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Exit Polls Predict Big Win For NDA, 3rd Term For Modi

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi- Exit polls on Saturday predicted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will retain power for a third straight term, with the BJP-led NDA expected to win a big majority in the Lok Sabha polls.

The ABP-C Voter has forecast 353-383 seats for the BJP-led alliance and 152-182 seats for the opposition INDIA bloc.

Today's Chanakya predicted a much higher tally for the BJP and its alliance than the 2019 polls. It gave 335 seats to the BJP and 400 to the NDA, with a margin of 15 seats either way. It gave 107 seats to the opposition alliance with a possibility of its tally going up or down by

The BJP had given the slogan of '400 paar' for its alliance in this Lok Sabha polls. If the exit polls hold true,

Modi will equal the record of the country's first prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, in leading his party to victory at the

polls for a third straight term. The Now-ETG Times Research's exit poll gave 358 and 152 seats to the NDA and

the INDIA bloc respectively. Many pollsters said the NDA may surpass its 2019 tally of 353 seats. The BJP had won

303 seats in the election. The Congress had bagged 53 seats and its allies 38.

The 'INDIA' bloc was formed by opposition parties to take on the BJP-led NDA in the Lok Sabha elections.

The NDA in all likelihood will open its account in Tamil Nadu and Kerala and sweep Karnataka but may see a fall in its tally in states like Bihar, Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Haryana, according to most pollsters.

News 18 predicted that the BJP on its own will get 306-315 seats while its alliance will bag 355-370 seats. It gave 125-140

seats to the opposition alliance.
The Republic TV-P Marq poll
claimed that the ruling alliance will win up to 359 seats and the opposition INDIA bloc will bag 154 seats in the 543-member Lok Sabha. The Republic TV-Matrize poll gave 353-368 seats to the NDA | More on P10

> place on June 4. Exit polls, released this evening, provide early insights into potential outcomes. Times Now's

exit poll suggests the BJP could win 2 seats, while Congress-NC might secure 2-3 seats, and the PDP could win 1 seat. Specifically, the NC is projected to win the Srinagar and Anantnag seats comfortably, with strong showings in their traditional strongholds. The Anantnag-Rajouri seat is expected to favor NC due to the division of Pahari votes between PDP and Apni Party.

In Baramulla, the competition is intense with Omar Abdullah, Sajad Lone, and Er. Rashid all had strong performances in different regions. Omar has done well in Baramulla and Budgam, Lone in Kupwara and Bandipora, and Rashid has garnered significant support from the separatist | More on P10

Believe in People's **Poll**, Not Exit **Polls: TMC**

ejecting the exit poll predictions about the 42 Lok Sabha seats in West Bengal, the Trinamool Congress on Saturday said it believed west berigal, the final host congress on saturate, said that the in people's mandate. Most of the exit polls have predicted that the BJP will get more seats than the TMC in the state. "Most of the exit polls had predicted a victory for the BJP in the 2021 assembly elections. But we

all know what the actual results were — TMC won a two-thirds majority. We believe in people's polls, not opinion polls or exit polls. The TMC will win more than 30 Lok Sabha seats in the state," party leader Santanu Sen claimed. TMC MP Sougata Roy, who is seeking re-election from the Dum Dum Lok Sabha seat for a fourth consecutive term, also | More on P10

PM Modi's Thank You **Note As Voting Ends**

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday exuded confidence that people have voted in record numbers to re-elect the NDA government and said the "opportunistic INDI Alliance" failed to strike a chord with the voters who rejected their "regressive

As polling ended for the seventh and final phase of the Lok Sabha polls, Modi said the people have seen his government's track record and the manner in which its work has brought



about a qualitative change in the lives of the poor, marginalised and downtrodden.

"India has voted! A heartfelt thank you to all those who exercised their franchise. Their active participation | More on P10

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its work has brought about a qualitative change in the lives of the poor, marginalised and downtrodden."

10 Counting Centres Established In J&K CEO Asks For Strict Implementation Of ECI Guidelines

Observer News Service

Jammu: The Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Jammu and Kashmir, Pandurang K. Pole, on Saturday had a comprehensive review of preparedness of the districts ahead of the final counting of votes for Lok Sabha Elections 2024 here at Nirvachan Bhawan, Jammu.

The meeting was attended virtually by all the District Election Officers along with the concerned Assistant Returning Officers and ARO Migrants (Jammu, Udhampur, and Delhi). The counting of votes is scheduled to take place on 4th June across 9 counting centres.

The meeting was informed that 10 counting centres have been established for Lok Sabha Polls 2024 in Jammu and



Kashmir.

includ-These centres Government Degree College (Boys) Baramulla for Baramulla PC, Sher-i-Kashmir Centre (SKICC) for Srinagar Government College (Boys) Anantnag and Government PG College Rajouri Anantnag-Rajouri

Over 59% Turnout Recorded In Phase 7

NC, BJP Each Predicted

To Win 2 Seats In J&K

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ning suggest victory for

National Conference on

two LS seats while predict-

ing one seat for the PDP. It

claims that BJP could pos-

sibly win two seats from

Jammu and Kashmir has

seen an unprecedented

voter turnout in the recent

Lok Sabha elections, with

58.46 percent of the elec-

torate participating, the

highest in 35 years. Voting

for the all contestable Lok

Sabha seats concluded on

Saturday with the seventh and final phase. The

counting of votes will take

Jammu division.

KO Web Desk

New Delhi: The voting for the elections to the 18th Lok Sabha ended peacefully on Saturday as voters from 57 constituencies exercised their mandate in the seventh and last phase of Lok Sabha elections 2024. As per the Election Commission of India, in the seventh phase, over 59.46% voting turnout was recorded as of 8:00 PM. However, the final turnout numbers will be released in a couple of days.

Polling was conducted amid a severe heatwave across all 13 constituencies in Puniab and four in Himachal Pradesh. as well as in 13 seats in Uttar Pradesh, nine in West Bengal, eight in Bihar, six in Odisha,



and three in Jharkhand, in addition to Chandigarh. Simultaneously, elections were held for the remaining 42 assembly constituencies in Odisha, and by-elections were conducted for six assembly seats in Himachal Pradesh.

The highest voter turnout was recorded in Jharkhand, where almost | More on P10

Cop Dead As Rifle Goes Off Accidentally

Observer News Service

Srinagar:A policeman died Saturday allegedly after his service weapon went off accidentally at Zewan on the outskirts of Srinagar on Saturday, officials said.

Head constable Bashir Ahmad sustained fire arm injuries while cleaning the weapon, the officials said.

He was rushed to a hospital where he succumbed to the injuries, they said. Meanwhile, police have

taken cognizance and started an investigation.

PDP Skips INDIA Bloc Meeting

Press Trust Of India

Senior leaders of the INDIA bloc met here on Saturday to discuss their strategy for the counting of votes on June 4, even as the TMC and PDP skipped the meeting. Senior leaders of the

Congress, Samajwadi Party, CPI-M, CPI, DMK, JMM, AAP, RJD, Shiv Sena (UBT) and NCP (Sharad Pawar) met at Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge's residence on Saturday afternoon and held discussions, even as the last phase of polling was underway.

TMC chief and West Bengal Minister Mamata Banerjee had already said they

would not attend the meeting as there were elections in the state. while PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti did not attend the meeting due to personal reasons.

"I may not go as my mom has undergone an eye surgery," she had told PTI.

Opposition leaders who attended the meeting included Sharad Pawar, Akhilesh Yadav, Tejashwi Yadav, Anil Desai, Sitaram Yechury, Arvind Kejriwal, Bhagwat Mann, Sanjay Singh and Raghav Chadha, Champai Soren, Kalpana Soren, T R Baalu, Farooq Abdullah, D Raja and Mukesh Sahani. Congress leaders Mallikarjun Kharge, Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi<mark>| More on P10</mark>

J&K LG Casts Vote In UP's Ghazipur



Jammu and Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha cast his vote at a polling booth in Mohanpura village of Ghazipur in Uttar Pradesh on Saturday. "This is a festival of democracy, and I appeal to all the voters for maximum participation in voting," Sinha said after casting his vote in the seventh and final Phase of the Lok Sabha election 2024. | More on P10

Focus Shifted From Local To Foreign Terrorism: DGP

Says Active Local Terrorists Reduced To Just 20-22

Agencies

Jammu: Jammu and Kashmir's Police chief R R Swain Saturday said that the focus of terrorism in the Union Territory has shifted from 'resident terrorism to foreign terrorism' as the number of local terrorists' active is very miniscule.

The Director General of Police (DGP), however, said that the foreign terrorism is emerging as a challenge given the fact that these terrorists infiltrate with a 'poisoned and intoxicated ideology' to instil fear and to kill defenceless civilians. Talking to reporters on

the side-lines of a func-

tion in Jammu, the DGP,

said that some four-five years ago, the number of local terrorists' active was between 150 to 200 which has come down drastically to just 20-22. "The security challenges at present are overwhelmingly exter-

nal. Even though foreign

element was present there earlier as well, the focus of terrorism at present has shifted from resident terrorism to foreign terrorism as we have very few local boys active," he said. "The challenge is foreign terrorists who infil-

trate here with a poisoned and intoxicated ideology to instil fear, intimidate people and to kill unarmed people. At times. they engage with the security forces as well. Most of them are retrieved from jail and tasked to kill people here whom they don't know at all."

He said police along with other security agencies are understanding the modus-operandi of foreign | More on P10



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India Records 56 Deaths Due To **Heat Stroke In Last 3 Months**

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: India has recorded 56 deaths from 24,849 suspected cases of heat stroke between March and May, according to data by the Union Health Ministry.

According to the data compiled by the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), 46 of these deaths were recorded in May alone (till May 30).

Between May 1 and 30, 19,189 suspected heat stroke cases were reported in the country, it said. The data does not in-

clude deaths from Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Delhi and the final numbers are expected to be higher, a source said.

conditions Heatwave have gripped large swathes of the country.

India on Friday alone

reported at least 40 suspected heat-related deaths, 25 of them of staff deployed on Lok Sabha poll duty in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. According to officials,

heat-related deaths were reported from Odisha (10), Bihar (8), Jharkhand (4) and Uttar Pradesh (1) on Thursday also. Rajasthan

has reported at least five heat-related deaths so far. According to health ministry data, Madhya Pradesh saw 14 confirmed deaths due to heat-related illnesses over the last three months followed by Maharashtra with 11.

"Reports on heat stroke deaths are being awaited from states such as Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Delhi. Some states have reported issues in data entry. The data visible may not be final I More on P10

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Notice 001-BOPFF of 2024 dated 23-01-2024

Notification No. 027-BOPEE of 2024 Dated 31-05-2024

Online Applications are invited from the eligible/desirous candidates who intend to appear in the Common Entrance Test for admission to M.Sc. Nursing Courses for the Academic Session-2024 in the Government / Private Colleges / Institutions of the UT of J&K. The selection of the candidates to such courses shall be regulated by the J&K Board of Professional Entrance Examinations Act 2002 and the Rules and Regulations made thereunder; Jammu & Kashmir Reservation Act, 2004 as amended vide J&K Reorganization Act, 2019, J&K Reservation Rules, 2005 and S.O. 176 dated 15-03-2024, S.O. 305 dated 21-05-2024 and subject to further amendments, if any, made by the Competent Authority, from time to time.

- Receipt of Online Application Forms w.e.f. 04-06-2024.
- Last date for filling the Online Application Forms 15-06-2024 (Midnight).

 Fee of Rs.1500/ (Rupees One Thousand & five hundred only) to be paid online through
- National Credit Card/Debit Card/Net Banking. The syllabus for the Entrance Examination Test is available on e-information Broacher.
- Date of Common Entrance Test (to be Notified Separately).
- The Common Entrance Test shall be conducted by the Board through offline mode

The procedure for filling up of online Application Form and eligibility etc. of the candidates has been given in detail in the e- Information Brochure.

The applicants can also contact the Help Desk of the BOPEE during the office hours on working days only on Phone Nos. 0194-2437647 / 0194-2433590 / 0191-2470102/0191-2479371 and or e-mail: at helpdeskjakbopee@gmail.com for any assistance/ guidance in this regard

Submission of Online Application Forms:

The interested candidates are required to upload the following scanned Original / Certificates in the PDF format with size from 100-200 KB along with the Application Form: -

- Domicile Certificate of UT of J&K/UT of Ladakh as the case may be (For Candidates of UT of Ladakh, ST certificate issued by the Competent Authority of Ladakh shall be treated
- Qualifying marks card of B.Sc. Nursing/ B.Sc. Hons. Nursing /Post Basic B.Sc. Nursing, Registration Certificate issued by Nursing Registration Council of any State/UT (iii)
- One-year work experience after B.Sc. Nursing (iv)
- One-year work experience prior to or after Post Basic B.Sc. Nursing
- Valid Reserved Category Certificate, if any.

However, it is for the information of all the concerned that afore titled documents as required for submission of online application form shall be considered provisional and subject to change(s), if any, as may be notified by the Competent Authority

ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION:

- be a domicile of UT of J&K/UT of Ladakh as the case may be (For Candidates belonging to UT of Ladakh, ST certificate issued by Competent authority of Ladakh shall be treated as
- have passed B.Sc. Nursing/ B.Sc. (Hons.) Nursing /Post Basic B.Sc. Nursing with minimum of
- should be a registered Nurse and Registered Midwifery or equivalent with any State/UT Nursing Registration Council.
- have minimum of one-year work experience after B.Sc. Nursing
- have a minimum of One-year work experience prior to or after Post Basic B.Sc. Nursing Valid Reserved Category Certificate, if any.

Syllabus etc.: The examination shall be conducted in one sitting of two hours' duration and the paper shall contain 120 questions comprising of different sections.

Tentative Intake

S. No.	Name of M.Sc.	Madre	Bibi	Bee Enn	Rajiv	Stephen	Total
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	Courses/Institutions	Institute of	College	Nursing	College of	Nursing	
	100	Nursing Srinagar	Srinagar	Jammu	Nursing Jammu	Jammu	
1.	M.Sc. Medical	5	0	10	5	10	30
	Surgical Nursing						
2.	M.Sc. Obs. &	5	4	10	5	10	34
	Gynecological						
	Nursing						
3.	M.Sc. Pediatrics	5	2	10	5	10	32
	(Child Health)						
	Nursing)						
4.	M.Sc. Community	5	2	10	5	10	32
	Health Nursing						
5.	M.Sc. Psychiatry	5	0	10	5	10	30
	(Mental Health)						
	Nursing						
6.	M.Sc. Forensic					10	10
	Nursing						
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The eligibility is bare minimum/provisional and shall be subject to such changes/bench marks as may be fixed by the Indian Nursing Council. The Board shall on receipt of any such communication from the concerned Authority notify the same, which shall govern the eligibility criteria

Original Documents required to be submitted in the Institution at the time of Admission:

- a) Marks card of B.Sc. Nursing/B.Sc. (Hons.) Nursing /Post Basic B.Sc. Nursing b) Domicile Certificate for candidates belonging to UT of J&K and ST certificate as a Domicile for candidates belonging to UT of Ladakh;
- Registration Certificate issued by any State/UT Nursing Registration Council
- minimum of one-year work experience after B.Sc. Nursing
- minimum of one-year work experience prior to or after Post Basic B.Sc. Nursing Category Certificate, if any;
- Any other document as may be required by the Institution

Venue for Conduct of Examination:

No. BOPEE/Exam-23/2024(7491522)

DIPK-NB-271/24

Dated: 01-06-2024

The Common Entrance Examination, shall be conducted by the Board through offline mode at Jammu / Srinagar Centres simultaneously as may be decided by the Board.

Issuance of Admit Cards and Date of Test (if test is conducted):

Information with regard to availability of Online Admit Cards, Venue and Time of the Common Entrance Test will be issued separately in due course of time.

Note-II

- 1. The submission of online Application Form is purely provisional and is liable to be cancelled at any stage subject to the final verification of the documents and even at any stage, where such a document is proved to be fake/false
- 2. The candidature of those candidates, who may have submitted incorrect/wrong application form during online process, shall be liable to be rejected without any further notice to such candidates. However, they can rectify their error(s), if any, by submitting a representation physically at BOPEE office Jammu / Srinagar on or before last date fixed by Board for filling up of online application forms.
- 3. Mere submission of the Application Form and appearance of the aspiring candidate in the Common Entrance Test shall not confer any preferential right/claim for admission upon the intending applicants, but shall be subject to the fulfillment of the eligibility criteria and the qualification prescribed for the said course.
- 4. The seats shall be provisionally allotted to the candidates purely on the basis of the online information filled by the candidates (including category) during online application form. In case the candidates have filled /uploaded wrong category during online application form, the seat shall be allotted accordingly & the Board shall not be responsible for the same. Hence the candidates are advised to rectify the mistake before the allotment of the seats

Controller of Examinations J&K, BOPEE

What Are Nootropics And Do They Really Boost Your Brain?

umans have long been searching for a magic elixir to make us smarter. and improve our focus and memory. This includes traditional Chinese medicine used thousands of years ago to improve cognitive function.

