

JKBOSE Class 12 Results Out Girls Outshine Boys With 77% Pass Rate



Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education on Thursday announced results of annual exams of 12th standard with an overall pass percentage of 74 percent.

Girls once again outperformed boys with a pass percentage of 77 percent, compared to the pass rate of 72 percent for boys.

The top three positions across all streams - Arts, Commerce, Science, and Home Science - were secured by female students, the officials stated.

Anushah Gul, a student at Green Valley Educational Institute, clinched the top spot overall. Hailing from the Zakura area on the outskirts of the city, Gul pursued Commerce and attained a score of 498 marks in the 12th board exam.

Speaking to Kashmir Observer, Gul expressed contentment with her result.

"Obviously, I am very happy. I have worked very hard and the

results have shown that," she said.

Gul attributed her success to her parents, teachers, and her own diligence.

Sharing her success mantra, Gul said there was no alternative to hard work and dedication.

"You have to work hard and it will never disappoint. You have to give your 100 per cent and will get 200 per cent back. You have to be devoted and dedicated," she added.

Anushah aspires to become a Chartered Accountant, and said, "I don't want to become a doctor or an engineer. Becoming a CA is not easy, but I enjoy challenges and will direct all my energy towards my goal"

Wafa Feroz Kadla of Green Valley Educational Institute Ellahibagh Srinagar also secured 498 marks, followed by Aida Omar with 493 marks.

The science stream saw Aadeba Saleem Govt Girls Higher Secondary School Nowhatta leading the pack. She secured | [More on P6](#)

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Compensation To Victim Not Ground To Reduce Sentence: SC

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: If payment of compensation becomes a consideration for reducing a sentence, it will have a "catastrophic" effect on the criminal justice administration, the Supreme Court has said.

The object of payment of compensation to the victim in a criminal case, it said, is to rehabilitate those who have suffered loss or injury by the offence and it cannot be a ground to reduce the sentence imposed upon the accused.

The court said it will result in criminals with a purse full of money to buy their way out of justice, defeating the very purpose of criminal proceedings.

Section 357 of the CrPC empowers a court to award compensation to victims

while passing a judgment of conviction.

A bench of Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra said the idea of compensation is based on the theory of victimology which recognises the harsh reality that victims are unfortunately the forgotten people in the criminal justice delivery system.

"Payment of victim compensation cannot be a consideration or a ground for reducing the sentence imposed upon the accused as victim compensation is not a punitive measure and only restitutory in nature and thus, has no bearing with the sentence that has been passed which is punitive in nature," the bench said.

The top court said Section 357 of the Code of Criminal Procedure | [More on P6](#)

Modi's Swearing-in Sans Pak Top SA Leaders To Attend Oath Ceremony

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Top leaders of Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, the Maldives, Bhutan, Nepal, Mauritius and Seychelles are likely to attend the swearing-in ceremony of Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the weekend, authoritative sources said on Thursday.

It is learnt that India has already sent invites to Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Sri Lankan President Ranil



Wickremesinghe and some other leaders of the countries chosen to grace the ceremony. Nepalese Prime Minister

Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda', Maldivian President Mohamed Muizzu, Bhutanese Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay, Prime Minister of Mauritius Pravind Jugnauth and President of Seychelles Wavel Ramkalawan are among the leaders being invited to Modi's swearing-in ceremony.

Modi is all set to take charge as the prime minister for a historic third consecutive term with the Bharatiya Janata Party-led | [More on P6](#)

BJP Likely To Keep Top Ministries, Allies Push For More

Two days after Lok Sabha election results denied a clear majority to the BJP, its allies in NDA have started bargaining hard for plum posts at the Centre. The BJP, however, is not in the mood to let go of key ministries and roles, sources have said. With the single largest party well short of the magic figure, NDA allies are now on a tight deadline to reach a consensus as plans are afoot to hold the swearing in ceremony of the third Narendra Modi government this weekend. The four allies whose support is critical for the BJP to reach majority are N Chandrababu Naidu's TDP, | [More on P6](#)

Handloom, Handicraft Sector Transformed In Last 5 Yrs: LG Says Youth Power Is Building A Prosperous Future Of J&K

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday inaugurated the two-day annual Youth Festival of National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) "SPECTRUM-24" at NIFT campus Ompora Budgam.

In his address, the LG congratulated the NIFT Srinagar for providing opportunities to the students of educational institutions of Kashmir Valley to explore their hidden talents in performing arts, sports, fashion shows and literary programs.

"Our youth power is building a prosperous future of J&K. Youth are our biggest strength and they are committed to take UT to greater heights," the LG said.

He said the two-day festival is also an opportunity for youth to exchange innovative



and creative ideas for promoting our rich cultural and artistic heritage.

On the occasion, the LG commended the contribution of NIFT Srinagar in the area of design development and positioning of handlooms and handicrafts and providing new career avenues to the aspiring youth of J&K in Fashion, Design and Management.

"Our handloom and handicraft sector has undergone a major revolution in the last 4-5 years. Students of NIFT can play a decisive role in design development and positioning of handloom and handicraft products," he said.

He advised the students to get themselves acquainted with the precious handicraft tradition of Jammu Kashmir, so that they can assist the Handicrafts | [More on P6](#)

HC Announces Summer Vacation

Agencies

Srinagar: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh on Thursday announced a summer vacation commencing from the 10th of this month till June 29.

An order copy reads, "It is hereby notified that the Hon'ble High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh will observe the Summer Vacations with effect from 10th June, 2024 to 29th June, 2024 (both days inclusive). The period commencing from 10th to 15th June, 2024 shall be No Work Period for the Hon'ble High Court."

The High Court of J&K and Ladakh has nominated two judges each | [More on P6](#)

ER RASHID'S WIN

Controversy Erupts Over Omar Abdullah's SM Post

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: A controversy erupted after National Conference vice president Omar Abdullah on Thursday posted a news article on a social media platform that suggested Engineer Rashid's win in the Baramulla Lok Sabha seat will empower "secessionists".

The row broke out after a private television news agency attributed the excerpts of the article shared by the NC leader to him. It triggered reactions from mainstream politicians in Jammu and Kashmir,



including PDP's Waheed Para. Abdullah was defeated by Sheikh Abdul Rashid, popularly known as 'Engineer Rashid', who is jailed under the UAPA, by more than two lakh votes in the | [More on P6](#)

LS Polls In J&K 90% Candidates Forfeit Security Deposits

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Nearly 90 percent of the candidates vying for the five Lok Sabha seats in Jammu and Kashmir lost their security deposits, unable to garner one-sixth of the votes polled in their respective constituencies.

The voters gave a decisive mandate to the eventual winners on all but one Lok Sabha constituency in the union territory, the Election Commission data revealed.

Out of 100 candidates in the fray, 89 lost their security deposits, the data showed.

Sheikh Abdul Rashid, an Independent contender who defeated political heavyweights -- former chief minister Omar Abdullah and People's Conference president Sajad Gani Lone -- in Baramulla Lok Sabha seat, was the sole

winning candidate who secured less than 50 per cent of the total votes polled, with a vote share of 45.70 per cent.

Baramulla is the only constituency in Jammu and Kashmir where the third placed candidate -- Sajad Gani Lone -- was able to save his security deposit.

Lone had polled 16.76 percent votes against the requirement of 16.34 percent for saving the security deposit.

While National Conference leader Aga Roohullah Mehdi got the highest percentage of votes at 52.85, BJP's Jugal Kishore who made a hat-trick win from Jammu Lok Sabha seat, garnered 52.80 per cent of the votes.

In Udhampur, BJP leader and Union Minister Jitendra Singh, Sajad Gani Lone -- in Baramulla Lok Sabha seat, was the sole

MeT Predicts More Rains In J&K

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: The weatherman here on Thursday forecast rain and thundershower at most places in Jammu and Kashmir during a few days. Also, rainfall at scattered places during the last 24 hours led to drop mercury during night across J&K and barring Pahalgam and Kupwara, all places recorded below normal temperature.

A meteorological department official said that there is a possibility of rain/thundershower at most places with moderate to intense showers at few places for a brief period towards late afternoon and evening today. He said that there is a possibility of thunder/lightning accompanied by gusty winds during the time.

From June 7-8, he said, there is a possibility of light rain/thunder at a few places towards afternoon.

Partly cloudy to generally dry weather has been forecast from June 9-15.

He said in last 24 hours till 0830 a.m., Srinagar received 5.8mm, 14.6mm, Pahalgam 8.8mm, Kupwara 5.9mm, Kokernag 14.4mm, Gulmarg 15mm, Jammu 9.2mm, Banihal 17.2mm, Batote 17.6mm, Katra 12.7mm and Baderwah 17.7mm.

Regarding temperature, he said, Srinagar recorded a low of 12.2°C against 12.6°C on the previous night and it was 1.2°C below normal for the summer capital of JK for this time of the year.

Qazigund recorded a minimum of 11.8°C against 11.0°C on the previous night and it was 0.2°C below normal for the gateway town of Kashmir, he said. | [More on P6](#)

Won't Allow Anyone To Hurt Religious Sentiments: IGP Urges People To Maintain Peace, Communal Brotherhood

Majid Nabi

Srinagar: Inspector General of Police (IGP) Kashmir V K Bhirdi Thursday said that police have taken strong note of the posting of sensitive content against religious sentiments at Government Medical College (GMC) Srinagar and strict action will be taken against those found involved in hurting the religious sentiments of any community.

IGP Kashmir said that J&K police respects all religions and people belong to various sects and faiths. "We have taken strong note of the GMC incident. An undergraduate student enrolled in the college has been charged with sacrilege,"



the IGP said.

The provincial police chief urged people to maintain peace and communal brotherhood and resist giving in to the cunning plans of miscreants

who seek to sow hatred among various communities.

"Strict actions shall be initiated against anyone found involved in violating directives and indulging in any activity that leads to law and order issue in the valley," Bhirdi said addressing media here.

IGP Kashmir said the Jammu and Kashmir police instantly took cognizance of the matter and registered a case against the accused.

"Since religious matters are sensitive, police become more considerate when it comes to the religious sentiments of any community. We will not allow anyone to harm religious feelings of any community," Bhirdi said. Earlier in the day, Srinagar

police on X said that a criminal case has been registered against the accused student at police station Karan Nagar and investigation into the instant matter, which led protests at GMC Srinagar, are on.

A formal case FIR no 13 of 2024 under sections 153/153A, 295A and 505(2) of Indian Penal Code (IPC) was registered in this regard following protests by fellow students against the 'disrespectful' display of Prophet Muhammad's (SAW) name on social media messaging app 'WhatsApp'.

The development comes a day after the GMC management suspended the accused and ordered an inquiry into the matter. | [More on P6](#)

NEET-UG Results

Integrity Of Exam Not Compromised: NTA

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The National Testing Agency (NTA) on Thursday clarified that the increase in cut off and number of toppers in the NEET-UG reflect the competitive nature of the exam and maintained that the test's integrity has not been compromised.

The clarification came amid allegations of irregularities in the medical entrance exam NEET (National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test) -- conducted on May 5 at 4,750 centres in 571 cities, including 14 abroad -- and inflation of marks.

"The increase in cutoff reflects the competitive nature

of the examination and the higher performance standards achieved by the candidates this year," a senior NTA official said.

"The number of candidates who appeared in 2023 was 20,38,596 while the number of candidates who appeared in 2024 increased to 23,33,297. The increase in candidates naturally led to an increase in high scorers due to a larger pool of candidates," the official added.

On the grace marks awarded to some students, the NTA said a few petitions were filed by the NEET-UG before the high courts of Punjab and Haryana, Delhi and Chhattisgarh raising concerns of loss | [More on P6](#)



'Warming Climate Affecting Snowfall, Raising Risk of Summer Droughts'

Press Trust Of India

Across the Northern Hemisphere, declining snowfall is affecting seasonal river flows, thereby increasing the risk of summer droughts, a new research has found.

Researchers explained that this could threaten water and food security, ecosystems and hydropower generation. The team, led by researchers from the University of Bristol, UK, found that as the planet warms, snowy regions in the Rocky Mountains of North America, the Alps in Europe, along with those in northern Europe, are thawing prematurely.

Further, seasonal stream flows in less snowy areas are delayed as winters are becoming drier and warm-season rain arrives later in the year becoming a more dominant source of river flow, they explained.

