

## No Extension In Summer Vacation: SED

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Srinagar: School Education Department (SED) Tuesday clarified that there will be no extension in summer vacation and subsequently ordered students to resume classes from July-18.

SED on microblogging site X said, "All Schools (Govt. & Private recognized) shall be re-opened on 18.7.2024, after summer vacations across the UT." (SIC)

It also ordered the Chief Education Officers, Zonal Education Officers and Hols to follow the cleanliness advisory.

**Cleanliness:** Ensure that all premises, including classrooms, corridors, and common areas, are thoroughly cleaned.

**Pay special attention towards clean toilets, ensuring these are hygienic and well-maintained.**

**Clean and disinfect water tanks to ensure safe drinking water. Ensure rooftops are free of debris and dirt.**

**Grass Cutting:** Trim and maintain lawns and grounds to provide a neat and safe environment to students.

**Removal of Junks and Debris:** Clear any junk, waste, or debris from the school premises to maintain a clean and clutter-free environment.

**Removal of Stagnant Water:** Identify and remove any stagnant water to prevent the breeding of mosquitoes and other pests.

**Plugging of Water Leakages:** Inspect the premises for any water leakages and ensure they are promptly repaired to avoid water wastage and potential damage to the infrastructure.

SED said in an advisory said, "These measures | More on P6

# 4 Army Personnel Killed In Doda Encounter

## 10th Major Terror Attack This Year In Jammu Region



Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Four Army personnel, including a captain, were killed in a fierce gunfight with heavily armed terrorists of Pakistan-based banned outfit Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) in Doda district, the third major

terror incident in Jammu region in three weeks.

The attack on Monday night, which came a week after terrorists ambushed an Army patrol vehicle in Kathua district killing five soldiers and injuring as many, has sparked | More on P6

## 50 Soldiers Killed In Action In J&K In 32 Months

KO Web Desk

Four Indian Army soldiers, including an officer, were killed in action in an encounter with terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district on Monday, taking the total number of Army personnel killed in the past 32 months to 50 in the Jammu region.

### TIMELINE OF MAJOR ATTACKS IN RECENT PAST

- July 15, 2024: Four army personnel, including an officer, killed in a gunfight with terrorists in Doda district.
- July 8, 2024: Five army personnel killed and as many injured in a terrorist ambush in Kathua district.
- July 7, 2024: An army personnel injured in terrorist attack on a security post in Rajouri district.
- June 26, 2024: Three foreign terrorists killed in a gunfight in Doda district.
- June 12, 2024: A policeman injured in a terrorist attack in Doda district.
- June 11, 2024: Two foreign terrorists and a CRPF jawan killed in a gunfight in Kathua district. Five Rashtriya Rifles personnel and a Special Police Officer injured in a terrorist attack in Doda district.
- June 9, 2024: Nine pilgrims killed and 42 injured in a terrorist attack on a bus in Reasi district.
- May 4, 2024: One IAF personnel killed and five injured in a terrorist attack in Poonch district.
- April 28, 2024: A village defence guard killed in an encounter with terrorists in Udhampur district.
- April 22, 2024: A government employee shot dead by terrorists in Rajouri district.
- December 21, 2023: Four soldiers killed in action.
- November 22, 2023: Five soldiers, including two captains, were killed in action.
- April-May 2023: 10 soldiers martyred in twin attacks.
- May 13, 2022: Four persons were killed after a pilgrim bus was attacked in Katra.
- December 14, 2021: Four soldiers were killed in action.

### LG Sinha Lays Wreath



Hours after losing an officer among four soldiers in a counter terror operation in the woods of Doda, Army's Northern Command has said that it is | More on P6

### Will Eliminate Scourge Of Terrorism: DM

Defence minister Rajnath Singh said that the soldiers remain committed to eliminate the scourge of terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir after four army men, including an officer were killed in an encounter with terrorists in Dhari Gote Urabagi area of Doda district. The defence minister also | More on P6

## Justice Kotiswar Elevated As SC Judge Tabi Rabstan Appointed As Chief Justice J&K HC

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India on Tuesday appointed Justice Tabi Rabstan as Chief Justice Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court. The appointment comes after elevation of Justice N Kotishwar Singh, Chief Justice of J&K, Ladakh High Court as Judge of the Supreme Court of India.

A notification in the Gazette of India issued reads, "In exercise of the powers conferred by Article 223 of the Constitution of India, the President is pleased to appoint Shri Justice Tashi Rabstan, Judge of the Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court, to perform the duties of the office of the Chief Justice of that High Court consequent upon elevation



of Shri Justice N. Kotishwar Singh, Chief Justice of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court as Judge of the Supreme Court of India".

Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal announced the appointments of SC Judges on X.

Once they take oath, the apex court will regain its sanctioned strength of 34, including the chief justice. Notably, Jammu and Kashmir's chief | More on P6



## Mourners Commemorate Martyrdom In Dal Lake Procession

Agencies

Srinagar: A unique Muharram procession was taken out in Dal Lake Srinagar on the

occasion of Tasua-e-Muharram, the day before Ashura, marking the martyrdom of Imam Hussain. Notably, the procession is more than 184 years old. Hundreds of

mourners joined the boat processions in the interiors of Dal Lake. Mourners assembled at Rainawari, from where they began the processions | More on P6

## PIL Seeking Implementation Of SWD Rules HC Warns To Impose Rs 50K Costs If Status Report Not Filed

M Ahmad

Srinagar: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh has warned the government of imposing Rs 50000 costs if it fails to file a status report within four weeks regarding the implementation of the provisions of the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 in J&K.

"Despite opportunities granted by this Court, the status report has not been filed till date. Last and final opportunity of four weeks is granted to the respondents for filing the status report, failing which, cost of



Rs.50,000/- shall be imposed," a division Bench of Chief Justice N. Kotishwar Singh and Justice Rajesh Sekhri said while hearing a Public Interest Litigation, filed by an NGO Environmental Policy Group.

On the previous date of hearing on 22 April this year, the court had directed the

government to file a status report "keeping in mind the directions passed by this Court in order dated 04.04.2018."

The PIL filed by EPG is seeking implementation of Solid Waste Management Rules and had prayed the court to command the authorities to take a call forthwith and make arrangements for local segregation and treatment of the Solid Waste, to ensure that only 10% of such waste is taken to landfill sites and make effective planning in a way which would ensure conservation of | More on P6

## IMF Raises India's GDP Forecast To 7% For 2024-25

Press Trust Of India

Washington: The IMF on Tuesday revised upward its projections for India and said the country is now expected to grow by seven per cent in 2024, compared to 6.8 per cent projected in April.

"The forecast for growth in India has been revised upward, to 7 per cent, this year, with the change reflecting carryover from upward revisions to growth in 2023 and improved prospects for private consumption, particularly in rural areas," the International

Monetary Fund said in its latest edition of the world economic outlook update.

India's economy is now forecast to expand by 7 per cent, up from the 6.8 per cent the IMF had projected in April.

Overall, global growth is projected to be in line with the April 2024 World Economic Outlook (WEO) forecast, at 3.2 per cent in 2024 and 3.3 per cent in 2025. However, varied momentum in activity at the turn of the year has somewhat narrowed the output divergence across | More on P6

## 'Terror Collaboration' Political Parties Unite In Self Defence

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Mainstream political parties in Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday united in their criticism of Director General of Police (DGP) R R Swain's recent remark that regional outfits are collaborating with terror leaders for "political gains".

While PDP president Mehbooba Mufti demanded Swain's dismissal, the National Conference (NC) and the People's Conference slammed the police chief's comment as inappropriate and insulting to the sacrifices made by their party workers.

Swain claimed on Monday

that Pakistan infiltrated all aspects of civil society in Jammu and Kashmir during the peak of militancy and that regional parties had cultivated terror leaders for political benefits.

The NC highlighted its sacrifices for the country and condemned Swain's statement, with its Kashmir zone chief Nasir Sogami citing the examples of Maqbool Sherwani and Mohammed Yusuf Halwai.

"By making this statement, the DGP has insulted the great sacrifices of National Conference leaders like Maqbool Sherwani, who kept misguiding | More on P6



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## Spiraling Violence

**T**he encounter in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district, which resulted in the death of four army personnel including a Major-rank officer, highlights a concerning rise in violence in the region. The incident once again highlights the persistent and evolving threat posed by militancy in Jammu and Kashmir, necessitating a reassessment of both counter-insurgency strategies and political measures to ensure stability and peace.

The encounter began when militants, believed to number between six and eight and including foreign operatives, ambushed security forces conducting a search operation. The heavy exchange of gunfire that followed resulted in casualties on the side of the security forces. The incident is not an isolated one; it reflects a broader trend of increasing militant activity in the region, which has seen a worrying resurgence of violence in recent months.

The involvement of foreigners suggests an external dimension to the insurgency, which complicates the security landscape. This necessitates a pro-active response from both the security apparatus and the political leadership. Immediate measures must include enhanced intelligence gathering, greater coordination among security agencies, and the deployment of advanced surveillance and reconnaissance technologies. However, while military action is crucial, it must be complemented by effective political strategies aimed at addressing the discontent among sections of people, especially in Jammu, and fostering a sense of inclusion and belonging among them.