Now we have nootropics, also known as smart drugs, brain boosters or cognitive enhancers.

You can buy these gummies, chewing gums, pills and skin patches online, or from supermarkets, pharmacies or petrol stations. You don't need a prescription or to consult a health professional.

But do nootropics actually boost your brain? Here's what the science says. What are nootropics and how do they work?

Romanian psychologist and chemist Cornelius E. Giurgea coined the term nootropics in the early 1970s to describe compounds that may boost memory and learning. The term comes from the Greek words n?os (thinking) and tropein (guide). Nootropics may work in the brain by improving transmission of signals between nerve cells, maintaining the health of nerve cells, and helping in energy production. Some nootropics have antioxidant properties and may reduce damage to nerve cells in the brain caused by the accumulation of free radicals. But how safe and effective are they? Let's look at four of the most widely

1. Caffeine

used nootropics.

You might be surprised to know caffeine is a nootropic. No wonder so many of us start our day with a coffee. It stimulates our nervous



Caffeine is rapidly absorbed into the blood and distributed in nearly all human tissues. This includes the brain where it increases our alertness, reaction time and mood, and we feel as if we have more energy. For caffeine to have these effects, you need to consume 32-300 milligrams in a single dose. That's equivalent to around two espressos (for the 300mg dose). So, why the wide range? Genetic variations in a particular gene (the CYP1A2 gene) can affect how fast you metabolise caffeine. So this can explain why some people need more caffeine than others to recognise any neurostimulant effect.

Unfortunately too much caffeine can lead to anxiety-like symptoms and panic attacks, sleep disturbances, hallucinations, gut disturbances and heart problems.

So it's recommended adults drink no more than 400mg caffeine a day, the equivalent of up to three

2. L-theanine

L-theanine comes as a supplement, chewing gum or in a beverage. It's also the most common amino acid in green tea.

Consuming L-theanine as a supplement may increase production of alpha waves in the brain. These are associated with increased alertness and perception of calmness.

However, it's effect on cognitive functioning is still unclear. Various studies including those comparing a single dose with a daily dose for several weeks, and in different populations, show different outcomes. But taking L-theanine with caffeine as a supplement improved cognitive performance and alertness in one study. Young adults who consumed L-theanine (97mg) plus caffeine (40mg) could more accurately switch between tasks after a single dose, and said they were more alert. Another study of people who took L-theanine with caffeine at similar doses to the study above found improvements in several cognitive outcomes, including being less susceptible to distraction.

Although pure L-theanine is well tolerated, there are still relatively few human trials to show it works or is safe over a prolonged period of time. Larger and longer studies examining the optimal dose are also needed.

3. Ashwaghanda

Ashwaghanda is a plant extract commonly used in Indian Ayurvedic medicine for improving memory and cognitive function.

In one study, 225-400mg daily for 30 days improved cognitive performance in healthy males. There were significant improvements in cognitive flexibility (the ability to switch tasks), visual memory (recalling an image), reaction time (response to a stimulus) and executive functioning (recognising rules and categories, and managing rapid decision making).

There are similar effects in older adults with mild cognitive impairment.

But we should be cautious about results from studies using Ashwaghanda supplements; the studies are relatively small and only treated participants for a short time.

4. Creatine Creatine is an organic compound involved in how the body generates energy and is used as a sports supplement. But it also has cognitive effects.

In a review of available evidence, healthy adults aged 66-76 who took creatine supplements had improved short-term memory.

Long-term supplementation may also have benefits. In another study, people with fatigue after COVID took 4g a day of creatine for six months and reported they were better able to concentrate, and were less fatigued. Creatine may reduce brain inflammation and oxidative stress, to improve cognitive performance and reduce fatigue.

Side effects of creatine supplements in studies are rarely reported. But they include weight gain, gastrointestinal upset and changes in the liver and kidneys.

Scholarships This Week

Kashmir Observer in association with Buddy4Study. com presents scholarships available for the meritorious students of Jammu and Kashmir.



Scholarship Name **HOPE Engineering Scholarship by** Schaeffler India

Description: Schaeffler India invites applications from first-year engineering female students (preference will be given to students with physical disabilities) to provide them with financial support for

their engineering studies. Eligibility: The scholarship is open to female students and preference will be given to students with physical disabilities. The applicants must have scored more than 60% marks in Class 12 (science) in the academic year 2023-24. They must be enrolled in the first year of an engineering program at any recognized college in India. The annual family income of the applicants should be less than INR 5 lakh.

- Prizes & Rewards: Scholarship of INR 50.000
- Last Date to Apply: 30-07-2024 Application mode: Online applica-
- tions only Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/ SIHE15

Scholarship Name JM Sethia Merit Scholarship Scheme

Description: JM Sethia Merit Scholarship Scheme 2024 is an opportunity offered by the JM Sethia Charitable Trust (NGO) to students enrolled in Class 9 to 12, graduation, postgraduation, and professional courses. This scheme aims to support students at various educational levels in pursuing their academic goals.

Eligibility: Open for students enrolled in full-time courses from Class 9 to postgraduate and professional degrees. Applicants must have passed the previ-

ous qualifying examination with a specified minimum aggregate score. The score requirement varies depending on the course categories and streams.

- Prizes & Rewards: Up to 1,000 per month for course duration
- 31-07-2024 Last Date to Apply: Application mode: via post at - JM Sethia Charitable Trust 133, Biplabi Rash Behari Basu Road, 3rd Floor, Room No. 15, Kolkata - 700 001 OR Gandhi House, 5th Floor, 16, Ganesh Chandra Avenue, Kolkata-700 013, Email ID: ims_trust@vahoo.in | Mobile Number: (+91)-93397 9
- Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/ IMSM4

Scholarship Name Aadhar Kaushal Scholarship Program for Youth with Disabilities

Description: An initiative of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) to ensure equal educational opportunities for all physically disabled students, irrespective of their geographical location, gender, or socio-economic condition.

Eligibility: Students with physical disabilities pursuing general or professional undergraduate courses across India. Pan-India students can apply. Students must have achieved a minimum of 60% marks in the preceding academic year. Applicants with a gross annual family income of up to INR 2.5-3 lakh are eligible

- Prizes & Rewards: Scholarship between INR 10,000 - INR 50,000
- Last Date to Apply: 23-07-202 Application mode: Online applica-23-07-2024
- Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/ AKSP1

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از نبایت گوم احمد پوره درخواست از جانب لطیف حسین ملدولد محرعبرالله مله ساکندنوری پورمختسیل بیش بار بهموله بمرادحصول D.O.B

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معامله مندرد چنوان الصدر كے نسبت رپورٹ پنچاہت سكٹرى فيمردار دبدو چوكيدارعلاقہ و شاميڈم ہے موصول ہوئی۔مطابق ریورے عملہ فیلڈ سے عیاں ہوتا ہے کہ سائل کے پسر کرار حسین ملہ کی پیدائش مور خہ 201-20-09 کواور دختر ذائرہ زینب کی پیدائش مور نے2019-01-01 کو ہوئی ہے اور سائل مذکور نے تا حال کوئی بھی سند D.O.B حاصل نہیں کی ہے۔سائل مذکورا سے پسرودختر کے حق میں D.O.B حاصل ، - - س س بارے میں بذریعیا خباراشتہا مشخصر کیاجا تا ہےا گر کسی شخص کوکوئی اعتراض نسبت اجراء سراتھکیٹ ہوتو وفتر طفذ اس بارے میں بذر بعیا خباراستہار سر نیاجا تاہے، سر میں برریں سر یہ ۔ میں اندرسات بوم پیش کریں۔ بعد گزرنے میعاد کوئی عذریا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔ میں اندرسات بوم پیش کر میں۔ بعد گزرنے میعاد کوئی عذریا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

از نیابت پلہالن

عنوان: په درخواست منجانب اجرائيOBC سرٹفيکيت بحق طاريق احمہ تیلی ولدمجمہ یوسف تیلی | ومارفه بوسف دختر محمه يوسف تتلى ساكنة موجع سلطان يوره تخصيل بيثن

اشتهار هرخاص وعام

معامله مندرجه عنوان الصدر میں سائل نے ایک درخواست بغرض OBC سرٹفیکیٹ بذمرہ تیلی پیش کی ہے جو کہ زیر کا روائی ہے اس بارے میں پٹواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی ہے جس ہے عیاں ہے کہ سائل واقعی تیلی ذات سے تعلق رکھتا ہے اور سائل سلطان پور مخصیل پیٹن میں رہائش پذیر ہے اور مجھی بھی ترک سکونت نہیں کی ہے سائل کا کنیہ بذیل افراد پرمشمل ہے سربره 64سال عمررسیده

زوجہ 62سال ۔۔ طاریق احد تیلی پسر 37سال سرکاری ملازم مارفه يوسف دختر 22سال زيرتعليم يوتى 01سال شيرخوار

سائل مذکور OBC سرٹفکیٹ حاصل کرنے کاخواں ہے اور کنبہ کی مہوارہ آمدنی 61343 رویتک ہے مرافعیکیک زیر بحث اجراء کرنے میں اگر کہ اگر کشخص کو کوئی عزریاا عتراض ہوتو وہ بعد مشتہرا خبار سات دن کے اندراندر آینے عذر یاعتراض و دالت ھذا کو وفتری ادقات کے دوران پیش کریں۔بعد گزرے میعاد کو بی عذریا عتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

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Research Methodology Workshop Series At GMC Srinagar Concludes

STRIVE TO LEARN

SRINAGAR: The Govern-College Medical (GMC) Srinagar successfully concluded its comprehensive one month workshop series on Research Methodology, held from 2nd May to 31 May 2024. A total of 300 MD, MS, DNB, MCh/ and DM students of government medical college, Srinagar were trained in eight batches of twodays each.

The workshop series was meticulously organized to enhance the research skills of participants.

Speaking on the valedictory function of the month-long organised Department Community Medicine. GMC Srinagar, the principal and dean, government medi-

cal college, Srinagar Prof. Iffat Hassan Shah while complementing the Department of Community Medicine GMC Srinagar for holding such workshops consistently over the years, encouraged the post-graduate scholars to develop keen interest in research which shall enhance their professional growth and development.

The workshop series was spearheaded by Prof. S Muhammad Salim Khan, HOD Community Medicine GMC Srinagar, the Organizing Chairman, whose leadership ensured the smooth execution of the program.

The Organizing Secretaries, Dr. Malik Waseem Raja and Dr. Kouser Sideeq, played pivotal roles in the planning and coordination, contributing significantly to the workshop series' success. Participants were en-

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SRINAGAR: Former Prin-

cipal Govt Higher Second-

ary School, Soura, Srinagar,

Mrs Nargis Massarat, wid-

ow of late Munshi Nisar Ali

passed away here on Sat-

urday. She is survived by

her sons Dr Sarfaraz Hus-

sain, Er Abrar Hussain and

Ashfaq Hussain besides a

Large number of people

attended her Nimaze Jinaza

at HMT, Srinagar and she

was later laid to rest beside

her late husband at Baba

Mazar Srinagar. Congrega-

tional Fateha will be ob-

served at her final resting

place at 6.30 AM on Mon-

day while a day long condo-

lence service will continue

at Munshi family residence

daughter.

Abrar Hussain Bereaved,

Mother Passes Away

gaged in a series of lectures, hands-on sessions, and interactive discussions covering various aspects of research methodology. Topics included research design, data collection techniques, statistical analysis, and the ethical aspects of conducting research.

The month-long event aimed at fostering a robust research culture within the institution. empowering participants with the necessary tools and knowledge to undertake high-quality research projects. The workshop featured distinguished

speakers and experts from the Department of Community Medicine which included Prof. S. Muhammad Salim Khan, Prof. M. Iqbal Pandit, Dr. Inaamul Haq, Dr.

Mariya Amin Qurieshi, Dr. Malik Waseem Raja, Dr. Taha Ayub, Dr. Kouser Sideeg, Dr. Sameena Yousuf, Dr. Rifat Jan and Dr. Muzamil Hassan who shared their insights and experiences.

The successful completion of this workshop marks a significant step forward in strengthening the research capabilities of Government Medical College Srinagar, contributing to the advancement of medical science and education.

The department of community medicine, GMC Srinagar has conducted eighteen workshops for faculty in basic research methodology, qualitative research, systematic review and meta-analysis which has helped faculty and resident doctors in better development of research protocols and conduction of quality research and their

at Rose Avenue, HMT, Sri-

Munshi

Falah-e-Aam Trust.

Ittehadul Muslimeen, An-

juman-e-Sharie Shiayan of

Aga Syed Hadi, Idara Falah-

e-Aam and Apni Party in

their respective statements

have offered condolences

to the bereaved family. Apni

Party president Syed Altaf

Bukhari has also extended

condolences to Munshi

Abrar's brother in law Mau-

lana Masroor Ansari.



NESTLED ATOP THE TOWERING ZABARWAN, the iconic Parimahal provides a breathtaking view of Dal Lake, where a shikara boats glide over its calm waters. KO PHOTO, ABID BHAT

Srinagar Likely To Have Longest Flyover From Parimpora-Shalteng

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Roads and Buildings (R&B) department is all set to come up with a longest flyover, to be constructed on the highway bypass in Srinagar, stretching from Parimpora to Shalteng Crossing, sources said on Saturday. Reliable sources in the R&B de-

about to be sanctioned on the busiest bypass highway, from Parimpora to Shalteng Crossing, which aims to alleviate the traffic congestion on one of the busiest routes.

They added the project is moving forward rapidly, with the tendering process set to begin soon. "This bridge will connect the highways and

partment told KNO that a flyover is will also ease the traffic flow on the business highway," they added, highlighting the anticipated benefits for commuters and the local economy.

The Bemina bypass flyover is to be completed by June subject to favorable weather conditions and two vital projects Nowgam, Sanat Nagar to be completed by June ending and December 2024 respectively.

Lok Sabha Elections-2024

RO Srinagar Holds Meeting With Candidates, Representatives Of Political Parties

Observer News Service

nagar, family sources said. SRINAGAR: Ahead of Counting of Meanwhile a stream of visitors visited HMT to pay Votes, the Returning Officer (RO), condolences to the bereaved. 02-Srinagar Parliamentary Constitu-Various social and poency (PC), Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din litical bodies have ex-Bhat Saturday held a meeting with contesting Candidates, Election tended condolences to the hereaved family especially representatives of Po-Abrar Hussain, litical Parties contesting for Srinagar former Executive Engineer Lok Sabha Seat at Meeting Hall of the PDD and Chairman Idara DC Office Complex, here.

The meeting was intended to familiarize the Contesting Candidates and Election Agents on the standard procedure of counting process prescribed by the Election Commission of India (ECI).

At the outset, the RO briefed the Candidates and representatives of Political Parties in detail about the various aspects of the counting process, scheduled on June 04, 2024 for 02-Srinagar PC at SKICC-Centaur.

The RO informed the participants about the sequence and procedures of the counting including handling of

EVMs, VVPATs, and the process of the Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballot System (ETPBS). He said that regular announcements would be made through the PA System on the Counting day.

The RO expressed gratitude to the Political Party representatives for their cooperation on the smooth conduct of the poll in the District and sought similar cooperation for the seamless counting process. He explained the mandatory three tier security system and the level of

checking while requesting all to keep their mobile phones, tablets, laptops, recording devices or any electronic gadgets at the designated counters.

He discussed vehicle parking arrangements and other security measures as well and appealed for smooth and peaceful conduct during and after the counting process.

Dr Bilal urged all political parties to cooperate with Election functionaries during the Counting process in order to maintain peace and complete the counting process on time.