The increased (year-on-year) variability of stream-flow seasonality implies greater uncertainty in sea-

sonal streamflow patterns, posing challenges for water resource planning and management," said Ross Woods from the University of Bristol and lead author of the study published in the journal Nature.

"Water managers need different strategies to adapt to this, depending on their location. Future planning for water infrastructure will need to take account of these changes in seasonal river flow," said Woods.

For the study, the researchers looked at climate and river flow data from 1950-2020 for more than 3,000 river basins across the northern hemisphere. For every year, they calculated the amount of precipitation falling as snow, how this amount changed with time, along with its timing in every season, and river flows.

The team then compared these values with those observed during two ten-year periods - one with the highest snowfall amount, and the other with the lowest snowfall amount.

Subject-Grant of Registration of the Proposed Travel unit under the name & style M/S' Grand Adventure Trips' Situated at Pandach Parry Mohalla Opp. Abrar Masjid.

Public Notice

Whereas, I Mr/Ms NABEEL Wani S/O D/O W/O Hilal Ahmad Wani R/O Al-Hamza Colony Buchpora Srinagar, Kashmir intends to apply in the Department of Tourism for the Registration of my proposed Travel unit under the name and style "M/S Grand Adventure Trips" Situated at Pandach Parry Mohalla opp. Abrar Masjid, Kashmir under Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011-12. Whereas, I will submit State Subject/Domicile Certificate, Qualification Certificate Pan Card, Experience Certificate (Minimum 05 Years), Character Certificate (Police Department), Bank Statement (Minimum Balance 10000), Site Plan, Affidavit, Rent Deed duly attested by Sub-Registrar, Printing Material (Letter Head/Visiting Card), Photograph of the Unit (Indoor and Outdoor) and Two Passport size photographs to the Department of Tourism as per prescribed checklist prior to Registration of my unit as an Excursion Agency/ Adventure tour operator. Now as per J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011/12, before my case is processed for registration by the Competent Authority, the matter is hereby notified for information of general Public/Financial Institutions/Bank/Organization, etc for objection, if any and the same should reach to the Deputy Director: Tourism Registration (e-mail Id-dtdreg/123@gmail.com) within a period of 7 days from the publication of this notice in leading local newspaper/newspapers of the valley. No objections beyond a period of 7 days shall be entertained.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have lost the Number Plate of my bike bearing regd no JK01AM 7714. Now I have applied for the issuance of Duplicate of the same if anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the RTO Srinagar within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Zeeshan Ali Sofi
S/o Ali Mohammad Sofi
R/o Mallabuchan Magam bmg

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

Subject: Issuance of Registration orders in respect of delayed Birth

Public Notice

The registrar Births and deaths (EO Municipal Council Pattan/Block Development Officer Pattan) has submitted a case file pertaining to Birth of Aizah Bint Altaf D/o Mohamad Altaf Tantry R/o Palhallan Pattan Tehsil Pattan District Baramulla with verified date of event (birth) as 16-03-2021 occurred at SDH Pattan

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

Executive Magistrate 1st Class
Naib Tehsildar Pattan fko

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

Subject: Issuance of Registration orders in respect of delayed Birth

Public Notice

The registrar Births and deaths (EO Municipal Council Pattan/Block Development Officer Pattan) has submitted a case file pertaining to Birth of Horiya Mubashir D/o Mubashir Ahmad Mir R/o Palhallan Pattan Tehsil Pattan District Baramulla with verified date of event (birth) as 10-09-2020 occurred at SDH Pattan

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

Executive Magistrate 1st Class
Naib Tehsildar Pattan fko

Subject.Grant of registration of the proposed Home stay under the name, M/s Jalla Residence Homestay " situated at Abi Karpora, Srinagar

Public notice

Whereas I Mr./Ms Showket Ahmad Jalla S/O Abdul Satar Jalla R/o Jalla Mohalla Srinagar 190003intends to apply in the Department of tourism for registration of my proposed Homestay under the name and style " M/ s Jalla Residence Homestay "situated at Abi Karpora, Srinagar J&K Srinagar Kashmir under Tourist Trade Act1978/82/2011-12. Whereas, I will submit state subject/Domicile certificate, Qualification Certificate, Pan card, Experience certificate (minimum 05 years), Character certificate (Police department), Bank statement (minimum balance 1000), site plan, Affidavit, Rent Deed duly attested sub-registrar, printing Material (Letter Head/Visiting), Photograph of the unit (indoor and Outdoor) and Two Passport size photograph to the department of tourism as prescribed checklist prior to registration of my unit as an Excursion Agency/Adventure tour operation. Now as per J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011-12, before my case is processed for registration by the competent Authority the matter is hereby notified for information of general public/financial institutions/Ban/ Organisation, etc for objection, if any and the same should reach to the deputy director tourism Registration (e-mail ID:-dtdreg123@ gmail.com) within a period of 7 days from the publication of this notice in leading local newspaper/newspaper of the valley.No objection beyond a period of 7 days shall be entertained

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My DOB has been wrongly written in my school records as 09-09-2014 while my correct DOB is 02-09-2016 which needs to be corrected. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the RP School Gund Hasli Bhat Lawaypora within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Zainab Showkat
D/o Showkat Ahmad Dar
R/o Hanjibud Magam BMG

Government of Jammu & Kashmir
Office Of The Executive Engineer
R&B Division -Bandipora
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
FOR NABARD WORKS of Horticulture
Fresh E-Tendering NITNo.04 of 2024-25/770-77 /BANDIPORA/DATED: 05-06-2024.
Executive Engineer PW(R&B) Division Bandipora on behalf of Lt. Governor of J&K (UT) State invites percentage rate bids in electronic tendering system for the following works from the eligible and approved contractors registered with J&K UT Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State Governments.

Health & Medical Education Department
Government Medical College, Anantnag
College Campus, Dialgam Anantnag J&K-192210
Email ID: admsection.gmca@gmail.com | gmcanantnag2018@gmail.com
Subject: Conduct of Written Test for various posts advertised for VRDL vide Advertisement Notice No. 06/GMCA of 2023, dated 19-12-2023.
NOTIFICATION
It is notified for information of all the eligible candidates who have applied for the posts of Scientist B (Non Medical), Lab Technician, MTS and DEO for VRDL, GMC Anantnag advertised vide Advertisement Notice No. 06/GMCA of 2023, dated 19-12-2023, that the written examination (objective type) shall be conducted as per the schedule given below:

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR
EXAMINATIONS AND EVALUATION WING
Green Campus Ganderbal-191201
RESULT NOTIFICATION No. DP-150-1727-2024
AWARD OF DEGREE: DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (Ph.D.)
Ms. Iqra Zaffar, D/o Mr. Shuja Zaffar, bearing University Enrolment No. 17150CUMr001 who pursued Integrated M.Phil.-Ph.D. Programme on full time basis, has successfully completed Phase-II (Ph.D.) of the Research Degree Programme as detailed hereunder and is declared qualified for the award of "Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)".

از نیابت پبلان
معاون: درخواست نیابت
اجرائی OBC سرٹیفکیٹ بحق طارق احمد تیلی ولد محمد یوسف تیلی
دارف یوسف اختر محمد یوسف تیلی ساکن موضع سلطان پورہ تحصیل پٹن
اشتیار ہر خاص و عام
معاہدہ مندرجہ عنوان الصد میں ساکن نے ایک درخواست بغرض OBC سرٹیفکیٹ بزمہ تیلی پیش کی ہے جو کہ زیکاروائی ہے اس بارے میں پٹناری حلقے سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی ہے جس سے عیاں ہے کہ ساکن واقعی تیلی ذات سے تعلق رکھتا ہے اور ساکن سلطان پورہ تحصیل پٹن میں رہائش پذیر ہے اور کبھی بھی ترک سکونت نہیں کی ہے ساکن کا کئی بڑے افراد پر مشتمل ہے محمد یوسف تیلی سربرہ 64 سال عمر رسیدہ
چاند نیگم زوجہ 62 سال --
طارق احمد تیلی پسر 37 سال سرکاری ملازم
شمس اختر بیوہ 32 سال گھریلو کام
مادہ یوسف دختر 22 سال زیر تعلیم
عظمت جان پوتی 01 سال شیرخوار
سائل مذکور OBC سرٹیفکیٹ حاصل کرنے کا خواہ ہے اور کئی عموماً آمدنی 61343 روپے تک ہے۔ سرٹیفکیٹ زیر بحث اجراء کرنے میں اگر کس کوئی شخص کو کوئی مزید اعتراض ہو تو بعد مشورہ اخبار سراسر دن کے اندر اندر اپنے مندرجہ اعتراض وادعت حد کو کوئی اوقات کے دوران پیش کریں۔ بعد گزرے میجا کوئی مندرجہ اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔
نایب تحصیلدار FKO

از دفتر نایب تحصیلدار پٹن
معاون: درخواست نیابت
مظہور احمد جمیل ولد عبدالحق خٹک نبار ساکن کاکوٹ تحصیل پٹن بمراد اجرائی OBC بحق پسران عرفان احمد وعاہد مظہور
اشتیار ہر خاص و عام
معاہدہ مندرجہ عنوان الصد میں ساکن نے ایک درخواست بغرض OBC سرٹیفکیٹ بزمہ نبار پیش کی ہے جو کہ زیکاروائی ہے اس بارے میں پٹناری حلقے سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی ہے جس سے عیاں ہے کہ ساکن واقعی خٹک ذات سے تعلق رکھتا ہے اور ساکن پٹن میں رہائش پذیر ہے اور کبھی بھی ترک سکونت نہیں کی ہے ساکن کا کئی بڑے افراد پر مشتمل ہے مظہور احمد جمیل ولد عبدالحق خٹک نبار مزدوری 48 سال
عانتی بیگم زوجہ مظہور احمد نبار گھریلو کام 43 سال
عرفان احمد جمیل ولد مظہور احمد نبار زیر تعلیم 24 سال
عاہد مظہور احمد نبار گورنمنٹ ملازم 23 سال
سیرت جان دختر مظہور احمد نبار زیر تعلیم 11 سال
سائل مذکور OBC سرٹیفکیٹ حاصل کرنے کا خواہ ہے اور کئی عموماً آمدنی 45000 روپے تک ہے۔ سرٹیفکیٹ زیر بحث اجراء کرنے میں اگر کس کوئی شخص کو کوئی مزید اعتراض ہو تو بعد مشورہ اخبار سراسر دن کے اندر اندر اپنے مندرجہ اعتراض وادعت حد کو کوئی اوقات کے دوران پیش کریں۔ بعد گزرے میجا کوئی مندرجہ اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔
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از دفتر نایب تحصیلدار پٹن
معاون: درخواست نیابت
محمد یونس لون ولد محمد حفیظون بغرض حصول EWS سرٹیفکیٹ بحق سید محمد حسین لون
اشتیار ہر خاص و عام
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برقیہ زوجہ محمد یونس لون 52 سال گھریلو کام
سید اختر زیر تعلیم 20 سال
محمد حسین لون 22 سال زیر تعلیم
اس کے علاوہ سائل مذکور کے گھر میں اور کوئی فرد نہیں ہے۔ سرٹیفکیٹ زیر بحث اجراء کرنے میں اگر کس کوئی شخص کو کوئی مزید اعتراض ہو تو بعد مشورہ اخبار سراسر دن کے اندر اندر اپنے مندرجہ اعتراض وادعت حد کو کوئی اوقات کے دوران پیش کریں۔ بعد گزرے میجا کوئی مندرجہ اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔
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Body Of Bengal Resident Found In Dal Lake

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Body of a West Bengal resident was found in Dal Lake in Srinagar here this morning, officials said.

An official told news agency KNO that the body was found in Dal Lake near Ghat No 1 early morning today. He said that the body was later identified as that of Raja Singha Roy of West Bengal. Police have taken cognisance of the matter and initiated further investigation.

DC Srinagar Reviews Implementation Of PMAY-Urban Scheme

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In order to review the implementation of PMAY (Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana)-Urban scheme in District, a meeting was held under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud Din Bhat on Tuesday here at Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex.

