Faroog Hails

otherwise, they are already dividing the nation in their own way," Abdullah said.

Modi had earlier attacked the Congress, charging that its poll manifesto bore the imprint of the Muslim League and utterances of its leaders showed hostility towards national integrity and Sanatan Dharma.

The National Conference and the Congress are members of the opposition INDIA bloc, formed to take on the BJP in the Lok Sabha elections.

Abdullah also said the people of Jammu and Kashmir know what his party stands for after People's Democratic Party chief Mehbooba Mufti targeted the National Conference.

"She can say what she likes to say. People know what we stand for and, bevond that. I don't need to express anything," he added.

School Timings

institutions must strictly adhere to the given order/instructions and any deviation in this regard will be viewed seriously," the order added.

Saudi Stress

on April 7 at Al-Safa Palace in Mecca. Their discussions centred on for-

"They discussed the need for advancing the peace process in accordance with relevant resolutions of the Security Council and the General Assembly as well as the Arab Peace Initiative aimed at finding a just and comprehensive solution, for the establishment of an independent Palestinian state with East Jerusalem as its capital," according to the statement.

Parents Allege

quality education knowing that everything is free in Government schools. Limiting choice of books means depriving children of quality education. The books in government school are not upto the standard, so it is better if additional books are prescribed," said a parent wishing not to be named.

"We admit our kids in private institutes so that they get quality education, so buying additional books is not an issue. Apart from that, JKBOSE books are not even available even after the academic session commences," another parent said.

On the other hand, some parents object to the additional books, citing their high cost and the extra strain they place on students' budgets.

"We are being forced to purchase additional books from a designated bookstore. This is sheer loot in the name of education!" fumed the mother of a child studying at a private school in Mehjoor Nagar.

G N War, President of the Private Schools Association, asserted that many parents are in favor of enriching the educational experience through diverse reading materials.

"The utilization of additional books from reputable authors and publishing houses can enhance the standard

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of education, providing students with a broader knowledge base," War told Kashmir Observer.

However, War said that any malpractice by schools in this regard should be dealt with strictly, underlining the importance of maintaining integrity within the education system. Director of School Education Kashmir, Tasaduq Hussain Mir on Monday promised action against erring schools saying that malpractices won't be allowed at any cost.

Mir said that Annual & capitation fees being charged by some private schools is not prescribed by the Committee for Fixation & Regulation of Fee of Private schools (FFRC) and is therefore banned.

He further said that the FFRC itself is also initiating action in this regard. Mir said that the DSEK has established district level committees in this

regard and if any parent has any complaint, he or she should file a written complaint so that we can initiate action against the school.

"If no action is initiated there they should directly approach the director-ate of school education," Mir clarified. On the issue of additional books, Mir said that children in their tender age should not be burdened with additional books.

"Schools are open to teach robotics, computers and artificial intelligence but in labs and prescribing books using these subjects as an excuse won't be allowed. We will not allow things that will harm the mental health of small children," Mir warned schools.

Regarding the unavailability of Board-prescribed books, Mir assured that while most books are accessible, a few may have missing content or are in transit, with expected arrival in a few days

Addressing allegations of substandard books, he emphasized that issued books undergo regular reviews every two to three years, ensuring removal of irrelevant topics.

"These books meet standards and adequately prepare students for com-petitive exams," Mir said.

Don't Deprive Students

a meeting with heads of promi-nent private schools of the Kashmir division.

"Any dispute on fee is a dispute between the parent and the institution; students shall in no case be victimised by depriving them of a Discharge Certificate, Admit Card etc. which is against RTE Act," DSEK said in the meeting.