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HIGHWAY STATUS



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



PRAYERS FAJR 3:38 **ZUHR** 12:29 **ASR** 5:27 Magrib 7:40 ISHA 9:20

This Day In History

- 1763 Pontiac's Rebellion: At what is now Mackinaw City, Michigan, Chippewas capture Fort Michilimackinac by di-
- Attention with a game of lacrosse, then chasing a ball into
- 1774 Intolerable Acts: Amendment to original Quartering Act enacted, allowed governor in colonial America to house British soldiers in uninhabited houses, outhouses, barns, or other buildings if suitable quarters not provided.
- 1858- Donati Comet 1st seen named after its discoverer 1875- Alexander Graham Bell makes first sound transmis-
- 1896-Guglielmo Marconi applies to patent the radio, accepted 2 July 1897
- 1910- Pygmies discovered in Dutch New Guinea
- 1949- Transjordan renamed Jordan 1955- The USSR and Yugoslavia sign the Belgrade declara-
- tion and thus normalize relations between both countries, discontinued since 1948. 1964- Lal BahadurShastri elected premier of India
- 1966- US Surveyor 1 lands in Oceanus Procellarum; 1st lunar soft landing 1969- Australian aircraft carrier HMAS Melbourne slices
- US destroyer USS Frank E Evans in half, killing 74 (South
- 1976- East Timor People's Assembly accepts annexation
- 1979- John Paul II becomes 1st pope to visit a Communist country(Poland)
- 1979- NASA launches space vehicle S-198 1986 Regular TV coverage of US Senate sessions begins
- 1989-10,000 Chinese soldiers are blocked by 100,000 citizens protecting students demonstrating for democracy in Tiananmen Square, Beijing
 1996- 9th Children's Miracle Network Telethon.
- 1998- The CIH computer virus is discovered in Taiwan.
- 1999- The Bhutan Broadcasting Service brings television transmissions to the Kingdom for the first time 2003- Europe launches its first voyage to another planet,
- Mars. The European Space Agency's Mars Express probe launches from the Baikonur space centre in Kazakhstan. 2009- Switzerland officially enters the global recession 2014- Former Liberation Front guerilla fighter Salvador
- Sánchez Cerén, 69, is sworn in as president in El Salvador 2014- Telangana with Hyderabad as it's capital becomes India's 29th state after it is separated from Andhra
- 2014- The unity government is sworn into power in Palestine; it agrees to the following: recognition of Israel, compliance to diplomatic agreements, renunciation of
- 2015-100 volunteers in Bhutan set a world record for tree

Youth THE JAMMU AND KASHMIR BOARD OF **Stabbed In** SCHOOL EDUCATION, NEW CAMPUS, Karan Nagar, **BEMINA SRINAGAR** Hospitalized ATTENTION PLEASE

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: A youth was stabbed with a sharpedged weapon at Karan Nagar area of Srinagar on Saturday, officials said. An official told KNO

that a youth was attacked with a sharpedged weapon near Karan Nagar, Srinagar, leaving him critically injured.

An 18-year-old youth identified as Ahsan Zargar (18), son of Hilal Ahmad Zargar of Zampa Kadal, Chattabal was shifted to SMHS Hospital, Srinagar.

Moreover, an official from SMHS confirmed that the youth has been admitted to the hospital and is undergoing treatment in the operation theatre (OT), while his condi-

tion was said to be critical. Moreover, police have taken up the investigation.

The candidate whose photograph is above reports that she has lost her qualification certificate/s having the following description:

Roll No: 860292, Class: 10th, Year & Session: October 1997, Registration No: S-96-39827-8108, Name: Sheikh Sham Sun Nisa, Father's Name: Sheikh Ghulam Hussain, Mother's Name: Haleema Akther, Date of Birth: 13-03-1982, Residence:

Now, the candidate has applied for issuance of Duplicate Qualification Certificate.

Before the case will be proceed under rules, if somebody have any kind of objection in this regard he/she shall approach the office of the undersigned with 07 days from the date of publishing of this notice after expiring date no objection shall be entertained.

Besides, the losted "Qualification Certificate", bearing Serial No/s 756751 is/are be treated as "Cancelled".

No:-(F(Certs-I-DQC)B/KD/2024 Dated: 01/06/2024

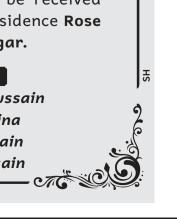
Sd/= **Assistant Secretary,** Certificates, KD



We announce with profound grief and sorrow the sad demise of Mrs late Munshi Nisar Ali. She was a God fearing and pious lady who passed away peacefully after brief illness on Saturday morning at her residence. Congregational Fateha shall be observed at 6.15 AM on Monday June 3 at Baba Mazar, Alamgiri Bazar Srinagar. Thereafter condolences will be received throughout the day at our residence Rose Avenue, Lane No 5 HMT, Srinagar.

BEREAVED

Dr Munshi Sarfaraz Hussain Dr Eskander Moledina Munshi Abrar Hussain Munshi Ashfaq Hussain



From KO Archives **Charge-Sheet File In**

Kanna Case Disappears Accused Gets Nine More Days In Judicial Custody

Observer NEWS SERVICE

RINAGAR: Known informer, "Rajiv" Kanna, allegedly involved in the killing of a government employee of Safa Kadal, has been remanded to judicial custody for nine more days by the chief judicial magistrate (CJM) in a case which has turned bizarre by the disappearance of the charge-sheet file.

Firdous Ahmad Bhat of Dab, Ganderbal, alias Rajiv Kanna, was produced before the magistrate today, where chief prosecuting officer, Basheer Ahmad, raised objections to the bail application filed by Bhat, saying that he was involved in as serious a case as

Bhat's lawyer argued that since the police had failed to produce the case dairy and the charge-sheet against the accused in the court, his client should be set free.

At this point, the prosecution told the magistrate that the charge-sheet file of the case had disappeared, and the matter was under the court's investigation.

It said that the case-diary and the charge-sheet would be produced before the Chief Judicial Magistrate after the court's orders.

After ascertaining that the relatives of the accused were being al-towed to meet him in jail, the Chief Judicial Magistrate remanded Bhat to nine more days in judicial custody, asking counsel to present their arguments on his bail application on the next hearing.

(Kashmir Observer, 02s June, 2007)

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Pro-Palestine Protesters

Hang Banner Over Gate

New York: Pro-Palestinian

protesters took over parts

of the Brooklyn Museum on

Friday, hanging a banner

above the main entrance, oc-

cupying much of the lobby and scuffling with police,

but a New York Police De-

partment spokesperson said

it would be hours before offi-

cials had an accurate count.

The art museum in the New

York City borough of Brook-

lyn said it closed an hour ear-

a man who spray-painted an

outdoor sculpture, Reuters

witnessed. Skirmishes be-

tween police and protesters

took place inside and outside

isting and newly installed art-

work on our plaza," a museum

spokesperson said in an email.

"There was damage to ex-

One of the arrests was of

ly due to the disruption.

Some arrests were made

witnesses said.

Occupy New York Museum,

ing, and our public safety staff

were physically and verbally

building, our collections, and

our staff, the decision was

made to close the building an

hour early," and the public was

asked to vacate peacefully, the

tors were marching through

Brooklyn when some of them

rushed the entrance, accord-

ing to the Reuters witness. Se-

curity guards prevented many

from entering but some man-

atop the neoclassical facade

proclaiming, "Free Palestine,

Divest From Genocide.'

A pro-Palestinian orga-

nization named Within Our

Lifetime urged demonstrators

to "flood Brooklyn Museum

for Gaza." It said activists oc-

cupied the museum to compel

it to disclose any Israel-related

investments and to divest any

A banner was hung from

Hundreds of demonstra-

statement said.

aged to get inside.

"Out of a concern for the

Lebanon Front Is 'Pressuring Israel', Hezbollah Chief Says

Al Jazeera

Beirut: Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah has stressed that the Lebanese group's battle with Israel is consequential and will help shape the future of the region, as the two sides continue to exchange



In a speech delivered via videolink on Friday, Nasrallah said the Israeli military is losing the war in Gaza, with Hezbollah's attacks "pressuring Israel" from Lebanon.

"This battle concerns Palestine, but also concerns the future of Lebanon and its water and oil resources." Nasrallah said. "This front is a support front that is part of the battle that will determine the fate of Palestine, Lebanon and the region strategically."

The Israeli military occupied parts of south Lebanon for decades until its withdrawal in 2000, raising fears in the country that Israel's ultimate aim is to control Lebanon's water-rich southern areas.

Nasrallah added on Friday that Hezbollah is continuing its operations against Israel, regardless of "narrow political calculations".

The Iran-allied group began targeting Israeli troops along the border after the war on Gaza broke out. Throughout the recent conflict, Israel has been regularly bombing villages in southern Lebanon.

Earlier on Friday, Hezbollah claimed several attacks against Israeli positions after it said that Israeli bombing had killed a medic in south

The violence has forced thousands of Israelis to flee from the north of the country, with the fighting turning into a war of attrition, raising fears of a regional conflict.

Nasrallah's comments on Friday come days after Israel's Defence Minister Yaov Gallant warned that Lebanon will "pay the price" for Hezbollah's actions, claiming that Israel has killed 300 of the group's fighters.

"If you will continue, we will accelerate," Gallant said in a warning to Hezbollah.

But Nasrallah appeared to dismiss that threat, saying that Hezbollah fighters remain at the border.

For months, Israeli leaders have stressed the need to push Hezbollah off the northern border of Israel, including through a major assault if necessary.



Explained: Why Have Temperatures Reached Record Highs In India?

New Delhi: Several parts of India grappled with unusually high temperatures this week forcing schools to close and hospitals to create special units to treat heat-related illnesses, while workers on construction sites were given a "paid holiday" in the afternoon.

Here is a look at what caused the unprecedented heat in the country.

HOW UNUSUAL HAS THE SITUA-TION BEEN THIS YEAR?

While every year temperatures in India tend to peak in the months of May and June, the number of heatwave days recorded over northwestern and eastern parts of the country this season have been more than double the normal, with eastern India also experiencing its hottest April on record.

India declares a heatwave day when the maximum temperature in any given region is 4.5 -6.4 degrees Celsius higher than normal.

Parts of the country have touched new highs in terms of the maximum temperature, including Delhi, which recorded the country's highest ever temperature at 52.9 C (127.22 degree F) on Wednesday.

While this figure may be

revised as officials are investigating whether it was caused by an error in the sensor, two areas in Delhi also recorded 49.9 C a day earlier - an

all-time high for the city. In northern Haryana state, which surrounds Delhi from three sides, the Rohtak region recorded its highestever temperature on Friday at 47.5 C.

WHY HAVE TEMPERATURES RISEN THIS SEASON?

Scientists from India's weather department said that while a rise in temperatures during May and June is normal, it is usually controlled by periodic western disturbances, which are weather systems originating in the Mediterranean Sea that bring moisture-laden winds.

These neutralise the impact of the hot, dry air coming from the direction of Pakistan and Afghanistan into northern India.

This year, however, there were more western disturbances between March and early May than usual, while their strength has reduced over the last "10-15 days", leaving the wind coming from neighbouring countries unchecked and causing temperatures to rise.

Global and India-based ex-

perts say such weather changes are being worsened by human-driven climate change.

WHY IS THE SITUATION IN DELHI PARTICULARLY BAD?

Surrounded by alluvial plains in the north and east, the Thar desert in the west, and the Aravalli hill ranges in the south, Delhi, with a population of about 20 million, is one of India's fastest-growing areas.

Officials and experts say apart from its location, the capital is also particularly vulnerable because of its large population, scattered vegetation, and increased construction in the last two decades, with the built-up area increasing from 31.4% in 2003 to more than 38% in 2022.

WHEN WILL THE HEAT ABATE?

According to the India Meteorological Department, the temperature in northwest, central, and east India will gradually decline over the next three days because of the impact of the approaching western disturbance. rainfall, and the southwesterly wind blowing from the Arabian Sea.

Monsoon rains reached the southernmost state of Kerala on Thursday, bringing relief to residents there

such funding. "Protesters entered the build-Letting Each Guru Build Shrine On Public Land Will Be

the building.

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court has cautioned that if sadhus, gurus, and other religious figures are allowed to build shrines on the public land, it would lead to disastrous conse quences and jeopardise larger public interest.

Disastrous: Delhi High Court

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Justice Dharmesh Sharma said, "In our country, we might find thousands of sadhus, babas, fakirs, gurus in different parts of the landscape and if each one is allowed to build a shrine or 'samadhi sthal' on public land and thereby, continue to use it for personal gains by the vested interest groups, it would lead to disastrous consequences, jeopardising larger public interest."

Justice Sharma made this observation while dismissing petition filed by Mahant Naga Baha Bhola Giri, repre ed by his successor.

The plea sought a directive for the District Magistrate to demarcate land at Nigambodh Ghat, claiming possession prior to the 2006 deadline set by the Delhi Special Laws Act. The court found the petition lacking in merit, noting that

the District Magistrate had already rejected the request The rejection was based on the urbanisation status of the

land and the unavailability of relevant revenue records. Justice Sharma said that the petitioner was essentially a trespasser, stating, "Merely the fact that he had been a cultivator for 30 years or more did not bestow him with any legal right,

title, or interest to continue to occupy the subject property.' Furthermore, the court noted the absence of any historical significance or public dedication of the site for worship or prayer to the revered baba, who is no more. The court also dismissed the argument regarding the Religious Affairs Committee's pending consideration of the site's demolition, clarifying that it was a private shrine and not one devoted to the public.

Justice Sharma elaborated on the traditional expectations of Naga Sadhus, noting, "Naga Sadhus are devotees of Lord Shiva and they are ordained to live a life of complete detachment from worldly affairs. Therefore, seeking property rights in their name does not conform with their beliefs and practices.'

Kejriwal To Be Back In Jail As No Relief From Court

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: After 21 days of freedom, AAP convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal will be back in the Tihar Jail on June 2 in the excise policy case as a city court Saturday reserved its order on his plea seeking interim bail on medical grounds.

A day before he surrenders before the jail authorities, Kejriwal held a meeting of the AAP's political affairs committee at his residence this morning. He later attended the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) bloc meeting at Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge's home.

Kejriwal was released from the jail on May 10 on interim bail granted by the Supreme Court for campaigning in the Lok Sabha polls.

Kejriwal said on Friday that he will leave around 3 pm on Sunday to surrender before the jail authorities.

The city court on Saturday reserved for June 5 its order on an application moved by Kejriwal seeking interim bail in the money laundering case linked to alleged excise policy scam. The court observed that the plea was for interim bail on medical grounds and not for the extension of the interim bail granted by the Supreme

Earlier, the Supreme Court



registry on Wednesday refused an urgent listing of Kejriwal's plea seeking extension of his interim bail by seven days for undergoing the medical tests. He claimed loss of weight and high ketone level.

Kejriwal has asked people not to be sad if anything happens to him in jail or even if he loses his life. He also asserted he was proud of going to jail to save the country from "dictatorship", saying he did not know how long will he remain behind the bars this time.

He also appealed to the people of Delhi to pray for his elderly

Meanwhile, Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva said the chief minister should stop his "illness drama" and go back to the jail if he has any respect for law.

It is regrettable to see Kejriwal campaigning after getting bail in a healthy condition and now claiming to be seriously ill and seeking bail on medical ground, he said.

Heatwave To Sweep Across Most States In June: Weather Office

Press Trust Of India

A deadly heat wave gripped large regions of Asia for weeks in April and May 2024. As temperatures climbed past 110 degrees Fahrenheit (43.3 Celsius) in India on May 7, campaigning politicians, local news announcers and voters waiting in long lines passed out from the oppressive heat.

From as far north as Japan to as far south as the Philippines, the relentless heat wreaked havoc on everyday life. Students and teachers in Cambodia were sent home from school, as

their hand-held fans provided little protection against the stifling heat and humidity in their poorly ventilated classrooms.

Farmers in Thailand saw their crops wither and mourned the loss of livestock that perished under the punishing sun. Hundreds of people died from the heat.

Most of the planet has suffered the dire effects of extreme heat in recent years.

A weekslong heat wave in the southwestern United States in 2023 was described as hell on earth in Phoenix, where temperatures hit 110

F (43.3 C) or higher for 31 straight days.

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PM Modi Ends 45-Hour Meditation At Vivekananda Rock Memorial In Tamil Nadu

Kanniyakumari Nadu): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday concluded his 45-hour meditation at the Vivekananda Rock Me- 0 morial in Tamil Nadu's Kannivakumari and paid floral tributes to Tamil saint-poet Thiruvalluvar.

The Prime Minister was on a spiritual sojourn from May 30 evening to June 1 evening, for nearly 45 hours.

He meditated through day and night at the same place where Swami Vivekananda did meditation, at the Dhyan Mandapam.

He was meditating at the Dhyan Mandapam, the place where revered Hindu philos-



opher Swami Vivekananda is believed to have had a divine vision about 'Bharat Mata'. This coincides with the conclusion of polling for the final phase of Lok Sabha polls.

PM Modi arrived at Vivekananda Rock Memorial in Kanyakumari on Thursday. According to mythology, Goddess Parvati also meditated at the same place on one foot as

she waited for Lord Shiva This is the Southernmost tip of India. Further, this is the place where India's Eastern and Western coastlines meet. It is also the meeting point of the Indian Ocean, Bay of Bengal and Arabian Sea.

Prime Minister Modi concluded his election campaign in Punjab's Hoshiarpur on Thursday, for the final phase of the general elections, which will be held on June 1. The Prime Minister held around 206 election campaign events, including rallies and roadshows, in 75 days. He also did around 80 interviews with different news and media platforms.