Besides, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Syed Ahmad Kataria and Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad Dar, the meeting was attended by Chief Executive Officer, UDAK Srinagar, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Deputy General Manager, Housing Board, Tehsildars; SLT/CLT Experts and other concerned.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner took a detailed review of the physical and financial status of the PMAY-Urban cases identified and approved in District Srinagar.

Noor Jahan Bridge Draws Online Satire Over Slow Construction

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: The Qamarwari Bridge, famously known as the Noor Jahan Bridge, has become a subject of widespread online satire due to its slow construction progress. Netizens have taken to social media, creating memes and posting satirical comments to troll the authorities over the delay of the bridge's construction.

A Facebook page, Mukhtar The Speaker, posted a video referring to the bridge as the "8th wonder of the world," humorously suggesting that its 'grandiosity' is the reason for the prolonged construction period. The video has garnered more than two lakh views and sparked a wave of satirical comments.

Another social media page on Facebook, Speaking Mirza, shared a meme with the caption, "I saw two people working on the bridge, I think it will take another 250-300 years for the administration to complete the bridge." The post invited numerous comments from frustrated commuters and residents. Umar Sheikh, a social media user sarcastically

commented, "These two people have been there for decades; their dedication must be appreciated." His comment highlighted the public's frustration with the lack of visible progress.

Ashiq Bhat, another social media user, pointed out the disparity in construction speed between the Noor Jahan Bridge and other infrastructure projects in the area. "The work on the nearby flyover in Bemina and Sanat Nagar is about to get completed in a span of two years, whereas this bridge hasn't seen much progress."

The Noor Jahan Bridge project, intended to ease traffic congestion and improve connectivity in the Qamarwari area, has faced multiple delays since its inception. The slow pace of construction has led to mounting public frustration, with many calling for increased accountability and transparency from the authorities.

Earlier, speaking to Kashmir Observer, Chief Engineer R&B, Sajad Naqib had said the construction of the bridge was ongoing and traffic would ply on the bridge soon.

For city dwellers and visitors to Srinagar, the ride on the 'Cement Bridge'—the currently used bridge adjacent to the Noor Jahan Bridge—is tiring and bumpy. Commuters report that the pivotal bridge has developed potholes, which not only affect vehicular movement but also cause damage to vehicles."

Ashiq Shagoo, took satire to another level by referencing the Cement Bridge as the first concrete bridge in city Kashmir's and the Noor Jahan bridge is the last bridge in Kashmir is being constructed in its vicinity."

Pertinently, the Noor Jahan Bridge is spread over 127 meters and connects Noorbagh with the Qamarwari side over river Jhelum. Once completed, the bridge will lessen traffic on the already existing 'Cement Bridge' which over the period of time has served as an important link between Shah-e-Khaas and other areas of North Kashmir.

The construction of the Noor Jahan Bridge started in 2011. Initially, the bridge was scheduled to be completed in the year 2014.

Later, the deadline was extended to March 2017 and then

upto December 2018. In March 2022, a senior official told Kashmir Observer that it would be completed by the end of 2022; however, it missed that deadline as well.

After missing several deadlines, authorities in 2022 said the work on the much-awaited Noorbagh-Qamarwari Bridge was going to get completed by March 2023. However that promise has not been fulfilled.

Kashmir Observer has done a series of stories over a period of more than 13 years highlighting the negligent attitude of officials towards the completion of the bridge.

Throughout the passage of time since its inception, many senior officials from the R&B department, entrusted with the oversight of its construction, have retired, leaving behind a legacy of unfulfilled potential in the form of the Noor Jahan Bridge.

As the online trolling continues to gain momentum, it remains to be seen how the administration will respond to the growing public outcry and whether the pace of construction on the Noor Jahan Bridge will finally accelerate.

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Lal Bazar Locality Sans Electricity For 3 Days

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Mughal Mohalla locality in Lal Bazar Srinagar has been without electricity for the past three days, locals said.

The inhabitants have appealed for the attention of the authorities saying no one from the Power Development Department (PDD) has bothered to address the issue.

"The locality has been reeling under darkness. We don't know why there is a power outage. We approached Division Khanyar and Sub-Division Hawal, but no one came up with a satisfactory reply," said locals.

The Assistant Executive Engineer in charge of the area did not respond to repeated calls. [KNT]

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PM Modi's Coalition Challenge

Three days after the outcome of the national elections, the political repercussions are still playing out across the country. The result has brought the unpredictability back in Indian democracy, which many people have welcomed. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, despite securing an unprecedented third term, saw his BJP fall short of the parliamentary majority they sought. This has somewhat dented his dominant image, but the remarkable turn of events has also demonstrated the free and fair nature of India's electoral processes.

Modi's central role in the BJP's campaign, leveraging India's rising global status and emphasizing Hindu nationalist credentials, did not yield the expected results. Voters prioritized local livelihood issues over the BJP's Hindutva agenda, which failed to resonate in areas with strong regional identities. The party's economic messaging, focused on India's growth as the world's fastest-growing major economy, fell flat against the backdrop of high inequality and youth unemployment.

While the election result is undoubtedly a setback for the brand Modi, it is premature to count him out. Achieving a third consecutive term places him in the rare company of Jawaharlal Nehru, India's first prime minister. Modi's ability to adapt and reinvent himself politically is well-documented, and the BJP remains a formidable force in Indian politics, even as it navigates coalition dynamics.

The BJP's weakened position means it will rely more heavily on coalition partners, like the JD(U) and TDP, which have a history of shifting alliances. This could lead to a more consensus-driven approach in policymaking. Upcoming state elections in Maharashtra, Jharkhand, and Haryana will be critical in shaping the BJP's priorities in the near future.

Ultimately, this election reaffirms the faith in India's democracy. It demonstrates that even dominant political forces are subject to the will of the electorate. The outcome offers a balance of stability and continuity, while restraining the BJP's ability to pursue its nationalist agenda.

Going forward, it remains to be seen how the top BJP leadership adjusts to coalition dharma, which has so far been alien to them. Over the past decade, the party has been in a commanding position with the allies at its mercy. Now, reverse is the case with the allies such as TDP headed by N Chandrababu Naidu and JD(U) led by Nitish Kumar, calling the shots. What is more, the ideological clash between the BJP on one hand and the TDP and JD(U) on the other couldn't be starker. But the beauty of democracy is for the ideologically divergent parties to work together and act in the best interest of the country.

On World Food Safety Day

Ensuring Food Safety In War-Torn Areas



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Faria Bhat

To meet the challenge of food safety in conflict-affected areas, it is essential that NGOs, local authorities, and affected populations work together in a coordinated manner. Coordination helps to ensure that information is shared, needs are responded to effectively, and food safety measures are properly adhered to

World Food Safety Day, observed on June 7th, reminds us of the critical importance of safe food for a healthy life. While this issue is universally relevant, it takes on an especially urgent dimension in war-torn areas. The ravages of conflict bring about severe disruptions in food production and distribution, posing heightened risks to food safety. Addressing this issue is a matter of public health and a fundamental humanitarian necessity.

The Crisis of Food Safety in War Zones

War zones are characterised by chaos and instability, severely disrupting the food supply chain. Farms are abandoned, infrastructure is destroyed, and food storage facilities are compromised. In such conditions, ensuring food safety becomes a herculean task.

The primary challenge in ensuring food safety in conflict zones is the lack of infrastructure. Without proper roads, storage facilities, and distribution networks, it is almost impossible to maintain the cold chain necessary for preserving perishable foods. Additionally, the scarcity of resources means that there is often no equipment for testing and monitoring food safety.

Moreover, people might consume unsafe foods because they are desperate for food and do not have access to it. Fast-moving outbreaks of foodborne illness in vulnerable communities can amplify the public health problem. People who are hungry, have weak immune systems, suffer from poor sanitation, and are malnourished are in greater jeopardy from foodborne illnesses.

Another major concern is the lack of technical training for staff

in conflict areas. There is almost no staff with food safety expertise in conflict areas. Local staff may not have the necessary background and knowledge to address the complexities of food safety in the context of conflicts. Additionally, the lack of government and governance further exacerbates the problem: in areas without state presence, no one can enforce food safety (rules).

International Aid and Collaboration

Food safety is fundamentally important in conflict situations, and international organisations and NGOs assist in ensuring safe food. For example, the World Food Programme (WFP) plays a vital role in this endeavour. WFP and other international and national NGOs often take numerous precautions to ensure food is safe. This can consist of setting up mobile kitchens, distributing food safety kits and sometimes by providing training in food safety.

To meet the challenge of food safety in conflict-affected areas, it is essential that NGOs, local authorities, and affected populations work together in a coordinated manner. Coordination helps to ensure that information is shared, needs are responded to effectively, and food safety measures are properly adhered to. Opportunities for the exchange of knowledge and new technologies can help to improve food safety in these particular contexts.

Innovative Solutions for Food Safety

Emerging technologies provide potential solutions to improve food safety in conflict zones. For instance, mobile apps can track and monitor food shipments, ensuring the food's temperature threshold remains safe during

transport. Drones have also been used to evaluate and monitor food supply routes, recognizing potential hazards and reducing the time it takes to respond to threats.

Another innovative development has been the use of portable food testing kits to improve food safety in conflict-affected areas. Portable test kits now allow food samples to be tested immediately, resulting in a quick response time and the ability to prevent contaminated food from being distributed to civilians.

The Role of Local Communities

It is essential to empower local communities to practice safe food handling. Educating and training individuals can equip them with the knowledge and skills necessary to safely handle and store food. Community leaders have the power to communicate this essential knowledge and to shape a food safety culture.

Conclusion

On this World Food Safety Day, it is essential to remember that ensuring the safety of food in areas of conflict is a shared responsibility. It requires the collective effort of international organisations, governments, and grassroots organisations. By prioritising food safety, we can protect the health of the general public and help preserve the dignity and resilience of communities in conflict zones. In the face of adversity, safe and adequate food is a basic need and a symbol of hope and further stability for millions.

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Successful Stock Market Investing: What's the Trick

Did you know?

Irshad Mushtaq

Successful stock market investing requires vision, courage, and patience.

Many people dream of making quick and easy money in the stock market. They believe that all it takes is a little luck and some insider knowledge to strike it rich. However, the truth is that successful stock market investing requires much more than that. It requires vision, courage, and patience.

Vision is the ability to see beyond the present moment and imagine the future potential of a stock. It is about recognizing trends, identifying growth opportunities, and understanding the long-term value of a company. Without vision, it is easy to get caught up in the day-to-day fluctuations of the market and lose sight of the bigger picture.

Courage is the willingness to take risks and make bold decisions. It is about having the confidence to buy stocks when others are selling and to hold onto them even when the market is volatile. It takes courage to trust your instincts and stick to your investment strategy, even when others doubt your choices.

Patience is perhaps the most underrated quality in stock market investing. It is the ability to stay calm and composed in the face of market fluctuations and resist the urge to panic-sell when things are not going as planned. Patience is about understanding that investing is a long-term game and that the value of a stock will eventually reflect its true potential.

In conclusion, to make money in stocks, you must have the vision to see them, the courage to buy them, and the patience to hold onto them. By cultivating these qualities and focusing on quality shares and emerging mutual funds, you can navigate the unpredictable world of the stock market with confidence and success. Remember, it is not about making a quick buck, but about building wealth over time through smart, strategic investing.

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The Competitive Exam Obsession

LIFE in Jammu and Kashmir is narrowly conceived, particularly in the case of students and parents. Well, it is not their fault; when the main motive of life is to earn money by hook or by crook, parents deliberately and their children voluntarily or involuntarily choose that way that can give them money in heaps. KAS and NEET are two ways that have become the trademarks of learning. In fact, such is the impact of these two things that other professions and occupations have taken a back seat. Recently, social media, electronic media and print media were full of success stories, regarding KAS and NEET qualifiers.

Yes, it is a moment of happiness that we produce good bureaucrats and doctors. But the main thing is that is life all about qualifying an examination or is it about knowing the world and yourselves?

In the present context, this line of demarcation has blurred a lot. Those students who have no inclinations towards these professions are called useless. Those students who are called useless, follow their own whims. They want to do something adventurous that can pacify their nerves. They don't want to be in a race of cut throat competition. They live the way they find life. Our educational system never

takes individual differences into account. From the beginning, we are taught that we are all going to become doctors, engineers, bureaucrats, entrepreneurs, etc. We are never taught that the main aim of life is to know one's life. When a person knows their worth, he or she opts a profession or an occupation according to his or her liking and necessity. However, in the present world, it is seen that the majority of people engaged in different professions are misfits. If someone wants to opt any profession or occupation, he or she is forced to prefer that profession that is not suitable to them. In this way, the menace of the educational system is to blame. It is

this that produces narrow mindedness in our society.

