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PM Modi Arrives In US For Quad Summit

Will Hold Bilateral Meeting With President Biden



KO Web Desk

United States: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday arrived in the US on a threeday visit to "further strengthen India-US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership," attend the Quad summit and address a key conclave at the United Nations.

Ahead of the Quad Leaders' Summit on the first day of the trip, Modi was set to meet US President Joe

Biden, Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida in one-on-one

"I am sure the discussions throughout the day will contribute to making our planet better and addressing key global challenges," Modi posted on X after reaching Wilmington, Delaware, the venue of the Summit.

Earlier, a large group of Indian diaspora | More on P6



AP Leader Gets Notice For Supporting Omar

Observer News Service

Srinagar:The Apni Party on Saturday ordered spokesperson Mohiuddin to show cause after he announced support for National Conference vice-president Omar Abdullah in the Budgam assembly segment.

Mohiuddin has been asked to clarify his remarks before the party leadership within 48 hours, "failing which disciplinary action will be taken". 'The Apni Party issued a show cause notice to its

chief spokesperson Muntazir



Mohiuddin for his purported remarks supporting Omar Abdullah," it said in a statement. Mohiuddin has announced his support for Abdullah, | More on P6

B-team Of BJP Supporting Omar: PDP

he People's Democratic Party (PDP) Saturday questioned Apni Party's support to National Conference (NC) vice president Omar Abdullah in the Budgam Assembly seat, saying Kashmir deserves transparency and not "backdoor deals".

"Key Member Of B-Team of BJP has officially announced its support for Omar Abdullah in Budgam. I urge | More on P6

'Cover The Hills With Lotuses'

Amit Shah Woos Tribals During Campaign Trail

Observer News Service

Rajouri: Union Home Minister Amit Shah said Saturday that the tribals of Rajouri and Poonch are defenders of Iammu and Kashmir and the entire country was proud of them, as he slammed rival parties -- Congress, NC and PDP -- for giving "step motherly treatment" to these marginalised communities.

Seeking support of the Gujjars, Bakerwals, and Paharis for the ongoing assembly elections, Shah urged them to "cover the hills with lotuses (BIP's poll symbol)" and end the "monarchy" of the Gandhis, Abdullahs and Muftis, who he claimed have kept the Pir Panjal region underdeveloped



for the last 75 years.

Addressing lies on Saturday, starting in Mendhar (Poonch) followed by Thanamandi and Rajouri, Shah attacked the National Conference (NC) Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and the

THREE FAMILIES ARMED YOUTHS OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR, we handed them laptops. End politics of Gandhis, Abdullahs, Muftis."

Congress, saying the three parties have enabled the spread of terrorism in J-K since the 1990s.

"People here say that the Army and security forces are protecting them. But when you go to Gujarat, Maharashtra, or Bengal, they say that the Gujjars and Bakerwals are protecting the country here," Shah said at a rally | More on P6

'Pakistan

Fears PM Modi'

nion Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday said there is peace along the borders in Jammu and Kashmir as Pakistan fears Prime Minister Narendra Modi and would not dare to open fire knowing fully that India's response will be befitting to silence its guns. Addressing an election rally in this border area in the Union territory's Poonch district in support of BJP candidate Murtaza Khan, Shah said the Centre wiped out terrorism by replacing guns and I More on P6

Justice Tashi New CJ Of J&K HC

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Justice Tashi Rabstan of the Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court has been elevated to the position of Chief Justice. Chief justices were appointed on Saturday in seven high courts, including in Delhi and Jammu and Kashmir.

The appointments came after the Supreme Court Collegium on Tuesday amended some of its July 11 recommendations.

Justice Tashi Rabstan of the Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court has been made its chief justice.

While Justice Manmohan, acting chief justice of the Delhi High Court, has been appointed as its chief justice, Justice Rajiv Shakdher -- a Delhi High Court judge -- has been elevated as chief justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court.

Similarly, Justice Nitin Madhukar Jamdar, a Bombay High Court judge, has been appointed as chief justice of the Kerala High Court. | More on P6

BJP Accuses 3 Families Of Looting J&K, **Yet Allied With PDP: Dr Faroog**

Observer News Service

Srinagar: National Conference president Abdullah on Saturday hit back at the BJP, alleging that it was labelling the opposition parties as agents of Pakistan to hide its own mistakes.

The former chief minister also said that BJP accuses three families of looting Kashmir, yet they allied with Mufti Sahib, Mehbooba Mufti," Abdullah told news reporters,

He further said, "If these dynasties have looted Jammu and Kashmir, how can they sit with Mufti Sahib to form a government?"

Farooa urged the Election Commission to provide a level playing field, alleging that the BJP was providing resources and other support to independent candidates in the Kashmir Valley. Responding to the allegations of BJP leaders, including | More on P6

Aga Ruhullah Victim Of Militancy: Omar

ational Conference (NC) Vice President and party's candidate for Budgam and Ganderbal Assembly Constituencies, Omar Abdullah on Saturday asked the Union Home Minister Amit Shah to come clean on who is responsible for terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir. Omar, the former chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir said that in the rest of the country, BJP has been | More on P6

WP Refugees Set To Vote For First Time

Agencies

Srinagar: For the first time since the Partition of 1947, West Pakistani refugees settled in Jammu who were given citizenship by the Prime Minister earlier this year will exercise their right to vote in the valley.

"Now, they (Pakistani refugees) have become normal voters. This time, they will choose their representative in Vidhan Sabha for the first time. They are in big numbers from Vijaypur and Ramgarh. We can see they are very enthusiastic," District Collector and Election Officer Rajesh Sharma said on Saturday.

For the community, it is a historic moment and now its

members who, according to them, faced political marginalisation for decades are now eligible voters, ready to exercise their franchise.

This shift has been made possible after the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019, which granted these refugees permanent resident status in Jammu and Kashmir. For over 70 years, they had been excluded from voting in state assembly elections. Now, their long-standing dream of participating in the democratic process will be fulfilled on October 1.

The West Pak Refugee Action Committee, which has long advocated for their voting rights, expressed joy and anticipation. "For us, | More on P6

NC Wanted To Form Govt With BJP In 2014: Rana **RG To Address Rally In Srinagar** Calls Er Rashid On Monday

Observer News Service

Jammu: Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi will visit Jammu and Kashmir on September 23 to address election rallies in support of Congress candidates for the upcoming assembly election.

Sources said that Gandhi will address a rally in Surankote area of Poonch, followed by a rally in central Shalteng con-

stituency of Srinagar.
"In Surankote he will seek votes for Congress-NC alliance candidate Shahnawaz Choudhary. | More on P6

A Soft Separatist **Syed Mohammad Burhan** Srinagar: BJP leader and one time confidant of Omar Abdullah, Devendra Singh Rana has claimed

that the National Conference (NC) made multiple efforts to form a coalition government with the BJP after the fall of PDP led government in 2014. Rana reiterated that Omar Abdullah led a delegation to New Delhi to meet with Union Home Minister Amit Shah and

BJP leader Ram Madhav. "I was

part of that team," he said in an

interview with Smita Prakash

of ANI. Rana said that Dr. Farooq Abdullah was in London

at the time and the discussions did not go smoothly.

"Omar was very eager to form a government with the BJP," Rana alleged, emphasizing how committed the NC leadership was to the idea of a powersharing agreement. Even after the abrogation of Article 370 which stripped Jammu and Kashmir of its special status, Rana claimed the NC continued to make efforts to reach out to the BJP and even the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) in an attempt to build a "tactical un-derstanding" for their political survival.

According to Rana, "One meeting did not go well and it turned out to be the breaking point." He went on to say that Omar Abdullah was prepared to make significant compromises, noting, "Omar was ready for anything and | More on P6

Atishi Takes Oath As Delhi CM

Youngest Leader To Hold Top Post

Press Trust Of India

Senior AAP leader Atishi was administered oath as the eighth Chief Minister of Delhi by Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena on Saturday.

Saxena administered the oath of office and secrecy to Atishi who is now Delhi's third woman chief minister after Congress' Sheila Dikshit and BJP's Sushma Swaraj. Atishi is the youngest leader to become Delhi's Chief Minister. | More on P6



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

Subject: Issuance of Registration orders in respect of delayed Birth

Public Notice

The registar Births and deaths (EO Municipal Council Pattan/Block Development Officer Lolpora) has submitted a case file pertaining to Birth of Zahran Showkat S/o Showkat Ahmad Dar R/o Ningli Sopore Tehsil Sopore District Baramulla with vertified date of event (birth) as 02-03-1997 occurred at Home

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.

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Executive Magistrate 1st Class Naib Tehsildar Pattan

THE J&K BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL **ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS** (BOPEE)

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Test (CET) for admission to M.Sc. Technology Course-2024 (SKIMS) Soura, Srinagar-2024.

i) Notification No. 048-BOPEE of 2024 Dated 15-07-2024. ii) Notice No. 022-BOPEE of 2024 Dated 12-09-2024

> Notification No. 113-BOPEE of 2024 Dated 19-09-2024

All the eligible candidates appearing in Common Entrance Test (CET) for admission to M.Sc Technology Course-2024 (SKIMS) Soura, Srinagar- 2024 are hereby informed that the Online Admit Cards will be available for download from 24th of September, 2024 (11:00 a.m. onwards) on official website of BOPEE www.jkbopee.gov.in. Candidates should take note of the following instructions

Date of Common Entrance Test for M.Sc. Technology Course-2024 29th of September, 2024 (Sunday)

Timing of Examination

10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Candidate Identification/Photo ID Proof:

The candidates are required to affix recent passport size photograph on Electronic Admit Card (if not available in Admit Card) downloaded by them from the official website of the BOPEE and they should carry along with them their Aadhar Card / Pan Card / Driving License / Passport / Photo ID issued by the concerned College / Employer ID in original positively for their identification

TENTATIVE TIME SCHUDULE FOR THE COMMON ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

TIME	ACTIVITY
08:45 AM	Reporting time at the Examination Centre(s) / College(s).
09:25 AM	Reporting time in the Examination Hall(s).
09:30AM	The Invigilator shall ascertain the identity of each candidate by comparing his/her facial appearance with the photograph given in the admit card and attendance sheet. The centre Supervisor shall also check the identity of the candidates and ensure that only the genuine candidates have been allowed to sit in the examination hall and there shall be no case of impersonation.
09:45 AM	Candidates will be given OMR Answer Sheet. They will go through the instructions printed on it and fill in their particulars on the OMR Answer Sheet.
09:55 AM	Candidates will be given Question Booklets. The Question Booklet number is to be entered on the OMR Answer Sheet.
10:00 AM	Candidates will break open the seal of the Question Booklet and start attempting the questions.
12:00 P.M.	Candidates will remain in their seats. They will hand over their original OMF Answer Sheet to the Invigilator, take the Question Booklet and OMF candidate's copy along with them and leave the examination hall only when they are asked to leave.