After 1 Kg Gold Found In Air Hostess' **Rectum, More Flight Crew To Be Probed**

hiruvananthapuram: After arresting two cabin crew members of Air India Express for allegedly smuggling gold, the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) has intensified the probe suspecting role of more crew members in the crime.

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence or DRI arrested 26-year-old air hostess Surabhi Khatun, a native of Kolkata and a member of the cabin crew on the flight from Muscat, in the early hours of Friday.

She was taken into

custody after 960 grams of gold concealed in a compound form was found in her rectum.

The DRI had also picked

the key person in the smuggling of gold. After getting some fresh

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up her senior colleague - Sohail, who is from Kannur, and is suspected to be the involvement of several other cabin crew members in smuggling gold.

Quality Healthcare Key to Effective Patient Care: Secy Health

SRINAGAR: Secretary Health and Medical Education (HME), Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, on Saturday remarked that quality healthcare facilities are the basis of effective patient care and there should be a target for all health facilities to achieve quality certification under National Quality Assurance Standards (NQAS).

With this certification, UPHC Hazratbal has become the first health facility in Urban category in J&K to receive the certification award for upholding high standards of quality, protecting patient rights, service provision and raising awareness.

The Secretary said this while speaking at a function organised by Government Medical College Srinagar in collaboration with Block Medical Office HODs, Medical Superinten-



Hazratbal to commemorate the grant of National level Certification of UPHC Hazratbal under the National Quality Assurance Standards (NQAS) of Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Mission Director NHM, Nazim Zia Khan, Principal GMC Srinagar, Dr Iffat Hassan Shah, Director Health Kashmir, Dr. Mushtaq Ahmad; Administrator Associated Hospitals, Mohammad Ashraf Hakak,

dents, BMO Hazratbal, resident Medical Officers and Paramedics were also present on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, the Secretary congratulated all the stakeholders, particularly the BMO Hazratbal and its staff on this achievement. He remarked that all hospitals and health institutions should be patient friendly, while ensuring all basic facilities.

The Secretary said that all healthcare institutions should ous other officials.

have proper infrastructure with all aesthetics maintained besides having user friendly technology with emphasis on health related Information Management in place. He exhorted upon all health institutions to set a target of achieving quality certification of this status as was achieved by Block Hazratbal.

The Secretary, on the occasion, also felicitated BMO Hazratbal, Dr. Farah and vari**JERC** APPOINTMENTS

Union Power Ministry Initiates Appointment for Joint J&K, Ladakh Body

SRINAGAR: The Union Power Ministry has set the ball rolling for filling the post of member in the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh Union Territories.

As per news agency, the Ministry has initiated the process for filling the post of member in the quasi-judicial body as the incumbent member is completing his tenure on June 30, 2024.

The JERC for UTs carved out of the erstwhile state of Jammu & Kashmir was constituted by the Union Power Ministry on June 18, 2020. The commission consists of a chairperson and a member. On June 30, 2024, Muhammad Rafi Andrabi would complete his term.

Citing a 2018 Supreme Court judgement, the Union Power Ministry's notification states that the member should be from a judicial background.

As per the judgement, It is mandatory that there should

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be a person of law as a member of the Commission, which requires a person, who is, or has been holding a judicial office or is a person possessing professional qualifications with substantial experience in the practice of law, who has the requisite qualifications to have been appointed as a Judge of the High Court or a district judge.

The appointment of the member shall be governed by the relevant provisions of the Electricity Act-2003 and the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Union Territories except Delhi (salary, allowances and other conditions of service of chairperson and member) Rules 2007, and as amended from time to time, the notification further states—(KNO)

Pulwama Hospital Lacks Facilities, Proper Staff

PULWAMA: The residents of the Rahmoo area in south Kashmir's Pulwama district are facing challenges due to the lack of facilities at the Primary Health Centre (PHC) Rahmoo. Despite being established in 2002, the PHC has not been fully equipped to meet the healthcare needs of the local population, causing immense suffering for thousands of people.

Situated about ten kilometres from the district headquarters in Pulwama, the PHC in Rohmoo village has been unable to provide adequate healthcare services, forcing patients to seek treatment either at the district hospital or private clinics, locals told the news agency.

While the existing staff is doing their best, the shortage of personnel is severely impacting healthcare delivery, they added.

Mohammad Akbar, a lo-cal resident, said the PHC caters to a population of at least 40,000 people, but it is lacking in several essential facilities. "Although two buildings are nearly complete, a third building remains unfinished with no work done for years. The completion of these buildings is crucial to improving health-

Khan, another Qayoom resident, said that Deputy Commissioner Pulwama Dr Basharat Qayoom's intervention led to some progress on the second storey of the main building, which is now almost ready. "However, the electricity

ing the PHC's operations," he said, adding that recently, two heart attack patients were unable to receive ECGs due to the absence of a technician, which resulted in delays that could have been critical.

The locals said their efforts have secured a 300 mA X-ray machine for the hospital, but it has been non-operational for the past year due to the need for a three-phase electricity connection and a qualified technician.

They added that the lack of proper road connectivity and an incomplete bridge delays access to the District Hospital Pulwama, which increases the strain on patients and their families.

Residents said they have repeatedly raised these issues with higher authorities, yet no action has been taken. They have now appealing to the Lieutenant Governor to address these concerns and ensure the PHC is equipped with the necessary facilities.

An official from the health department told KNO that the PHC has enough staff to operate from 10 am to 4 pm. He, however, acknowledged that running 24×7 services requires additional personnel.

The official also said that is a need for a threephase electricity connection and a technician to operate the X-ray and ECG machines.

"The issue has been brought to the attention of higher authorities, and the department is hopeful for positive steps to be taken soon," he said—(KNO)

Four Days Environmental Carnival Begins In Bandipora

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BANDIPORA: A four-day environmental carnival commenced Saturday at Forest Campus Chitternar Bandipora to raise awareness about environmental conservation and promote sustainable practices among masses.

The carnival was inaugurated by the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Shakeel Ul Rehman along with Conservator of Forests Eco Tourism Kashmir J&K, Irfan Ali Shah and other officers.

The inaugural day of the event featured a variety of activities, including cultural programmes and speeches by environmental experts, highlighting the importance of protecting the environment and promoting eco-friendly technologies.

The carnival held under the theme Land Restoration, desertification, and drought resilience also provided a platform for local organizations and departments to showcase their efforts in environmental sustainability.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC highlighted collab- of Police (ASP) Bandipora orative efforts to combat en- Sandeep Butt deliberated on expressed his unwavering commitment to realizing the vision of sustainable eco-tourism in the district and to save the environment.

Emphasizing safeguarding ecosystems and protecting biodiversity, the DC stressed environmental conservation as a core component of desertification prevention and sustainable land management.

Conservator of Forests Eco Tourism J&K in his address lauded the efforts of DC Bandipora for ban on polythene use in Gurez. He highlighted various efforts and strategies required to promote Eco-tourism as a sustainable means of economic development.



In a bid to harness the natural beauty and cultural richness of Bandipora while preserving its ecological integrity, he outlined a series of innovative efforts and strategies.

Recognizing the immense potential and natural landscapes and biodiversity of Gurez, Irfan emphasized the importance of the value addition of medicinal plants available in Gurez. He also highlighted initiatives such as homestays as ways to promote sustainable tourism while fostering economic opportunities for local populations.

Speaking on the occasion, Additional Superintendent proper land utilization and afforestation. He stressed the importance of individual responsibility and community engagement in effecting meaningful change.

Principal Kashmir Forest Training School, Davinder pal Singh said that the aim of the program is to sensitize the younger generation regarding environmental issues.

Addressing the gathering, Executive Director Wildlife Conservation Fund and Environmental Lawyer, Nadeem Qadri highlighted challenges of plastic menace and effects of Single Use Plastic on human and aquatic life.

He also called for collective efforts to save Asia's largest

water body, Wular Lake, to conserve and protect it.

Earlier in his welcome address, Project Coordinator Water Management WUCMA, Altaf Hussain Denthoo highlighted significant economic consequences of over exploitation of land.

He also highlighted the importance of land for sustenance and emphasized awareness regarding degradation and desertification of land besides stressing on adopting strategies to overcome desertification and restore degraded lands.

On the occasion various departments had installed stalls including Education, Fisheries, RSETI, Ayush, Horticulture, Agriculture, Handicrafts/ Handloom, Forest Protection, WUCMA besides a stall by tribal Culture Reviver Shahida Majeed showcasing cultural diversity of tribals.

The event also witnessed cultural performance by Students of Higher Secondary School Aragam and a group of girls led by tourism promoter Shabnum Bashir, who showcased various traditional environmental friendly lifestyle practices.

The event also witnessed the presence of DFO Bandipora, Project Coordinator CAT (eco-tourism and livelihood) WUCMA, DFO Anantnag, officers from Forest, Wildlife and

Use Water Judiciously: Jal Shakti Dept Agencies lized for these purposes. The

SRINAGAR: The Ial Shakti Department Kashmir has issued an advisory for a judicious use of potable water and warned to impose penalties on defaulters.

As per the news agency CNS, an advisory from the Jal Shakti Department reads, "It is to inform all the residents of Kashmir Valley about the need for judicious use of potable water. Given the importance of conserving our water resources, the following guidelines must be strictly adhered to: Residents are strictly prohibited from using potable water for watering kitchen gardens, lawns, or any other irrigation purposes. Alternative water sources, such as rainwater, should be uti-

use of potable water for washing vehicles is not permitted. Residents should opt for using recycled water or non-potable water sources for washing their vehicles. Installation of waterefficient appliances and fixtures is encouraged."

It added that the failure to comply with these guidelines will result in strict action as warranted under the Water Resources (Regulation and Management) Act.

"Penalties will be imposed on defaulters as per the provisions of the law. Your cooperation is vital in ensuring the sustainable management of our water resources," the Jal Shakti Department added in the advi-

Police Affix GPS on Bailed Terror Aides in Sopore

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Police in Sopore on Saturday said to have affixed a GPS-enabled anklet on two bailed-out terror associates for better surveillance to track their movements.

This step has been taken after obtaining formal orders from the Court, a police spokesman said in a statement issued to the news agency.

The accused persons identified as Aamar Mehraj Kaboo son of Mehraj ud Din Kaboon resident of Mahrajpora Sopore and Waseem Manzoor Gazi son of Manzoor Ahmad Gazi resident of Watergam Rafiabad were arrested in a case under FIR number 185/2020 under section



7/25, 27 of IA Act, 16, 18, 20, 23, 38 ULAP Act of Police Station Sopore and FIR number 161/2019 under section 7/25 IA Act 18, 39 ULAP Act of Police Station Dangiwacha respectively and have been enlarged bail by the Court.

These GPS anklets will be used to monitor the movement of the said terror associates and ensure that they don't violate the bail conditions, police said—(KNO)

Transport Dept to Crack Down on Overcharging at **Pollution Centers**



Agencies

SRINAGAR: Transport authorities in Kashmir on Saturday said they have been receiving multiple complaints of overcharging by emission testing centres issuing the pollution certificates.

A top official of the transport department told the news agencv that they have been receiving multiple complaints about overcharging by emission testing centres. He warned of action against those found involved.

"Our office is receiving multiple complaints from various parts of the valley on overcharging by emission testing centres. We have taken note of it and action will follow," the officer said.

The official said that there will be surprise inspections of these emission testing centres and the registration of those found in-

volved will be cancelled. Notably, the Pollution Under Control (PUC) certificate of a vehicle is mandatory to ensure that the vehicle's emission levels comply with the pollution norms. Every motor vehicle (two/three/four-wheelers) must have a pollution certificate, irrespective of fuel type.

According to the Jammu and Kashmir Motor Vehicle Department, the Pollution Checking Centre shall issue the pollution under control Certificate as the sample prescribed duly signed by the authorised signatory only for those vehicles which conform to the standards prescribed under rule 115 (2) of CMV Rule, 1989.

pollution The authorised checking centre shall charge fees from the motor vehicle owners for checking and issuing the PUC certificate, charging Rs 50 for two-wheelers and cars, Rs 60 for three-wheelers and taxis, Rs 80 for agriculture tractors and taxis (diesel-driven) and Rs 100 for trucks and buses (including mini buses and mini load carriers—(KNO)

School Edu Deptt Exposes 'Fraudulent' Teacher After Five Years Of His Appointment

SRINAGAR: The School Education Department Saturday said that a person have been 'impersonating' as a teacher from past five years by making a fraudulent entry in the department.

The department accordingly had ordered recovery of the benefits drawn out of the fake entry made by the person.

According to the news agency–Kashmir News Observer (KNO). Director of School Education Kashmir (DSEK) in a order said that the department while examining the records relating to appointment of General Line Teachers for the purpose of reconciliation of incumbency position, 'it has come to the notice that one person has been working at Girls High School Kunzer as teacher, since December 2019 was having doubtful initial appointment.'

DSEK said that accordingly, the Chief Education Officer (CEO) Baramulla was requested to furnish a report on the genu-

ineness of her appointment having reference to relevant records

According to DSEK, the CEO on 25-05-2024, furnished a detailed report which besides other things reveal that the fraudulent has reportedly joined the department on 20th of December, in 2019 as a teacher by producing an adjustment order.

"However, he has reported that the order in question has not been issued by his office as verified from the dispatch register and other office records perusal of the adjustment order in question provided by the office of CEO Baramulla, reveals that the order has reference to High Court Order of 2019 issued under SWP No. 56/2018, M.P.No. 13/2018," it reads.

DSEK however said that it has found that the ibid SWP per-

tains to Home Department and has no relevance to the subject's appointment. The mentioned adjustment

order also has a reference to this

office, but upon verification it

was found that the subject is not figuring anywhere in the ibid order. It has found that on the basis of which the fraudulent has managed her entry in the School Education Department is fake, thus the subject has drawn her salary fraudulently causing loss to government exchequer," reads the order.

DSEK further said that Supreme Court in catena of judgements has held that it is not necessary for the employer to hold an enquiry before dispensing with the services of such an employee which has never been in existence or non-est in the eves of law and that the observance of principles of natural justice is not necessary in such

The judgements have been re-iterated and taken as reference by the High Court of J&K and Ladakh in a recent judgement. It has been held that there is no need to conduct an inquiry into case of fraudulent appointments being non-est in the eyes of law."

از دفتر ا کیزیکٹومجسٹریٹ درجہاول مخصیل ہندواڑہ مضمون ڈیٹ آف برتھ (DOB) شیقکیٹ سدرۃ المنٹی 25 /03 / 2021 وانعمة حبيب202/205 زخرً ان حشمت حبيب ڈارسا كنه بڈكوٹ اشتہار بغرض آگاهی ہرخاص وعام معاملہ مندرجہ عنون الصدر کے نسبت درخواست سائل/سائلہ دفتر بذا میں زیر ساعت ہے سائل/سائلہ کی تاریخ نبیدائش مطابق رکاڑ /2021/03/2011ور /2022/18/05 ہےاس بارے میں اگر کسی مجھی شخص یا اشخاص کوکوئی اعتراض ہوتو وہ سات دن کے آندراندر دفتر ہذا میں پیش کریں میعاد ختم ہونے کے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض یاعذر قابل قبول نہیں تنح برالصدرا مگزیکٹومجسٹریٹ درج اول ہندواڑ ہ

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Waiting for the Day

The INDIA Alliance's spirited campaign has injected unpredictability into what initially seemed a straightforward contest

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The election

is at a critical juncture. The INDIA Alliance's spirited campaign has injected unpredictability into what initially seemed a straightforward contest. As both sides grapple with complex voter sentiments, the final outcome remains uncertain, making this election one of the most closely watched in recent history

s the general election draws to a close, the outcome has become increasingly uncertain. Initially, the BJP appeared to be on a clear path to victory, due largely to the widespread popularity of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. However, the dynamics seems to have shifted, albeit not entirely, due to the vigorous campaign led by the INDIA Alliance, a coalition of opposition parties led by the Congress.

The opposition's resurgence is evident in the campaign discourse, where their focus on pressing issues like unemployment and inflation has struck a chord with large sections of the electorate. But it may still fall short of getting the alliance across the line.Rahul Gandhi, the 53-yearold leader of the Congress party, has been drawing impressive crowds. A recent rally in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, attracted tens of thousands of attendees, reflecting a significant groundswell of support. Uttar Pradesh, with its 80 parliamentary seats, is crucial for any party aspiring to form the government. In the 2019 election, the BJP won 62 seats here, which significantly contributed to its overall tally of 302 seats.

The shift in voter sentiment is critical. During its previous term, the BJP implemented major constitutional and legal changes, including the revocation of Jammu and Kashmir's semi-autonomous status. the introduction of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), and the construction of a temple dedicated to pre-eminentHindu deity Ram. These moves, aligning with the party's nationalist agenda, were initially wellreceived by the BJP's base. However, the lack of a clear wave in favor of the BJP this time suggests these actions might not suffice to galvanize the elec-



torate as before.

