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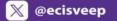


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Nothing Phone Announces 50% Discounts During Flipkart Big Billion Days Sale



ondon-based consumer tech brand, Nothing, the fastest-growing smartphone brand in the country with 567% growth in H1 2024, announced incredible discounts on the latest and most sought-after Nothing and CMF products, for upcoming Flipkart Big Billion Days.

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The Phone (2a) Plus, powered by the MediaTek Dimensity 7350 Pro 5G processor, triple 50 MP camera system, a first for Nothing smartphones. The front camera will now capture 4K video at 30 FPS, an upgrade from the previous model. All three sensors support direct 50 MP photo output, HDR photo capture, and 4K video recording. Phone (2a) Plus features 6.7" FHD+ AMO-LED display with 1300 nits peak brightness and a 120 Hz refresh rate. It has a 5,000 mAh battery with 50W Fast Charging for up to two days of use. Running on Android 14, and four years of security updates. Available in two metallic colorways, the Phone (2a) Plus will be sold at Rs23,999 (including a bank discount of Rs2.000) during Big Billion Days. Additionally, customers can get the Power 65W for just Rs1999 with the Phone (2a) Plus, available at Flipkart or select retail stores.

'Blood Test Could Identify Children At Risk Of Obesity-Related Conditions'

Press Trust Of India

A blood test could help identify children at risk of conditions such as diabetes and heart disease because of being obese, by looking beyond cholesterol and assessing a "broader range of lipid molecules," according to a new study. Lipids have been traditionally thought to be fatty acids in the body -- either 'good' or 'bad' cholesterol, or triglycerides, which circulate in the bloodstream and are the most common type of fats in the body.

However, the researchers, including those from the King's College London, UK, have found that the picture is more complex.

They analysed blood samples of over 1,300 obese, overweight and normalweight children and identified new lipid molecules which contribute to health risks like blood pressure, but are not only related with a child's weight.

The findings, published in the journal Nature Medicine, contest the common idea that cholesterol is a leading cause of obesity-related complications in children, including fatty liver, the team said.

They suggested that the blood test could help doctors detect early signs of the disease in children and direct them towards the right treatment.

"For decades, scientists have relied on a classification system for lipids that have split them into good and bad cholesterol, but now with a simple blood test we can assess a much broader range of lipid molecules that could serve as vital early warning signs for illness," lead author Cristina Legido-Quigley, a group leader in Systems Medicine at the King's College,



London, said.

"(The blood test) has the potential to be an entirely new way to evaluate someone's personal risk of disease and by studying how to change lipid molecules in the body, we could even prevent metabolic diseases like diabetes altogether," Legido-Quigley added.

For their analysis, the researchers used a technique called mass spectrometry, recent advancements in which have enabled the mapping of a single molecule and its internal structures.

The team also looked at another 186 children receiving obesity management and analysed changes in their lipid molecules over a year-long period.

"Using mass spectrometry-based lipidomics, we report an increase in ceramides, alongside a decrease in lysophospholipids and omega-3 fatty acids with obesity metabolism," the

authors wrote.

Ceramides and phospholipids were linked with insulin resistance and cardiometabolic risk.

Among the 186 children, the authors found reduced levels of ceramides, phospholipids and triglycerides, indicating that addressing obesity could partially restore a healthy lipid profile in children and adolescents.

They added that understanding which lipids need to be targeted for obesity treatment in children was key to prevent the condition from advancing to severe complications.

According to the World Health Organisation, more than 390 million children and adolescents aged 5-19 years were overweight in 2022. This was found to have risen dramatically from just eight per cent in 1990 to 20 per cent in 2022, affecting both girls and boys almost equally.

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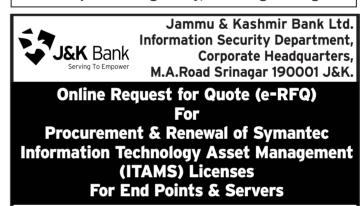
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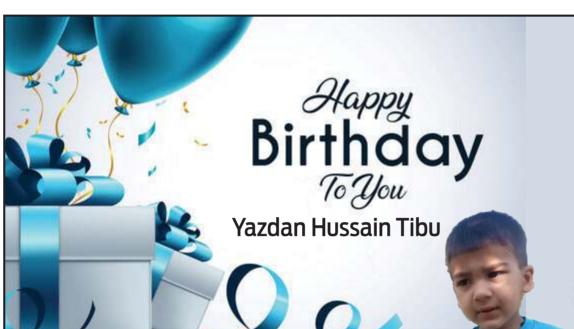
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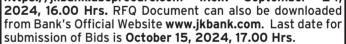
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Phase II: J&K Goes To Polls Today

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Heat Wave In Autumn, Srinagar **Hits 33.6°C Observer News Service**

Srinagar: The heat wave continued to persist across the Kashmir region on Tuesday with Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir recording the max-imum temperature of 33.6 degree Celsius.