Important Guidelines

- · For their own convenience, candidates are advised to visit the venue of their Exam. Centre any day before start of Entrance Examination
- · The candidates should report in the examination centre in time as per the above time schedule. No candidate will be allowed to enter the Examination Hall after the prescribed time given above.
- Tab, Smart Phone, Mobile Phone, Pager, Bluetooth Device, Camera, Calculator or any other communication /electronic device /Tablet is not allowed inside the premises of the Examination Centre. If a candidate is found carrying any one of these devices in the Examination Centre, his/her candidature will be cancelled including ban for future examination/selection. The candidates are advised to keep their electronic gadgets at
- The present status of the candidates shown on Admit Card or on any other document of the BOPEE is purely provisional and subject to subsequent verification/eligibility by the Board and other Competent Bodies.
- The candidate(s) who has / have submitted wrong/false information and has/have managed to appear in the Common Entrance Test will be disqualified from being considered for admission and if admission is granted on the basis of such information, his / her admission shall be cancelled and departmental action / criminal prosecution, where ever applicable, shall be recommended / initiated against them.
- Mere appearing in the Common Entrance Test cannot be in any way taken as a guarantee for the selection to the course.
- · The candidates are advised to go through the instructions given in the Electronic Information Brochure and particularly read instructions for filling up of the OMR answer
- The candidates should check their Question Booklets before attempting any question and should ensure that the Booklet contains 120 questions. In case of any missing question / page / blank page or damaged/defaced Question Booklet, it shall be the sole responsibility of the candidate concerned to report it to the Invigilator and get it replaced by the same series, failing which no complaint can be entertained afterwards.
- . The candidates are informed that the Answer Key of the Question papers will be uploaded on the BOPEE website either on 29^{th} of September-2024 at around 06:00 P.M or upto 02:00 P.M next day, which will remain there for three days up to 05:00 pm and thereafter it will be removed. The candidates, who have any complaint against any Answer of a Question in the Question Booklet are free to make written representation supported by documentary proof from standard Text Books on the prescribed format

available on the official website of the BOPEE and in the BOPEE office at Srinagar /

Jammu, which should reach at the BOPEE office (Srinagar/ Jammu) within stipulated time as above and thereafter no representation will be entertained / accepted. The candidates interested in making representation online/offline shall have to pay a fee of Rs 1000/- which can be paid by Debit Card/Credit Card/ATM Card through POS Machines available at the BOPEE office Jammu/Srinagar. These representations, in a consolidated form, will be given due consideration by the experts whose decision will be final. On the basis of the decision of these experts, a revised Answer Key, if required, will be uploaded again on the Website of the Board. No representation will be entertained on the revised Answer Key.

- The candidate must ensure before handing over his / her OMR Answer Sheet to the concerned Invigilator that the entries made by him / her are correct. The Board shall not be responsible for any mistake committed by the candidate in this regard.
- Any case(s) of impersonation will be dealt with seriously. Any candidate found involved in impersonation will be liable for criminal prosecution for fraud / forgery / impersonation and criminal breach of trust, apart from cancellation of his/her candidature.

DIPK-NB-1586/24 dated: 21-09-2024 No: BOPEE/Exam/30/2024

Sd/-(Prof. Gurvinder Raj Verma) **Controller of Examinations** J&K BOPEE

Dated 19-09-2024

Subject:-Grant of Registration of the Proposed Travel unit under the name and style M/S" Grand Adventure Trips" Situated at Pandach Parray Mohalla Opp. Abrar Masjid.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, I Mr/Ms Nabeel Wani & Mahir Ashraf Mir S/O D/O W/O Hilal Ahmad Wani & Ashraf Ahmad Wani R/O Al- Hamza Colony Buchpora & Zaripora Zoonimar, 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 Parray 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 un 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 Iddirectortourismkmr@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. Media Line

PUBLIC NOTICE

ly name has been wrongly written in my driving licence bearg DL. NO: JK-0120110038350 as Tafsir Sadiq Ali S/o Sadiq Ali hile my correct name is Tafsir Ali S/o Sadiq Molvi Ali which needs to be corrected. If anybody has objection, if any, he/she may file the same with the office of the RTO Kashmir within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

S/o Sadiq Molvi Ali R/o Hassanabad Rainawari Srinagar

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have applied for the issuance of Fertilizer license. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the JDE Lalmandi Srinagar within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Mushtaq Ahmad Kumar S/o Ghulam Rasool Kumar R/o Iskanderpora Budgam

از دفتر نائب تحصيلدار پيڻن

عنوان: ۔ درخواست منجانب عبدل مجیدتیلی ولدسناوللہ تیلی ساکنہ پٹن تخصیل پیٹن بمراد اجرائي OBC تجق عبدل مجيد تيلي وظهوراحمه تيلي ومدهت ظهورو كامله مجيد

اشتهار هرخاص وعام

عامله مندرجه عنوان الصدر میں سائل نے ایک درخواست بغرض OBC سرٹفیکیٹ بذمرہ تیلی پیش کی ہے جو کہ زیر کاروائی ہے اس بارے میں پٹواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی ہے جس ے عیاں ہے کہ سائل واقعی تیلی ذات سے تعلق رکھتا ہے۔ اور سائل پٹن میں رہائش پذیر ہے اور بھی بھی ترک سکونت نہیں کی ہے سائل کا کنبہ بذیل افراد پر مشتمل ہے عبدل مجيدتيلي مزدوري عليمه بيكم زوجه عبدل مجيد 50سال 35سال مدہت مجید دختر عبدل مجید 25سال 10 سال سائل مذکورہ OBC سرٹفیکیٹ حاصل کرنے کا خواں ہے۔ سرٹفیکیٹ زیر بحث اجراء كرنے ميں اگر كه اگر كى شخص كو كوئى عزريا عتراض ہوتو وہ بعد مشتہرا خبارسات دن کےاندراندرآ پے عذریاعتراض ودالت هذا کو دفتری ادقات کے دوران پیش کریں۔بعد گزرے میعاد كويي عذرياعتراض قابل قبول نهيس ہوگا۔

از دفتر نائب تحصيلدار پيڻن

عنوان: درخواست منجانب عبدالروف حجام ولدمحمدا كبرحجام ساكنه ماموسخ صيل بين بمراد اجرائی OBC تجق خود

اشتهار هرخاص وعام معامله مندرجه عنوان الصدر میں سائل نے ایک درخواست بغرض OBC سرٹفیکیٹ بذمرہ حجام پیش کی ہے جو کہ زیر کاروائی ہے اس بارے میں پٹواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی ہے جس سے عیاں ہے کہ سائل واقعی حجام ذات سے تعلق رکھتا ہے۔ اور سائل ماموسہ میں رہائش یذیر ہاور بھی بھی ترک سکونت نہیں کی ہے سائل کا کنبہ بذیل افراد بر شتمل ہے محمدا كبرجام ولدعبدل خالق حجام مزدوري 50 سال گھرىلوكام 49سال عبدل روف جام ولدمحمرا كبر زرتعليم 25سال نذير احمد حجام ولدغنى حجام ڈیلیوی*ج* 35سال گھریلوکام 30سال جشفيد ه زوجه نذيراحمه زىرىعلىم 10سال سرت دختر نذیراحمه -- 80 مال نطيحه بيكم زوجه نن حجام عمررسيده 75سال سائل مذکورہ OBC سرٹفیکیٹ حاصل کرنے کا خوال ہے۔ سرٹفیکیٹ زیر بحث اجراء كرنے ميں اگر كه اگر كى شخص كو كوئى عزريلا عتراض ہوتو وہ بعد شتېراخبارسات دن کے اندرا ندرآ پے عذریاعتراض ودالت ھذا کو فتری ادقات کے دوران پیش کریں۔بعد گزرے میعاد كو بي عذرياعتراض قابل قبول نہيں ہوگا۔ نائت تحصيلدار

Scholarships This Week

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

Scholarship Name 1 Free Coaching for DNT Students under **SEED Scheme**

Description: An initiative by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, to provide high-quality coaching to students belonging to De-notified Tribes (DNT), Nomadic Tribes (NT), and Semi-Nomadic Tribes (SNT).

Eligibility: Open for students belonging to De-notified, Nomadic, and Semi-Nomadic Tribes. Must be willing to pursue coaching for competitive examinations after Class 12th, such as JEE, NEET, CLAT, NDA, Non-Commissioned Military Ranks, CA-CPT, Banking, Insurance, PSU, SSC, RRB, State & Central Police, etc. Annual family income must be 2,50,000 or less. Must be either in Class 12th or have passed Class 12th. Class 12th passed students must have secured minimum qualifying marks required for competitive exams in Class 12 (depending on the competitive exam for which the candidate wishes to appear) whereas the current Class 12th students must have secured at least 50% in Class 10. Must not be availing of similar benefits (waiver for coaching classes) from any other Central Government or State Government Scheme.

Prizes & Rewards: Coaching fees of up to 1,20,000 and additional benefits

- Last Date to Apply: 13-10-2024 Application mode: Online applications
- Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/FCDNT1

Scholarship Name 2 DXC Progressing Minds Scholarship

Description: A CSR initiative by DXC Technology that aims to support the educational/sports expenses of students who belong to marginalized groups.

Eligibility: Women and transgender students pursuing graduation any year in STEM-related fields are eligible.

Female athletes aged between 13 to 25 years and who have represented the state/ country at the state/national/international level in the last 2/3 years can also apply. For students pursuing graduation, they must have obtained a minimum of 60% marks in their previous class/semester. Applicants' annual family income must

be less than or equal to 5,00,000 for sportspersons). Prizes & Rewards: For Graduation in STEM

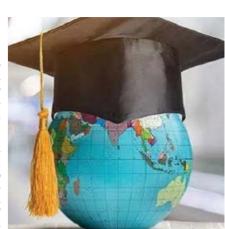
For Sportspersons - 1,25,000

- Last Date to Apply: 06-10-2024 Online applications Application mode:
- Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/DXCS4

Scholarship Name 3 **Corteva Agriscience Scholarship** Program 2024-25

Description: An initiative of Corteva Agriscience Seeds Pvt. Ltd., this program aims to provide financial assistance to meritorious students pursuing postgraduate, doctoral or undergraduate courses in the area of agriculture, as well as students in Classes 11 and 12 with STEM subjects.

Eligibility: Female students in postgraduate (MBA/M.Sc./M.Tech.), doctoral. or undergraduate courses, as well as for those



in Classes 11 and 12 with STEM subjects government/private schools).

The applicant's annual family income must be 6,00,000 or less. Students from across India can apply

Children of employees of Corteva & Buddy4Study are not eligible. Prizes & Rewards: For PG students: INR 50.000

For UG students: INR 25,000 For school students: INR 10,000

- Last Date to Apply: 30-09-2024
- Application mode: Online applications
- Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/CASP4

Scholarship Name 4 Infosys Foundation STEM Stars Scholarship Program 2024-25

Description: An initiative by the Infosys Foundation to support female students in India who aspire to pursue undergraduate degrees in STEM courses (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics), Medical Sciences (MBBS), Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS), Bachelor of Pharmacy (B.Pharm)!

Eligibility: Applicants must be female students who are citizens of India. Students must be enrolled in the

First year of a 3 year B.Sc Degree (Courses such as Bio-chemistry, Physics, Chemistry, Nursing, Geography, IT, Biology, Computer Science, Forensic Science, etc.) First or 2nd year of B.Tech, MBBS. B.Pharm.

BDS, Integrated Masters, Dual Degree (B.Tech + M.Tech) Students must be enrolled in institutes

listed among the top ranks in the NIRF (National Institutional Ranking Framework) for 2023 or 2024. Candidates must have obtained admission

into the identified colleges and completed their Class 12.

Applicants must have an annual family in-Candidates must not have availed other scholarships for the same expenses. Prizes & Rewards: The selected candidates

will receive a scholarship of up to 1 lakh per annum, covering tuition, living expenses, and study materials, for the duration of the course against paid receipts.

- Last Date to Apply: 30-09-2024 Application mode: Online applications only
- Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/ISTS2

ISB Launches 'PGP YL' For Fresh **Graduates & Early Career Professionals**

India, 2024: Renowned for setting new benchmarks in management education since its inception in 2001, the Indian School of Business (ISB), is poised to embark on another groundbreaking path in its mission to groom future leaders for India and the world. ISB has announced the launch of PGP YL - a 20 month Post Graduate Programme in Management for Young Leaders (PGP YL), a full time MBA equivalent residential management programme for high-potential aspirants with up to 2 years of full-time work experience.