The INDIA Alliance's persistent focus on economic issues presents a formidable challenge to the BJP. Despite the saffron party's efforts to leverage nationalism, the opposition's narrative on economic hardships is gaining traction. This has introduced a significant degree of uncertainty into the electoral outcome. Modi's enduring popularity remains a formidable factor, yet even this seems to be providing only a marginal advantage for the BJP. More so, this time, when as against 2019, people have been less visible and vocal in the expression of their support.

The current election, therefore, represents an interesting moment for India. Swathes of the public are unhappy over the BJP's governance style, characterized by what some see as a plutocratic authoritarian approach. However, several factors might prevent this discontent from translating into votes.

Analysts are thus divided on the likely outcome. Yogendra Yadav, a renowned activist and psephologist,

predicts significant losses for the BJP, estimating they could fall short by 65 seats from their previous tally, leading the NDA to be 80 seats short. This scenario would force the BJP to seek coalition partners, unlike in 2019 when they secured a majority independently. Yadav's prediction, based on direct engagement with voters across states, resonates with several other analysts.

Conversely, political strategist Prashant Kishor offers a more favorable outlook for the BJP, suggesting they might match or slightly exceed their 2019 performance. Kishor's forecast, however, does not eliminate doubts about the BJP's footing. Observers interpret the BJP's increasingly divisive rhetoric as a sign of underlying challenges. The highly polarizing campaign has led to questions about whether the party is suffering losses.

The historical context adds another layer of complexity. In 2004, despite favorable exit polls, the Atal Bihari Vajpayee-led NDA government failed to secure a second term. Both Yadav and Kishor have previously misjudged election outcomes, testifying to the unpredictability of Indian

What sets this election apart is the BJP's struggle to control the narrative. Despite the party's polarizing statements, they have not succeeded in setting the agenda as they did in the past. As the election campaign nears its conclusion, the BJP's dominance seems less assured, yet the opposition's prospects remain uncertain.

The strident nationalist rhetoric that has characterized the BJP's past campaigns is present, but its effectiveness appears diminished. The BJP is not having an easy time this election, but whether the opposition will be able to capitalize on this is still an open question.

The election is at a critical juncture. The INDIA Alliance's spirited campaign has injected unpredictability into what initially seemed a straightforward contest. As both sides grapple with complex voter sentiments, the final outcome remains uncertain, making this election one of the most closely watched in recent history. The coming days will be crucial in determining whether the BJP can maintain its hold on power or if the opposition can leverage the public's economic concerns to secure a victory. The outcome of this election will significantly impact India's political future, setting the course for the nation's governance and policies in the years to come.

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India's Growth Story And A Vision For 2047

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'ndia will mark 100 years of independence in 2047. Reflecting on the journey from 1947 to 2021, the celebrations of the 75th Independence __anniversary, termed Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsay, set the tone for a future-focused India. The events that spanned from March 12, 2021, to August 15, 2023, were a prelude to the ambitious goals envisioned for 2047.

In his address from the Red Fort on August 15, 2021, Prime Minister Narendra Modi invoked the words of Swami Vivekananda from his speech "The Future of India", where he spoke of drawing strength from India's rich history to build a future of unparalleled greatness. Vivekananda's words. "Drink deep of the eternal fountains that are behind, and after that, look forward, march forward and make India brighter, greater, much higher than she ever was", resonate with the ethos of India's journey towards its centenary of independence.

Predicting the exact state of India in 2047 is challenging, yet certain trends and aspirations can be projected based on current trajectories and indicators like GDP, per capita income, and other broader economic metrics.

The gross domestic product (GDP) remains a critical. albeit imperfect, measure of economic progress. As of 2024, India's per capita income stands at approximately \$2,700, with the purchasing power parity (PPP) per capita income around \$10,120. The aggregate size of India's GDP is about \$3.9 trillion (official exchange rates) and around \$14.6 trillion. These figures underline India's substantial economic footprint.

The Economic Survey of 2018-19 articulated a vision for India to become a \$5 trillion economy by 2024-25, necessitating a real annual GDP growth rate of 8% alongside 4% inflation. The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted this trajectory, effectively setting back India's economic progress by two years. Nonetheless, the aspirations remain, with a focus on achieving sustainable and inclusive growth.

Looking ahead to 2047, several economic and developmental projections can be made. By that vear. India's per capita income is expected to reach at least \$10,000, with the economy's size approaching or exceeding \$20 trillion. Such growth will likely transition India from a lower-middle-income country to an upper-middle-income category, nearing high-income status. It will also bring about significant socio-economic changes, including a sharp decline in poverty levels and a substantial rise in human development indicators.

By 2047, India aims to transition from its current medium human development category, with an HDI value of 0.645, to a high human development

category. As of 2024, India's life expectancy is 70.8 years, the mean years of schooling is 6.5 years, and the GNI per capita (PPP) stands at \$10,120. By 2047, projections indicate life expectancy will exceed 78 years, mean years of schooling will rise to over 10 years, and GNI per capita (PPP) will surpass \$20,000. This progress will be driven by advancements in healthcare, educational reforms, and economic policies promoting industrialisation and the growth of the digital economy. Higher human development will reflect improved quality of life, attract foreign investment, and strengthen social equity, aligning with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Strategic investments in healthcare, education, and economic diversification, alongside effective governance, will be critical to achieving these targets, positioning India as a major global player with robust economic growth and social development.

Achieving this vision requires a comprehen-

timately driving sustainable economic growth and social development.

Investment and export growth are critical for India's economic trajectory. Sustaining high investment rates, particularly in the private sector, is essential for driving economic expansion. As of 2024, India's gross fixed capital formation is approximately 28% of GDP, with private investment playing a significant role. Enhancing productivity, currently growing at about 5% annually, and leveraging the demographic dividend—where 62% of the population is in the working-age group—will further fuel this growth. However, this demographic advantage will begin to diminish post-2035, necessitating urgent action to maximise current opportunities. Increasing exports, which contribute around 20% to the GDP, is also vital. Policies focused on improving infrastructure, easing business regulations, and entering into beneficial trade agreements

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sive growth agenda that integrates development indicators with economic growth measures. Several key strategies will be instrumental in this journey.

Tax reforms will be pivotal in propelling India towards its 2047 vision. A streamlined GST system that encompasses all goods and services, including traditionally exempted sectors such as petroleum, real estate, and alcohol, will significantly enhance economic efficiency. Implementing stable and predictable GST rates, ideally consolidated into three primary rates (6%, 12%, and 18%), will reduce compliance costs and curb unnecessary classification disputes and litigation. On the direct tax front, eliminating exemptions and broadening the tax base will enhance equity and compliance. This reform will prevent tax avoidance and ensure that all income categories contribute fairly to the national revenue, which is crucial for funding public services and infrastructure. Additionally, integrating personal and corporate taxation under a simplified, exemption-free regime will reduce complexities and litigation, fostering a more transparent and efficient tax environment. These comprehensive tax reforms are essential for increasing the tax-to-GDP ratio from the current 18% to a targeted 23%, providing the government with the necessary resources to invest in public goods and services, ulare expected to boost exports and attract foreign direct investment (FDI), currently standing at approximately \$60 billion annually.

Labour market reforms are also essential for driving productivity. As of 2024, India's labour force participation rate stands at approximately 46%, with female participation significantly lower at 23%. Increasing overall participation, particularly among women, is vital for harnessing the full potential of the workforce. Implementing skill development programs is crucial, given that 53% of the workforce lacks formal skill training. Formalizing the informal sector, which constitutes about 80% of employment, will improve job security and productivity. Efficient intermediation between labour supply and demand through technology-driven platforms can match skills with market needs, reducing unemployment and underemployment rates. By addressing these areas, India can improve its labour productivity growth from the current 5% annually to higher levels, contributing significantly to economic expansion.

Urbanisation and decentralisation are pivotal for sustainable development in India. With an urbanisation rate of 34% as of 2024, India's cities are rapidly expanding. Efficient urban governance is necessary to manage this growth. Modernising

land records through digital cadastral surveys will ensure transparent land use and reduce disputes. Streamlined land use policies will facilitate better planning and development. Empowering local governments is crucial.

Enhancing public expenditure efficiency is vital for maximising resource utilisation and achieving sustainable development. As of 2024, public expenditure accounts for approximately 27% of India's GDP. Prioritising expenditure based on clear cases of market failure and focusing on essential infrastructure and social services, such as health and education, will ensure better outcomes. Establishing a Public Expenditure Council, akin to the GST Council, can coordinate and rationalise spending across different government levels, enhancing effectiveness and reducing redundancies. Such a council would evaluate and prioritise expenditure programmes, ensuring that resources are allocated to the most impactful areas. This strategic allocation can improve infrastructure, with a current focus on projects like the Bharatmala and Sagarmala initiatives, and social services, ensuring broader access and quality. These measures will enhance the efficiency of public spending, contributing to higher economic growth and improved social indicators.

Privatisation and market reforms are essential for fostering a competitive economic environment. Implementing the New Public Sector Enterprise (PSE) Policy, which aims to reduce the number of sectors reserved for state enterprises to four, will drive efficiency and innovation. The current weighted average of MFN-applied tariff rates on manufactured products stands at 6.8%; rationalising import duties and reducing tariffs will enhance competitiveness. Lowering tariff barriers, particularly for raw materials and intermediate goods, will reduce production costs and boost exports. Privatising non-strategic PSEs will increase efficiency in sectors like telecommunications and aviation. Rationalising the number of sectors and focusing on critical areas such as defence and infrastructure will protect strategic interests while promoting private sector growth. These reforms are expected to attract greater FDI.

India's journey towards 2047 is one of transformation and opportunity. By embracing comprehensive reforms, fostering inclusive growth, and leveraging its demographic and economic potential, India can realise its vision of a prosperous, developed nation that celebrates 100 years of independence with pride and progress.

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KASHMIR'S FCCTBALL FAD

Mohammad Hanief

Pootball is a game that millions of people around the world play and love. It can be called a universal game because every small and big nation plays it. Moreover, it's a great relaxer, stress reliever, teacher of discipline and teamwork. Apart from that, it keeps the body and mind fit and healthy. It's a team game that makes it a more enjoyable game as it teaches people the importance of sportsmanship, leadership, and unity.

The football game is gaining popularity among messes in Jammu and Kashmir, particularly in Kashmir division. The emergence of some football players on national scene is a testimony to this

The popularity of football in Kashmir Valley is witness to the passion and love of sports lovers. Despite all the challenges they face, people have embraced football and made it a part of their culture. Historically, Football has remained a popular game in Kashmir. That is the key reason, why the football matches draws huge audiences to the stands.

The history of football can be traced back to the ancient times of the Greeks. Everyone knows that the Greeks were great sportsmen and have invented

many games. Football happens to one of them. A similar game like football is played in many countries but the latest version of football that we knew originates in England. Likewise, England formulated the first rule of the game. From that day onwards the football has progressed in ways we can't imagine.

It was the autumn of 1891 when Mr Biscoe Tyndale returned from Bombay with Mrs. Tyndale Biscoe that amongst their luggage they brought a 'Football' the first thing boys of mission school had seen with great pleasure. When the Principal Tyndale Biscoe arrived at school at the set time and held up this football in the students view, it was expected it would evoke enthusiasm among students, but 'alas' it did not arose any interest or pleasure or enthusiasm amongst the students.

Biscoe introduced the game to his students and was successful in organising the first ever football match in Srinagar. The sports gained popularity in the region and soon football clubs were made and tournaments were organised



Back in the day when the maharajas ruled Kashmir, football was a source of entertainment for the people after toiling all day at work. The accessibility of the game made it popular among the masses-all that was needed was a ball that they could chase in many fields.

It was all building up to what is considered the golden period of football in the Valley. Between 1976 and 1988, Kashmir hosted Junior and Senior Nationals, the All India University Championship, and tournaments for the civil services and the police, in addition to the Federation Cup.

But, in recent years, football has become even more popular in the valley. With the emergence of professional football clubs, such as Real Kashmir FC, the profile of the sport in the region has risen and Real Kashmir FC has become a household name in Kashmir.

From their warm hospitality to their passion for football, the only thing cold about Jammu and Kashmir is its winters. When you see youngsters practicing their skills tirelessly on cold mornings, you will warm up to the idea that there's a Kashmir that was hiding in the fog until now. There are no off-sides when it comes to football in Kashmir. It travers

es all ideologies, communities, opinions and the shadows of political history. The only lines drawn here are on a green field pitching 11 versus 11 over a com-

To become a successful performer in a competitive field like football, players not only need to become players with exceptional skill but to understand football at its core. They have to develop tactical abilities and be highly dedicated to the game, giving an extensive amount of time to practice in order to improve gameplay and to understand the physiological requirements of the professional level of the sport.

In the backdrop of rising popularity of football in the Valley and players' interest in sweating out the game, the local authorities of Jammu and Kashmir are focusing on improving soccer facilities in the union territory.

Valley has had a craze for football since the 90s. There were some top football teams at the time, like JK Bank, JK Police, and SRTC. They would always be supported by a huge crowd during their

Before Kakroo, players such as Mohammed Yousuf Dar and Farooq Ahmad Bhat had drawn a lot of attention from

the football fraternity. Teams such as the State Road Transport Corporation (SRTC, later just RTC) and Jammu and Kashmir Bank (J&K Bank) were considered the nursery of Kashmiri football, and enjoyed a lot of success in those days, despite the lack of anything in the way of quality infrastructure.

Since I-League matches are played in Srinagar, many talented youngsters from Kashmir Valley are coming forward and participating in I-League matches, which is a great thing. Such platforms like I-League where local players are getting opportunities to play with for-eign players are helping in bringing back the craze of football among the youth of Kashmir Valley.

Breaking out the decades-old taboo, Kashmiri girls are now exploring the prospects of choosing football as a career. Just a few years back, there were no platforms for Kashmiri girls to learn and play football but with some positive change in the Kashmir valley, new football clubs are being opened to harness the raw talent of the young girl footballers.

But footballers from other parts of the world believe that there is a lot more to be done for football in Kashmir. There is a need to build more professional training centers here and invite players from outside to play here so that players from this region can learn and play together to enhance their skills in the game.

The union territory has a strong connection to football having produced many legendary soccer players like Abdul Majeed Kakroo, Mehraj ud Din Wadoo, Ishfaq Ahmed in the past. The improved level of facilities is a step towards inspiring more youths to join football matches and kick it off for a better future in the Valley.

Football is an important game from the point of view of the spectator as well as the player. This 90 minutes game is full of excitement and thrill. Moreover, it keeps the player mentally and physically healthy, and disciplined. And this ninety-minute game tests their sportsmanship, patience, and tolerance.

The popularity of football in Kashmir Valley is witness to the passion and love of sports lovers. Despite all the challenges they face, people have embraced foot-ball and made it a part of their culture.

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Delhi nears 50 degrees Celsius: What's causing extreme heat in capital?

Nisha Anand

elhi on Tuesday nearly reached 50 degrees Celsius at three of its weather stations, highlighting the extreme heat wave conditions affecting northern India. The city's official weather station at Safdarjung recorded a temperature of 45.8 degrees Celsius. However, the outskirts of Mungeshpur, Narela, and Najafgarh reported temperatures above 49 degrees Celsius.

In Mungeshpur and Narela, 49.9 degrees Celsius was recorded. This is nine notches above the normal temperature for this time of the year. Najafgarh was recorded at 49.8 degrees Celsius, while Pitampura and Pusa recorded 48.5 degrees.

The extreme heat in Delhi has prompted the authorities to make the necessary arrangements to mitigate health risks like heatstroke and dehydration, heart strain

Why is the temperature soaring in Delhi?

Experts have attributed headwaves from Rajasthan as a key contributing factor for the extreme heat in Delhi. Mahesh Palawat, vice-president of Meteorology and Climate Change at Skymet Weather said, "In open areas with vacant land, there is increased radiation. Direct sunlight and lack of shade make these regions excep-

tionally hot." "Parts of Delhi are particularly suscep-



worsening the already severe weather. Ar-

tible to the early arrival of these hot winds, eas like Mungeshpur, Narela and Najafgarh these hot winds," Kuldeep Srivastava, the

are the first to experience the full force of regional head of the India Meteorological

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Department (IMD) said.

How is heatwave measured?

A heatwave is declared over a region "when actual maximum temperature remains 45 degrees Celsius or more irrespective of normal maximum temperature," the Centre says.