In short, there should be a broad consensus on what the real meaning of life is. After knowing this, there should be pondering over different professions and their needs. Knowing all these things will enable us to respect every profession. We will be in a position not to give unnecessary hype to those things that are like others. William Bill Gates, Ellison, Jack Ma, Steve Jobs, Elon Musk, Warren Buffet, etc are some examples.

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Mindful Fridays

The High Cost of NEET Obsession

Mental Health and Career Counseling as Remedies

Wasim Kakroo

The National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) stands as a pivotal examination for students aspiring to enter the medical profession in India. The stakes are undeniably high, but what exacerbates the pressure is the toxic culture fostered by many coaching institutes. These institutes often instill a detrimental belief in students that their entire future hinges on cracking NEET, leading to severe psychological repercussions. This narrative not only undermines the diverse potential of students but also grossly simplifies the concept of success in life.

THE TOXIC CULTURE OF COACHING INSTITUTES

The Business Model and Pressure Tactics

Coaching institutes have become formidable players in the education sector, driven by their promise to deliver results. Their business model is heavily reliant on their success rates, which translates into aggressive marketing strategies and immense pressure on students to perform. The focus is singular: produce the highest number of NEET qualifiers possible. In this high-stakes environment, students are treated as mere statistics rather than individuals with unique aspirations and abilities.

The pressure tactics employed by these institutes are multifaceted. Students are subjected to rigorous schedules, often involving long hours of study, frequent tests, and relentless competition. The implicit message is clear: failure is not an option. This creates a high-stress environment where students are constantly anxious about their performance, fearing that one misstep could derail their entire future.

The Psychological Impact

The toxic atmosphere surrounding the preparation for the NEET (National Eligibility cum Entrance Test) profoundly impacts students' psychological well-being. Constant stress and an overwhelming fear of failure are prevalent, often leading to severe anxiety, depression, and burnout. The high stakes associated with NEET amplify these pressures, creating an environment where students feel perpetually under siege.

The societal and familial expectations compound these issues. The stigma attached to not succeeding in NEET is immense; students who do not clear the exam often feel they have failed their families and squandered

their efforts. This intense pressure to meet expectations can erode self-esteem and exacerbate mental health issues.

The mental health crisis among these students is significant. Many struggle to cope with the continuous stress, leading to a pervasive sense of hopelessness and despair. The constant comparisons and the competitive nature of the exam environment only heighten these feelings, leaving students feeling isolated and overwhelmed.

Moreover, the lack of adequate mental health support and awareness exacerbates the problem. Many students do not seek help due to stigma or lack of resources, leading to untreated mental health conditions that can have long-term consequences. The result is a generation of students grappling with severe psychological distress, highlighting the urgent need for systemic changes in how educational pressure and mental health are addressed. To mitigate these effects, it is crucial to foster a more supportive and less pressurized learning environment, emphasizing holistic well-being over mere academic success.

THE NAIVITY OF EQUATING LIFE'S WORTH WITH A SINGLE EXAM

The notion that cracking NEET



aspirations and recognizing multiple pathways to success ensures a richer, more innovative society. It is crucial to celebrate all forms of achievement and to support individuals in discovering and excelling in their chosen fields. By doing so, we acknowledge the true breadth of human potential and the varied ways in which it can manifest.

Diverse Career Opportunities

The healthcare field itself is replete with diverse opportuni-

ties. While becoming a doctor is a noble and impactful profession, it is not the only way to contribute to healthcare. Roles in nursing, medical research, healthcare administration, and allied health professions are equally vital. Each of these paths offers the chance to make a meaningful difference in people's lives, yet they are often overshadowed by the singular focus on becoming a doctor.

THE IMPORTANCE OF MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

Addressing the Mental Health Crisis

The intense pressure from coaching institutes necessitates robust mental health support for students. The rigorous preparation for competitive exams like NEET often leads to heightened stress, anxiety, and burnout among students. This under-

diservice to the richness of human potential. pressures of competitive exams like NEET. Robust mental health support through counseling is therefore essential in creating a balanced and supportive environment for students.

Creating a Supportive Environment

Counseling fosters a supportive environment for students by promoting open communication, enabling them to express fears and anxieties without judgment. This safe space is essential for students to develop coping mechanisms and realize their worth extends beyond academic achievements. Counselors play a crucial role in helping students navigate personal and academic challenges, reinforcing the idea that emotional well-being is as important as scholastic success. By addressing mental health and emotional issues, counseling supports a holistic approach to education, encouraging a balanced, healthy development for students.

Challenging Toxic Narratives
Counselors can also play a critical role in challenging the toxic narratives perpetuated by coaching institutes. By encouraging students to view their lives holistically, counselors can help them recognize the importance of personal well-being, creativity, and diverse achievements. This broader perspective can empower students to define success on their own terms, rather than adhering to the narrow definitions imposed by their coaching institutes.

THE IMPORTANCE OF CAREER COUNSELING

Broadening Horizons

Career counseling plays a crucial role in expanding students' perspectives and helping them explore diverse career options.

By offering personalized guidance, career counselors assist students in identifying their interests, strengths, and values, which is essential for making informed career choices. This holistic approach encourages students to consider a wide array of professional opportunities beyond traditional and popular paths like NEET (National Eligibility cum Entrance Test) for medical studies.

Effective career counseling provides students with insights into various industries, emerging fields, and alternative careers that align with their unique profiles. It also helps in dispelling myths and stereotypes associated with less conventional professions, thereby broadening students' understanding of success. Moreover, career counseling equips students with the necessary tools and information to navigate the dynamic job market, fostering adaptability and resilience.

By highlighting multiple pathways to achievement, career counseling empowers students to make choices that are not only aligned with their personal aspirations but also with the demands of the evolving world of work. This comprehensive support system is instrumental in building a well-rounded, motivated, and future-ready generation, capable of thriving in diverse professional environments.

Personalized Career Paths

Career counselors can provide personalized guidance tailored to each student's unique profile. By considering individual aptitudes and aspirations, career counselors can help students discover fields where they can excel and find satisfaction. This personalized approach can reduce the pressure associated with NEET by highlighting alternative paths to success.

Building Realistic Goals

Career counseling can also help students set realistic and achievable goals. By mapping out potential career trajectories, counselors can help students develop a clear plan for their future that is not solely dependent on NEET. This forward-looking approach can alleviate the all-or-nothing mentality and promote a more balanced view of career planning.

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The focus is singular: produce the highest number of NEET qualifiers possible. In this high-stakes environment, students are treated as mere statistics rather than individuals with unique aspirations and abilities

is the ultimate measure of success is deeply flawed and alarmingly naive. Reducing life's worth to a single exam result overlooks the multifaceted nature of success and the diverse paths to achieving it. Success is not one-size-fits-all; it varies based on individual interests, strengths, and values.

Relying solely on NEET results dismisses the importance of other talents and career opportunities outside of medicine. This narrow view can lead to unnecessary stress, disappointment, and a lack of fulfillment for those whose passions lie elsewhere. Moreover, societal progress relies on a variety of professions, including engineering, arts, social sciences, and trades, each contributing uniquely to the fabric of our communities.

True success is about finding and pursuing one's passions, contributing positively to society, and achieving personal fulfillment. Encouraging diverse

paths, while becoming a doctor is a noble and impactful profession, it is not the only way to contribute to healthcare. Roles in nursing, medical research, healthcare administration, and allied health professions are equally vital. Each of these paths offers the chance to make a meaningful difference in people's lives, yet they are often overshadowed by the singular focus on becoming a doctor.

Personal Growth and Fulfillment

Moreover, equating life's worth with an exam score overlooks the importance of personal growth and fulfillment. Achievements in arts, sports, community service, and other areas are equally valuable and contribute to a well-rounded life. A person's character, empathy, creativity, and contributions to society are critical components of a successful life. Reducing life's worth to an academic achievement is an oversimplification that does a

scores the critical need for effective counseling services.

Counseling can play a pivotal role in helping students navigate these psychological challenges. Mental health professionals are equipped to provide strategies for managing stress and anxiety, ensuring that students maintain their well-being while preparing for exams. They can teach techniques for building resilience, helping students to recover quickly from setbacks and stay focused on their goals. Additionally, counselors can assist students in developing a healthier perspective on success and failure, fostering a mindset that values effort and learning over mere outcomes.

By addressing the mental health needs of students, counseling can significantly enhance their overall performance and well-being. It ensures that students are not just academically prepared but also emotionally resilient, capable of handling the

Want to Be Happy? Help Other People

Samuel T. Wilkinson

We all want to be happy. This is the driving force behind so much of what we do in life. But it's not always intuitive what types of activities and situations lead to happiness. Predicting how we are going to feel in a given circumstance is what psychologists refer to as affective forecasting. All of us make such predictions every day without thinking, and it shapes how we prioritize our lives. Unfortunately, we are surprisingly poor judges of what makes us happy. This is one of the reasons why life is so complicated. We end up spending loads of time investing in pursuits that don't necessarily lead to deep and enduring happiness.

As a case in point, if you were asked whether you would prefer to win the lottery or suffer a terrible accident that left you paraplegic, your answer would be obvious. Of course, you would be much happier as a lottery winner than an accident victim. Such a study was done, by the way. In the 1970s, Philip Brickman and his colleagues compared happiness and well-being between

paraplegic accident victims and lottery winners. Surprisingly—and as a testament to our collective inability to predict how we will feel in a given situation—in terms of their abilities to enjoy everyday pleasures, there was no difference between the lottery winners and the accident victims. If anything, the lottery winners had a bit less ability to enjoy things (though this difference wasn't statistically significant).

Why are we so bad at predicting what will make us happy?

Part of the answer is that our brains evolved in a time of relative scarcity. Because of this, our intuitions often lead us to believe that more material possessions (which, at one point in our distant past, helped us survive) will make us happier. We are psychologically wired to believe that if we can just obtain more material goods or get that promotion with higher pay, then we will finally be happy. But nature hasn't prepared us to live in a time of relative abundance. We aren't equipped with a psychological gauge that indicates when we have enough for our happiness.

As social philosopher Adam

Smith rightly observed: "The desire for food is limited in every man by the narrow capacity of the human stomach; but the desire of the conveniences and ornaments of building, dress, equipage, and household furniture, seems to have no limit or certain boundary."

Modern psychological studies have repeatedly made clear that, beyond having what is sufficient to meet our basic needs, more wealth does not lead to more happiness.

Here's another example of how we're bad at predicting what leads to happiness: a long list of experiments has shown that helping others leads to deep feelings of reward and satisfaction, sometimes more so than when we help ourselves. Yet most of us don't walk around thinking: If I could only find more people to help today, then I could be happier. (Can you imagine how different the world would be if we intuitively realized that helping others will increase our happiness?) However, the evidence suggests that such thinking would be more psychologically accurate than the natural intuitions that we actually have.

Experiments confirm that altruism is rewarding

In one study published in the journal Science, university students were given some money in an envelope. Half of the students were instructed to spend the money on themselves—either on a bill, an expense, or a personal gift—by the end of the day. The other half were told to spend it on someone else or donate it to a charity. Surprisingly to most people (including the students themselves), those who spent the money on others were happier by the end of the day. Similar experiments have confirmed the finding that altruism is rewarding.

Encouragingly, the happiness-inducing characteristic of generosity may even be hard-wired into human nature. Evidence for this comes from the observation that this phenomenon seems to emerge quite early in childhood. Among toddlers younger than two years of age, those who give away treats are happier than those who receive treats. And, curiously, what researchers refer to as "costly giving" seems to lead to more happiness than non-costly giving. Giving away something that is

yours (which requires sacrifice), as opposed to giving away something that isn't yours, brings more emotional reward.

None of this is to say that we shouldn't spend time on self-care. We all need time for relaxation and recreation. But if we're not careful, our brains unwittingly lead us in the direction of over-investing in ourselves and our careers and under-investing in helping others—which can be a recipe for loneliness, and hence unhappiness.