. Commencing in mid 2025, ISB's PGP YL will offer a comprehensive learning experience through an innovative and cutting-edge curriculum designed as a response to the rapidly evolving business landscape and technology disruptions. The research backed PGP YL curriculum will blend foundational business principles with advanced technology, data, analytics courses and global perspectives to develop students into innovative problem solv-

Given the students' limited work experience, the PGP YL curriculum has been designed to incorporate significant experiential learning components, including a Business Design Lab and an Innovation Lab. Additionally, students will be required to complete a mandatory two-month summer internship, which will provide them with practical exposure to business environments in various settings. Students in the PGP YL programme will be taught by renowned faculty from ISB and other top international B-schools who will bring their expertise to

Speaking about the new PGP YL programme, Professor Madan Pillutla, Dean, ISB, said, "Since our inception in 2001. ISB has been imparting world-class management education to create leaders for India and the world. Our many conversations with industry leaders and recruiters reveal a need for young professionals who can step straight into roles that require business acumen alongside deep expertise in data and technology. In line with these requirements, we have designed the PGP YL programme for fresh graduates and entry level professionals to transform them into exceptional problem solvers and innovators at the workplace." Students interested in applying for the PGP YL programme will have to submit a valid GMAT, GRE or CAT score,

in addition to the details of their educational qualifications and work experience, if any. The admissions process for the PGP YL programme includes a personal interview based on the students' academic excellence, application essays and test score performance. The shortlisted students will then be interviewed by a panel consisting of leading industry practitioners, academicians, and ISB alumni in senior positions. The programme fee for the academic year 2025-27 is INR 21,65,000 + GST and the accommodation fee is INR

3,95,000. Scholarships will be awarded to 40-50% of the class based on merit and merit-cum-need criteria Merit scholarships may offer up to a 100% tuition waiver for deserving candidates.

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Flanked By MP Ruhullah, Sagar Leads Roadshow In Hazratbal

Agencies

Srinagar: Senior National Conference (NC) leader and the party's candidate for the Hazratbal Assembly constituency, Salman Ali Sagar, led a series of roadshows on Saturday, alongside Srinagar Member of Parliament, Aga Ruhullah Mehdi.

The rallies, which saw huge turnouts, according to local news agency KNO, were held across the constituency, with participants reaffirming their commitment to protecting Kashmir's unique identity and safeguarding its core interests.

Addressing the gatherings, MP Aga Ruhullah Mehdi lauded Salman as a powerful and influential figure, particularly for the vouth of the region. He described Salman as an "icon" for young people, representing their aspirations for new opportunities and a hopeful future.

Mehdi voiced concerns over the current challenges facing Kashmir, particularly the lack of job opportunities for youth, and claimed that the region's dignity and honor are under threat like never before.

Time and again, it has been proven that only the National Conference has the strength to resist the ongoing onslaught against Jammu and Kashmir's core identity," Mehdi said. He further urged the people to take advantage of the current moment to deliver a strong message to those undermining the state's prestige and status.

Mehdi praised Salman for his long-standing dedication and active involvement in grassroots efforts. "He is among the very few leaders who has stayed connected to the people, understanding their needs and aspirations. Hazratbal now has a unique chance to elect an able and just representative. I am confident that Salman will secure a thumping victory," he added.

In his address, Salman Ali Sagar reaffirmed his determination to fight against attempts to disenfranchise the people of Kashmir and diminish their right to live with dignity. He emphasized his vision for the transformation of Hazratbal, promising improvements in education, healthcare, and employment opportunities for the youth.

"The people of Hazratbal, particularly the youth, deserve better opportunities and brighter prospects. I pledge that this constituency will soon witness remarkable progress and emerge as one of the best in Jammu and Kashmir," Salman said, vowing to bring prosperity and development to the region.



Agencies

Srinagar: A teenager lost his life after being hit by a load carrier vehicle in Noorbagh area of Srinagar City late last night, officials said.

An official told KNO that a teenage boy died after being hit by a load carrier bearing registration number JK02BP 9147 in Noorbagh, Srinagar.

He said the injured was shifted to the nearest hospital, where doctors declared him dead.

Meanwhile, the boy was identified as Talib Bashir (19), a resident of Chattabal, Srinagar. An FIR has been lodged in this regard.

Mega SVEEP Event Promotes Voter Awareness At Dul Bagh Park

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A mega Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) event was organized on Saturday at Dul Bagh Park Soura as part of the ongoing efforts to promote voter awareness ahead of key electoral events in the region.

The event was a joint collaboration of District Election Officer Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din; RO Zadibal, Khalid Hussain; District Nodal Officer SVEEP Srinagar, Shabina Qaiser and Nodal Officer SVEEP AC 24 Zadibal, Firdous Ali Wani.

The event was formally inaugurated by District Nodal Officer SVEEP Srinagar in presence of Nodal Officer SVEEP Zadibal-AC and other Officers and officials by releasing tricolor balloons in the sky.

Mega event was graced many distinguished guests from civil and police administration including Deputy Chief Education Officer Srinagar, all members of SVEEP Team Srinagar, Principals, staff and students from Govt and Pvt. Higher Secondary and High Schools

of Zadibal Constituency.

The event witnessed cultural and musical events, pledge ceremony, SVEEP mascot, fun activities, kite flying, nukkad natak, speeches, ladishah, signature campaign etc.

The District Nodal Officer for SVEEP Srinagar, while addressing participants at the event. underscored the need for first-time voters to come forward and take part in the electoral process. The officer reaffirmed that the SVEEP campaign remains committed to reaching out to all segments of society, ensuring that voters, especially the younger generation, are empowered to make informed choices in the upcoming elections.

Dy Chief Education Officer in her address impressed upon all to make judicious use of vote in upcoming As-

sembly Elections. The event witnessed active engagement from students, teachers, and members of the local community, highlighting the importance of education and participation in the democratic process

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Home Voting Ends On Fervent Note AT Zadibal-AC

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Srinagar: Returning Officer, 24 Zadibal Assembly Constituency (AC) of District Srinagar, Dr. Khalid Hussain Malik today officially concluded the optional home voting facility, which marked a paradigm shift in the electoral process and has been made available for the old aged and PwD voters.

This facility has received an enthusiastic response from voters with gratifying scenes of smiling voters and their testimonials voting from the comfort of their homes have flooded social media.

Voting from home takes place with involvement of a full contingent of polling staff and security personnel with secrecy of voting diligently maintained. The home voting facility commenced on 19 September, 2024 and concluded on 21 September, 2024.

Returning Officer, 24-Zadibal AC also accompanied the polling party designated for Home voting on the concluding day to oversee

Meanwhile, a mega voter awareness program under SVEEP (Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation) was also organized at Nehru Park Srinagar.

The awareness program aimed to educate citizens about the importance of voting, voter registration processes, and electoral participation.

SVEEP is the flagship program of the ECI for voter education, spreading voter awareness and promoting voter literacy in India. It is a multi-intervention program that reaches out through different modes and media to educate citizens, electors, and voters about the electoral process to increase their awareness and promote their informed participation.

The program drew a diverse crowd, including local voters, women, students, and teachers, all eager to learn and participate.

Officials at the event underscored the vital role of every vote

in shaping the region's future governance. They encouraged attendees not only to cast their votes but also to inspire others in their communities to do the same. With the Assembly Election set for September 25, 2024, the message was clear: informed and active partici-

pation is crucial. The event also served as an educational platform, particularly for youth and women, on various aspects of the electoral process. The active involvement of these groups highlighted the community's dedication to strengthening democracy.

Nodal Officer (SVEEP) of 24 Zadibal AC, Aijaz Hussain Malik; Mohammad Azhar Lone, Nodal Officer MCC for Zadibal AC and officers and officials from Chief Education Officer, Srinagar; J&K Lakes Conservation and Management Authority, Srinagar; Department of Floriculture; Srinagar Municipal Corporation and police also participated in program and contributed to its success.



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This Day In History

- 1913 Turkey and Bulgaria sign peace treaty in Constantinople
- 1922 US President Warren G. Harding signs a joint resolution of approval to establish a Jewish homeland in Palestine
- Winston Churchill condemns Hitler's annexation of Czechoslovakia
- 1943 -- Soviet 13th/61st Army reconquer Chyernigov
- 1955 Last allied occupying troops leave Austria 1964 - Malta becomes independent from the United Kingdom.
- 1970 Soviet space probe Luna 16 leaves the Moon - Stephen Jay Gould and Richard Lewontin publish influential paper (cited more than 4,000 times) "The Spandrels of San Marco and the panglossian paradigm", introducing idea of
- 'spandrels" into evolutionary biology 1982 - STS-5 vehicle moves to launch pad
- 1983 US performs nuclear test at Nevada Test Site
- 1984 NASA launches Galaxy-C 1990 - Reports that US refinery problems will lead
- Saddam Hussein send crude prices to new highs 1991 - Armenia votes on whether to remain in Soviet

to a loss in capacity and aggressive remarks by

- 2003 Galileo mission terminated by sending the probe into Jupiter's atmosphere, where it is crushed
- by the pressure at the lower altitudes 2004 - The Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) People's War and the Maoist Communist
- Centre of India merge to form the Communist Party of India (Maoist). 2004 - Construction of the Burj Dubai starts
- 2008 President Thabo Mbeki of South Africa resigns from office, effective September 25
- 2008 Prime Minister Ehud Olmert of Israel formally resigns from office, effective as soon as his successor Tzipi Livni has successfully assembled a
- new government. 2012 - Japanese Prime Minister, Yoshihiko Noda, wins a leadership ballot

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Villager Sells Daughter For Rs 25,000

Police Hunting For Father, Four Accomplices

Observer News Service

RINAGAR- A sensational case of a villager selling his daughter for Rs 25,000 has come to light in the Hilmatpora area of Kupwara. The police has registered a case against five persons.

Reports said that one Muhammad Shafi Khan sold his daughter, Shafaqat Akhtar, a student of class 10, to a soldier of the Territorial Army, Abdul Hameed Khan, for Rs 25,000 and later married her off to him.

Locals said that the minor girl had refused the marriage and fled her home to save herself and taken refuge with a neighbour, Ali Muhammad Khan.

According to locals, when Shafi and his "son-in-law" learnt that Shafaqat was hiding with their neighbour, they raided the house, ransacked the premises and pulled the hair of the fugitive, tearing off her clothes.

Beating up Ali Muhammad's family, they took the girl along with themselves.

Kupwara police was later informed of the incident, and a police party arrived on the scene, but by then the culprits had fled.

The police registered a case under sections 336, 342, and 452 of the RPC, and launched a hunt for Shafi, Muhammad Amin Khan, Muhammad Yaqoub Khan, Muhammad Ashraf Khan and Muhammad Akbar Khan.

Superintendent of police for Kupwara, Vijay Kumar, Said that the police went into action swiftly, but all the accused had obtained anticipatory bail from the sessions court. "The police, however, is striving to arrest them and produce charges against them in the court," he said.

(Kashmir Observer, September 22, 2000)



he political scenario in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) has always been dynamic but the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019 shifted the region's politics significantly. It resulted in an ongoing struggle for regional and national parties to adapt to the altered landscape, as voter bases change, new players emerge, and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) consolidates its influence. Understanding this situation requires examining not only the circumstances leading to the abrogation but also the internal workings of key regional parties, the rise of new political forces, and the BJP's strategic moves to reshape J&K's politics.

The legislative elections of 2014 set the stage for many future developments in J&K. The People's Democratic Party (PDP), led by Mehbooba Mufti, built its campaign on opposing the BJP's integrationist agenda but surprised many by entering a coalition with the BJP after the elections. While politically pragmatic, this coalition disillusioned the PDP's traditional support base, many of whom felt betrayed by what they perceived as a compromising of the party's autonomy-driven ideology.

Historically, the PDP's platform was built around advocating for Kashmiri autonomy, standing in stark contrast to the BJP's long-standing objective of integrating J&K fully into the Indian Union. When the PDP joined hands with the BJP, it weakened its credibility and alienated its voter base. Tensions grew within the PDP's ranks, with some leaders supporting the alliance and others opposed. The coalition government, already fragile, eventually collapsed in 2018 when the BJP withdrew its support. This marked a turning point, setting the stage for the 2019 revocation of Article 370 and the drastic reshaping of J&K's political fabric.

On August 5, 2019, the Indian government, led by the BJP, abrogated Article 370, stripping J&K of its special status and splitting the state into two Union Territories—J&K and Ladakh. This move was met with deep discontent in Kashmir, where the loss of statehood and autonomy were seen as affronts to the region's identity. The central government, however, took preemptive measures to stifle large-scale protests, imposing a communication blackout and heavy security restrictions across the valley.