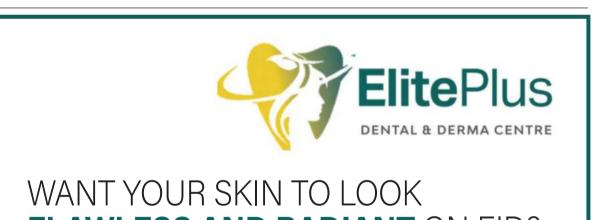
The directorate however, notified the general public that no minutes of meeting in this regard have been issued by DSEK so far.

"Some self-styled organisations are issuing minutes of meeting at their own level misleading the general public which may never be construed as facts and such acts are strongly refuted." DSEK said.

Stating some other important decisions that were taken in the meeting, DSEK said that no admission or any capitation fee shall be charged other than prescribed by the Fee Fixation Committee.

"The students shall not be overburdened by additional books or additional content other than books prescribed by the government," reads the official communique. DSEK further said that bus fees

shall be charged as approved by FFRC. "However, the drivers and other attendants shall be paid salary during winters as is being paid to other em-ployees of the institution."—(KNO)



give impetus to the campaign. "We haven't yet got confirmation from her but we are trying to bring her here and address the rally. Her presence will give a boost to our campaign as she is loved by everyone," a source said.

He said that Priyanka Gandhi has commitments at many places and every state unit is trying to get her services during these elections. "We are also working on it and hope to get a green signal from her," he added.

Besides, Priyanka Gandhi, another star campaigner of the party and former Bollywood actor Raj Babbar will be joining the campaign in Udhampur on April 13.

"Yes, Raj Babbar will be coming to Udhampur on April 13 and he along with other PCC leaders will be ad-dressing the rally," Vikar Rasool Wani confirmed.

The contest on Udhampur-Doda Parliamentary seat has become tough as both the national parties are trying hard to win this seat. The incumbent Member Parliament and MoS in Prime Minister's Office Dr. Jitendra Singh is visiting each and every area to seek votes and he has also been able to get services of PM Modi and UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

On the other hand Congress party candidate Choudhary Lal Singh is also reaching out to the people in ev-ery nook and corner of the constituency and if Priyanka Gandhi agrees to come, it will further boost his chances of winning it–(KNO)

Shoppers Throng

Eid is the time of festivities and preparations like shopping for new clothes and food items are an important part of the celebrations.

However, markets in Downtown -- the interior areas of Srinagar -- witnessed sluggish sales due to the ongoing construction works under the Srinagar Smart City Project.

The traders there alleged that many roads have either been dug up or blocked, rendering them immotorable for the customers, which has hit their business ahead of Eid.

Eid-ul Fitr will be celebrated either on Wednesday or Thursday depending on the sighting of the crescent on Tuesday.

tifying the fraternal relations between the two brotherly nations and exploring avenues for enhanced collaboration across various sectors, according to the joint statement.

They also discussed regional issues, including Kashmir, which was mentioned in the statement.

"The two sides stressed the importance of dialogue between Pakistan and India to resolve the outstanding issues between the two countries, especially the Jammu and Kashmir dispute to ensure peace and stability in the region," it read.

New Delhi's long-held position has been that Kashmir is a bilateral issue between India and Pakistan and there is no question of any mediation or intervention by any third party.

The ties between the two countries nosedived after India abrogated Article 370 of the Constitution, revoking the special status of Jammu and Kashmir and bifurcating the State into two Union Territories on August 5, 2019.

India's decision evoked strong reactions from Pakistan, which downgraded diplomatic ties and expelled the Indian envoy. India has repeatedly told Pakistan that Jammu and Kashmir "was, is and shall forever" remain an integral part of the country.

India has said it desires normal neighbourly relations with Pakistan in an environment free of terror, hostility and violence.

The joint statement also said that emphasis was placed on the Gulf Kingdom's supportive role in Pakistan's economy and the mutual desire to strengthen trade and investment ties.

"Both parties affirmed their commitment to expediting the first wave of investment package worth \$ 5 billion which was discussed previously," it read.