If you're considering enhancing your altruistic footprint to maximize your happiness, it's important to note that not all giving is created equal.

Here are a few rules to keep in mind:

1. Unpaid service is generally more emotionally rewarding than if you are compensated for your time and labor. (Remember the finding that service that requires sacrifice is more rewarding than service that doesn't.) Why is this the case? It seems that extrinsic rewards, such as money, can paradoxically undermine our intrinsic motivations and rewards for helping. Relatedly, being compensated

for service may make the interaction more transactional and less about the goodwill of giving.

2. Begrudged service isn't very rewarding. It could lead to resentment and, therefore, less happiness. This doesn't mean it's a bad idea to lovingly coax your teenage children into doing chores or volunteering at a rest home. It just means that they (and you) will maximize the emotional reward reaped from service by having a good attitude.

3. Face-to-face giving seems to be the gold standard. Serving others in a way you can interact with them and experience their gratitude produces more emotional rewards than virtual or anonymous service. This likely has to do with the fact that we evolved in relatively small, nonvirtual communities where face-to-face interactions were the norm. It's not that virtual or anonymous types of service aren't important, but if you're trying to maximize the bang for your buck, try to find opportunities to help in your backyard.

4. To be happier, political activism (even if it's unpaid) is not the same as helping others. Spending

time in the service of a political cause is often a zero-sum game. When the side you're on wins, it can be elating. But when you lose, you can be left with feelings of deep disappointment and nihilism. On top of this, as Arthur Brooks has noted, so much of modern political activism breeds deep feelings of "anger and contempt for people on the 'wrong side' of the issue." These sorts of feelings can take a psychological toll on our happiness. This isn't to say there aren't important causes to rally behind. But if you spend all your discretionary time as an activist and none of it in other kinds of service, your mental health will suffer.

The next time you find yourself with some unexpected time that you're not sure how to fill, remember that you're not very good at predicting what will make you happy. Your brain will tell you that you should catch up on a work assignment, check your email, or engage in some other activity to "get ahead." But if you want to maximize your happiness, try doing something for someone else.

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Girls Outshine

494 marks out of 500. "I worked hard and I expected good results," Adeeba said. She attributed her success to the support of her teachers and the effectiveness of the test series she attended.

"I was consistent and my parents were supportive, I am thankful for that, my teachers also helped me a lot."

Aamina Rashid of Govt Higher Secondary School Chadoora and Aisha Riyaz of Govt Girls Higher Secondary School Khanyar Srinagar both earned 493 marks, securing 2nd position in the Science stream.

"I scored similar marks in past years as well. One needs to study from the beginning. Studying only after the exam date sheet is announced is completely wrong and not the right thing to do," Aisha said.

The arts stream was aced by Basna Shah (495 marks) of Govt Girls Higher Sec School Kothi Bagh Srinagar. Hoor Sajid of Green Valley Educational Institute Ellahibagh Srinagar and Seidra Mukhtar from Govt Higher Secondary School Arihal followed closely behind with 494 marks.

Home Science was no different, with Ainain Niyazi (494 marks) clinching the top position.

BOSE said that a total of 93,340 candidates were enrolled for the exams in which 69,385 successfully qualified it.

Stating the overall performance of the candidates, BOSE said that a total of 46,500 male and 46,786 female candidates were enrolled for the examination out of which 74 percent qualified it.

In the exams, a total of 25,435 students have registered distinctions, 33,437 secured first divisions, 10,318 bagged second division and 195 candidates registered third division.

BOSE further said that in the examination, 1034 students couldn't qualify the exams while 22,921 have been asked to reappear in the exams.

Pertinently, the annual regular examination of class 12th commenced from April 8 in hard zone areas while the examination in the soft zone areas commenced from March 6.

Following the implementation of Uniform Academic Calendar, JKBOSE has classified regions via soft and hard zone areas keeping in view the different weather conditions.

BOSE had said that the annual regular examinations held by the board for classes 10th, 11th and 12th shall be held in the month of March in both the divisions of Union territory of JK and Union Territory of Ladakh excluding hard zones.

The Board however had said that the annual regular examination of hard zone areas of Union territory of JK and Union territory of Ladakh shall be held in the month of April.

The board had further said that the results of annual regular examination of Kashmir division and Jammu division and Union territory of Ladakh including hard zones shall be declared simultaneously in the month of June. (With inputs from agencies)

Sans Pak Top

National Democratic Alliance (NDA) winning 293 seats in the Lok Sabha polls.

The guest list of foreign leaders for Modi's swearing-in ceremony was primarily guided by New Delhi's "Neighbourhood First Policy" and its strategic focus on island nations considered important in the Indian Ocean region, it is learnt.

Modi is likely to take oath on June 9.

The invitation to Muizzu assumes significance as it came amid frosty ties between the two countries.

The ties between India and the Maldives came under severe strain since November last year when Muizzu, known for his pro-China leanings, took charge as Maldivian president.

Within hours of his oath, he had demanded the withdrawal of Indian military personnel from his country. The Indian military personnel were replaced by civilians earlier this month.

The media division of President Wickremesinghe's office on Wednesday said Modi invited him to the swearing-in ceremony during a phone conversation. It said Wickremesinghe accepted the invite.

"During the conversation, Prime Minister @narendramodi invited President Wickremesinghe to his swearing-in ceremony, which President @RW_UNP accepted," it said on X.

Modi also had a phone conversation with Hasina on Wednesday. In the phone conversation, Modi invited Hasina to attend his swearing-in ceremony and she accepted it, diplomatic sources said.

Modi held separate phone conversations with Prachanda as well as Jugnauth. On Thursday, Bhutanese PM Tobgay called up Modi and congratulated him on the victory of the NDA.

"Prime Minister Tobgay appreciated Prime Minister Modi's visionary leadership in the last decade, and conveyed his warm wishes for his successful third term," an Indian readout said.

"The prime minister thanked prime minister Tobgay for the warm felicitations. The prime minister conveyed that India accords the highest priority to its exemplary partnership with Bhutan," it said. It said India-Bhutan partnership is characterized by utmost trust, goodwill, and mutual understanding at all levels and is reinforced by robust people to people linkages and close economic and development partnership.

The leaders of regional grouping SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional

Cooperation) countries attended Modi's first swearing ceremony when he took the reins as the prime minister after a massive electoral victory for BJP.

Leaders of the BIMSTEC countries attended Modi's swearing-in ceremony, in 2019 when he became prime minister for the second consecutive term.

Though the BJP could not get a majority on its own in the polls, the party-led alliance secured 293 seats out of 543. The majority mark in the lower house is 272.

BJP Likely To Keep

which has won 16 seats, Nitish Kumar's JDU (12), Eknath Shinde's Shiv Sena (7) and Chirag Paswan's Lok Janshakti Party-Ram Vilas (5).

N Chandrababu Naidu and Nitish Kumar, both coalition-era veterans, have emerged kingmakers in this election and are learnt to have demanded plum roles at the Centre for their support.

TDP, it is learnt, has also sought the Lok Sabha Speaker's post, while JDU sources said they may press for a Common Minimum Programme for the NDA government and hope that a coordination committee formed for its implementation is led by Nitish Kumar.

The BJP, sources said, is not ready to give away the Speaker's role and TDP may be offered a Deputy Speaker post. JDU holds the Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman post anyway.

There is another big change. The Narendra Modi governments formed after the 2014 and 2019 elections had only symbolic representation of allies because the BJP had absolute majority on its own. But this time, the BJP may have to distribute ministerial berths in proportion to seats won by each ally.

The BJP, however, is not keen on accommodating allies in four key ministries that come under the Cabinet Committee on Security -- defence, finance, home affairs and external affairs.

The BJP will also not want to let go of portfolios that are critical to its infrastructure push, such as road transport and highways, or its welfare agenda. Among the BJP's promises in the run-up to the election was support to four "castes" identified by Prime Minister Modi -- the poor, women, youth and farmers. The BJP will be looking to retain control in portfolios relating to these groups.

Construction of roads and highways in the past 10 years of Narendra Modi government has received appreciation. Led by Nitin Gadkari, this push has enhanced connectivity to remote areas. The BJP would not want to lose momentum by giving charge to one of its allies, sources said.

Another key portfolio is the Railways. While JDU sources have said they are keen to get the Railways ministry charge, held by Nitish Kumar in the past, voices in the BJP argue that key reforms are underway in this sector and any disruption may stall them.

In the past two Narendra Modi governments, allies received roles in relatively low-key portfolios such as food processing and heavy industries.

But this time, the BJP may have to agree to some of its allies' demands, as they do not have a majority on their own.

According to sources, JDU may be offered portfolios such as panchayati raj, rural development, while TDP may get civil aviation and steel. The BJP may, however, try to accommodate allies' MPs in Minister of State roles in big-ticket ministries such as Finance and Defence.

Other portfolios the BJP may be open to handing over to portfolios include tourism, skill development, science and technology and earth sciences.

Model Code Of

finds its origin during the 1960 assembly elections in Kerala when the administration tried to evolve a code of conduct for the political parties. The code has evolved over the last 60 years to assume its present form.

According to the Election Commission of India, the model code of conduct states that the parties in power at the Centre and in the states should ensure that they do not use their official position for campaigning.

Ministers and other government authorities cannot announce financial grants in any form. No project or scheme that may have the effect of influencing the voter in favour of the party in power can be announced, and ministers cannot use official machinery for campaign purposes when the poll code is in effect.

Compensation To

(CrPC) is intended to reassure the victim that they are not forgotten in the criminal justice system.

It is a constructive approach to crimes based on the premise that mere punishment of the offender may not give solace to a victim or their family, it said.

"As such, when deciding the compensation which is to be paid to a victim, the only factor that the court may take into consideration is the convict's capacity to pay the compensation and not the sentence that has been imposed. In criminal proceedings the courts should not conflate sentence with compensation to victims," the bench said.

The top court's observation came while hearing a plea filed by a man named Rajendra Bhagwanji Umraniya challenging an order of the Gujarat High Court which reduced the five years sentence imposed upon two men to four years jail in a criminal case.

The high court had also said the convicts need not undergo even the four-year sentence, if they paid Rs 2.50 lakh to the victim.

The apex court noted that 12 years have gone by since the incident occurred and the convicts have already deposited Rs 5 lakh.

The bench said, "We are not inclined to direct them to undergo further sentences of four years".

"However, having said so, we direct each of the respondents to deposit a further sum of Rs 5 lakh, i.e. in all Rs 10 lakh, in addition to what they have already deposited before the trial court," the top court said.

Handloom, Handicraft

Department in brand positioning and to incubate new ideas in different product categories.

The LG also talked about the policy reforms introduced by the UT Administration to transform the handicraft and handloom sector.

In June 2023, the administration notified 32 new crafts and at present the total number of registered crafts has increased to 60. It is also being ensured that every handicraft artist and weaver gets the benefit of GI certification, testing, labelling and training, the LG said.

He called upon NIFT students and faculty members to support artisans in brand positioning, product designing and packaging.

The LG also highlighted the important role of academic institutions in establishing India as a Knowledge economy.

Higher education sector in J&K is going through reformative changes. Institutions like NIFT should also make the necessary reforms, aligned with NEP 2020, to meet the future needs of the market, he further added.

This year's NIFT Youth Festival has been organised under the theme of "Rangreza" in which more than 600 students will be participating in 24 events like Best out of Waste, Mural Art, Frame within the frame, Battle of Bands, Mental Marathon, Open Mic etc.

Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Vikramjit Singh, Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce Department; Akshay Labroo, Deputy Commissioner Budgam; Dr. Javid Ahmad Wani, Director NIFT Srinagar, faculty members, student of NIFT and other participating institutions were present on the occasion.

90% Candidates

a row, got 51.28 per cent votes while NC's Mian Altaf Ahmad, who defeated former chief minister Mehbooba Mufti from Anantnag-Rajouri seat, secured 50.85 per cent votes.

Ghulam Nabi Azad's Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) was routed at the hustings as all three of its candidates lost their security deposit. In fact, none of his party candidates managed to secure even four per cent of the votes. Ghulam Mohammad Saroori, who contested from Udhampur Lok Sabha seat, received 3.56 per cent of the votes, while Mohammad Saleem Parry got 2.49 per cent votes in Anantnag-Rajouri and Aamir Bhat 2.24 per cent votes in Srinagar.