In the years following the abrogation, the BJP has tried to solidify its narrative that J&K is ready for new opportunities without Article 370. Still, political alienation remains palpable, especially as the region grapples with economic challenges and a lack of political representation.

In response to the abrogation, traditional regional parties like the National Conference (NC) and the PDP came together to form the People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD). The alliance was a rare instance of former political adversaries joining forces to seek the restoration of J&K's special status. Despite this united front, the PAGD was plagued by internal divisions from the start.

The primary tension within the alliance stemmed from the PDP's tarnished credibility after its coalition with the BJP. The NC, seeking to reassert its dominance, began distancing itself from the



Divide and Win

Fragmented Political Landscape of Jammu and Kashmir

Tehleel Sathoo

PDP, further destabilizing the alliance. As the BJP encouraged splinter factions within these parties and bolstered new political formations, the opposition fragmented, creating confusion among voters and weakening the PAGD's influence.

One of the most notable developments in J&K's post-2019 political landscape has been the rise of new political entities, many of which are seen as proxies backed by the BJP to fracture the traditional regional vote. The emergence of these parties has significantly weakened the influence of established political forces like the NC and PDP.

For example, parties such as the Jammu and Kashmir People's Conference, led by Sajjad Lone, and the Apni Party, headed by Altaf Bukhari, have positioned themselves as pragmatic alternatives. Both parties advocate for working with the central government rather than opposing it outright, framing their approach as being more beneficial to the people of J&K. The creation of the Democratic Azad Party by Ghulam Nabi Azad further underscores the fragmentation of J&K's political sphere, with multiple new parties challenging the dominance of the NC and PDP. These developments reflect how regional

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This strategy was evident in the case of Engineer Rashid, a popular leader from Kashmir who was detained on terror charges allowed to contest lok Sasha elections defeating Omar Abdullah and later being released on bail in the lead-up to assembly elections. Rashid's release, some argue, was intended to ensure that his supporters remained politically active, albeit in a fragmented opposition. While Rashid is not directly aligned with the BJP, his presence further complicates the political arithmetic for parties like the NC and PDP, which are already struggling to maintain unity.

Adding to the political complexity is

the rise of independent candidates, many of whom were previously associated with the NC or PDP and associated members of the now banned Jamaat Islami, who infamously garnered indirect covert support to PDP. The respective previous constituency leaders being denied party tickets despite having a stronghold support and vote share in previous elections but now on sepulations of preventing any further dissent by mainstream regional parties, these individuals have decided to contest elections independently, further splintering the vote and complicating electoral dynamics.

In several constituencies, independent candidates have garnered significant support, sometimes even outperforming their former parties. Figures like Advocate Shabbir Ahmed Kulle Shopian and Aijaz Ahmad mir Zainpora have emerged as key political players, representing a growing trend of dissatisfaction with the established parties. Their present garner of support and previous consolidation of the voter bank demonstrates the increasing fragmentation of J&K's political landscape and signals a shift towards more localised, personality-driven politics.

Given the current state of political

Given the current state of political fragmentation in J&K, the chances of any one party securing a clear majority in future elections appear slim. Coalition governments, featuring alliances between traditional parties, new political entities, and independents, are likely to become the norm. In such a scenario, the BJP, either directly or through its proxy parties, is positioned to play a key role in shaping governance.

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However, the stability of coalition governments in J&K remains uncertain. The central government may once again impose Governor's Rule if a coalition proves too unstable to govern effectively. If this occurs, it would allow the BJP to maintain a significant degree of control over the region, perpetuating its strategy of weakening regional parties and consolidating power through alliances and indirect influence.

The political landscape of J&K remains deeply fragmented and fluid in the aftermath of Article 370's abrogation. While the BJP has successfully shifted the region's political discourse, opposition forces continue to grapple with the changes, hindered by internal divisions and the emergence of new political entities. The rise of proxy parties, independent candidates, and fragmented vote banks has made it nearly impossible for any one party to dominate the political scene. As J&K moves towards future elections, the region's political trajectory remains uncertain. Coalition governments are likely to dominate, with the BJP poised to exert considerable influence over the region's governance, either directly or through strategic alliances. How this new reality will impact the long-term stability and identity of J&K remains to be seen.

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Pager Attack In Lebanon

Can nations be allowed to cause violence and death using digital techniques?

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n September 17, thousands of pagers belonging to the militant organisation Hezbollah detonated across Lebanon, killing nine people and wounding nearly 3,000 others, including the group's fighters and Iran's envoy to Beirut. The following day another round of attacks happened, this time on handheld radio sets as well as cellphones and laptops which left 20 people dead and more than 450 people injured.

Hezbollah is known to use pagers as a low tech communication ecosystem to evade Israeli location detection techniques. It is reported to have recently deployed about 5,000 new such devices from a Taiwanese company Gold Apollo whose Hungarian supplier is also being mentioned in the attack. Explosives to the measure of three grams, slotted near the battery of the pagers, connected to the remote command slot are being reported as the cause of the explosions. Likewise the hand held radio sets were also recently procured and had the logos of the Japanese manufacturer Icom.

Clearly, the attacks and the suspicion of these pagers as well as radio sets being compromised are on Israeli agencies with Hezbollah also threatening to take revenge. It reminds one of the Stuxnet virus attack by Israel in 2010 which targeted Iran's nuclear programme centrifuges, again a unique cyber attack at that time.

As reported in the current case, the pagers as well as the radio sets and other devices were filled with explosives, which is a physical activity, while the remote trigger points to the cyber aspect. Compromising the supply chain and cyber attacks are part of many geopolitical security conversations. There is a global worry now about employing such attacks.

Not that these are the first incidents that showcase a combination of physical and cyber attack. But they point to a new dimension where supply chain compromises of digital assets could be attempted by nations as well as rogue elements employed by them or criminal syndicates. As more interconnected devices come on networks, it adds to the risks to critical infrastructure which today remains vulnerable to attacks as well as sabotage. A coordinated attack, compromising multiple device types could have cascading effects, disrupting emergency services, shutting down critical infrastructure, or causing widespread chaos that results in loss of life.

There are three aspects to this massive attack.

First, the usage of digital technology to levels that force multiple physical attacks and as a com-

bination, lead to concerns over creating a larger havoc. With artificial intelligence becoming a major factor in enhancing kinetic weapons capabilities, the horizon is more complex.

Second, is the use of such techniques a harbinger for more deadly forms of cyber attacks. Can nations be allowed to go to such an extent of causing violence and death using digital techniques?

Third, how will the supply chain ecosystem deal with such attacks. Modern technology supply chains are incredibly complex, with components and software often sourced from multiple countries and suppliers. This complexity creates ample opportunities for malicious actors to introduce compromised hardware or software at various points in the supply chain. These compromises can be extremely difficult to detect and may lie dormant until activated for an attack.

After much negotiations over years, the UN backed group working on cyber crimes was able to provide a final draft UN Convention against Cybercrime in August this year to be deliberated upon and approved by the UN General Assembly in a few weeks. It has elements of how nations need to stay away from launching cyber attacks on others as well as prevent their soil from being used for cyber attacks. Clearly, the current episode is a direct violation of the intent of most

nations and civil society and acts as a motivation to get this legislation in place sooner than later.

Further efforts to define cyber warfare and its various connotations need to be ushered in among the comity of nations. A much wider conversation than the UN open ended working group deliberations trying to build on the UN Norms of Responsible Behaviour in Cyberspace as provided by the Group of Governmental Experts in its report of June 2021 has to be undertaken to see that cyber attacks, as a concomitant element of physical attacks, don't become the norm and mutate further to worrying levels.

Present day global conflicts, notably the Russian-Ukraine conflict as well as the Middle East conflict, have had their elements of cyber skirmishes but not to the scale of the pager and radio set attacks. With attribution still being an area of concern for cyber attacks, the propensity to target digital or physical assets with cyber attacks could result in a rat race that would trigger a belligerent digital ecosystem.

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The Digital Deluge

Mohammad Hanief

Nowadays, it is uncommon to come across an electronic gadget or piece of equipment that doesn't use digital technology in some capacity. Recall a time when communication required sending pigeons or letters, which took days or weeks. Thanks to digital technology, the world has become smaller, and it is now simple to communicate with someone located elsewhere. Because of the centralization and accessibility of data, the digital age has made a wide variety of information available at the touch of a button on your mobile phone.

People now, for instance, rely heavily on computers and mobile devices with internet access, which provide instant answers to any questions you may have. You do not need to sit beside a PC to access the Internet; your phone (or smartwatch) does it all!

The digital technology revolution has had a significant impact on our lives. We have saved a ton of time using credit card payment methods, internet banking, automated cars, health tools, and washing machines for our laundry.

Many miles away, patients can speak with their doctor and get an authorized prescription. A digital signature has made it possible to sign contracts and make other essential decisions using a simple electronic device.

The millennial generation has the option of learning something new every day. Before, learning required searching for relevant information, applying for courses if desired, traveling to the specified location, and devoting a specific amount of time.

The digital generation, however, does not have to endure as much. They only need to click to search for lessons they might be interested in. Once accepted, they can enroll in the program and finish

it without leaving their room! The days of physically visiting a library and borrowing books are long gone. In those times, the alternative was to purchase books, which were typically out of everyone's price range. Today's digital generation has free access to almost all educational tools. The free material available in almost every corner of the world accelerates the learning process.

Since the beginning of dial-up, internet speeds have multiplied. Large data files can now be sent almost instantly across the web thanks to ever-faster broadband, making it possible to access data from nearly anywhere in the world and watch video and audio in real-time.



With the proliferation of digital tools that enable us to send messages to one another in various formats instantly, digitalization has fundamentally changed how we communicate.

Technological digitalization has also improved our communication ability and sped up the spread of new ideas. Anyone can now communicate their ideas; they are no longer limited to society's wealthiest and most influential people.

Because of the Internet's ability to allow for offshore outsourcing, digitalization has created a new world of job opportunities and digital learning. There are now entirely new job roles, such as internet technical experts, and anyone can start their own online business, which is a fantastic new benefit.

We can now complete many jobs without complexity from tens or even hundreds of miles away. Many other flexible working arrangements are now possible without requiring all workers to be in the same building.

Machines are becoming more intelligent as a result of digital technology. In some cases, devices no longer require humans to operate, liberating employees from repetitive jobs to pursue more exciting opportunities.

In other cases, more intelligent computers mean higher safety standards or an enhanced user experience. Products and services become less expensive and more widely available as technology advances. Many tasks, such as booking a vacation, can now be completed directly by customers rather than through a mediator, even with moderate technology skills.

Without a second thought, digital technology is one of our crucial aspects today. However, it has had its own set of drawbacks that are not always considered. The Internet is fertile ground for nefarious operations with its globalized nature, vast scale, and users' relative privacy.

While technology eliminates human error, it is not resistant to failure, so we potentially lose control of our assets if we rely on something that is not 100% dependable. Giving up control also exposes us to digital crime, such as hackers, who have unidentified destructive

Personal privacy is challenging to keep in the digital age, especially given the risks of your personal information being accessed, stolen, and sold. In public locations, digital cameras can monitor and record our movement patterns.

Furthermore, data security is vulnerable to breaches as hackers develop new methods and viruses to infiltrate people's computer systems and cell phones.

Social networking sites like Facebook, Wechat, and Instagram are intended to bring humans together. Still, they may have the inverse result in some cases because they are primarily active on social media platforms.

People prefer to mingle and communicate through digital platforms rather than in person. It causes a sense of disconnect and exclusion. Many people suffer from depression and other forms of social anxiety and mental illness due to a lack of real-life communication.

The performance of a task has increased exponentially with modern technology, which is frequently used to justify why technology may be capable of replacing humans soon. A rise in digital technology ensures that machines and technology can now complete tasks that humans could previously perform. As a result, there will be a labor shortage.

Companies nowadays prefer technology that can perform tasks more accurately than humans. As technology advances, humans are increasingly being replaced by algorithms and robotic

Another harmful impact of digital technology on the societal structure is its addictive nature, which has harmed performance. Too many people nowadays waste hours on the Internet for no explicable reason.