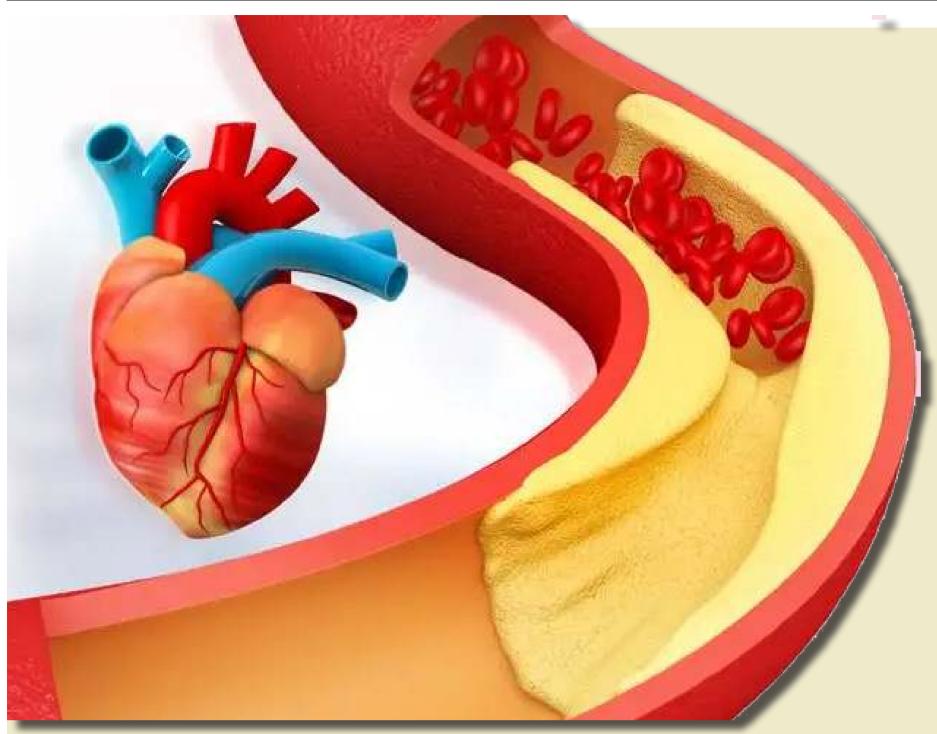
According to the IMD, a heatwave is declared "if the maximum temperature of a station reaches at least 40 degrees Celsius or more for plains, 37 degrees Celsius or more for coastal stations and at least 30 degrees Celsius or more for Hilly region" for two or more days.

IMD weather forecast for May 29 Other than Delhi, many places in Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh

also reported their highest maximum temperature for this season on Tuesday. In view of the conditions, the weather body has declared a red alert in the national capital, Haryana-Chandigarh, parts of Rajasthan, Punjab, UP and other north Indian cities till May 29.

Heat wave to severe heat wave conditions are likely to gradually reduce over central and northwest India from May 30, the weather body predicted, adding that warm night conditions will continue to prevail in Delhi and adjoining regions till

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Studies Show Gene-Based Drugs To Lower Cholesterol In People With Naturally High Levels

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ene-based drugs could help lower cholesterol levels in patients with naturally high levels of the lipid in their blood, according to new studies published in the New England Journal of Medicine.

Researchers of the two studies said that the drugs can be given to patients by injection four times a year. The studies analyse the performance of two genebased drugs plozasiran and zodasiran in early stage (phase-2b) clinical trials in terms of safety and efficacy.

These drugs are RNA-based, meaning they are made using small pieces of ribonucleic acid, which is present in all living organisms.

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drugs binds with the RNA naturally present in the body and prevents it from making proteins known to play roles in regulating 'bad' cholesterol levels, the researchers explained.

While plozasiran helps limit the formation of the protein apolipoprotein C3, zodasiran reduces the production of the protein angiopoietin-like 3 (ANGPTL3), according to the authors.

Both the drugs, developed by US-based Arrowhead Pharmaceuticals, were found to significantly lower triglyceride levels in patients with mixed hyperlipidemia, a congenital disease in which an individual has naturally higher levels of cholesterol and fat in their body. These patients were already taking cholesterol-lowering drugs, known as statins

High triglyceride levels increase the chances of high 'bad' cholesterol in the body.

Plozasiran was trialled in a total of 353 participants, who were divided into cohorts. Two doses of 10 milligrams (mg), 25 mg, or 50 mg of plozasiran were administered once every 12 weeks or once every 24 weeks, the researchers said.

At week 24, triglyceride levels were found to have lowered by almost 50 per cent in the patients given the 10-mg-quarterly dose, whereas the levels were cut down by 56 per cent in the patients administered the 25-mg-quarterly dose.

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Further, in the patients given the 50-mg quarterly dose, triglyceride levels fell by 62.4 per cent, while in the patients given the 50-mg-half-yearly dose, these levels fell by 44.2 per cent, the re-

searchers found.

Zodasiran was trialled in a total of 204 participants. Eligible patients were randomly assigned to receive subcutaneous injections of the drug (50, 100, or 200 mg) or placebo on day 1 and week 12 and were followed through

At week 24, the researchers observed "substantial" lowering in levels of ANGPTL3 protein, lower levels of which are linked

with lower levels of cholesterol.

"Other differences in change from the baseline as compared with placebo included the following: for non-HDL cholesterol level, minus 29 percentage points with 50 mg, minus 29 percentage points with 100 mg, and minus 36 percentage points with 200 mg; and for LDL cholesterol level, minus 16 percentage points, minus 14 percentage points, and minus 20 percentage points, respectively," the authors wrote.

Zodasiran was also associated with lowered liver fat at week 24, with no adverse events related to liver function test changes reported so far, Arrowhead Pharmaceuticals said in a statement.

Further, plozasiran continued to show a favourable safety profile to date, according to the statement.

Arrowhead Pharmaceuticals develops RNA-based medicines for treating intractable diseases by silencing the genes that cause them, according to their website.



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Passenger Vehicle Wholesales In Slow Lane In May Due To **High Base Effect, Elections**



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NEW DELHI: Passenger vehicle wholesales in India witnessed a marginal growth in May on account of high base effect and muted demand due to general elections

The overall passenger vehicle dispatches from companies to dealers stood at 3,50,257 lakh units last month as compared to 3,35,436 in the same month a year ago, registering a growth of 4 per cent.

Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) said its total domestic passenger vehicle sales rose marginally to 1,44,002 units last month from 1,43,708 units in the yearago period.

The company saw year-onyear dip in sales of entry level and compact cars last month as against May 2023.

Utility vehicle sales, including that of Brezza, Grand Vitara, Ertiga, S-Cross and XL6, however, rose to 54,204 units last month as against 46,243 units a year earlier.

"It has been discussed that growth this year will not be very high. It will be in single digit because of the high base effect. Secondly, there were elections and the scorching temperatures also had an impact on the overall sales in May," MSI Senior Executive Officer (Marketing & Sales) Partho Banerjee told reporters.

He further said: "We are very hopeful that we will start see-

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SRINAGAR: J&K Bank Friday

gave a warm send off to one of

its senior officers Aejaz Ahmad

Bazaz, who retired as Deputy

General Manager after serving

the bank in different capacities

for over three decades. Aejaz

Ahmad Bazaz was currently

MD & CEO Baldev Prakash

chaired the farewell meeting

held at CHQ that was attended

by General Managers, DGMs

While commending the

gentle nature of retiring DGM,

functioning as DGM Law.

and other senior officers.

J&K Bank Gives Warm

Send-Off To Senior Officer

ing the green shoots coming with the election results coming in. I think things will turn

around. Banerjee noted that the company is going to introduce a limited edition trims of its entry level cars -- Alto K10, S-Presso and Celerio -- in order to rejuvenate the small car segment.

The Dream Series edition trims of the three models will be launched at a price point of Rs 4.99 lakh (ex-showroom), he said.

"Based on the feedback of our target customers we have come up with an edition in which we are mostly focusing on the utilities and convenience features," Banerjee said.

Sales of Maruti Suzuki's mini segment cars, comprising Alto and S-Presso, declined to 9,902 units last month from 12,236 units in May 2023. Rival Hyundai Motor India reported a 1 per cent year-on-year increase in domestic dispatch of vehicles

to dealers last month. The company's wholesales rose to 49,151 units in May as compared to 48,601 units in May 2023.

Hyundai Motor India COO Tarun Garg said that the sales growth this financial year is anticipated to remain in low

single digit range.
"In April also the industry grew by around 1.5 per cent ...so April plus May the industry growth should be around 2-2.5 per cent over same period last year," he noted.

MD & CEO appreciated his le-

gal acumen and praised his

contribution to the Bank. He

wished the retiring officer a

happy and healthy post-re-

for their support and love

throughout his career, Aejaz

Ahmad Bazaz said, "I feel hon-

oured and happy to have been

part of J&K Bank family. The

journey has been rewarding

and I am grateful to everyone

I have worked with. I would

always cherish the wonderful

times and friendships this in-

stitution has gifted me.

Thanking all his colleagues

tirement life.

Will Airfares Come Down? ATF Price Cut By 6.5%, Commercial LPG By Rs 69

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Jet fuel or ATF price on Saturday was reduced by a steep 6.5 per cent and that of commercial LPG used by hotels and restaurants by Rs 69 per 19-kg cylinder on declining international oil prices.

Aviation turbine fuel (ATF) price was cut by Rs 6,673.87 per kilolitre, or 6.5 per cent, to Rs 94,969.01 per kl in the national capital, according to a price notification of stateowned fuel retailers.

The reduction follows a marginal 0.7 per cent (Rs 749.25 per kl) increase on

The ATF rate in Mumbai was slashed to Rs 88,834.27 per kl from Rs 95,173.70.

Prices differ from state to state depending on the incidence of local taxes.

Alongside, oil firms also cut the price of commercial LPG by Rs 69 to Rs 1,676 per 19-kg cylinder.

This is the third straight monthly reduction in rates. The price was on May 1 reduced by Rs 19 per cylinder and by Rs 30.5 on April 1.

Rate of cooking gas used in domestic households, however, remained unchanged at Rs 803 per 14.2-kg cylinder. April 1 saw the first reduc-

tion in commercial LPG prices since January. The rate had gone up by Rs 14 per cylinder on February 1 and Rs 25.5 on



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State-owned Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL), and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) revise prices of ATF and cooking gas on 1st of every month based on the average price of benchmark international fuel and foreign exchange rate.

Prices of petrol and diesel

continue to remain frozen. Rates had been cut by Rs 2 per litre in mid-March. Petrol costs Rs 94.72 a litre in Delhi while diesel is priced at Rs

Meanwhile, the government has reduced windfall tax on domestically-produced crude oil to Rs 5,200 per tonne from Rs 5,700 with effect from Saturday.

The tax is levied in the form of Special Additional Excise Duty (SAED).

SAED on the export of diesel, petrol and jet fuel or ATF, has been retained at 'nil'. The new rates are effective

from June 1, an official notification said. India first imposed windfall

profit taxes on July 1, 2022, joining a host of nations that tax supernormal profits of energy companies.

The tax rates are reviewed every fortnight based on average oil prices in the previous

Top 100 Companies To Verify

Market Rumours Promptly Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The top 100 listed companies by market capitalization will have to confirm or deny any market rumour reported in the mainstream media from Saturday. The rule will be applicable for top 250 companies from December 1.

Under the Sebi's rule, these companies will have to 'confirm, deny, or clarify any reported event or information in the mainstream media that is not general in nature and that indicates that rumours of an impending specific material event' are circulating amongst the investing public within 24 hours from the reporting of the information.

Sebi through its newly introduced rumour verification framework has excluded the price volatility in arriving at average market price for the purpose of corporate actions in a bid to make it fair for all investors at large.

The move would dissuade leaking of information that would affect the valuation in the given corporation action. This initiative of Sebi would help strengthen the rumour verifica-



Makarand M Joshi, founder, MMJC and Associates, a corporate compliance firm, said. While calculating the price for various corporate actions such as buyback through book building, buyback through stock exchange, qualified institutional placement, preferen-

making it a preferred market

for investors all over the world.

tial allotment, takeovers, effect on shares price due to material price movement and confirmation of reported event or information can be excluded.

It means that while calculating price for corporate actions the period during which material price movement was seen in the stock due to confirmed

Market rumours pertaining to a company's business can stock prices, often leading to transactions that don't reflect a company's true value. This market rumours could be related to anything, including exiting of top management, cancellation of an order and financial health.

"Sebi's framework addresses this issue by establishing a mechanism to determine the unaffected price -- the price of a stock before the rumour surfaced. This price would be used for transactions unless the rumour itself caused price fluctuations in subsequent trading days," Trivesh, Chief Operating Officer of Tradejini, had said.

GST Collections Grow 10% To Rs 1.73 Lakh Cr In May On **Robust Domestic Activity**

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Goods and Services Tax collections grew 10 per cent to Rs 1.73 lakh crore in May driven by an increase in domestic transactions, indicating a sustained economic momentum.

The collections, however, stood lower than the highestever mop-up of Rs 2.10 lakh crore recorded in April.

"The gross Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenue for the month of May 2024 stood at Rs 1.73 lakh crore," the finance ministry said in a statement.

Rs 3.36 lakh crore, reflecting a growth of 11.6 per cent compared to the same period last

domestic transactions (up 14.2

per cent) and marginal increase

After accounting for refunds,

the net GST revenue in the FY 2024-25 till May 2024 stood at

in imports (up 1.4 per cent).

Experts said the collection numbers reflect the resilience of economy and continued

growth momentum. M S Mani, Partner, Deloitte India, said these collections, which relate to supply of goods and services transactions in



The 10 per cent year-on-year growth in May collection was driven by a strong increase in revenues from domestic transactions (up 15.3 per cent) amid slowing of imports (down 4.3 per cent).

After accounting for refunds, the net GST revenue for May 2024 stood at Rs 1.44 lakh crore, reflecting a growth of 6.9 per cent compared to the same period last year.

The gross GST collections in FY25 till May 2024 stood at Rs 3.83 lakh crore, which is a 11.3 per cent year-on-year growth, driven by a strong increase in

April 2024, for which GST has been paid in May this year, indicate the beginning of a new normal in excess of Rs 1.7 trillion in FY25 compared to Rs 1.6 trillion during FY24.

The resilience shown by the GST collections, without significant seasonal or eventbased variations across recent months, indicates the maturity of the GST system. There will now be renewed confidence in moving ahead with the next stage of reforms in the coming months, without significant concerns on the revenue impact," Mani said.

India Moves 100 Metric Tonnes Of Gold From United Kingdom To Domestic Vaults

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: India has moved 100 metric tonnes of its gold stored in the UK to domestic vaults in FY24, sources said on

This is one of the biggest movements of gold undertaken by the country since 1991, when pledging a substantial part of the gold holding to tide over a foreign exchange crisis resulted in its movement out of vaults.

The country's overall gold holding increased 27.46 metric tonnes in FY24 and it stands at 822 metric tonnes, as per offi-

A substantial part of the precious commodity is stored abroad, the sources said, adding that India also had its holding with the Bank of England like other countries.

The movement of 100 metric tonnes into India has taken the overall quantity stored locally to over 408 metric tonnes of gold, which means the local and foreign holding is now split almost evenly.

As per the annual report of the central bank for FY24 released on Thursday, over 308 metric tonnes of gold is held in India as backing for notes issued, while another 100.28



tonnes is held locally as an asset of the banking department. Of the overall gold reserves, 413.79 metric tonnes are held

abroad, the annual report said. According to the sources, given the gold buying over the last few years, a call was taken to reduce the holding abroad which is part of the standard

review procedures. In 2009, India had bought 200 tonnes of gold from the International Monetary Fund, after which it has been buying the precious commodity from the secondary market as part of its foreign exchange asset

diversification efforts. Officials from the Ministry of Finance, the RBI and other agencies took care of the movement of gold in complete secrecy given the high value, as per the sources.

At present, the gold held locally is stored at high security vaults and facilities in Mumbai and Nagpur, the sources added.

AHD Organises Awareness Event To Mark World Milk Day-2024

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Department of Animal Husbandry Jammu celebrated 'World Milk Day' here on Saturday Husbandry at Animal Husbandry Complex, Ta-

The celebration was organized to raise awareness among people regarding the importance of milk and milk products in our daily diets. The theme for this year's celebrations is, 'Dairy and its role in giving people the nutrients they need to stay healthy.'

Director Animal Husbandry Jammu. Dr. Waheeda Parveen said that the day is commemorated everyyear since 2001 when it was first celebrated by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations. "The idea behind this celebration was to highlight how dairy helps nourish people around the globe" she added. She further said that milk supplies much needed nutrients like proteins, vitamins and minerals which make it an important food for growing children, pregnant women, adults, old-age persons and patients alike.

She further emphasized on processing of milk for value addition

ers due to spoilage of milk or lower prices. She further acknowledged the contribution of our dairy farmers for their efforts put into shaping the growth of our dairy sector paving the way for us to become the largest milk producing country in the world from 1998 onwards.

to avoid economic losses to farm-

The Director said that the Department of Animal Husbandry Jammu is working dedicatedly for augmenting milk productivity of our farm animals through latest technological interventions like introduction of sex sorted semen and newer higher yielding varieties of fodder seeds.