There were seven women in the fray in these five constituencies and only PDP president Mehbooba Mufti managed to save her security deposit.

HC Announces

for its Jammu wing and Srinagar wing to hear all matters of urgent nature for the period mentioned against their names.

At the Jammu Wing, Justice Rahul Bharti and Justice Mohd. Yousuf Wani will look after the matters from 17th to 22th June and 24th to 29th June, respectively.

Meanwhile, Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi and Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal have been tasked to supervise the matters from 17th to 22th June and 24th to 29th June, respectively, at Srinagar Wing.

Controversy Erupts

just-concluded Lok Sabha elections. The National Conference (NC) leader had conceded defeat and congratulated Rashid on his win.

"The 'big loser' tag certainly hurts but it's an election, you win some you lose some and life goes on," Abdullah posted on X on Thursday, a day after attending an INDIA bloc meeting in Delhi.

This reaction was after some news articles referred to him and others as the "big losers" of the Lok Sabha polls.

Recalling his school's song, the former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister said on X, "...I sang (this) as part of my school song for years, still holds true today."

"Never give in is our motto; strive till the set of sun; And we learn it's truth; In the days of youth on the long Hodson run; For though your heart seems bursting; Up Sergeant Tilly's hill; THOUGH YOU MAY NOT WIN; YOU'LL YET COME IN; if you stick it still," he posted.

According to the Lawrence School Sanawar's website, the song was written by Henry Bickersteth Durrant, Bishop of Lahore, and set to the music by Bandmaster A Swann between the 1923 and 1925. Its official title was 'The Best School of All'.

Taking a dig at Abdullah for sharing the news article, PDP youth president Para posted on X, "Extremely disappointed with @OmarAbdullah's regressive stance, echoing the divisive politics of 1987, and dubbing a democratic expression as an 'Islamist wave'." "His family's history with the Muslim

Conference clashes with calls for the exclusion of PDP, Er Rashid, and JEI, and will put Kashmir into perpetual conflict with the State. A more prudent approach, akin to @MehboobaMufti's plea for Er Rashid's release, would have been acknowledgment of mandate," Para posted on X.

In a quick reply, Abdullah said he had himself been an advocate for the release of not only Engineer Rashid but the thousands of others who were languishing in jails.

"Waheed I don't normally get into any back and forth conversations here but this time I'll make an exception. I spent my entire campaign talking about Engineer's release and unlike his campaign I talked about the release of the 1000s detained since 2019," he said.

"The articles I've put here are not my views but they are a point of view. I may agree with parts, disagree with parts but they are an opinion. As for Rashid's release, it's a matter for the courts as it is in all such cases," Abdullah said.

"I didn't agree with Rashid's detention in the first place and I don't agree with it now but that's neither here nor there because it shouldn't be just about one man but about the 1000s in jail, including the anonymous ones outside Jammu and Kashmir," he said.

People's Conference president Sajad Gani Lone, who barely managed to save his security deposit in the Lok Sabha polls in the Baramulla seat, has gone on a sabbatical for a "few days".

"I will be away for a few days. Taking a break to step back, pause and reflect. Winning and losing is part of life. A setback, Yes, but should it allow us to lose sight of our larger goal - the empowerment of our people, their dignity, development and making their voices heard - No! Elections were merely a vehicle towards this larger goal, never an end in itself," Lone posted on X.

He said the electoral setback will only reinvigorate his party and strengthen their commitment and conviction towards realizing the collective goals.

Er Rashid Approaches

Jail and he is accused of militancy funding.

Additional Sessions Judge of Patiala House Court Chander Jeet Singh as per the news agency Kashmir News Trust has sought a response from the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Engineer Rashid's bail plea.

The court will next hear the case on Friday.

Engineer Rashid emerged victorious from the Baramulla Parliamentary seat defeating his rivals including the former Jammu Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, Peoples Conference chairman Sajad Gani Lone and PDP's Fayaz Mir.

Met Predicts

Pahalgam recorded a low of 9.0°C against 7.5°C on the previous night and it was 2.0°C above normal for the famous resort in south Kashmir.

Kokernag, also in south Kashmir, recorded a minimum of 10.3°C against 9.5°C and it was 1.9°C below normal, the official said.

Kupwara town recorded a minimum of 11.9°C against 11.3°C on the previous night and it was below normal by 0.2°C for the place, the official said.

Gulmarg recorded a minimum of 3.2°C against 4.6°C on the previous night and it was below normal by 5.5°C for the famous skiing resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district.

Jammu, he said, recorded a low of 20.2°C against 30.5°C on the previous night and it was below normal by 5.1°C for the winter capital of J&K. Banihal recorded a low of 12.0°C, Batote 13.6°C and Baderwah 11.2°C, he said.

Integrity Of Exam

of exam time during the conduct of the test at some exam centres.

"The concerns raised by the candidates through the writ petitions and representations about loss of examination time was ascertained and 1,563 candidates were compensated for the loss of time, and the revised marks of such candidates vary from -20 to 720 marks. Amongst these, the score of two candidates also happens to be 718 and 719 respectively due to compensatory marks," the official added.

On analysing CCTV camera footage, it was ascertained that the integrity of the examination was not compromised, the official asserted.

Several aspirants of the medical entrance exam have alleged inflation of marks which led to a record 67 candidates bagging the top rank, including six from the same exam centre in Haryana.

Denying the allegations, the NTA said the changes made in NCERT textbooks and grace marks for losing time at the examination centres are some of the reasons behind the students scoring higher marks.

In a post on X, the Congress said, "After the NEET exam, now the NEET result is also in controversy. After the NEET results were declared, questions are being raised on six students from the same centre getting 720 out of 720 marks. Apart from this, many other irregularities related to the NEET exam have also come to light."

"First due to paper leak and now due to result error, the future of lakhs of youth of the country is getting ruined. It is clear that this government cannot get any paper done without leaking it. Sir claims to stop wars in foreign countries but he is unable to even stop paper leaks in the country," the party said, targeting the Narendra

Modi dispensation.

Detailing the reason behind inflation of marks, the NTA said it received representations on the matter.

"Such cases and representations were considered by the NTA and the normalisation formula, which has been devised and adopted by the Supreme Court, vide its judgment dated 13.06.2018, was implemented to address the loss of time faced by the candidates of NEET (UG) 2024."

"The loss of examination time was ascertained and such candidates were compensated with grace marks. So, there marks can be 718 or 719 also," it said in a statement.

On allegations of unclear implementation of grace marks, the NTA official told PTI that the question paper was prepared using a new NCERT textbooks. However, some students had old NCERT textbooks.

"We received a representation on this issue as well due to which NTA had to assign five marks to all students who had marked one of the two options. Because of this reason, marks of a total of 44 students increased from 715 to 720, which resulted in an increased number of toppers," the official said.

After several court cases and representations raising concerns over loss of time during exam were received, a committee was formed to look into the matter, the official said, adding that the committee went through everything and the loss of time was ascertained.

"Such candidates were compensated with grace marks. Therefore, the marks of students at some centres are high because it is likely they all benefitted from grace marks," the official added.

According to experts, the mark inflation in NEET UG 2024 result is expected to make securing a spot in medical school this year more difficult. Some aspiring students have turned to online platforms to demand the cancellation of the results and a re-examination.

"Several students are raising some valid points. How come students with same sequence roll number scored the same marks. This is a serious issue."

"We don't want such doctors to serve our country. This must be investigated," said Anubha Shrivastava, a lawyer and president of India Wide Parents Association.

An aspirant took to X and said, "67 students scoring 720 out of 720 marks in the results released after the NEET exam paper leak raises suspicion. This is playing with the future of lakhs of candidates of the country, due to which there is anger among the students. The government should conduct a high-level investigation."

Another X user Nitish Rajput said NTA awarded grace marks according to the court order but the students argue this sudden decision is unjust as the agency has not mentioned any methodology to award these 'grace marks'.

"Calls for transparency in the process have only grown louder. The controversy for the NTA is brewing as lakhs of students demand re-examination citing lack of clarity in NTA's explanations and have even pushed for the Supreme Court's intervention. Grace marks given for lost exam time have raised concerns of fairness," he added.

The NTA had on May 5 claimed that the distribution of wrong question papers at an exam centre in Rajasthan led to some candidates walking out with the papers. The agency had denied any leak of the question paper.

A day later, the NTA had reiterated that the reports claiming question paper leak in the medical entrance exam NEET-UG are "completely baseless and without any ground", and every question paper has been accounted for.

Won't Allow Anyone

The case, police said, was registered at Karan Police Station in this regard.

"Police take cognizance of the incident of posting of sensitive content against religious sentiments of a particular community by a student of GMC Srinagar administration. Upon receipt of information, case FIR No. 13/24 u/s 153, 153A, 295A, 505(2) IPC registered in PS Karan Nagar," Srinagar police said on X.

Massive protests broke out at GMC Srinagar after an undergraduate student from Rajasthan was found to have displayed the name of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) on a messaging app 'WhatsApp' in an offensive manner. The protesting students demanded immediate suspension of the accused for hurting their religious sentiments.

The blasphemous act evoked condemnation by several unions including Jammu and Kashmir Students Association (JKSA) and Resident Doctors Association, demanding exemplary punishment to the accused. The police had urged people to refrain from spreading rumors and false information and ask them not to fall prey to false propaganda of anti-social elements.

"Legal action shall be taken against those who are found to be involved in provocative act/instigation." Police said.

Meanwhile, in view of the incident, Govt Medical College (GMC) Srinagar, Govt. Medical College (GMC) Baramulla and National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar on Thursday ordered the suspension of classwork for students.

According to reports, strong contingents of police have been deployed outside the Srinagar campus of the University of Kashmir and several other educational institutions as a "precautionary measure" amid the tensions and anger in the student community over the blasphemous social media post.

Obtain Temporary Permits for Inter-District Movement: RTO Kashmir

Agencies

SRINAGAR: In wake of the ongoing picnic season, the Regional Transport Officer (RTO) Kashmir has asked all the schools, colleges and mini buses to obtain temporary permits for the movement from one district to another. A notification, a copy of which lies with the news agency, states that in accordance with sections 69 and 87 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, buses operating in areas not covered by their general permit conditions should secure an online temporary permit for the movement.



According to the notice, institutions must secure a temporary permit under section 66 of the Motor Vehicles Act by applying online through the Parivahan Portal.

A top officer at the transport department Kashmir said that the service is designed for auto-approval; ensuring permits are

generated automatically upon payment of the requisite fee.

As per the notification, those seeking the temporary permit for the movement from one district to another for picnic purpose, they have to log on to the website: vahan.parivahan.gov.in or a nearby Common Service Center (CSC) and that the temporary permit (TP) will be auto-approved and can be printed directly from the user end.

The senior officer said that this streamlined process aims to facilitate institutions in complying with regulatory requirements while ensuring smooth and safe transportation during the picnic season.

Pertinently, during the summers in Kashmir, a huge rush of school, college and mini buses carrying students moving from one district to another for picnic purpose is witnessed, with most of them facing fines for moving beyond their permit boundaries—(KNO)

Mandeep Kaur Inspects Solid Waste Management Plant In Kunzer



KO NEWS SERVICE

TANGMARG: In a significant step towards enhancing urban sustainability and addressing environmental concerns, Commissioner Secretary Housing and Urban Development, Mandeep Kaur, on Thursday inspected Solid Waste Management (SWM) Plant in Kunzar.

The Commissioner Secretary was accompanied by Director Urban Local Bodies (ULBs), Ma-thoora Masoom, Executive Officer MC, Tangmarg, Kunzer, Mir Tafveez and other officials from the Housing and Urban Development Department and local municipal representatives.

Mandeep Kaur thoroughly evaluated the operational efficiency and environmental impact of SWM Plant. She asked the concerned officials to ensure that the plant adheres to best practices in waste management and contributes positively towards the community's health and well-being. She directed them for creating green spaces

by planting trees and flowering plants at the SWM site to mitigate any potential inconvenience to the local residents.

Mandeep Kaur highlighted that these green areas will act as buffers, enhancing the quality of life for nearby residents and will not only promote ecological balance but also reduce the environmental footprint of these facilities.