Students and workers alike have grown so accustomed to playing online games, placing bets, and interacting in virtual chat sites that they have forgotten to attend to more critical activities. People will spend hours consuming and listening to movies and musical shows on Netflix, YouTube, or TikTok. Otherwise, constructive person hours are being squandered.

The digital generation is the most misled and swayed by digital media. Digital media manipulate people into buying items they do not need, causing them to splurge more and more cash unreasonably.

Technology enables people to remain anonymous, hide behind a mask, or assume the authenticity of someone else to spread hatred and other unjust objectives. The interaction with these people has an impact on the mental well-being of the digital generation.

Conventional ways of life have been subverted due to significant overreliance on gadgets. For instance, our reliance on digital gadgets such as laptops, smartphones, smartwatches, social media, and the like implies that we are progressively wandering away from our biological en-

The bad influences of digital technology partly cause the deterioration of social values we see all around us. When young people are exposed to explicit images, pornographic material, and an infinite number of films that glamorize crime and violence, the future of society is jeopardized.

It is no surprise that digital is sweeping the globe; things are being digitized everywhere we look! The pace of technological advancement is not going to slow down. It is getting faster by the day. Because of the introduction of new technologies, the way we work, shop, and spend our leisure time differs vastly from a decade ago.

Today, we hope to have revisited both sides of what digital technology brings to our daily life and that digitization is a two-edged sword that we can wield in either direction.

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Let's reclaim the spirit of Eid-e-Milad

Wajahat Qazi

🛮 n the deserts of Arabia, about 15 centuries ago, in 570 AD, a supremely creative ▲ and paradigm shattering historical (even trans-historical) event with eschatological implications happened. The consequences of this event were far reaching: a world historical civilization was borne-one that transformed not only the environs of Arabia but the whole world. This event was the birth of the Holy Prophet of Islam, Prophet Muhammad (SAW). The day that the Great Prophet of Islam was born was later called the Eid

Prophet Muhammad (SAW) was rahma(t) (mercy) for the entire mankind. The message that he brought from God through Arch Angel Jibraeel was that of monotheism, peace, amity and a value system defined and characterized by truth, equality, equity, and justice. He (SAW) taught mankind these values by example and deed. Belief in One God (monotheism) and His Messenger (SAW), Peace, Justice, Equality, Compassion for all Creation, a metaphysical dimension, were and are the essential and defining characteristics of Islam.

Because of the personality, attributes, spiritual dynamism and savoir faire of the Prophet(SAW) and the inherent appeal of Islam, the religion spread beyond Arabia to all corners of the world-gradually and inexorably. The appeal of Islam and its tour de force also reached Kashmir (roughly in the 13th century through Sufi Masters). The rather austere and spiritual but at the same time simple message of Islam and the Prophet (SAW) met with a fertile reception in Kashmir. Kashmiris or the people of Kashmir, in the 13th century were ripe for a spiritu-ally uplifting and a socially and culturally redemptive message and appeal of Islam. The people of Kashmir almost converted en masse to Islam. Central to the Sufi ethos of Islam that percolated to and in Kashmir, besides the essential message of Islam was devotion to the Prophet (SAW).

Devotion to the Prophet (SAW) entailed emulation of the Prophet (SAW) in all as-



pects and details of corporeal existence. In other words, this meant imbibing, and incorporating the essential teachings of Islam, socially and individually. Islam in Kashmir gyrated to the Sufi dimension of Islam with great intensity.

Fast forward a few centuries.

We have morphed into a self absorbed, materialistic and vulgarly capitalist society (read distorted version of capitalism). Our selves are the centre and locus of our attention. Our nobler instincts are crowded out by baser ones. We are no longer as compassionate and caring as we were. Materialism motivates us and determines the locus and focus of our individual and collective energies. We are an angry society with a sense of entitlement that is disproportionate. Me, mine, mine has, by and large become our motto. All this is in sharp contradistinction

to the ethos of Islam and the teachings of the Holy Prophet. All this is not a self flagellating exercise aimed to demean and distort but to put our social and collective selves into perspective. We, Kashmiris, by and large, are still a fine people. There's, for instance, very few places in the world, where outsiders are treated so well; hardly any place in the world can demonstrate such fine traditions of hospitality that we are imbued with; very few places are as non-violent as we are(temperamentally). But, these fine attributes, are a legacy of the past- a past that was defined by the cosmogony of Sufi Islam and the centrality of the Prophet(SAW) in our lives. We cannot really afford to rest on the residual legacy of these. We need to and must re-inculcate these fine values and value system in our collective and individual

Now coming back to the theme of Eid Milad un Nabi. Thousands flock to the Durgah at Hazratbal, and other shrines to remember the Prophet (SAW) and make special devotional prayers. They are spiritually uplifted but alas the enlightenment accruing from this spiritual odyssey is only ephemeral. It will not last long. After the Milad celebrations are over, we revert to our usual selves. This, in the final analysis, constitutes a travesty. The ultimate meaning of the Milad prayers and remembrance of God and the Prophet (SAW) should enable us to reorient ourselves towards enduring nobler and spiritual dimensions. But, given that most of us revert to quotidian lives and forget the spiritual dimension of the Milad, our devotion and prayers will cease to be meaningful, unless it affects a change in our orientations.

So, on Milad un Nabi, let us all make that extra effort and resolve to make self purification, self transcendence and self transformation our end goals. This can only happen if we seriously introspect and take to heart the

teachings of our Great Prophet(SAW). To repeat, the essential components of his(SAW) message were Compassion, Honesty, Truth, Equality and Justice- ideas and themes that have over time become largely notional for us. This notional fidelity to these great moral and spiritual ideas and ideals has meant that we, as both society and individuals, have to a degree, lost our compass and bearing. The saving grace is that all is not lost. We can reclaim the spirit and essence of the Prophet's teachings. Key here is sincerity of purpose and fidelity. This would constitute real love for the Prophet (SAW); not mere mechanical and ritualistic incantations and behavior. So, on the Milad un Nabi, let us disavow the cosmetic and focus on the real and the substantive.

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Work pressure: Amidst row over EY worker Anna Parayil's passing, depressed Chennai techie dies by suicide

Amidst the hue and cry over the death of EY executive Anna Sebastain Perayil due to workload, a techie self-electrocuted in Chennai on Thursday night. The late Tamil Nadu man was on medication for depression due to work pressure, his family said.

38-year-old Karthikeyan, native to the Theni district of TN, was found wrapped in live wire by his wife. He was a software engineer at a Pallavaram-based firm for the past 15 years.

According to reports, the father of two was alone at home this week as his wife Jayarani had left for a devotional trip with her friends on Monday. Karthikeyan remained at the family's residence in Thazhambur off Old Mahabalipuram Road (OMR) after dropping his kids with their maternal grandparents, Times Of India (TOI) said in a report.

When the woman returned on Thursday evening, she used her key to enter the house and

found her husband unconscious on the floor, fully wrapped with cables. She called neighbours for help, who in turn informed the police. Due to work pressure, Karthikeyan was depressed and sought assistance at a Medapakkam-based hospital a couple of months back, the daily said.

The incident comes at a time when the nation is discussing the toxic work culture existing in the corporate world. The dialogue was initiated following a letter written by one Anita Augustine

to EY chairperson Rajiv Memani went viral. Detailing the work culture in the Pune EY office, Anita exposed the work pressure prevalent in the organisation. Her daughuter Anna Sebastian Perayil, a 26-year-old chartered accountant, passed away allegedly due to "work stress" while working at the said office. Kochi native Anna Sebastian Perayil joined EY in March, after clearing the C.A. exam last year. She died on July 20.

Later, a friend of Anna's revealed that they had

talked a couple of hours before her passing. Ann Mary, a friend of Anna's since school, alleged that her close friend, even in her last conversation, dropped hints about the toxicity and highly demanding nature of her job at EY. The company's human resource (HR) wing was not of any help to her late friend, she said. Anna's mother Anita had tried to convince the manager and assistant manager of her daughter's health but there was no response, she reportedly said.

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PM Modi Arrives

greeted Modi at the Philadelphia International Airport, from where he travelled to Wilmington, President Biden's hometown.

Modi greeted the group of people dressed in their traditional wear with many of them holding the Indian tri-colour. He walked along the fenced area, signed autographs for some of them and shook hands with some others.

"An energetic welcome in Philadelphia! Our diaspora's blessings are greatly cherished," Modi said in another post on X.

"The Indian community has distinguished itself in the USA, making a positive impact across diverse sectors. It's always a delight to interact with them," the prime minister said. "Let's celebrate the bonds that connect our nations!"

"PM @narendramodi arrives in the historic city of Philadelphia. An action packed day with engagements in bilateral and Quad formats in Wilmington, Delaware lies ahead. Stay tuned!" the Ministry of External Affairs posted on X along with a few photos.

"Welcoming PM @narendramodi for a special visit to the USA to further strengthen India-US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership! During the visit, PM will meet @Potus for bilateral discussions, participate in the 6th Quad Leaders' Summit, address the United Nations 'Summit of the Future,' and hold several other substantive engagements, including with the top tech CEOs and the Indian diaspora," the Indian Embassy in the US posted on X.

From Wilmington, Modi will travel to New York to attend an Indian community event at Long Island on September 22 and address the Summit of the Future at the UN General Assembly the next day.

The prime minister's other engagements include joining an Indian diaspora event at Long Island and participating in a round table with CEOs of American firms working on cuttingedge technologies such as AI, quantum computing and semiconductors.

The annual Quad summit at Wilmington is expected to roll out a series of new initiatives to boost cooperation in the Indo-Pacific and explore ways to find peaceful solutions to the conflicts in Ukraine and Gaza.

In his departure statement at New Delhi, Modi said he looked forward to joining his colleagues President Biden, Prime Minister Albanese and Prime Minister Kishida for the Quad Summit.

"The forum has emerged as a key group of like-minded countries to work for peace, progress and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region," he added.

The four-member Quad, or the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue, advocates upholding a free, open, and inclusive Indo-Pacific. Beijing sees it as an ant-China grouping.

The Quad leaders are also set to unveil a "milestone" initiative to prevent, detect, treat and alleviate the impact of cancer on patients and their families.

"I am eagerly looking forward to engaging with the Indian diaspora and important American business leaders, who are the key stakeholders and provide vibrancy to the unique partnership between the largest and the oldest democracies of the world," Modi said.

"The Summit of the Future is an opportunity for the global community to chart the road ahead for the betterment of humanity.

"I will share the views of one sixth of humanity as their stakes in a peaceful and secure future are among the highest in the world," the prime minister said.

The 'Summit of the Future' will bring leaders from various countries to forge a new international consensus on how to deliver a "better present and safeguard the future," according to

Amit Shah Woos

in Thanamandi and Rajouri on Saturday.

Praising the tribals, Shah said, "Whether it was the wars of 1947, 1965, or 1971, or the fight against terrorism, the Gujjars and Bakerwals have fought bravely, taking bullets on their chests. They have been instrumental in bringing peace to Jammu and Kashmir. The entire country looks up to them with respect."

He emphasised that since 1947, in every war with Pakistan, soldiers from Jammu and Kashmir have defended India. "When terrorism entered in the 1990s, courtesy of Farooq Abdullah, it was my Pahari, Gujjar, and Bakerwal brothers who bravely faced bullets," he added.

The BJP has fielded five Gujjar candidates in Thanamandi, Budhal, Poonch, Surankote, and Mendhar, where Gujjars make up a significant voting bloc.

Among the candidates are two-time MLA and former minister Zulfkar Choudhary from Budhal, senior leader Iqbal Malik from Thanamandi, and former MLC Murtaza Khan from Mendhar, Choudhary Abdul Gani from Poonch and former Minister Syed Mustaq Bukhari from Surankote.

Shah said, "There has been no development in Rajouri and Poonch in the last 75 years. Congress, NC, and PDP are responsible. They have denied the Pir Panjal region its due development."