She further said that the department has doubled its efforts in terms of establishing more dairy units in the division through induction of elite milch animals from outside as well as planned cross breeding. On the occasion the Director, on behalf of the department, extended heartiest greetings to the entire farming community and ensured them every possible support in all their endeavors

Senior officers and staff from the Animal Husbandry Department Jammu were also present on the occasion.

Div Com Inaugurates Jashn e Hunar At Jammu Haat

One month Exhibition cum sale showcases wide range of local products

Observer News Service

JAMMU: A one month Exhibitioncum-Sale - themed Jashn-e- Hunar, commenced here Saturday at Jammu Haat, showcasing a range of local products, including Handloom & Handicraft items.

Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu inaugurated the in presence of Sachin Kumar Vaishva. Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Dr. Arun Kumar Manhas, Director, Industries & Commerce, Jammu and Virender Kumar Manyal, General Manager, District Industries Centre Jammu.

While welcoming the Divisional Commissioner, the Director Industries & Commerce apprised that main aim of such exhibitions is to provide a platform to the local manufacturers, women entrepreneurs, artisans, craftsmen and service providers to come, display and sell and promote their products. He further elaborated that this is the regular feature and such exhibitions are conducted on regular intervals.

The main attraction of the exhibition is Handloom & Handicraft products, Bamboo products manufactured by local artisans, ODOP products, Calligraphy, Origami and Industrial products.

More than 80 entrepreneurs have displayed their products at the Exhibition. The stalls displayed include that of Sahaj Sabharwal, Sarveshwar Foods, DSD Knitwear (PMEGP), Priya Colorful Backyard, Info bug, ITC, Naturis Cosmetics, Kanwal Food & Spices, Priya Gold, JK Industries and many more. Moreover scores of stalls from Government Departments viz Handicraft, Handloom, SRLM etc. were also on display.

While taking the round of the stalls, the Director apprised the Chief Guest about the success stories of the entrepreneurs who availed the benefits of Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme [PMEGP] and Women Entrepreneurs financed through the Industries & Commerce Department.

He said these entrepreneurs are inspiring other youth towards entrepreneurship and become 'Job Providers' instead of 'Job Seekers.'

Mumbai City Sees 12,000 Property Registrations In May, Up 22% Annually



Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Registration of properties in Mumbai municipal region increased 22 per cent during May to 12,000 units driven by strong housing demand, according to real estate consultant Knight Frank.

Citing Maharashtra government data, Knight Frank India said Mumbai city (area under BMC jurisdiction) recorded around 12,000 property registrations last month as against 9,823 units in May last year. State exchequer garnered ₹1,034

crore in May 2024, up 24 per cent from the same month last year. Of the overall registered properties in May 2024, residential units

constituted 80 per cent. "The continuous year-on-year growth in property sales and registrations provides a continuum to

the back of state government incentive and since then, despite a rise in average prices across the city, sales and registrations of properties have maintained the momentum," Shishir Baijal, Chairman & Managing Director, Knight Frank India, said. This reflects the appetite of the

the growth story that propelled on

market as well as the confidence buyers have in the economic fundamentals of the country, he added.

"This positive trend is expected to persist, bolstered by strong economic growth and a favourable interest rate environment, creating an encouraging atmosphere for potential buyers," Baijal said.

In the first five months of this year, the total number of properties registered was 60,820, up 17 per cent from 52,173 units in January-May 2023.

Four days Environmental Carnival begins at Chitternar Bandipora

day environmental carnival commenced Saturday at Forest Campus Chitternar Bandipora to raise awareness about environmental conservation and promote sustainable practices among masses.

The carnival was inaugurated by the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Shakeel Ul Rehman along with Conservator of Forests Eco Tourism Kashmir J&K, Irfan Ali Shah and other officers.

The inaugural day of the event featured a variety of activities, including cultural programmes and speeches by environmental experts, highlighting the importance of protecting the environment and promoting

The carnival held under the theme Land Restoration, desertification, and drought resilience also provided a platform for local organizations and departments to showcase their efforts in environmental sustainability.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC highlighted collaborative efforts to combat environmental challenges. He expressed his unwavering commitment to realizing the vision of sustainable eco-tourism in the district and to save the environment.

safeguarding Emphasizing ecosystems and protecting biodiversity, the DC stressed environmental conservation as a core component of desertification prevention and sustainable

land management.

Conservator of Forests Eco Tourism J&K in his address lauded the efforts of DC Bandipora for ban on polythene use in Gurez. He highlighted various efforts and strategies required to promote Eco-tourism as a sustainable means of economic development. In a bid to harness the natural beauty and cultural richness of Bandipora while preserving its ecological integrity, he outlined a series of innovative efforts and strategies.

Recognizing the immense potential and natural landscapes and biodiversity of Gurez, Irfan emphasized the importance of the value addition of medicinal plants available in Gurez. He also highlighted initiatives such as homestays as ways to promote sustainable tourism while fostering economic opportunities for local populations.

Speaking on the occasion, Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) Bandipora Sandeep Butt deliberated on proper land utilization and afforestation. He stressed the importance of individual responsibility and community engagement in effecting meaningful change.

Principal Kashmir Forest Training School, Davinder pal Singh said that the aim of the program is to sensitize the younger generation regarding environmental issues.

Addressing the gathering, Executive Director Wildlife Fund Conservation and

Environmental Lawyer, Nadeem Qadri highlighted challenges of plastic menace and effects of Single Use Plastic on human and aquatic life.

He also called for collective efforts to save Asia's largest water body, Wular Lake, to conserve and protect it.

Earlier in his welcome address, Project Coordinator Water Management WUCMA, Altaf Hussain Denthoo highlighted significant economic consequences of over exploitation of land.

He also highlighted the importance of land for sustenance and emphasized awareness regarding degradation and desertification of land besides stressing on adopting strategies to overcome desertification and

restore degraded lands.

On the occasion various departments had installed stalls including Education, Fisheries, RSETI, Ayush, Horticulture, Agriculture, Handicrafts/Handloom, Forest Protection, WUCMA besides a stall by tribal Culture Reviver Shahida Majeed showcasing cultural diversity of tribals.

The event also witnessed cultural performance by Students of Higher Secondary School Aragam and a group of girls led by tourism promoter Shabnum Bashir, who showcased various traditional environmental

friendly lifestyle practices. The event also witnessed the presence of DFO Bandipora, Project Coordinator CAT (ecotourism and livelihood) WUCMA.

DFO Anantnag, officers from Forest, Wildlife and NHPC.

The carnival is being organised by J&K Forest Department Bandipora Forest Division and Wular Conservation and ManagementAuthorityKashmirin association with Forest Protection Force, Kashmir Forest Training Bandipora, Kashmir School Eco Watch, Wildlife Research Conservation Foundation and Wildlife Conservation Fund.

Various events are scheduled for the carnival including Camping, Trekking/Nature Walk, Pedal for plastic free Bandipora, Run for Green and Clean Bandipora, Boat Race at Wular lake, Painting Competition with the theme paint for environment besides

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Exit Polls Predict

and 118-133 seats to the opposition.

The Jan Ki Baat poll gave 362-392 seats to the ruling NDA and 141-161 to the opposition alliance. The India TV-CNX gave them 371-401 and 109-139 seats respectively, while the corresponding tally predicted by News Nation was 342-378 and 153-169.

After the seventh and last phase of voting ended on Saturday, Modi on Saturday said that people have voted in record numbers to re-elect the NDA government and said the "opportunistic INDI Alliance" failed to strike a chord with the voters who rejected their "regressive politics".

The Congress, however, claimed that the exit polls had been "orchestrated" by PM Modi and said these are all psychological games he is masterminding, but the actual results will be very different.

Reacting to the exit polls, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said, "The man whose exit is certain on June 4th has had these exit polls orchestrated. The INDIA Janbandhan will definitely get a minimum of 295 seats, which is a clear and decisive majority."

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge told reporters after a meeting of the opposition INDIA bloc that the alliance will win more than 295 seats.

"We have arrived at this figure after speaking with all our leaders. This is a survey of people. People have given this information to our leaders. The government surveys are there and their media friends also inflate figures and put it out. Therefore, we want to tell you about the reality," he said.

BJP president J P Nadda, however, asserted that people have voted in favour of a capable, powerful, developed and self-reliant India and to put aside appeasement, nepotism and corruption, exuding confidence that his party will win more than 370 Lok Sabha seats and the NDA over 400.

The counting of votes will take place on June

Believe in People's

rejected the exit poll predictions. The CPI(M) too declined to attach much im-

portance to the exit polls.

"On most occasions, the exit polls or opinion olls don't match. So, we think t wait for the actual results to be declared on June 4," CPI (M) leader Sujan Chakraborty said. Leader of opposition Suvendu Adhikari of

the BJP, however, claimed that his party would get a clear mandate in the state. "The BJP will have a resounding victory. The

people will give a befitting reply to the misrule of the TMC," he claimed. PT

NC, BJP Each

As per News 24 Exit polls, in Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh, NDA might bag 2-3 seats whereas JKNC should grab 3 seats and Congress would range from 0-1 seat.

Historically, in the 2019 elections, which included Ladakh as part of Jammu and Kashmir, the BJP won three seats in Jammu, Udhampur, and Ladakh, while the NC won Baramulla, Srinagar, and Anantnag.

On the national front, several exit polls forecast a sweeping victory for the BJP-led NDA in the 2024 Lok Sabha Elections. However, it appears unlikely that the NDA will meet the ambitious 400-seat target set by BJP's senior leadership earlier.

The exit polls, a method of election survey conducted by various agencies and news channels, provide early indications by asking voters whom they voted for as they leave polling stations. This data is then analyzed using mathematical models to estimate the likely distribution of seats. (KNO)

PM Modi's Thank

is the cornerstone of our democracy. Their commitment and dedication ensures that the democratic spirit thrives in our nation. I would also like to specially appreciate India's Nari Shakti and Yuva Shakti. Their strong presence at the polls is a very encouraging sign," Modi said in a series of posts on X.

The prime minister said he can say with confidence that the people of India have voted in record numbers to re-elect the NDA government.

"They have seen our track record and the manner in which our work has brought about a qualitative change in the lives of the poor, marginalised and downtrodden," Modi said.

At the same time, they have seen how the reforms in India have propelled the nation to being the fifth largest global economy, he

The prime minister said that every scheme of the government has reached the intended beneficiaries without any bias or leakage. Lashing out at the opposition coalition, Modi

said, "The opportunistic INDI Alliance failed to strike a chord with the voters. They are casteist, communal and corrupt. This alliance, aimed to protect a handful of dynasties, failed to present a futuristic vision for the nation."

Through the campaign, they only enhanced their expertise on one thing- Modi bashing. Such regressive politics has been rejected by the people," he added.

He also applauded each and every NDA worker across the length and breadth of India.

"I compliment them for meticulously explaining our development agenda to the people and motivating them to come out and vote. Our karyakartas are our greatest strength," Modi said.

The prime minister also hailed the Election Commission for their "exemplary efforts" in conducting the polls.

"I would like to commend the Election Commission for their exemplary efforts in ensuring a smooth and fair electoral process. Their dedication and meticulous planning have been crucial in upholding the integrity of our democracy, allowing citizens across the nation to vote with confidence and security,"

"Our electoral process is something every believer in democratic values takes inspiration from," he added.

Modi also thanked the security forces for their unwavering vigilance during the entire elections.

"Heartfelt gratitude to our outstanding security forces for their unwavering vigilance during the entire elections. Their efforts have ensured a safe and secure environment, enabling people to take part in the polling process with ease," he said.

"Their service to the nation is deeply appreciated by each one of us," Modi added.

In the seventh and final phase, polling was conducted in seven states and the Union Territory of Chandigarh for 57 constituencies, including Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh from where Prime Minister Modi is seeking a third consecutive term in the Lok Sabha.

The results of the elections will be announced on June 4.

10 Counting Centres

Degree College Kathua for Udhampur PC, premises comprising Government Polytechnic College and Government MAM college Jammu for Jammu PC, Government College for Women Gandhi Nagar Jammu for ARO Migrant Jammu. Government Girls Higher Secondary School Udhampur for ARO Migrant Udhampur and 5 Prithviraj Road J&K House, New Delhi, for ARO

The Chief Electoral Officer congratulated the district administrations for successful and peaceful completion of Polling in the UT. It is pertinent to mention here that Kashmir Valley recorded the highest percentage of voter turnout since 1980's.

The Returning Officers apprised the CEO of the arrangements in place for counting of votes particularly issuance of passes, security arrangements at counting centres, welfare provisions for polling personnel and arrangement of facilitation centres for Media as well as contesting candidates and their counting

The Chief Electoral officer directed the RO'S/ DEO'S to ensure that adequate arrangements are in place for counting of Postal Ballots and ETPBS as well as for VVPAT slips. He also asked the officers to ensure the provision of proper manpower for data entry in ENCORE.

Stressing the need for a smooth and incident-free counting process, the CEO directed the districts to properly train and sensitize the manpower involved in counting so that proper discipline and decorum at the counting centres is maintained. He also asked the districts to ensure installation of CCTV cameras besides making appropriate arrangements for Videography at the Counting Centres.

Over 59% Turnout

70% of the voters exercised their mandate while the state of Bihar recorded the lowest voter turnout in the seventh phase, with 50.8%

Violence erupted between the workers of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Trinamool Congress (TMC) in the sensitive Sandeshkhali region of West Bengal.

The Election Commission of India also recorded complaints of glitches in the Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) and rigging at some booths, and assured that appropriate legal steps will be taken in such cases.

The final phase of voting witnessed several high-profile voters stepping out of their homes to exercise their mandate, such as Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath, West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee, and the family of former Bihar CM Lalu Prasad Yadav.

The hill state of Himachal Pradesh, witnessing a high-profile contest between actor Kangana Ranaut and state minister Vikramaditya Singh in Mandi, witnessed

67.78% voting by 8:00 PM.

Over 400 villagers in a village of Jharkhand's Dumka boycotted the voting in the seventh phase of the election on Saturday to protest against the construction of a coal dumping

The Lok Sabha election 2024 result will be declared on June 4, and exit polls are out with their predictions of results.

"Indian voters have given their most cherished right to vote for the constitution of the 18th Lok Sabha. Indian democracy and Indian elections have again done the magic. The great Indian voters, irrespective of their caste, creed, religion, socio-economic and educational background, have done it once again," the Election Commission of India said.

PDP Skips INDIA

and K C Venugopal were also present at the

"June 4th will mark the beginning of a new dawn for India. In today's meeting of INDIA bloc leaders, DMK will be represented by our party Treasurer and leader of DMK's Parliamentary Party, Thiru. T.R. Baalu avl," DMK supremo and Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin had said in a post on 'X.'

Kharge had earlier said this was an informal meeting where they would only discuss what kind of preparations they should have on the day of counting and how people should be alert, whether it is about the EVMs or the use of Form 17C.

The meeting was only for discussing the counting preparations and the Congress has already told its state units to be alert about Form 17C, he had said.

The seventh and last phase of Lok Sabha elections is underway on Saturday, including in Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

J&K LG Casts

Earlier in the day, Samajwadi Party's Lok Sabha candidate from Ghazipur, Afzal Ansari cast his vote at a polling booth in the constituency.

Afzal Ansari is pitted against BJP's Paras Nath Rai and BSP's Umesh Kumar Singh. Ansari's brother and former MLA Sibgatullah Ansari also cast his vote at a polling booth in

Ansari, who started his political career with the Communist Party of India in the early 1980s, was elected to the Lok Sabha in 2019 on a BSP ticket. He returned to his old party, the SP after being given a ticket to contest from Ghazipur.

Afzal Ansari is the brother of gangster-turned-politician Mukhtar Ansasri, who died in a UP jail recently." Every voter is happy after casting their vote in this great festival of democracy. The people should participate in the biggest festival of democracy. People should cast their votes. Wait for June 4, the INDIA bloc will form the government in Delhi," he said after casting his vote.

Uttar Pradesh is voting in all seven phases of the Lok Sabha polls, the last phase of which is ongoing.

The Congress is fighting the polls in partnership with the Samajwadi Party in the state and has a seat-sharing agreement with each other. As per the seat agreement, Congress is

contesting 17 seats, and the Samajwadi Party has the remaining 63 seats in the electorally

In the 2019 general elections, the BJP emerged triumphant, securing 62 out of 80 seats in Uttar Pradesh, supplemented by two seats clinched by its ally Apna Dal (S). Mayawati's BSP managed to secure 10 seats, while Akhilesh Yadav's SP garnered five. Conversely, the Congress party secured only

The election for 543 Lok Sabha seats is being held in seven phases starting April 19. The counting of the votes will be held on June 4.