Later, the Commissioner Secretary visited various sites within Kunzer and Tangmarg municipalities including a newly created parking space in the Tangmarg area strategically designed to alleviate the persistent issue of escalating traffic congestion in the region.

Mandeep Kaur also visited an old dumping site in Tangmarg which has been successfully reclaimed and would now serve as a garage and accommodation facility for the sanitation staff. She appreciated the tremendous efforts put forth by all those involved in achieving this remarkable feat.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

'Gulmarg Green Conclave' Held To Champion Environmental Conversation

KO NEWS SERVICE

BARAMULLA: On the eve of World Environment Day, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa inaugurated the 'Gulmarg Green Conclave', a day-long event at the Indian Institute of Skiing and Mountaineering (IISM) in Gulmarg.

The event, organized by the Gulmarg Development Authority in collaboration with the Indian Army, local hoteliers, and service providers, highlighted the importance of environmental conservation in the picturesque tourist destination of Gulmarg.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from various stakeholders, including the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Gulmarg Development Authority, Waseem Raja, other dignitaries, and students from local schools.

The 'Gulmarg Green Conclave' is aimed to foster a collective responsibility towards preserving the natural beauty and ecological balance of Gulmarg, renowned for its pristine landscapes and vibrant biodiversity.

In his speech, the DC emphasized the urgent need for environmental conservation in the face of escalating climate change and environmental degradation. He further urged everyone pres-

ent to commit towards protecting and preserving our natural heritage with a collective effort to maintain the beauty and sustainability of our hill resorts for future generations.

The 'Gulmarg Green Conclave' also serves as a platform for students and young participants to engage with environmental experts and learn about sustainable practices.

The dignitaries present delivered insightful speeches and held interactive sessions, providing valuable insights into waste management, conservation strategies, and the importance of maintaining ecological balance.

The event featured a series of activities designed to engage the community and raise awareness about environmental issues. A painting competition showcasing young students' visions of a greener world, a cycling event highlighting sustainable transportation and a women's cricket match promoting women's role in environmental advocacy and sports.

All competitions were met with great enthusiasm, and the winners were felicitated with cash prizes sponsored by the Service Providers highlighting the association's support in promoting eco-friendly practices and supporting community-driven environmental initiatives.

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

Over Half A Million J&K Women Find Employment Avenues Under MNREGA

Mubashir Aalam Wani

SRINAGAR: Tackling women unemployment in rural Jammu and Kashmir, as many as 563485 women have been granted employment under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) in the last five years.

As per news agency, the department has spent over 1100 crore under the scheme for giving employment to these 563485 women. Last year alone, 283476 women were given employment under MGNREGA, generating 853474 person-days, including Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

The data reveals an increase in funds allocated for women's employment, with a steady rise from 178 crores in 2019-20 to 208 crores in 2023-24. This sustained investment has had a transformative impact on the lives of women in Jammu and Kashmir.

It has provided them with financial security, empowered them to make decisions for their families, and instilled a sense of self-reliance and dignity.

The scheme prioritizes projects that directly benefit



women, such as construction of sanitation facilities, water conservation initiatives, and agricultural development programs.

These projects not only create jobs but also address critical needs in rural communities.

"MGNREGA has been a game-changer for me and my family. I am now able to contribute to my household income and have even saved enough to send my children to school," said Shameema Begum, a resident of Budgam district who has been working under the program for the past three years.

Similarly, Sara Begum, a resilient woman from one of the remote villages of Kupwara,

found herself struggling to run her household due to limited economic opportunities.

However, her life took a positive turn when she became a beneficiary of the MGNREGA employment program. Through this initiative, she gained access to meaningful employment that not only provided her with a steady income but also instilled a sense of empowerment and dignity. "Now, I am not just contributing to my family's income," Sara said.

The MGNREGA, a flagship program by the Government of India, guarantees 100 days of wage employment in a financial year to rural households—(KNO)

CS Reviews Progress On JK Samadhan, Youth Skill App

"Asks for timely roll out of Apps"

KO NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on Thursday reviewed the progress achieved in the IT initiatives being taken up by the UT administration in collaboration with Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geoinformatics (BISAG-N) during a meeting held here.

The meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary, Forest Ecology and Environment, Principal Secretary, Agriculture, Principal Secretary Higher Education, Commissioner Secretary, IT, MD HADP, team members of BISAG-N besides other concerned officers.

The initiatives reviewed in the meeting included JK Samadhan, Kisan Khidmat Ghar App and J&K Youth Skill and Entrepreneurship App.

The Chief Secretary had an overview of the progress made in the collaborative initiatives besides taking stock of the functionalities completed by the BISAG, so far.

While reviewing the initiatives, the Chief Secretary im-

plored upon the team to help them in capacity building of the staff. He directed the concerned to ensure completion of training of the master trainers in every department within a week so that they are well versed with the usage of to be launched Apps. He directed the concerned to prepare a user manual of the Apps so as to make government services more meaningful, accessible and user friendly.

He also suggested some changes to be made and told the BISAG team to introduce new features like using the latest technologies like Chatbot integrated, query builder, Artificial Intelligence (AI) for making government more accessible and responsive to public.

The Chief Secretary further directed the officers to work in a coordinated manner so that the Apps should be fully ready for roll out in a timely manner.

On the occasion, BISAG team gave a detailed presentation about the status of different reformative measures taken and the latest technologies introduced in the Apps.

They threw light on the progress achieved in formulation of Grievance redressal mechanism- Samadhan saying that Samadhan is an improvement over JKIGRAMS and CPGRAMS. It was said that the refurbished mechanism is a multi-lingual forum which would be based on AI.

JK Samadhan is enabled with auto forwarding of grievance to the concerned department and DoPG will be able to monitor the grievances. JK Samadhan is expected to be rolled out by the end of this month.

It was also informed that the mechanism would be more responsive with real-time updates, prompt acknowledgement and multi-lingual voice chatbot integration. The App will have normal and priority based segregation of grievances with multiple type of dashboard and reports.

The Chief Secretary was also given a demonstration on the renewed mechanism of farmer empowerment by virtue of Kisan Khidmat Ghar (KKG) ecosystem. KKG which will

SANJY-2024

ADGP L&O Chairs Joint Meeting Of Officers

Improve surveillance tactics, bolster personnel deployment along pilgrimage axes: Vijay Kumar to officers

SRINAGAR: Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Law & Order J&K, Vijay Kumar chaired a joint meeting with the officers of Police, Army, CAPFs and other agencies at Police Control Room Kashmir.



Threadbare discussions were made regarding overall security arrangements to be adopted for safe, smooth & incident-free conduct of upcoming SANJY-2024, a police spokesman said in a statement issued to the news agency.

At the onset of the meeting the participating officers briefed the chair about the security arrangements to be adopted for the smooth and peaceful conduct of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra-2024.

The officers present in the meeting shared their insights, past experiences and recommendations, highlighting the importance of robust communication channels, co-ordination among various forces, and real-time monitoring systems.

Deliberations focused on fortifying the existing security infrastructure, improving surveillance tactics, and bolstering personnel deployment along the pilgrimage route.

The meeting addressed cut-off timing vis-a-vis concerns regarding local and tourist movement during the Yatra to ensure minimal disruption & inconvenience. It was emphasized that Yatri or tourist vehicles would be taken to safe places/yatra camps enroute if plying beyond designated cut-off timings at various points along the route.

Concerned stakeholders were accordingly briefed on the protocol that prohibits Yatra and tourist vehicle movement beyond

the specified timings.

During the meeting, ADGP L&O and IGP Kashmir provided insights into the necessary Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) that must be adhered to throughout the Yatra.

They also emphasized the importance of preparedness and proactive measures in mitigating risks and ensuring the safety and security of the yatri/devotees. They underscored the significance of collaboration among stakeholders and the implementation of robust contingency plans to effectively address any unforeseen challenges.

During the meeting, ADGP L&O & IGP Kashmir also stressed upon the officers regarding the identification and assessment of areas prone to vulnerabilities like landslides, snow avalanches, rock falling etc aiming to devise strategies for enhanced vigilance and proactive measures in these regions.

They also directed that the services of specialized forces like National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) & Snow and Avalanche Study Establishment (SASE) may be utilized in order to get these vulnerable points mapped so that these can be monitored on regular basis to enhance overall safety measures.

BEFORE THE HON'BLE COURT OF PRINCIPAL DISTRICT JUDGE AT PULWAMA

BEFORE THE HON'BLE COURT OF CIVIL JUDGE (JR. DIVISION)/MUNSIFF AT PAMPORE

In the case of:

- Zeeba D/o: Mohd Sultan Khanday, W/o: Abdul Aziz Bhat
- Mohd Shafi Bhat
- Arshid Ahmad Bhat
- Mohd Ayoub Bhat

Sons of: Ab Aziz Bhat All residents of Meej, Pampore, Pulwama

..... Caveators/Applicants

V/S

Public at large

..... Non-Applicants

In the matter of: Caveat application in terms of section 148-A of C.P.C on behalf of Caveators.

May it please your Hon'our:

The application is most humbly submitted as under:-

- That the applicant/caveator is permanent resident of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir and are residing at Meej, Tehsil: Pampore District: Pulwama and the applicant no. 1 is having landed property measuring 06 Kanal 17 Maras, Falling Under Survey Nos. 27.2183 and 2490 situated at Meej, Pampore and the applicants 2-4 are having landed property measuring 39 Kanal 18 Maras, Falling Under Survey Nos. 366.735, 77.763, 764, 787, 786, 659, 682, 19.5152, 106, 379, 283, 363, 293, 52178, 226, 140, 162, 161, 150, 89, and 715 situated at Meej, Pampore
- That the applicants/caveators has an apprehension that some unknown person/s will approach this hon'ble court with a false and fictitious suit and will get an order in his/their favour in ex-parte against the applicants/caveators, and in case of such eventuality, no orders may kindly be passed in ex-parte against the caveators without providing the caveators an opportunity of being heard.
- That before passing any kind of order/relief in favour of the non-applicant on any suit or application, the caveators be given a reasonable opportunity of being heard, otherwise the caveators shall have to face great irreparable loss, injury and inconvenience.
- That an affidavit duly sworn by the caveator is enclosed herewith.

Prayer:-

In the premises it is therefore prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to provide an opportunity to the caveator of being heard before passing/ granting any kind of relief/order in favour of the non-applicants with regard to the above said subject matter, in the interests of justice and law.

Caveator.

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M. Tech. Artificial Intelligence (AI)	B. Tech. Civil Engineering
M. A. Philosophy	B. Tech. Computer Science & Engineering
M.Sc. Statistics	B. Tech. Electronics & Communication Engineering
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Master of Science in Information Technology (M.Sc. IT)	B. Tech. Mechanical Engineering
M. Tech. Food Technology	B. Tech. Robotics & Automation Engineering
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M.A. Islamic Studies	Diploma Mechanical Engineering
M. A. Political Science	LATERAL-ENTRY PROGRAMMES
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Spain-Israel Tensions Soar As Madrid Throws Support Behind Palestine

Agencies

MADRID, SPAIN: After Spain recognised Palestinian statehood, Pedro Sanchez met with his Palestinian counterpart, Prime Minister Mohammad Mustafa, and leading officials from several Middle Eastern countries in Madrid.

Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud, Qatari Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, and the foreign ministers of Turkey and Jordan were among the group that later posed for a photo on the steps of the Moncloa Palace in the Spanish capital.

"On behalf of President [Mahmoud] Abbas and the government of Palestine, the people of Palestine, we warmly welcome Spain's recognition of the state of Palestine," Mustafa said of Spain's historic move. "This recognition strengthens our resolve to continue our struggle for a just and lasting peace."

Ireland, Norway and Slovenia have also joined Spain in the push that has been roundly condemned by Israel.

Israeli Foreign Minister Israel Katz sent a furious direct message addressed to Sanchez on X, writing: "Hamas thanks you for your service," along with a 17-second video that flipped between images of flamenco dancers and apparent scenes

of the Palestinian group's incursion into southern Israel on October 7.

"It is the year 2024, the days of the Inquisition are over. Today the Jewish people have a sovereign and independent state, and no one will force us to convert our religion or threaten our existence - those who harm us, we will harm them in return," said Katz, a member of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud party.