"I want to ask Farooq Abdullah why this

region has been kept away from development for decades. When we undertook welfare measures here, they spread propaganda that Gujjar reservations would be reduced. I assured them that not even one percent of reservations would be reduced," the home minister said.

He reaffirmed that Paharis were given reservations without affecting those of Gujjars, and both communities are now content. "This is your right, and no one can take it away," he said

Promising further support, Shah announced reservations in promotions for these communities and the setting up of training centres for IAS and IPS aspirants. He added that children from these communities would receive scholarships of 10,000 per year.

Taking a dig at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's statement about his "Mohabbat ki Dukan" (shop of love), Shah accused him of issuing "directives of terror from that very shop".

"No talks with Pakistan until they stop aiding and abetting terrorism, but we will talk with the children of my hill regions," he said.

Shah also highlighted the tourism potential in the region, announcing plans to develop two new cities to attract tourists worldwide. "Tourist footfall has increased from 30 lakh to 2 crores during Modi Ji"s tenure," he said.

In Rajouri, Shah reiterated that Jammu and Kashmir has undergone a massive transformation under Prime Minister Modi's leadership, shifting from terrorism to peace.

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"The grip of the Abdullahs, Muftis, and Nehru-Gandhis on the region has been broken, and now the youth hold laptops instead of stones". he said.

Shah urged the people to vote for the BJP, saying, "This election is about ending the rule of three families who have suppressed democracy in J&K for 75 years."

"Due to Modi Ji"s tireless efforts, today, around 30,000 Kashmiri youths are contesting elections at various levels, exercising their democratic rights," Shah said.

He recalled his promise to the Gujjar community in Rajouri. "When I came to Rajouri, I promised that we would not reduce the reservations of Gujjar brothers and would also give reservations to the Paharis. And we kept our promise," he said. (Inputs from PTI)

'Pakistan Fears

stones in the hands of youngsters with laptops and added the government would not allow guns to resonate in the hills of Jammu region.

"We will construct more bunkers along the borders for the safety of people. I want to remind you of cross-border firings in the 1990s... Is cross-border firing happening today?" Shah asked.

"It is because the earlier rulers here were frightened of Pakistan, but now Pakistan fears Modi. They would not dare to fire but if they did, they would be given a befitting reply," he added.

Shah said that if bullets are fired from across the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K), those would be responded to by bullets, not dialogue.

The situation has completely changed. If bullets are fired from across the LoC, we will respond with bullets, not with 'boli (talks)'."

Shah said that "terrorism erupted in 1990 and continued till 2014, claiming the lives of 40,000 people".

"These three families failed to stop terrorism and instead encouraged it. The BJP and Modi put an end to terrorism and replaced the guns and stones in the hands of the youth with laptons" he added

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Shah claimed that National Conference vice president Omar Abdullah is frightening people about revival of terrorism.

"I want to tell from here that despite your tutelage, Modi and Shah will not allow them to resonate in these beautiful hills again," said

"Terrorism is of no benefit to anyone. Guns were handed over to our children and we too will be providing guns to Pahari youth by recruiting them in the police and army. For that we will held special recruitment drive on the borders," he added.

Accusing the National Conference, Congress and PDP of encouraging terrorism, the senior BJP leader said this election will ensure an end to the three families rule in the Union Territory.

"It is necessary because these families never allowed the democracy to grow in J&K," he said, adding had the BJP government not formed in 2014 and elections to different panchayat Raj Institutions held, the 30,000 elected panchayat members would have never got an opportunity but instead would have worked to further strengthen their 'kingdom'.

The home minister said he is a person from Gujarat and had never thought of visiting Mendhar, which is just a few kilometers from the Line of Control.

"The people of the nation are proud and salute Paharis, Gujjars and Bakerwals who safeguarded the borders in 1947 and took bullets on their chest when terrorism erupted in 1990 because of the kindness of Farooq Abdullah, who fled to London to enjoy holiday," he added.

Referring to the National Conference (NC) manifesto that they will review the reservation given to different communities, Shah said,

"I want to assure you that we will allow them to touch the reservation under the scheduled tribe status to you. We will extend the reservation to promotion (avenues of the government employees)."

The senior BJP leader, who reached Jammu on a three-day election campaign on Friday evening, is scheduled to address four more election rallies in Surankote in Poonch, Thanamandi and Rajouri in Rajouri district and Akhnoor in Jammu district during the day.

The assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir are taking place for the first time after the abrogation of Article 370 and the bifurcation of the erstwhile state into two Union Territories - Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh -- in August 2019

The first phase of polling was held on September 18. The second phase will be held on September 25 followed by the third and final phase on October 1. The election results will be declared on October 8.

Justice Tashi New

Justice KR Shriram of the Bombay High Court has been made chief justice of the Madras High

Justice Indra Prasanna Mukerji of the Calcutta High Court has been appointed chief justice of the High Court of Meghalaya.

Justice Suresh Kumar Kait of the Delhi High Court has been elevated as chief justice of the High Court of Madhya Pradesh.

AP Leader Gets

who is contesting the assembly polls from

The former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister is also contesting from the Ganderbal seat.

Mohiuddin on Friday said the people of Jammu and Kashmir had been stripped of their rights and added that it was crucial to elect a leader who could fight for their interests.

He had earlier withdrawn his nomination from the Budgam constituency.

"After consulting with friends and well-wishers, I withdrew my nomination papers in favour of Omar Abdullah. My friends unanimously agreed that supporting the former Jammu Kashmir chief minister is the right decision," he had said.

Abdullah has welcomed Mohiuddin's announcement and said his support would strengthen his campaign and bring victory

BJP Accuses 3 Families

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, that NC, PDP and Congress were implementing Pakistan's agenda, Abdullah said the BJP keeps on raising the bogey of Pakistan to divert attention from its shortcomings.

"They raise Pakistan now and then. They commit mistakes themselves but accuse us of being Pakistanis. They allege that Rahul Gandhi and Farooq Abdullah's alliance has been formed because of directions from Pakistan.

"What do we have to do with Pakistan? We are Indians. How can they say such things? I think they themselves are Pakistanis but are portraying us as a danger," he told reporters

Referring to the recent spike in terror incidents in the Jammu region, the NC president asked whether the BJP will still blame Article 370 for it.

"They used to say that Article 370 was responsible for terror here. Today, they are in power, has terror ended? There was an encounter in Reasi. So, is Article 370 responsible even today?"

The former Union minister alleged that the BP government bifurcated and downgraded J-K into two union territories because of its Muslim majority character.

"I will say this on their face that they downgraded us into a UT because we were a Muslimmajority state. They divided this state," he said. Asserting that J-K's statehood will be restored, Abdullah said the BJP was on "crutches", apparently referring to the support of

JD(U) and TDP to the BJP-led government.

"A time will come when we will get our statehood back. The whole of India stands with us. Today, the BJP is on the crutches. They say one nation, one election, I want to ask them if this is a federal structure or not.

"There are state governments which make Delhi stronger. If Delhi has to become stronger, then first the states have to be strong," he said, adding if full statehood is not restored, "we will protest it and then take full statehood".

Cautioning the people of Kashmir against

independent and "proxy" candidates, the NC chief said the BJP knew they could not win any seats in the Valley, so several independent candidates were fielded to divide the votes.

"They released these people like Engineer

Rashid, he is not an engineer. They jailed him, so why did they release him? They wanted to divide people," he said.

Abdullah also called on the Election

Commission to provide a level playing field.

"All the proxy candidates are because of them, their money. While all the help is given to them, our people, our workers, are being jailed. Then they say there is a free election.

"I want to tell the EC that we want a free

election in which everyone can speak freely and move freely, and vote freely. The EC should see why there is pressure on our workers. This should not happen," he said.

He, however, exuded confidence that the people would support the NC-Congress alliance.

"The BJP knows their ship has sunk.

Otherwise, what was the need for Amit Shah to come here and campaign," he said.
"Had they (BJP) any courage, they would

have fought on their own here (in Kashmir), on

their own symbol," he added.

Abdullah said the BJP will not succeed by fielding independent candidates, and "the people will give a tight slap to the party".

Aga Ruhullah Victim

blaming Pakistan for terrorism while in Jammu and Kashmir, the party is blaming National Conference and Congress for it.

"As Amit Shah has talked about the 40,000 people who became victims of militancy, one of those victims is standing with me—Aga Ruhulla. His father was lost to militancy. He is one of the many families who were part of the mainstream politics of J&K associated with NC and Congress who were targeted because they didn't want to surrender our political belief that whatever will come to J&K will come through the constitution," Omar said.

Omar also added that as far as the allegation is concerned, why is there delay in a dialogue with Pakistan as according to BJP NC and Congress is responsible for militancy. "If we are responsible then they should talk to Pakistan and open all roads. First, they should come clean about who is responsible for terrorism here," he said.

Moreover, Omar thanked Apni Party leader Muntazir Mohi-ud-din for extending his support to him for the wellbeing of the Budgam people, saying that the Apni Party has even issued a show cause notice to him because he withdrew in favour of me.

Furthermore, Omar said that the people are suffering because of the prevalent situation here, adding that the youth are fed up with the FIRs, and other things. "The people their day-to-day issues like roads, water, electricity, playgrounds and other things to be resolved and thus are participating in the rallies and will also raise their voice their voices by casting their ballots," he said

WP Refugees Set

the day of voting is nothing short of a festival," a committee member wishing not to be named told KNO. Families are preparing to celebrate with special dishes such as puri-halwa and laddus, symbolizing their excitement and gratitude for this long-awaited opportunity.

The displaced community, numbering around 5700 Hindu families, arrived in Jammu and Kashmir from Pakistan in 1947. For decades, they lived in the region without many of the rights and privileges enjoyed by local residents, including the right to vote in assembly elections. "The abrogation of Article 370 brought about a seismic shift in our political status, finally allowing us full participation in the region's electoral process. Till now, we were living as second class citizens with no rights and no power to choose our representatives. This basic democratic right was snatched away from us by those who are today out, claiming to be strengthening democracy and safeguarding the democratic institutions," says Des Raj, a local resident.

These POK based refugees were displaced from their houses and forced to take shelter in Jammu 70 years ago. And what is more unfortunate and worrisome is that their plight has so far failed out rightly to move the world organisations, the Centre and state governments.

There have already been reports about how the three generations of people displaced from PoK were faced with poverty, discrimination and apathy and forced to live in 39 filthy camps.

Thousands of refugees, who were forced to leave the areas of Kashmir occupied by Pakistan in 1947, were provided land in different parts of the Jammu region in the 1960s but they did not get benefits of different government housing schemes or access to bank loans—(KNO)

B-team Of BJP

the sitting MP Aga @RuhullahMehdi to clarify his stand on aligning with the BJP in his home turf. Kashmir deserves transparency, not backdoor deals," PDP spokesperson Mohit Bhan said in a post on X.

His remarks came after Apni Party leader from Budgam Muntazir Mohiuddin announced support to Abdullah, who is contesting the Assembly polls from both Budgam and Ganderbal.

Mohiuddin on Friday said the people of Jammu and Kashmir have been "stripped" of their rights, adding it is crucial to elect a leader who can fight for their interests.

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RG To Address

In Srinagar, he will seek support for JKPCC president Tariq Hameed Karra," said a Congress

So far Gandhi has addressed three rallies in Jammu and Kashmir which include a rally in support of former PCC president Vikar Rasool Wani at Sangaldan and two rallies in support of AICC general secretary Ghulam Ahmed Mir in Dooru constituency of south Kashmir.

The last date for campaigning for the second phase of Assembly election is September 23, in which Rajouri and Poonch districts of Jammu region and Srinagar, Budgam and Ganderbal districts of Kashmir region will vote.

NC Wanted To

everything but did it in haste."

Rana also revealed that the National Conference was willing to accept a BJP chief minister as part of the deal. He quoted Dr. Farooq Abdullah, who was clear in his stance, saying, "Sarkaar apni banni chahiye, Mufti ki Sarkar nahi banni chahiye" (We should form the government; Mufti's government should not come into power).

Replying to a question about NC not willing to ally with BJP, Rana said that the door to negotiations has been shut by the BJP and not the National Conference.