The two leaders also exchanged views on regional and global developments of mutual interest, including the worrying situation in Gaza and urged for international efforts to halt Israeli military operations in Gaza and mitigate humanitarian impact.

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STATE

South African Apple Imports Cause Price Decline For Kashmiri Apples

Agencies

rican apples now entering Indian markets, the prices of Kashmiri apples have seen a further decline, resulting in significant losses for buyers and growers.

Efforts by the South African government to expand its market share in India have received a boost with a new agreement between India and South Africa, allowing in-transit sterilisation of South African apples and pears. This has enabled South African fruit to reach retail markets across the country more quickly, maintaining their freshness.

Growers and buyers expressed their dismay over the current situation. They said there has been a drastic decrease in apple prices compared to rates during the main apple season in October-November 2023.

"The increasing presence of South African apples in retail **SRINAGAR:** With South Af- supermarkets and e-commerce platforms across the country has further reduced





demand for Kashmiri apples, which he said was exacerthereby lowering prices and bated by the influx of produce causing losses for growers and from different countries into Indian markets. buyers," they said

Many growers said they Tariq Ahmad, a fruit grower from Shopian, said that they were already experiencing were previously receiving losses this spring, which have around Rs 800-1000 per apple been worsened by increased box in Indian markets during imports from various counspring. However, rates have tries, including Africa. They further plummeted, leading to said that buyers who had pur-

chased apples at higher rates last autumn are now receiving less than half of the price, while also incurring additional expenses of around Rs 300 per box for cold storage.

Despite bringing the issue of apple imports to the attention of authorities, growers said no tangible action has been taken to address their concerns.

Bashir Ahmad Basheer, chairman of the Kashmir Valley Fruit Growers Cum Dealers Union, expressed concern over the losses faced by buyers due to reduced demand compared to the previous year.

"Rates have further declined in recent weeks due to the surge in South African apple imports, which has led to over 40 percent losses for growers," he said.

Bashir sought government support to prioritise domestic produce and urged immediate steps to alleviate growers' losses–(KNO)

GI Tag Reunites Artisans With Handicrafts In Kashmir; Production, Exports Surge

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Forty-four-year-old Mohammad Saleem had given up his profession as a shawl weaver a decade before. He got associated with other trades, which didn't give him enough money and satisfaction.

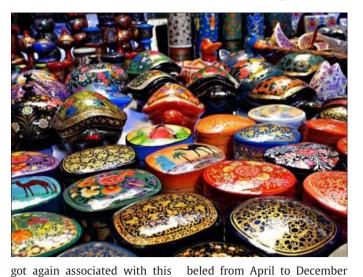
Come 2023, Jammu and Kashmir Pashmina along with other handicrafts got Geographic Indication (GI) Tag, which brought back the value of this prized craft of Kashmir.

Cashing in on the GI tag, Saleem has reunited with his craft and has now started weaving the shawls again.

"Few years back, there was no value in this craft at all. Artisans and weavers used to get very low income which forced many like me to look for other avenues. Now when the government approved the GI tag for Pashmina, it has brought back the value of this craft. Now we get good money as well as recognition," he said.

Saleem is not an isolated case as many artisans have reconnected with the handicrafts in the valley after the government approved GI tag for many crafts.

In Banidpora's Gadkhod village, which is known for producing quality hand-woven carpets, scores of the families have



got again associated with this handicraft form. "We produce varieties of car-

pets in our village. We have a

have been associated with this

art from generations. Now when

the artisans as well as dealers

get good prices in the domes-

tic and international market,

this art has again flourished in

our village," said Mohammad

Pertinently, 21392 handicrafts

products were Geographical In-

dication (GI) tagged in the first

Official figures reveal that

21392 products have been la-

Akram, a local artisan.

three-quarters of FY24.

31, 2023. In the entire 2022-23, 12904 products were GI tagged. Likewise, 6,164 products were GI tagged in 2012-22. major section of people who An official from the handi-

crafts department said the GI tag had proved a gamechange in flourishing the handicrafts sector in the valley.