For months, diplomatic relations between Israel and Spain have descended to new lows. Each side has summoned ambassadors as the war in Gaza rages.

After Spain's landmark move, Israel ordered the Spanish consulate in Jerusalem to halt services to Palestinians in the occupied West Bank as a "punitive" measure.

And tensions are certain to rise further, as Spain on Thursday announced it would join South Africa's genocide case before the International Court of Justice against Israel's actions in Gaza.

Spain is the first European nation to back the case.

Long a supporter of Palestinian rights, Spain led the push towards recognition hoping to pave a pathway to peace and a two-state solution.

Sanchez said the "historic decision ... has a single goal and that is to help Israelis and Palestinians achieve peace."



According to some observers, pressure from Sumar, a far-left party and the junior partner in Spain's coalition government, had an impact on the final decision by Sanchez, who also reportedly plans to host an international peace conference in Madrid.

But Manuel Muniz, dean of the School of Politics, Economics and Global Affairs at the IE University in Madrid, said Israel may oppose Spain's involvement in future peace talks.

"In terms of the impact on Spain-Israel relations, it is quite evident that the short-term effects are significant," he told Al Jazeera.

"What remains unclear, is

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the impact that all this will have in the longer term. It probably means Israel will push back against Spanish involvement in future peace talks with the Palestinians. But this will depend on the nature of the government in Israel."

Isaias Barrenada Bajo, a spe-

cialist in relations between Spain and Palestine at the University of Complutense in Madrid, said the unilateral recognition of the Palestinian state was the culmination of years of cross-party policy in Spain.

In 2014, the Spanish parliament passed a motion to recog-

nise the Palestinian state but it never came to fruition.

"What has made the difference now is the war in Gaza and the pressure of Sumar to recognise the Palestinian state," he told Al Jazeera.

Barrenada said since the death of the dictator General Francisco Franco in 1975, all Spanish governments of differing political colours have supported Palestine's right to a state.

Away from the political arena, popular opinion in Spain appears to favour backing a Palestinian state.

A survey for the Real Elcano Institute, a think tank based in Madrid, found 78 percent of Spaniards favoured the recognition of Palestine, while 18 percent were against and 4 percent did not know.

Jorge Hernandez, 42, a car company executive from Barcelona, believes Spain had to act.

"The United States and Britain are doing nothing but the killing on both sides goes on. Other countries must do something. I don't know if recognising Palestine will make any difference, but we have to put some pressure so the fighting stops," he told Al Jazeera.

But among Spain's small Jewish population, estimated to number about 50,000, some say the atmosphere has worsened since October 7.

On that day, Hamas led an incursion into southern Israel

that sharply escalated the historic Israel-Palestine conflict, during which 1,139 people were killed and 250 were taken captive.

Israel's onslaught of Gaza since, by far its deadliest war on the besieged enclave, has killed more than 36,000 Palestinians to date, according to health officials.

Israel's justification for its military campaign of crushing Hamas remains elusive.

Ruth Timon, 57, a Jewish lawyer from Madrid, says she avoids conversations about Gaza in case they blow up into a row.

She said her son has faced verbal abuse at the Madrid university where he is a student.

She believes that Sanchez's decision to recognise Palestine was motivated by domestic political factors.

Spain's left-wing coalition government depends on smaller regional parties for a majority but has failed to pass this year's budget and other laws.

"Politically in Spain we are in a complicated situation. No laws have been passed. The government cannot do anything, so it concerns itself with international politics," Timon told Al Jazeera.

"Sanchez is focusing on Palestine and Ukraine ahead of the European elections. [His] Socialist party, I think, believes supporting Palestine may bring support in the European elections."

93% Of Lok Sabha Poll Winners Are Millionaires: Report



Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: A staggering 93 per cent of the candidates who won the 2024 Lok Sabha elections are millionaires, up from 88 per cent in 2019, according to an analysis by poll rights body Association of Democratic Reforms (ADR).

The top three wealthiest candidates are TDP's Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani from Andhra Pradesh's Guntur constituency with assets worth ₹5,705 crore, BJP's Konda Vishweshwar Reddy from Telangana's Chevella with total assets amounting to ₹4,568 crore and BJP's Naveen Jindal from Haryana's Kurukshetra with assets worth ₹1,241 crore.

Out of the 543 winning candidates, 504 are millionaires, the analysis found. In 2019, 475 (88 per cent) winning candidates were millionaires and 443 (82 per cent) in 2014.

The trend indicates a steady climb since 2009 when only 315 (58 per cent) MPs were millionaires.

According to the analysis, 227 (95 per cent) of the BJP's 240 winning candidates, 92 (93 per cent) of the Congress' 99,

21 (95 per cent) of the DMK's 22, 27 (93 per cent) of the TMC's 29 and 34 (92 per cent) of the Samajwadi Party's 37 candidates have declared assets worth more than ₹1 crore.

All winning candidates of the AAP (3), the JDU (12) and the TDP (16) are millionaires, ADR data showed. The analysis also delves into candidates' chances of winning based on their financial backgrounds.

It found that the probability of a millionaire candidate clinching victory in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections stood at 19.6 per cent, compared to a meagre 0.7 per cent for candidates with assets less than a crore.

The analysis also provides a breakdown of wealth distribution among the winning candidates.

The data showed that 42 per cent of the candidates possess assets totalling ₹10 crore and above.

While 19 per cent of the candidates fall within the bracket of ₹5 to 10 crore, 32 per cent hold assets ranging between ₹1 and 5 crore.

Only about 1 per cent of the winning candidates have assets worth less than ₹20 lakh.

More Women Voted Than Men In Seventh Phase Of Polls: Poll Body Data

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The women voter turnout was more than that of men in the seventh phase of the Lok Sabha elections held on June 1, according to data released by the Election Commission (EC) on Thursday.

The women voter turnout was 64.72 per cent while that of men was 63.11 per cent. The turnout of persons of the third gender was 22.33 per cent, the data showed.

Similar trends were witnessed in the fifth and sixth phase of the polls held on May 20 and May 25 respectively. In the fifth phase, the women voter turnout was 63 per cent and that of men was 61.48 per cent. In the sixth phase, 61.95 per cent men and 64.95 per cent women voted, according to EC data.

The overall voter turnout of the 2024 general election



was 65.79 per cent, it said in the seventh phase, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Odisha and Uttar Pradesh were among the states that had a higher women voter turnout.

In Himachal Pradesh, the turnout of women voters was 72.64 per cent while that of men was 69.19 per cent, it was 73.75 per cent for women and 68.10 per cent for men in Jharkhand and it was 76.50 per cent for women and 72.42 per cent for men in Odisha.

In Uttar Pradesh, the women voter turnout was 58.56 per cent compared to 53.47 per cent for men.

Israel Bombs Gaza School Housing Displaced Palestinians, Kills At Least 40

AGENCIES

Israeli forces have bombed a United Nations-linked school in central Gaza where forcibly displaced Palestinians are sheltering, killing at least 40 and wounding more than 70.

Officials from Gaza's government media office and the Health Ministry confirmed the death toll, which included 14 children and 9 women, following Thursday's predawn strikes which hit al-Sardi school and homes in Nuseirat camp.

Hamas, which governs the Gaza Strip, condemned the attack on Thursday as a "horrible massacre" and said many women and children were among those killed and wounded.

The Palestinian Wafa news agency said that thousands of displaced Palestinians were sheltering at al-Sardi school, which is linked to the UN agency for Palestinian refugees (UNRWA), when it came under attack.

Ismail al-Thawabta, a spokesman for Gaza's government media office, said "huge numbers of dead and wounded" were arriving at the Al-Aqsa Hospital in central Gaza, which had reached three times its clinical capacity.

"This horrible massacre committed by the Israeli occupation is clear evidence of genocide, ethnic cleansing against civilians, including women and children and displaced people in the Gaza Strip," he told reporters.

The dead and wounded were overwhelming the hospital, "which is filled with wounded patients three times beyond its clinical capacity",



he added. "This portends a real disaster that will lead to an even greater increase in the number of martyrs."

'Apocalyptic' violence

Israel's military confirmed the bombing, saying its fighter jets struck a "Hamas compound embedded inside an UNRWA school in the area of Nuseirat". It claimed the bombing "eliminated terrorists who were planning to carry out attacks" against its forces.

Hamas rejected the Israeli statement.

"The occupation uses lying to the public opinion through false, fabricated stories to justify the brutal crime it conducted against dozens of displaced people," al-Thawabta told the Reuters news agency.

The attack on al-Sardi came as Israeli forces stepped up their bombardment of Gaza even as the United States and mediators continued to press ahead with an effort to secure a ceasefire deal.

Al Jazeera's Hani Mahmoud, reporting from Deir el-Balah in central Gaza, said prior to the latest attack on Nuseirat,

Israeli forces had killed at least 102 people in 24 hours. These included attacks on the Bureij and Maghazi refugee camps, also located in central Gaza.

Doctors Without Borders, in a statement earlier on Wednesday, described the situation in Gaza as "apocalyptic". The group, which is known by its French acronym MSF, said the Al-Aqsa Hospital had received 70 dead people and more than 300 injured since Tuesday, and that the majority of the casualties were women and children.

"The odour of blood in the hospital's emergency room this morning was unbearable. There are people lying everywhere, on the floor, outside ... bodies were being brought in plastic bags. The situation is overwhelming," said Karin Huster, an MSF official.

The "insane escalation of violence" across the Gaza Strip and the closure of the Rafah border crossing - which has halted most humanitarian deliveries into the Palestinian enclave - has stretched the health system to the "point of collapse", she said.

2 Chinese Among 4 Arrested For Smuggling Gold Worth Over Rs 5 Crore At Delhi Airport: Customs



Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Two Chinese nationals were among four passengers who were arrested for allegedly smuggling gold worth Rs 5.45 crore at the international airport here, the customs department said on Thursday.

The accused were intercepted after their arrival from Hong Kong on Tuesday.

The detailed examination

of their baggage and personal search resulted in recovery of 8.2 kg gold, having tariff value of Rs 5.45 crore, it said.

"All four passengers (three women and a man) were from the same family and were involved in smuggling the foreign-origin gold," the statement issued by the customs department said. The accused have been arrested and the gold was seized, it added.

2 Former Punjab Police Officers Convicted In 1993 Fake Encounter Case

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: A special CBI court in Mohali has convicted the then DSP, city, Dilbagh Singh and the then SHO Gurbachan Singh of Tarn Taran on Thursday for the extra-judicial killing of a fruit seller after abducting him from his residence in 1993.

Gulshan Kumar was abducted from his residence on June 22, 1993, kept in illegal detention for a month, and was killed in a staged encounter on July 22 that year, officials here said.

The special court found Dilbagh Singh, who retired as DIG, and Gurbachan Singh, who retired as Deputy SP, guilty. Three other charge-sheeted police officers - ASI Arjun Singh, ASI Devinder Singh, and SI Balbir Singh -- died during the trial. The court will announce the quantum of the sentence on Friday.

The case was handed over to the CBI in 1995 on the orders of the Supreme Court. The agency filed its charge sheet in 1999. After 21 years, charges were framed against the accused on February 7, 2020.

9 Indian Trekkers Killed After Getting Trapped During Blizzard In Himalayas

Agencies

NEW DELHI: At least nine Indian trekkers died in the Himalayas after getting trapped during a blizzard, authorities said on Thursday, as rescue teams airlifted their bodies and five survivors to safety.

The Indian Air Force shared footage on Thursday that showed rescue teams working near a helicopter in the snow-covered mountains.

The group of climbers from the southern state of Karnataka were hit by heavy snowfall in the remote mountains of Uttarakhand state in north India, said Krishna Byre Gowda, a top Karnataka

minister. "Snow intensified into blizzard. By 6 PM, 2 trekkers succumbed to bad weather. Snow and wind made movement impossible. Visibility dropped to nil. They huddled together for the night on the route. Some more succumbed in the night," Gowda wrote in a social media post on Wednesday.

A guide with the group alerted rescuers about the situation on Tuesday evening after trekking for a while to find mobile network connectivity, and teams reached the spot early on Wednesday, the minister added.

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The application form along with eligibility criteria, terms & conditions and other annexures are available on Bank's website www.jkbank.com. Application form must be submitted online by or before 18.06.2024.

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