Rana went on to say that Kashmiris are full of wisdom and politically aware, wise and articulate and that is the reason Omar lost by a margin of more than two lakh votes in Baramulla

from a person who was in jail.

"Kashmir's political parties have lost relevance to the youth in the age group from 18 to 40. People had hopes when Omar Abdullah became chief Minister. He had come as a whiff of fresh air but then there was bloodbath in Kashmir in 2009 and 2010. The government was shaken."

However, Rana said that in the last ten years Kashmir has transformed.

"The graveyards are not getting filled by young people. Let me tell you no mother wants to see his son coming back home in a coffin. Today the regional parties are lecturing people about civil liberties, there was no peace during their times." he said

"Shops are open till midnight, schools run their full course uninterrupted and people feel safe and BJP has done a great job in this regard."

On Er Rashid he said that he borders on secessionism. He is a soft separatist. He can go to any extent for anything. On NC and PDP, Rana said that they are also inching towards communal soft separatism.

Replying to a question whether there is discontent in the BJP he said that there is no discontent with the party.

There were many aspirants who were looking for mandates and immediately after the ticket distribution they got emotional.

Atishi Takes

Among her new Council of Ministers, Saurabh Bharadwaj was the first to take oath followed by Gopal Rai, Kailash Gahlot, Imran Hussain and Mukesh Ahlawat, a new entrant in the Delhi Cabinet.

Atishi, however, will have a brief tenure in office as assembly elections in the national capital are due in February.

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here, which was a low-key affair, was attended by Atishi's predecessor and AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal, former deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia, and other party leaders and MLAs.

Delhi Assembly Speaker Ram Niwas Goel,

Leader of Opposition Vijender Gupta, BJP MPs, including Union Minister of State Harsh Malhotra, and Delhi Police Commissioner Sanjay Arora also also attended the ceremony. South Delhi BJP MP Ramvir Singh Bidhuri

said that the Atishi government should fulfill the promises made by the AAP to the public. "The new government should give relief to the public by reducing electricity and water bills; property tax should be waived in Delhi rural. Apart from this, The Central govern-

implemented in Delhi," Bidhuri said.

The new Delhi Cabinet headed by Atishi has a long list of pending projects, schemes and new initiatives to be launched in the next few

ment's Ayushman Bharat scheme should be

months.

She will have to hit the ground running to accelerate the city government's functioning and ensure that the flagship projects and schemes are back on track after being slowed down for months due to the imprisonment of

Due to the five-month-long judicial custody of Kejriwal in the excise policy case, the AAP government had been struggling to address issues related to basic services and infrastructure that include roads, water supply and sewer, and medicines owing to alleged fund crunch.

Atishi will have to deal with these issues during her short span of chief ministership, apart from ensuring implementation of Kejriwal's promise to provide Rs 1,000 honorarium to eligible women in Delhi under proposed 'Mukhyamantri Mahila Samman Yojana'.

Kharge Questions Delay In Restoring Statehood By BJP

Agencies

Srinagar: All India Congress Committee (AICC) President and Leader of Opposition (LOP) in Rajay Sabha, Mallikarjun Kharge on Saturday accused the Narendra Modi led government at center for deliberately not restoring the Statehood status of Jammu and Kashmir, saying the priority of Congress is to restore Statehood of Jammu and Kashmir.

"The state has never been changed to Union Territory. We are asking, why have you (Modi led BJP government) not given Statehood to Jammu and Kashmir when you have all the powers" Congress President Kharge said while addressing a press conference

He also accused BJP of delaying the restoration of Statehood, despite having the power to do so. and pointed out that rules in Jammu and Kashmir altered by ruling party to allow outsiders to dominate key sectors like mining and liquor contracts.

stand on Article 370, he said, "We are firm on our manifesto and priority is restoration of Statehood. Rest is later. The party understands the importance of Darbar Move tradition for the economic prosperity of both Jammu and Kashmir regions and it is committed to restore it on priority.'

He alleged that BJP leaders including Prime Minister and Home Minister are mastered in making false promises, and their intentions are dubious on restoring statehood, which is evident from the recent order of union government where Lieutenant Governor was given more powers.

He said, "BJP's promises, like providing 5 lakh jobs, are mere 'jumlas' empty slogans, adding, "Our Prime Minister and Home Minister are very famous in spreading lies and later take U turn stating it as "Chunavi Jumlas". But Congress is committed to fulfill all its promises made." KNO



Agencies

Leh: The Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) on Saturday announced the establishment of the world's first High Altitude, High Performance Parasports Centre in Ladakh.

This innovative facility, developed in collaboration with the Ladakh Government and the Aditya Mehta Foundation, aims to become a global hub for training para-athletes across all 28 parasports disciplines.

He said the Ladakh Academy's **Parasports** mission is to screen, identify and nurture aspiring athletes, and guide them to find their ideal sport and develop into world-

class competitors. In a recent meeting,

attended by Aditya Mehta, founder of the Aditya Mehta Foundation, former DIG of the BSF DP Singh and the Foundation's Chief Physiotherapist, the potential of this centre was extensively discussed.

The Aditya Mehta Foundation is well-known for operating Asia's first Parasports Academy and Rehabilitation Centre. It has played a pivotal role in integrating parasports into the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF), including the BSF, CRPF. CISF, ITBP and SSB. The Foundation also collaborates with educational institutions like Kendriya Vidvalava and Navodava Vidyalaya Samiti to support children with special needs in their athletic pursuits. (KNO)



Women Voters Outnumber Men In 6 Kashmir ACs

Agencies

Jammu: In the first phase of voting in the latest democratic exercise, women voters have outpaced men in several constituencies across the Chenab Valley, showcasing remarkable political engagement.

On Friday, the Election Commission released the final figures from the first phase of voting, which took place in 24 constituencies across seven districts. The overall voter turnout was 61.38%, with a notable 14 seats registering participation rates between 60% and 80%.

Women voters dominated in six of these constituencies, especially where female candidates were running.

Inderwal witnessed the highest voter turnout, with 81.47% of men and an impressive 82.90% of women casting their ballots. Across key seats like Doda and Kishtwar, women not only participated in large numbers but surpassed male voters in turnout.

Doda, where Prime Minister Narendra Modi held his first election rally, saw 75.82% of women voters compared to 69.34% of men. In neighboring Doda West, 78.24% of women cast their vote, while male turnout stood at 73.91%. Similarly, in Kishtwar, where

Shagun Parihar of the BJP has been positioned as a symbol of resistance against terrorism. women cast 79.93% of votes, compared to 76.62% of men.

Even in traditionally maledominated seats like Bhaderwah and Pader Nagseni, women continued to lead. In Pader Nagseni, where a female candidate was on the ballot, the turnout reached 80.67%, with women comprising 80.57% and men 80.77% of voters.

In terms of third-gender voters, the Election Commisdinate all over the state earlier. Moreover the problems of women have been further enhanced due to age old political trauma in the state. "However from the early decades of the 20th century, women in the state of J & K became conscious about their subjugation due to emergence of political consciousness, expansion of modern education, spread of cultural awareness and deterioration of economic conditions.

Women participated in socio -political movements in

•• Inderwal witnessed the highest voter turnout, with 81.47% of men and an impressive 82.90% of women casting their ballots. Across key seats like Doda and Kishtwar, women not only participated in large numbers but surpassed male voters in turnout.

sion reported full participation in four constituencies: Dooru, Doda, Ramban, and Kokernag. However, none were registered in several constituencies, including Anantnag and Kulgam.

A research scholar from Kashmir University, Shafaat Yousuf said that like other states of India the position of women in the state of Jammu and kashmir remained suborthe 1930's and the subsequent years there has been a rising pattern of women leadership in the state politics of Jammu and Kashmir

Many of the women also fought against Pakistani invaders in 1947.Present time belong to women and the political landscape of the erstwhile state cannot afford to ignore them," he said—(KNO)

Charar-E-Sharief Constituency To Witness Contest Between Two Former Ministers

Agencies

Srinagar: The Charar-e-Sharief Assembly Constituency in central Kashmir's Budgam district is poised for a high-stakes political battle, with two seasoned politicians, Abdul Rahim Rather of the National Conference (NC) and Ghulam Nabi Lone Hanjura of the People's Democratic Party (PDP), headlining the race. This direct contest between former ministers is expected to dominate the electoral scene, with both leaders bringing substantial political clout and experience to the fray

Apart from Rather and Lone, there are eight other candidates contesting from the constituency, including Zahid Hussain Jan of the Bharativa Janata Party (BJP), Mohammad Shafi Hurrah of the Jammu & Kashmir National Panthers Party (Bhim), Owais Ashraf Shah of Apni Party, Hakeem Mohammad Yaseen Shah of Jammu and Kashmir People's Democratic Front (Secular), and independents Javid Mohammad Hubi, Gazanfar Ali, Mohammad Yousuf Ganie and Nisar Ahmad Dar. An independent candidate, Farooq Ahmad Khan has withdrawn his nomination papers.

Abdul Rahim Rather

Born in 1944, Rather is one of the senior politicians in Jammu & Kashmir. A sixtime MLA representing the NC from Charar-i-Sharief, he has also served as the Speaker and held several key ministries, including Finance, in various NC-led governments. His extensive experience and long-standing presence in the constituency make him a formidable candidate.

Ghulam Nabi Lone Hanjura An advocate by pro-

fession. Lone is a senior politician and former cabinet minister affiliated with the PDP. He was elected as a member of the Jammu and

Kashmir Legislative Assembly from Charar-e-Sharief in 2014 and subsequently held a cabinet berth. Lone's legal background and previous tenure as an MLA add weight to his candidacy.

Political analysts believe the main contest will be between Rather and Lone, given their strong vote bases in the constituency. However, the recent delimitation process, which added around 30 villages from the Khansahib constituency with approximately 18,000 votes to Charar-e-Sharief, could play a pivotal role in the election outcome, they said

JKPDF chief Hakeem Yaseen, who has influence in these newly added areas, could sway a significant portion of the votes, possibly affecting the fortunes of both the NC and PDP, analysts said.

They added that the presence of three candidates from Charar-e-Sharief town itself, including independents, could further fragment the vote, which makes the contest even more unpredictable. The PDP received a boost with the recent joining of Mushtaq Zoohami, a leader from the Apni Party, which could enhance their vote share.

The constituency now has a voter strength of 1,03,126, including 52,288 males and 50,832 females. In the 2014 Assembly elections, Charar-e-Sharief had a total of 78,359 electors, with 64,600 valid votes cast. Ghulam Nabi Lone Hanjura of the PDP won the seat with 32,849 votes, while Abdul Rahim Rather of the NC secured 27,682 votes, losing by a margin of 5,167 votes.

In the recent parliamentary elections, the NC led in the constituency with around 28,000 votes, while the PDP garnered about 20,000 votes. The upcoming election is expected to be a litmus test for both parties, as they vie to consolidate their support bases in this key constituency—(KNO)

Poonch Haveli-89 AC

Two Former MLAs Face Tough Competition From BJP's Choudhary Abdul Ghani

Jammu: The former Congressman, Choudhary Abdul Ghani, who switched over to Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP) when Congress party didn't give him the mandate, could be the game changer in Poonch Haveli Assembly constituency.

The two former Members of Legislative Assembly (MLAs) from this constituency Aijaz Jan and Shah Muhammad Tantray will be facing the tough battle from the BJP candidate.

Poonch Haveli is the only open seat in Poonch district whereas two other constituencies Surankote and Mendhar have been reserved for Scheduled Tribe (ST) population, and the battle here is the toughest in Poonch district.

According to the data issued by Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Jammu and Kashmir, 128807 electorates are eligible to vote during the second of Assembly elections which include 65809 male and

the last date of withdrawal of nomination papers, eight candidates are contesting from this seat which include Shah Muhammad Tantray of J&K Apni Party, Aijaz Jan, National Conference-Congress ioint candidate, Choudhary abdul Ghani of BJP. Shamim Ahmed of Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Rydham Preet Singh Sudan of Peoples Conference (PC) and three independent candidates Traditionally this seat

has remained the stronghold of NC and Congress party but in 2014 PDP's Shah Muhammad Tantray emerged winner but he switched over to AP after former PDPian Sved Muhammad Altaf Bukhari launched this party after August 5, 2019 abrogation of Article 370.