"We have witnessed that our production as well as exports have grown for the last couple of years. We are expecting the sector to grow further as people are now again adopting and learning this art to earn a good and respectable living," he said. (KNO)

8 Absconders Declared Proclaimed Offenders In B'la

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Police on Monday said that eight absconders have been declared proclaimed offenders in North Kashmir's Baramulla district.

In a statement, the police said that On 01/04/2024, Hon'ble Court of Additional Sessions Judge Baramulla declared following individuals namely Hilal Ahmad Ganie son of Assadullah, Mudasir Shafi Geelani son of Mohd Shafi, Mohd Maqbool Pandith son of Mohd Ramzan all residents of Khore Sherabad Pattan, Habibullah Sheikh son of Ab Aziz resident of Goom Ahmadpora Pattan, Shabir Ahmad Najar son of Late Habibullah resident of Par Mohalla Pattan, Mohd Ashraf Dar son of Ab Khalid resident of Watwan Pattan Gh Nabi Najar son of Late Gh Rasool resident of Najar Mohalla Pattan & Fayaz Ahmad Mir son of Late Habibullah resident of Main Mo-

halla Pattan as Proclaimed Offenders in case FIR No. 03/2008 under sections 2/3 EIMCO Act, 121 RPC, 19 UA(P) Act of Police Station Pattan on the application moved by Baramulla Police.

The police spokesman further stated that sometime before search warrant u/s 25 Police Act was obtained from the court for arrest of the accused persons who could not be traced/ arrested as all are presently at PoJK/ Pakistan.

Proclamation orders u/s 87 CrPC have been obtained from Hon'ble Court of Sub Judge Pattan against these eight individuals which have been pasted at their residences, Public places with the directions of the Hon'ble Court that they will present themselves before the Court of Law within one month failing which process for attachment of property u/s 88 CrPC shall be intiated against them, reads the statement.

PDP Became Biggest Target After Art 370 Abrogation: Mehbooba

Press Trust Of India

ANANTNAG: In a veiled attack on the Centre, Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) president Mehbooba Mufti on Monday alleged her party became the "biggest target" after the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019 and its leaders were either "lured or blackmailed" to break away from it.

Mehbooba, who is contesting the upcoming Lok Sabha polls from Anantnag-Rajouri seat, was speaking to reporters after visiting the grave of her father and PDP founder Mufti Mohammad Sayeed in Bijbehara here. "After 2019, the PDP became

the biggest target. The party was broken and our leaders were either lured or blackmailed to break away from the party. I tried to raise my voice against their oppression after 2019 and me and my family



members have faced many difficulties due to that, but I stood my ground," the PDP chief said without naming anyone.

'They think that if my voice reaches the Parliament, they might face problems," she said.

The real situation in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh will come to light and those who claim that everything is normal in Jammu and Kashmir will be exposed. That is why they want to keep me out of the Parliament, she added.

"My people are my hope...

the people of Pir Panjal, where I went to every village and every area when people were in misery.

"I have tried at my level. I am not a powerful person but I raised my voice against oppression. Our tribal population, Gujjars, Bakerwals and Paharis faced oppression because it seemed there was no one to hear them out. The people of J&K, especially my own people, will respect what I have done and make my voice stronger," Mehbooba said.

Asked about the competition for Anantnag-Rajouri seat, where polling will be held on May 7, the PDP leader said everyone can compete in a democracy and you cannot stop anyone.

Mehbooba is pitted against National Conference's Mian Altaf, Democratic Progressive Azad Party chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad and Apni Party's Zafar Iqbal Manhas.