The government must engage with local communities, offering them a stake in governance and development. Initiatives that promote economic development, education, and employment can go a long way in addressing the socio-economic grievances that often fuel alienation and the consequent support for militancy. Moreover, dialogue with local political leaders and civil society organizations can help bridge the trust deficit and create a conducive environment for peace.

The criticism by Rahul Gandhi, highlighting the impact of perceived policy failures, underlines the need for a bipartisan approach to address the challenges in the union territory. National security should transcend political divides, and a united front is essential in combating terrorism and ensuring the safety of citizens and security personnel alike.

The ongoing counter-terrorist operation in Doda and the broader security measures being implemented across the Jammu division reflect a commitment to restoring order. However, these efforts must be sustained and augmented by proactive and preventive strategies. The government must also communicate transparently with the public, offering reassurances while outlining the steps being taken to address the situation.



Did You Know?

## Difference between emotional intraday trading and investing in the stock market?

Irshad Mushtaq

**I**ntraday trading in the stock market involves buying and selling shares within the same trading day on an exchange like the Nse and BSE in India.

It means buying and selling positions on the same day, based on fluctuations in share prices without using any tools and relying solely on emotions. However, trading in this way can be risky and many end up losing a lot of money, as they lack financial wisdom and are driven by emotions.

On the other hand, investing in the stock market involves holding shares based on company fundamentals such as earnings per share, price earnings ratio, balance sheet quality, management quality, and future growth prospects. Investors focus on the long-term vision of the company's growth rather than short-term fluctuations in share prices. As profitability and management quality improve, the stock price tends to increase, resulting in a return on investment.

Therefore, one should be patient while investing and must be well-versed with fundamentals. One should understand the company's earnings per share, price-earnings balance sheet, profit and loss accounts, management policies, industries, and benefits from the government policies like PLI schemes, or any other direct benefit which shows the sector looks good for the future.

All these things should be covered so buying a share means you become the co-owner of that company, the shareholder of that company if the company is doing well for a long period. Surely, the share will follow the same as the price of the share will increase. But the question is one should have good patience to hold the share and believe in the company's business.

Listed shares listed in Stock exchanges in India, like the National Stock Exchange and the Bombay Stock Exchange. Fluctuations occur due to many reasons, such as trading on screens revolving around short-term share fluctuation, events, or the market's nature of fluctuation. However, these factors have minimal impact over a long period. For example, if you purchase a high-quality share and the market suddenly declines the next day, causing the stock to decrease, it is likely due to technical issues or negative events and nature of market. Nevertheless, if the company's long-term story and performance remain strong, these short-term fluctuations become insignificant. It is essential to focus on the overall long-term growth of the company, and the share value will eventually reflect this.

In conclusion, it is a better idea to invest in diversified and quality shares. It is always better to have a diverse portfolio.

You become a shareholder of a company when you buy its shares. So, it is wise to view your investment as a partnership, holding on to quality shares for best returns.

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## Imaam Hussain An Inspiration to Leaders and Activists



Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat

**H**ussain Ibn Ali (RA) is considered to be one of the greatest revolutionary leaders of all times, who not only inspired Muslims but also impacted hundreds of non-muslim leaders, activists and revolutionaries across the world.

Hussain (ra) was the grandson of Prophet Mohammad (may peace be upon him) who was born in Madinah in 626 AD. His mother Fathima (ra) was the dearest daughter of our Prophet, who was married to Ali Ibn Talib (ra), the greatest Khalifa of Islam.

Hussain (ra), the 7th century revolutionary leader of Islam, made a supreme sacrifice in the Battle of Karbala which took place in Iraq on 10th Muharram 61 Hijri i.e. 10th October 680 AD. His stand for moral justice is still remembered and his legacy has inspired millions of people.

His stand against tyrant rulers continues to impact people especially the activists and true leaders. This great leader sacrificed everything he had and even in the 21st century, his selflessness and sacrifice gives hope to the oppressed and disadvantaged people from diverse backgrounds across the world.

For instance, Mahatma Gandhi who was a great admirer of Hussain (as) had said,

"I have not brought anything new for the people of India. I have conveyed to the people of India what I have searched about the history of the hero of Karbala. If we have to save India, it is necessary that we follow the same way that Hussain, Son of Ali followed. I learned from Hussain how to achieve victory while being oppressed."

Muharram, which is the first month of Islamic calendar, is much more than just a month of mourning. The annual ritual of remembrance acts like a reset button for people. This sacrifice acts like an annual reminder for the people, especially the youth, about the importance of raising their voice against the oppressed rulers and fighting against injustice.