India Records 56

submission from states. So the numbers are expected to be higher than this," an official

According to National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), the cause of death should be certified as heat stroke or hyperthermia where the measured antemortem body temperature at the time of collapse was more than or equal to 40.6 degrees Celsius.

'Autopsy Findings in Heat Related Deaths', a set of guidelines released by the NCDC in March, defined heat-related death as a death in which exposure to high ambient temperature either caused the loss of life or significantly contributed to it.

Deaths may also be certified as heat stroke or hyperthermia with lower body temperatures when cooling has been attempted prior to arrival at the hospital or when there is a clinical history of mental status changes and elevated liver and muscle enzymes, the docu-

It also said that in cases where the antemortem body temperature cannot be established but the environmental temperature at the time of collapse was high, an appropriate heat-related diagnosis should be listed as the cause of death or as a significant contributing

Focus Shifted

terrorists. "We will comprehensively defeat them very soon," Swain said.

He said that for the recently concluded Lok Sabha polls in J&K, police had hired 6000 vehicles to ferry and deploy security forces personnel at various polling booths across the UT.

"Securing the polling booths, polling material and ferrying the material and men from one place to another was a mega task. We are happy to see huge participation of people in the Lok Sabha polls," he said. "Police acted as the major coordinating security agency for the other agencies like army and Central

He said security forces ensure a peaceful campaigning atmosphere for the candidates who were engaged in campaigning till late evening. "The people's participation in Lok Sabha polls triggered a virtuous security system," the DGP said.

About the arrangements for counting of votes on June 4, the DGP Swain said that each counting centre is under the 24x7 monitoring of CCTVs. "There are at least two companies of forces at the places that have been declared as the counting centres," he said. (KNO)

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Pant, Pandya Lead India's 60-Run Win Over Bangladesh In T20 WC Warm-Up Match

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NEW YORK: India ticked multiple boxes during their 60-run victory over Bangladesh in the T20 World Cup warm-up match here on Saturday, but none bolder than a fifty by Rishabh Pant which has all but sealed his place as the first-choice wicketkeeper batter in the ICC showpiece.

Pant's 53 (32b, 4x4, 4x6), who was making his India comeback after that horrific car accident in December 2022, and Hardik Pandya's equally pleasing (40 not out, 23b, 2x4, 4x6) led India to a competitive 182 for five after opting to bat first.

India faced little trouble in defending the total as left-arm pacer Arshdeep Singh found his bowling wares, leading the restriction of Bangladesh to 122 for nine.

There was a token fightback from Mahmudullah Riyaz (40 retired out; 28b, 4x4, 1x6) and Shakib Al Hasan (28), who milked 75 runs for the sixth-

But it helped Bangladesh only to reduce the margin of defeat after they were reduced to 41

Arshdeep, who had a less than satisfactory outing in the IPL for Punjab Kings, struck twice inside the Power Play, ousting Soumya Sarkar, caught behind by Pant, and Litton Das, who was bowled by a lovely incurler from over the wicket.

Fellow pacer Mohammed Siraj added the wicket of Ban-



gladesh skipper Najmul Hossain Shanto (0) as they slipped to 10 for three in 3.5 overs, and it was too deep a hole to claw back against a competent bowling unit, which has good variety through the ranks.

The Indian bowlers also showed excellent skills to exploit a slow pitch which was also aided by an equally sluggish outfield where the ball did not roll along. Pacer Shivam Dube also chipped in with two

wickets (2/11). For Bangladesh, the defeat was a continuation of their gloomy build-up to the World Cup as they had recently lost the three-match T20I series against the USA 1-2.

The insipid batting effort by Bangladesh also provided a better perspective to the innings of Pant and Pandya earlier.

It was their gumption that led India to an above-par score on a slow pitch, and something that will come very handy once India embrace the tournament proper from June 5 with a match against Ireland at this venue.

Pant retired after making 53 but not before nullifying a plethora of Bangladeshi slow

But the knock has certainly given him an edge over Sanju Samson in the perceived competition for the wicketkeeper-

Samson came in as opener ahead of Yashasvi Jaiswal along with skipper Rohit Sharma (23, 19b, 2x4, 1x6) as Virat Kohli, who was expected to open, skipped the match after he ar-

rived here only on Friday.

However, Samson, who had a fine run in the IPL for Rajasthan Royals, was trapped in front of the wicket for a 6-ball 1 by leftarm pacer Shoriful Islam as he struggled to come to terms with the nature of the track.

There were also handy contributions by Suryakumar Yadav (31, 18b, 4x4) and Pandya (40) as India moved to a competitive total despite not having any single big partnership in their

But the primary architect of that fighting total was Pant.

Pant, who returned to competitive cricket during the IPL 2024, had shown excellent touch for Delhi Capitals while making 287 runs from 13 matches with three fifties and at a strike-rate of 155.

The left-hander continued his fine touch here too, carting Bangladesh bowlers around.

There were those typical Pant shots, which are hard to describe, such as a stand-still flick off medium-pacer Soumya to fine-leg for a boundary or that one-handed six while he was out of balance off off-spinner Mahmudullah Riyadh.

Pant, who smashed Shakib Al Hasan for two successive sixes, brought his fifty in 32 balls with a boundary off Shakib before retiring to the pavilion.

Dube, who was dropped on four, could not exploit the letoff and was dismissed for a 16-ball 14 and at that stage India were 130 for four after 14.4

India were in need of some acceleration and Pandya provided just that.

Pandya, who was dropped on 26, slammed three consecutive sixes off left-arm spinner Tanvir Islam which were a treat to watch for their power and neat

execution. His innings and confidence might have immensely pleased the team management and himself after a modest outing as Mumbai Indians' captain in a season where he was subjected to intense professional and personal scrutiny.

Bangladesh also suffered an injury scare as Shoriful walked off just before bowling the final ball of the innings, as Tanzim Hasan completed the over.

Ronaldo In Tears After His Al-Nassr Lose Saudi King's Cup Final On Penalties

JEDDAH: Cristiano Ronaldo left the field in tears after his Al-Nassr team lost the King's Cup final to Al-Hilal and ended a second successive season in Saudi Arabia without any major silverware on Friday.

Al-Hilal won a penalty shootout 5-4 to decide a final that finished 1-1 after extra time in Jeddah. Ronaldo, who signed for Al-Nassr in December 2022, fell to the ground in despair and was consoled by teammates at King Abdullah Sports City.

The loss came just four days after the end of a Saudi Pro League season in which Al-Nassr finished second, 14 points behind Al-Hilal. There was some consolation then as Ronaldo scored twice to set a new league record of 35 goals in a season.

There was no such comfort this time at the end of a tempestuous encounter that saw two goals and three red cards.

Aleksandar Mitrovic headed Al-Hilal ahead after seven minutes. It got worse for Al-Nassr early in the second half when goalkeeper David Ospina, formerly of Arsenal and Napoli, was sent off for handling the ball outside the area.

Al-Hilal was also reduced to 10 men after 86 minutes when Ali Al-Bulaihi was red-carded for an apparent headbutt on Sami Al-Najei.

Seconds later, Ayman Yahya headed Al-Nassr level. Al-Hilal had another defender sent off in the 91st minute after Kalidou Koulibaly, signed from Chelsea last summer, received a second yellow card.

There were no goals in extra time and the final went to a shootout. Ruben Neves missed Hilal's first attempt as did former Manchester United defender

Alex Telles for Al-Nassr. Ronaldo, who earlier hit the post with a spectacular overhead kick, converted his penalty but could

only watch as Bounou, a hero of Morocco's march to the semifinals of the 2022 World Cup, saved twice, the first from Ali Al-Hassan and then from Al-Nemer.

The saves gave Hilal an 11th King's Cup triumph while Ronaldo and his team will have to wait until next season. (AP)

Dinesh Karthik Retires From All Forms Of Competitive Cricket On His 39th Birthday

CHENNAI: Former India wicketkeeper-batter Dinesh Karthik on Saturday announced his retirement from all forms of competitive cricket after two decades of playing for the country.

While his retirement was on the cards after Royal Challengers Bengaluru's ouster from

the IPL Eliminator, Karthik chose his 39th birthday to make his decision official.

"Having given plenty of thought for sometime now. I have decided to move on from playing competitive cricket. I officially announce my retirement and put my playing days behind me as I square up for the new challenges that lie ahead," Karthik wrote on 'X'.

Having represented the country in 180 games across three formats in which he scored 3463 runs with a lone Test hundred and 17 half-centuries, Karthik also had 172 dismissals to his credit, most of them behind the stumps with a few in the outfield.

He first walked into public imagination with is airborne stumping of Michael Vaughan in England under Sourav Ganguly in 2004 and last played for India in 2022 T20 World Cup under

In between, he had played under Rahul Dravid, Anil Kumble, Mahendra Singh Dhoni and Virat Kohli.

'I'd like to thank all my coaches, captains, selectors and members of the support staff, who have made

this long journey pleasant and enjoyable," he wrote. Karthik's finest hour in Tests was during the 2007 tour of England where he opened with Wasim Jaffer and scored 263 runs in three matches, as he made three half-centuries.

Earlier that year, he had scored his maiden Test hundred in Bangladesh, which also incidentally became his only century in international cricket.

However, he never had consistent scores and his crowning glory in international cricket was a last ball six off Soumya Sarkar to win Nidahas Trophy final against Bangladesh.

"Among millions who play the sport in our country, I consider myself among the lucky few to have represented the nation and luckier to have earned the goodwill of fans and friends," he said.

If He Has Applied, Gambhir Would

Be Good Coach For India: Ganguly



Press Trust of India

MUMBAI: Former India captain Sourav Ganguly on Saturday said Gautam Gambhir would be a "good coach" for the national cricket team if he has applied for the job as his "hunger and passion" was evident in the recently-concluded IPL.

Speaking at the inauguration of the International Procurement and Supply Chain Conference organised by the Blue Ocean Corporation, Ganguly also gave his views on India's chances in the upcoming T20 World Cup.

The former BCCI President said he is in favour of the national team having an Indian coach since there is enough talent in the country.

"I am in favour of an Indian coach because we have enormous talent in our country, enormously highskilled players who have done wonders for Indian cricket and very rightfully they should be a part of the system," Ganguly said.



suitable for the position. Ganguly had a query of his own at first. "...has he applied? I really don't know because first he has to apply and then only he will get the job...I

think (May) 27th was the last date of application," Ganguly said. "Obviously, BCCI has the right to extend it (the deadline) as well. If he applies and if he wants it, and I say if

he applies and if he wants it, he will be a very good candidate," he said. The 51-year-old said Gambhir's winning attitude as IPL champion

Kolkata Knight Riders' mentor was there for all to see this year. "If Gambhir applies – you can see it on TV – he worked for KKR this vear. I was with Delhi (Capitals), you can see the hunger, the passion and the want to win and I will be happy if he applies and if the board decides

to give him the job, I think he is a

good candidate," Ganguly said.

T20 WC: WI Aims For Solid Start Against PNG; USA Open Against Canada

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GEORGETOWN: More than eight years after Carlos Brathwaite's four sixes at Eden Gardens gave them their second T20 world title, a wounded West Indies will look to redeem themselves at home when they begin their campaign in the event's ninth edition by taking on Papua New Guinea, here on Sunday.

Brathwaite had slammed Ben Stokes for four successive sixes in the final over to pull off one of the most astonishing chases that made the West Indies the first team to win the T20 World Cup twice. Their maiden triumph was in

But what followed was years of agony as the team found itself lost in transition. In 2021, they endured four defeats in five games to make a Super 12 exit.

Worse was in store in the 2022 edition in Australia when they failed to qualify for the main round after shock defeats to minnows Scotland and Ireland.

It's been 2982 days since the memorable night at the Eden Gardens in Kolkata, something they would be desperate to re-claim especially when the tournament is



Their two-time T20 World Cup winning skipper Darren Sammy is back as a coach and the Rovman Powell-led side already made its intention clear with a ruthless win over Australia in a warmup match.

But that Australia was a depleted side as only nine players from their squad were available for the match.

Nicolas Pooran will play a pivotal role in the middle-order, but West Indies boast additional firepower with Powell, Andre Russell, Shimron Hetmyer, Sherfane Rutherford, and Romario Shepherd, making them one of the most formidable batting line-ups in the tournament.

Russell has been in exceptional form, both with bat and ball, after aiding Kolkata Knight Riders in clinching their third IPL title recently. West Indies will also be look-

ing to become the first team to

win a T20 World Cup at home.

They have replaced the experienced but injured Jason Holder with left-arm fast McCoy was the leading

wicket-taker during the West Indies A's recent tour to Nepal, grabbing eight wickets in five match-es. Assadollah Vala-led PNG will make their second ap-

pearance after 2021 after sealing their spot via the East Asia-Pacific re-gional final in July 2023. Vala is one of 10 players from their 2021 campaign, with that edition's reserve

member Jack Gardner picked in the 15-player group this Leg-spinning alltime. rounder CJ Amini will be his deputy. The side boasts no fewer

than eight recognised allrounders, with both right and left-arm bowling options.

Gilchrist Backs Nepal, Netherlands To Upset Big Teams In T20 WC

Press Trust of India

BARBADOS: Legendary Australian wicketkeeper Adam Gilchrist believes Nepal and the Netherlands could surprise teams like Bangladesh and Sri Lanka in the upcoming T20 World Cup.

Nepal and the Netherlands are clubbed with Bangladesh, South Africa and Sri Lanka in Group D. Gilchrist believes that the international exposure gained by the youngsters in Rohit Paudel-led Nepalese team has made them a formidable unit.

As for the Netherlands, Gilchrist observed that they have been always tough customers in ICC events and would like to make the most of the limited opportunities they get to play against big teams.

"I think Nepal would be a team that might be able to fire a shot," Gilchrist told SEN



got a couple of young players who have been in all the big leagues for a number of years now." he said.

Nepal, however, have suffered a big blow ahead of the World Cup as their ace legspinner Sandeep Lamichhane has been ruled out after his US visa application was rejected for a second time.

With the Dutch having upset the Proteas in the 2022 T20 World Cup in Australia, Gilchrist felt they definitely

would be a tough proposition. The Dutch always seem to ruffle a few feathers, they always seem to get under the skin, and they're drawn in the same pool as South Africa again. They nailed them in the T20 World Cup last time in Australia in Adelaide. So, it might be the Dutch," he said.

Citing the example of the USA upsetting Bangladesh 2-1 in a three-match T20 series late last month, Gilchrist said lesser-known cricketplaying nations are always looking at opportunities to beat bigger teams.

"That's in a financial component where they get a little bit of a lick of the ice cream... but also just the experience. With the T20 format, that's the opportunity for these nations to come in and start trying to ruffle a few feathers but also bed down the cricket programs in their countries.

Andy Murray And Dan Evans Lose In The First Round Of Doubles At The French Open secutive tennis titles at

Agencies

PARIS: If this does turn out to be Andy Murray's last French Open, it ended after two matches: one loss in singles and, on Friday, one loss in doubles.

Murray and Dan Ev-ans were defeated by Thiago Seyboth Wild and Sebastian Baez 7-6 (6), 7-6 (3) in the first round of dou-bles.

Murray, a three-time Grand Slam singles champion, was eliminated in the first round of singles by Stan Wawrinka in straight sets on Sunday night. The 37-year-old Mur-

ray has said he thinks

he probably will retire

sometime this year. He

He reiterated Friday



has dealt with back issues this season.

that he wants to compete at the Paris Olympics, which will hold tennis matches at Roland Garros start-ing on July 27. That was why he player to win two con-

has an artificial hip and and Evans got a wildcard invitation to compete in doubles at the French Open.

Murray won singles gold medals at the 2012 Olympics in London and the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, the only

the Summer Games.

"Me and Dan obviously were hoping to have a good run here. Yeah, it wasn't to be. So don't know if we'll get the opportuni-ty (to play doubles at the Olympics). There's guys obviously ahead of us in the rankings, and we've got good doubles players in the U.K.," Murray said. "Let's see what happens."

He now will turn his attention to grass courts and preparing to play at Wimbledon, where he won singles titles in 2013 and 2016. Murray was the first British man in 77 years to win the championship there. Play at the All England Club begins on July 1.

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purchased land including electric water pump from Javaid Ahmad Fazili S/O Gh. Rasool Fazili R/o Faiz ul haq colony with connection Electric bearing Consumer -.0204050007985 ID installation No. 6272634299 want the change of name to Showakt Ahmad Sheikh S/o Late Ghulam Ahmad Sheikh R/o Faiz ul haq colony Botapora.

<u>Previous name</u>

Javaid Ahmad Fazili S/O Gh. Rasool Fazili R/o Faiz ul haq colony

<u>New name</u>

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