Kashmir Witnesses 30% Drop In Mutton Sales This Ramadan



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SRINAGAR: This Ramadan, Kashmir experienced a significant decline of approximately 30 percent in mutton sales, with around Rs 3 crore worth of sheep being consumed daily during the holy month so far. Mehraj ud Din, General Sec-

retary of the Mutton Dealers Association, said that nearly 15 to 20 trucks of sheep have been arriving in Kashmir on a regular basis this year, compared to 30-

28 days, he said.

Din said the decrease in sales is due to various factors, including the offseason for mutton sales and the challenges posed by road closures during the winter season. Despite these challenges, Kashmir has incurred losses amounting to crores of rupees, with sales plummeting by nearly 30 percent, he said

"This year, the daily sale of mutton in Kashmir is estimated to be around Rs 3 crore, with mutton being sold at Rs 700 per kilogram." Mehrai said, adding

Famous Springs In Tral On Verge Of Extinction

Locals Demand Govt Intervention

Agencies

PULWAMA: Several renowned springs in Tral town and its adjacent areas in south Kashmir's Pulwama district are facing a dire threat to their existence due to official neglect, raising concerns among residents.

According to the residents, the springs in Tral town and its surrounding areas are on the brink of extinction due to both public apathy and governmental indifference. They lamented that people have been discarding waste, including polythene and diapers, into these water bodies, posing a severe threat to their survival.

The Batnag Spring, once renowned for its fresh water and utilized by the entire area for drinking and irrigation purposes, has witnessed significant pollution over the last two decades.

Residents said they heavily relied on this spring for clean drinking water, but without immediate intervention, its preservation seems unlikely. Ishfaq Ahmad, a local, ex-

pressed concern over the neglect of these springs. "These springs were once known for their pristine water and abundant fish population. However, pollution has led to a drastic decline in their numbers, with authorities failing to take appropriate action," he said.

Locals criticised the Municipal Committee Tral for generating substantial revenue but failing to implement effective measures for the preservation of these springs, located in the heart of the town and its surroundings. "Without immediate intervention, these water bodies could disappear entirely," they warned. We have several times informed officials to take immediate steps for the preservation of this spring. We even assured our cooperation; however, they failed

to take any action." said a local. Residents have urged higher authorities to intervene urgently and implement measures for the preservation of these immediate steps for the preservation of these bodies. (KNO)

Don't Vote For NC If Satisfied With Art 370 Abrogation: Dr Farooq

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: National Conference president Farooq Abdullah on Monday told the voters of Jammu and Kashmir not to vote for the party if they are satisfied with the decision of the abrogation of Article 370.

He also appealed to the people of the Union Territory to defeat the BJP and its "B" and "C" teams to send a message across to Delhi.

Abdullah chaired a meeting with constituency in-charges of the North Kashmir parliamentary seat at NC headquarters Nawa-i-Subah here, a party statement said.

The discussions encompassed crucial matters concerning the region's issues and organisational affairs with key emphasis on strengthening the party for the parliamentary elections.

Emphasising on defeating the BJP and its "B" and "C" teams, he said time and again these parties have proved that they hold a tacit understanding with the BJP.

"With each passing day our stand is vindicated. However, they all will meet the same fate on the voting dates. I can sense that people are readying themselves to give the BJP a befitting reply through the ballot," the NC president said.

He said there is a "groundswell of anger" against the BJP and this



needs to be demonstrated.

"There is an increasing realisation in people of Jammu that BJP has denuded them of their exclusive land, job rights and contracts. The complete failure of BJP in living up to their promises on development has also badly exposed their double standards," he added.

Abdullah said the BJP's team "Bs" are now "nakedly supporting" the party ahead of the Lok Sabha polls.

"Conspiracies hatched by them to defeat the NC candidates would prove futile. Those who want to vote for BIP should rather vote directly for the BJP, because eventually these A, B, C, D teams will sell your mandate to BJP to negotiate power. Every vote cast in favour of these B teams will go to BJP.

"People should decide and send a message to Delhi. If the people of Jammu and Kashmir are satisfied with the August 5, 2019 decision, then they should not vote for the National Conference," he said.