BJP has never been in the picture during the past elections and this time also they were looking for a strong leader which the party got when Choudhary Abdul Ghani decided to join the saffron party

Congress party didn't give him the mandate. Choudhary is the only Gujjar candidate on this seat whereas others are either of Kashmiri origin or from other communities. BJP may not have much stake in this seat being the Muslim majority one but division of votes may help the saffron party candidate to get over the line if Gujjars vote in large numbers in his favour.

Tantray and Jan on the hand will be looking for the work done by them during their tenure as MLAs wheras Jan has an advantage of being the alliance candidate and if Congress party leaders at the local level help him to get votes, he has better chances of winning.

Shamim Ahmed of PDP will be looking to give surprise to other candidates as it was PDP who won this seat in 2014 and the party has a strong base in the area. Tantray's exit from PDP may dent PDP's chances but local leaders will be trying hard to repeat the performance of the past.(KNO)

Pulwama Residents Seek Upgraded Water **Supply Scheme Amid Growing Demand**

Pulwama: The residents of Rakh and Zahid Bagh villages in south Kashmir's Pulwama district are urging for the upgradation of the area's water supply scheme, as the existing system is unable to meet the needs of the growing

population.

The current water supply scheme was constructed 12 years ago to serve around 250 households. However, another village was later added to the scheme, increasing the

demand significantly. Since 2014, parts of these villages have been receiv-

ing water from the supply scheme, but many households still remain unconnected. Recently, several more households were linked to the system, but this has strained the capacity of the existing infrastructure, leaving the scheme unable to cater to all three villages effectively.(KNO)

ANNEXURE 47 FORMATS C-1

Format C-1

(for candidate to publish in Newspapers, TV)

Declaration About Criminal Cases

(As per the judgement dated 25th September, 2018, of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP(Civil) No. 536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. VS Union of India & Anr.

Name and address of candidate: Zaffar Habib Dar Zainakote HMT Srinagar Name of political party: Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party (Independent candidates should write "Independent" here) Name of Election: General Election Lgislature Assembly Name of Constituency: 26- Central Shalteng

I. Zaffar Habib Dar (Name of candidate), a candidate for the above mentioned election declare for public information the following details about my criminal antecedents:

SI. No.	Name of Court	Case No. and dated	Status of case(s)
ן	Principle District And	FIR No 303	Pending
	session judge sgr	574/2022	-
Section(s) of Acts concerned and brief	153A -CŔPC FIR NO 30	03	
description of offence(s)	CASE NO: 574/22		

(B) Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences				
SI. No.	Name of Court & date(s) of order(s)	Description of offence(s) & punishment imposed		
	Maximum Punishment Imposed			

In the case of election to Council of States or election to Legislative Council by MLAs, mention the election concerned in place of name of constituency.

- 1. The particulars regarding criminal cases pending against the candidate shall be in bold letters.
- 2. The matter in newspapers shall be published in font size of at least 12.
- 3. Details should be given separately for each case in separate rows.
- 4. If a candidate is contesting an election on the ticket of a particular party, he/she is required to inform the party about the criminal cases pending against him/her.

JKACS, KU Organise 'Red **Run' For HIV/AIDS Awareness**

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: J&K AIDS Control Society organised a five kilometres run for creating awareness on HIV AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Infection on Saturday in collaboration with Department of Students Welfare, University of Kashmir. This activity forms part of the two month long Intensified IEC Campaign launched on 12th August 2024.

The activity started with a 5 km running competition called 'Red Run' which began from Nishat Foreshore Road to Gandhi Bhawan, University of Kashmir. The run was inaugurated by Vice Chancellor, University of Kashmir, Professor Nilofer Khan, in presence of Dr. Abdul Rouf Bhat, Project Director, JKACS, Guests of Honour, Professor Seema Naaz, Nodal

Principal, Colleges of Kashmir Division, Professor Naseer Igbal, Registrar, University of Kashmir, Professor Shamim Ahmad Shah. Dean Students Welfare, Kashmir University, Dr. Imtiaz Ahmad Khan, Chief Proctor, Kashmir University, Dr. Manu Bhatnagar, Additional Director, I/c CST division, JKACS alongwith other officials from the collaborating departments.

The 5 km Red Run activity was followed by a 2 Km Walkathon activity which was inaugurated by Dr. Abdul Rouf Bhat, Project Director, JKACS, H&ME Department, J&K, in presence of other dignitaries.

The winners of the Red Run included Nusrat Jan in women's category from Srinagar Women's College, Zakura, and Suhail Bashir in men's category from Government Degree College, Bemina.

Afghan Batter Gurbaz Surpasses Babar, Equals Kohli

Agencies

SHARJAH: Afghanistan's explosive opener Rahmanullah Gurbaz surpassed Pakistan skipper Babar Azam and equalled India stalwart Virat Kohli's record for scoring most ODI centuries before turning 23.

It was Gurbaz who laid a solid foundation for Afghanistan to seal a historic ODI series win over South Africa. Their first series win against a top-five-ranked team in the ICC standings.

Gurbaz added another dimension to the game and derailed South Africa's bowling plan in the second ODI in Sharjah.

He breezed past South African bowlers effortlessly while relying on his impeccable stroke play to pick up boundaries.

He raced to his seventh ODI century for Afghanistan, the most scored by any batter in the nation. He also surpassed Babar, who garnered six centuries before turning 23 in the ODI format.

Gurbaz now stands level with Kohli, who also struck seven hundred in the 50-over format before turning 23.

With the third ODI to be played on Sunday, Gurbaz will

have the opportunity to go level with 'Master Blaster' Sachin Tendulkar and South Africa's Quinton de Kock. Both batters racked up a whopping eight centuries in the ODI format before turning 23.

Apart from notching up his seventh ODI century, Gurbaz forged a crucial 88-run opening partnership with Riaz Hassan. Throughout his stay at the crease, Gurbaz scored boundaries according to his will and found the ideal support from his compatriots.

Scoring at a strike rate of 95.45, Gurbaz amassed 105 runs off 110 deliveries, laced with 10 fours and three maximums.

His flourishing time on the crease ended after Nandre Burger's delivery breached past Gurbaz's tired-looking shot and crashed onto the stumps.

After his departure, Azmatullah Omarzai played an influential cameo of 86*(50) to propel Afghanistan's score to 311/4.

In reply, South Africa fell short in front of Rashid Khan's spin magic and succumbed to a 177-run defeat. Rashid, who was dealing with a hamstring injury during his nine-over spell, picked up a five-wicket haul while giving away just 19 runs.

Bangladesh 158 For 4 In Chase Of 515 As **Bad Light Stops Play**



Press Trust of India

CHENNAI: Bangladesh were reeling on 158 for 4 in their mammoth chase of 515 when bad light stopped play on day three of the opening Test here on Saturday.

India declared their second innings at 287 for 4 riding on twin hundreds from Rishabh Pant (109) and Shubman Gill (119) with an overall lead of

Resuming at 81/3, India continued their domination on day three with comeback-man Rishabh Pant (109) and Shubman Gill (119 not out) completing their centuries with dominant batting.

Making a splendid return to Test cricket after 634 days following his horrific car crash in December 2022, Pant showcased his trademark strokeplay, bringing up his sixth Test century off just 124 balls.

With this he also equalled the talismanic former captain MS Dhoni for most centuries by an Indian wicketkeeper.

Following Pant's dismissal for a well-made 109 (128b; 13x4, 4x6), Gill reached his fifth Test century, taking 161 balls to get there. Gill faced 176 balls in his innings, hitting 10 shots to the fence and four

In reply, Ravichandran Ashwin continued his dream form following up on first innings hundred with figures of 3 for 63 while skipper Najmul Hossain Shanto remained unbeaten on 51.

Bangladesh were bundled out for a meager 149 on day two in response to India's 376. as a record 17 wickets fell in a dramatic day's play at the MA Chidambaram Stadium.

Scoreboard at stumps on day three of the first Test between India and Bangladesh here on Saturday:

India 1st Innings: 376 Bangladesh 1st Innings: 149

India 2nd Innings: 287/4d Bangladesh 2nd Innings: Zakir Hasan c Jaiswal b Bumrah 33 Shadman Islam c Gill b Ashwin 35 Najmul Hossain Shanto not out 51 Mominul Haque b Ashwin 13 Mushfiqur Rahim c Rahul b Ashwin 13 Shakib Al Hasan not out 5 Extras: 8 (lb-4, b-4) Total: 158/4 in 37.2 overs Fall of wickets: 1-62, 2-86, 3-124, 4-146 Bowling: Jasprit Bumrah 7-2-18-1, Mohammed Siraj 3.2-1-20-0, Akash Deep 6-0-20-0. Ravichandran Ashwin 15-3-63-3, Ravindra Jadeja 6-0-29-0.

Nicolas Jackson Scores 2 As **Chelsea Defeat West Ham 3-0**

Agencies

LONDON: Nicolas Jackson marked his 50th appearance for Chelsea with two early goals to inspire his team to a 3-0 win at West Ham in the Premier League on Saturday.

Jackson also added an assist for Cole Palmer at the start of the second half as Chelsea swept aside West Ham, which was booed at the end of the match by the remaining fans.

It was a third league win of the season for Chelsea - all of those have come away from Stamford Bridge. New West Ham coach Julen

Lopetegui is already under pressure after his third loss of the fledgling Premier League season. It took Chelsea less than four

minutes to take the lead and the West Ham defense was nowhere to be seen when Jackson played a one-two with Jadon Sancho and surged forward before cutting in from the left and firing between Alphonse Areola's legs from a tight angle.

It was Sancho's second assist in as many matches since joining from Manchester United and his first start since May 2023.

Jackson doubled his tally in the 18th minute as another sweeping move saw him burst clear onto a Moises Caicedo throughball and keep his composure to drill into the bottom left corner. It was the Senegal forward's 21st goal in 50 appearances for Chelsea.

West Ham briefly appeared to get into the match halfway through the first period and had penalty appeals waved away before Mohammed Kudus had a goal ruled offside.

However, it went from bad to worse for the home team right at the start of the second half as Jackson turned provider to slip the ball through to Palmer, who fired in off the inside of the left post.

Manchester United Crystal Palace in one of seven later matches, while Liverpool hosts Bournemouth. (AP)

Inzaghi Warns Inter Not To Rest On Their Laurels Before Milan Clash

Agencies

MILAN: Inter Milan coach Simone Inzaghi urged his team not to rely on past glories as they prepare to face AC Milan in the Derby della Madonnina on Sunday.

Despite Inter's dominance in recent derbies, winning the last six encounters, Inzaghi cautioned his players against letting history influence their performance when they host their city rivals in Serie A. The defending champions have started the season strongly, earning eight points in four matches. In contrast, Milan have secured just five points, putting pressure on their manager Paulo Fonseca ahead of the derby.

"We mustn't think about past derbies. They are only cherished memories and you don't get points for memories. We are up against a very strong team with good players," Inzaghi said at a press conference on Saturday.

"Derbies often defy predictions. We need to be better on the day, focusing on every detail," he added.

The derby comes at a crucial

time after a strenuous 0-0 draw at Manchester City in the Champions League on Wednesday.

"We know what the derby means to our fans, and we need a special performance from Inter," Inzaghi said.

"After expending a lot of energy against Manchester Citv. a fixture like this can help us find reserves of strength we didn't know we had.' Inzaghi said he had deliber-

ated over player selection, trying to balance the demands of domestic and international fixtures while managing player fatigue. "Champions League matches drain you both mentally and

physically. So far this season, we've seen smaller clubs pose significant challenges to the bigger teams," he said. "All the players are first choices

and I respect them all. I have a few doubts and will decide tomorrow.

"We are working on improving our final ball and finishing. Recognising Milan as a strong opponent, we need to navigate many uncertain situations carefully," Inzaghi said.



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