Imam Hussain (ra) not only sacrificed his own life for the truth and justice but persuaded his followers including his 18-year-old son Ali Akbar to fight oppressors. Ali Akbar was also martyred along with 72 other relatives and supporters in the battle of Karbala.

Hussain (AS) had said, "In order to keep alive justice and truth, instead of an army or weapons, success can be achieved by sacrificing lives, exactly what Imam Hussain did."

**Not accepting humiliation**  
72 people including Imam Hussain, his family members and supporters were martyred in Karbala. The Yazidi forces had the upper hand over them during the battle but even after 1400 years, nobody in the world appreciates the action of Yazid as being of any worth. On the contrary, to this day, Imam Hussain (AS) has become an inspiring leader of people from different faiths, regions and religions.

Imam Hussain (as) could have easily given allegiance (Bayat) to Yazid in Medina but this would have brought humiliation and the true spirit of Islam would have been destroyed.

Hussain's refusal to pledge allegiance to a tyrant ruler is a great lesson for those people especially the political and social leaders who become tight-lipped and remain silent in front of the oppressors. It is better to die with honour rather than to live with humiliation and head-down.

Infact in one of his speeches, Imam Hussain (as) had said that the administration in Kufa had given him only two options: humiliation or death. He then went on to proclaim:

"And we do not accept humiliation."

**An Inspiring leader**  
South African leader Nelson Mandela also adhered to Imam Hussain's teachings. Nelson Mandela once remarked,

"I have spent more than 20 years in prison, and one night I considered giving up by signing all of the government's terms and conditions. However, the Karbala movement and Imam Hussain (RA) quickly sprang to mind. I had the fortitude to fight for the right to freedom and liberation because of Imam Hussein (RA), and I did."

Similarly, noted philosopher, writer and poet Rabindranath Tagore while paying his tribute to Imam

of Imam Hussain (AS) has inspired various social and political movements in the world which includes people associated with the Indian independence movement against the British. Even the socialist and communist leaders quote teachings of Imam Hussain (as) as he is considered to be the hero of resistance and self esteem.

During the month of Muharram, muslim intellectuals from different sects need to organise seminars and conferences to promote unity and the understanding of the supreme sacrifice given by Imam Hussain AS and his family. People should be made to understand how oppression and injustice impacts societies. People need to challenge the oppressor with courage and conviction and this is what the Battle of Karbala teaches us even after 1400 years.

Muslim scholars should use Karbala to unite Shias and Sunnis, instead of dividing us. There might be differences between us but we must give each other the benefit of the doubt and not assume ill intentions based on things that happened 1400 years ago.

Imam Hussain (AS) is a legendary figure and he is not only the hero of Shia and Sunni muslims but continues to be a guiding force for all those people who are oppressed and ill treated.

**No to surrender**

The rule of surrender in International Humanitarian Law (IHL) is a fundamental principle intended to protect individuals in armed conflicts and to promote respect for international human rights. It requires that combatants surrender to the opposing party and cease fighting, without being subjected to any punishment or mistreatment.

The widespread recognition of the rule has also led to more humane treatment of prisoners of war in the last 40 to 50 years including their right to remain unharmed and to receive medical care, basic

necessities, and humane living conditions. This might have helped to prevent unnecessary suffering and deaths, but surrender is usually discouraged and fighting is given preference by the disciplined armies of the world.

Imam Hussain AS could have given his family and supporters permission to evade the battlefield and surrender but that would have had severe consequences and it wouldn't have inspired people even after 1400 years. The spirit of Karbala has indeed gained strength over time.

**Conclusion**

Imam Hussain's legacy remains as relevant even today as it was centuries ago. Infact, year after year more and more people, especially those associated with genuine social and political movements, get inspired by his supreme sacrifice. As an activist, I too get a lot of inspiration from Hussain (as). His steadfastness in Karbala motivates me and my colleagues to work for public good despite all odds.

If people like Nelson Mandela, Mahatma Gandhi, Rabindra Nath Tagore or Che Guevara sought inspiration from Imam Hussain (AS) why can't we muslims follow his ideology of truth and justice? In Islamic terminology, giving preference to the needs of others is referred to as Ithaar or Ikraam. In the battle of Karbala, the actions of Hazrat Abbas (as) the brother of Imam Hussain (as), exemplifies Ithaar and Ikraam. Abbas (as) fought bravely to gain access to the water of Euphrates river. He gave no preference to his own thirst but struggled to bring water to the tents for the women and children.

The role of women in Karbala can also not be forgotten and readers need to go through the books of Islamic history to study these events. I would suggest all young people, especially budding political activists, social leaders, to read the biography of Imam Hussain (AS).

In a nutshell, Karbala teaches us morality and submission to truth.

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