Traffic Resumes On Mughal Road

Press Trust Of India

more than three months due to heavy snowfall, officials said. Movement is being allowed from Poonch and Rajouri to Shopian, they said.

"After a three-month closure, Mughal Road was reopened for traffic.

Traffic is being allowed from Poonch and Rajouri towards Shopian," a district officer said. There will be one-way traffic for some time due to the ongoing maintenance work as the road remains unsuitable for full-time use, he said.

35 trucks in previous years. The previous year witnessed

that the total mutton consumption in Kashmir during Ramaover 800 truckloads of sheep in dan is valued at approximately Rs 84 crores. (KNO)

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NOTICE FOR "REGISTRATION OF FIRMS"

Applications are invited from the manufacturing firms, authorized distributors and reputed suppliers having their offices in Srinagar/Jammu, who wish to register themselves with the J&K, Forensic Science Laboratory for the supply of chemicals/kits/ reagents required for DNA profiling at Forensic Science Laboratory, Srinagar/Jammu. The broad specifications of the items are listed below:-

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- Authorization Certificate from the manufacturing firms for supplying the items, if any

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Eligible parties having their office in Srinagar/Jammu may submit their application (as per Annexure-I) in their letter heads along with necessary documents and a Bank Draft for ₹5000 (Rupees Five Thousand Only) as registration fee (non -refundable and non transferable) drawn in favour of Accounts Officer, Forensic Science Laboratory, J&K, Jammu/Srinagar payable at Jammu to the Directorate of Forensic Science Laboratory, J&K, Bikram Chowk, Jammu/Bemina, Srinagar latest by the 18th of April 2024. Application without or lesser amount of registration fee will be summarily rejected. The firms who have already submitted the registration fee in response to the earlier Notice issued vide reference No. DFSL/Acctts/342-46 dated:- 07.03.2024 need not to submit the registration fee afresh. The registration is valid for 03 years from the date of issue of the order. Final decision on registration of the firm will be declared only after verification of information. The J&K, Forensic Science Laboratory reserves the right to reject or accept the registration letter of any party without assigning any reason and also to cancel the registration of the listed firms, if any, after serving one month notice of cancellation. Conditional applications shall be summarily rejected. Further, Addendum/Corrigendum, if any shall be uploaded on the website of the Department (www.ikfsl.gov.in) No: DFSL/Acctts/2024/530-34 Dated: 08.04

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Three Booked Under PSA In B'la

Observer News Service

BARAMULLA: Police on Monday said that three anti-national elements were booked under Public Safety Act in North Kashmir's Baramulla district.

In a statement, the police said that acting tough against ANEs Baramulla Police booked three persons namely Mysir Majeed Malik son of Abdul Majeed resident of Seriwarpora Pattan, Abdul Ahad Dar son of Ghulam Mohd DAR resident of Dar Mohalla Palhallan & Khursheed Ahmad Waza son of Late Gh Ahmad resident of Tantray-

pora Palhallan under Public Safety Act after obtaining for-

mal detention orders from the competent Authority. The statement further stated

that the booked persons have been detained and subsequently lodged in District Jail Kupwara & Anantnag. Pertinent to mention that

many cases are registered against these persons and were involved in disturbance of L&O and subversion. Despite their involvement in many FIR's they did not mend their anti national & Social activities, reads the statement.

JAMMU: The Mughal Road, connecting Poonch and Rajouri in the Jammu region with Shopian in south Kashmir, reopened for one-way traffic on Monday after being closed for

SPORTS

Kohli's Value Beyond Strike-Rate, Should Be In For T20 WC: Lara

Press Trust of India

BENGALURU: Legendary Brian Lara asserted that Virat Kohli's value transcends cold numbers, and the West Indian virtuoso has little doubt that the star batter should be a part of India's T20 World Cup squad.

Kohli stood in the eye of a social media storm after making a 67-ball hundred for Royal Challengers Bengaluru against Rajasthan Royals in their IPL 2024 match at Jaipur, which was the joint slowest hundred in the competition alongside Manish Pandey's century in 2009.

"The strike-rate depends



on position, and for an opener strike-rate of 130-140 is pretty alright. But if you are coming in the middle-order then you may be required to hit at 150 or

160. As you have seen in this IPL, batsmen are hitting at 200 in the latter part of an innings. "But an opener like Kohli

always has the chance of

opening the innings with

Kohli and Rohit in the T20 World Cup could be a tempting option, but

batter Ambati Rayudu.

team effort," said Lara.

starting at 130, bat through the overs and finish at 160 with the experienced playor even higher, which is er at the pole position. "I think Rohit and Vi-

alright," Lara said on Monday during the Star Sports rat going as openers to Press Room which was also the West Indies (for WC) will serve India very well. attended by former India Though, I think that you "But if you ask me, Inshould have some youthdia's top three in the World ful punch in the opening. Cup should be Rohit Shar-One of the younger players, ma, Virat Kohli and Shubshowing their mettle, and man Gill irrespective of having one of those expeall these. And for RCB, it rienced players shepherd the innings in the middleshould not be about one person, as it has to be a order.

"Having that whole ex-The Trinidadian said perience up front, it could have a negative effect if they get dismissed early. so I will use one at top, but use the other at No. 3," said strongly advocated India the left-hander.

pairing a younger name

robbed at gunpoint and suf-

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Cxtreme marathon runner

LRuss Cook completed his

run across the entire length

of Africa in Tunisia on Sun-

day after travelling through

16 countries, with the 352-

day odyssey including being

fering food poisoning. Cook started his adventure last April at Africa's most southerly point, the South African village of L'Agulhas, and proceeded up the continent's west coast, running a total of over 16,000 kilometres.

Briton Becomes First Person To Run Length Of Africa

"The first person ever to run the entire length of Africa. Mis-

sion complete," Cook posted on social media platform X. The 27-year-old passed through Namibia, Angola, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Republic of Congo, Cameroon, Nigeria, Benin, Togo, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Guinea, Senegal, Mauritania and Algeria, before arriving at Ras Angela on Sunday evening.



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Inconsistent PBKS Face Unpredictable SRH In IPL

Press Trust of India

MULLANPUR: An inconsistent Punjab Kings will hope to come out with an attacking display to match the ultra-aggressive approach of Sunrisers Hyderabad as the two teams clash in a mid-table battle in the IPL here on Tuesday.

Both SRH and PBKS have two wins and two losses from their four matches to be tied with two other teams in the middle with four points and they will be desperate to break out of the mid-table logjam first.

While SRH have been unpredictable sometimes they have displayed their might with the bat with their top-order firing on all cylinders on most oc-

casions. But the same cannot be said about the Kings

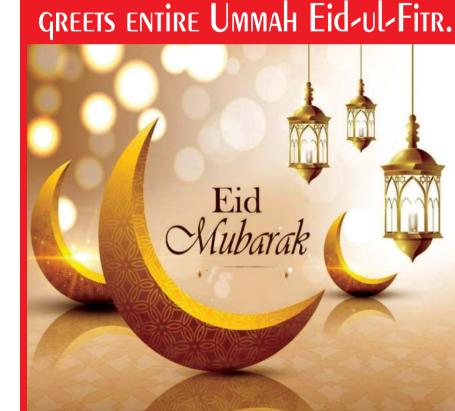
SRH recorded the highest team total in the history of the IPL en route their win over Mumbai Indians, while they also notched up a convincing sixwicket win over reigning champions Chennai Super Kings on Friday. The likes of Abhishek

Sharma, Travis Head, Heinrich Klaasen and Aiden Markram have consistently taken the attack to the opposition bowlers, providing the team with blistering starts.



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