The maximum temperature settled 6.6 degrees above normal today while Qazigund, a gateway of Kashmir witnessed a slight decline in the mercury today as against yesterday's 33.2 degree Celsius, the station recorded 32.8 degree Celsius today.

In Qazigund, the mercury settled 7.2 degrees above nor-mal temperature today, the data reveals, adding that Kokernag recorded a maximum temperature of 31.2 degree Celsius, which was 6.6 degrees above normal.

Kupwara in north Kashmir, Pahalgam a famous tourist destination and Gulmarg a ski-resort recorded maximum temperatures of 33.7 degree Celsius, 29.5 degree Celsius and 23.6 degree Celsius respectively. Director Meteorological de-

partment (MeT), Dr Mukhtar Ahmad said that the weather would remain generally dry tomorrow with possibility of light rain and thunder | More on P6

Observer News Service Srinagar: Stage is set for the second phase of Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir in which 26 Assembly constituencies will be going for polls on September 25, sealing the fate of several high profile leaders including former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and J&K BJP chief Ravinder Rana besides others. These constituencies have a

total of 25.78 lakh electorates which include 13.13 lakh male, 12.65 lakh female and 53 third gender electorates.

As per the chief electoral officer (CEO) Jammu and Kashmir around 1.21 lakh voters are between the age group of 18 to 19 whereas over 19,000 electorates are with Persons with Disability (PwD)

Kashmir Division Jammu Division

• Gulabgarh (ST)

Reasi

• Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Kalakote-Sunderbani

Nowshera Rajouri (ST)

Budhal (ST)

Thannamandi (ST)

Central Shalteng Surankote (ST) Poonch Haveli

• Mendhar (ST)

and 20880 voters are above the age group of 85. The Election Commission

of India (ECI) has established 3502 polling stations across 26 Assembly constituencies which include 2446 rural, 1056 urban, 26 green, 26 all

Kangan (ST)

Ganderbal

Hazratbal

Habbakadal

Channapora

Lal Chowk

Khanyar

Zadibal

Eidgah

Budgam

women managed, 26 all PwD managed and 26 with youth managed polling stations. There are 239 candidates in the fray which include 233

male and only six female candidates. During this second phase, eight | More on P6

ore than 13,000 polling staff on Tuesday took positions at 3,500 Jammu and Kashmir, where voting will be held Wednesday in the polling stations set up across 26 assembly constituencies of second phase polls in the union territory. The security forces personnel comprising police, armed police and central armed paramilitary forces left for the polling stations early morning, the officials said. They said a multi-tier security blanket has been thrown | More on P6

13,000 **Polling Staff** Deployed **For Duty**

Know The Richest Contenders In J&K's Assembly Elections

Srinagar: Ahead of the Jammu & Kashmir 2024 Assembly Elections, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari of the Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party has emerged as the richest candidate in the race, declaring total



Altaf Bukhari Tariq Hameed Karra (Apni Party) (Congress) Rs 165 crore Rs 148 crore

spectrum, BJP's local unit pres-There has also been a sigident Ravinder Raina, contestnificant rise in the nun

Bigwigs Among 239 Candidates In Fray



several highprofile candidates in the fray, the second phase of the Jammu and Kashmir assembly election is expected to be crucial for the Union territory major political parties. Among the 239 candi-

Rajouri district which he won dates contesting across in the 2014 assembly polls. 26 constituencies are for-The second phase will be mer chief minister Omar watched keenly as jailed Abdullah, JKPCC president cleric Sarjan | More on P6

JKPC Flays Malicious Report By Delhi Website

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir Press Čorps (JKPC), has condemned 'prejudicial and misleading' video report about Kashmir media by Delhi-based Newslaundry website on its YouTube channel.

JKPC in a meeting chaired by group president Ayaz Hafiz on Tuesday condemned the Newslaundry's video report "Inside Kashmir's Media Crisis: The Real Story no one is telling this election," as malicious, asserting that its ultimate objective appears to disrupt the peaceful atmosphere in J&K and malign the media fraternity.

Meeting by JKPC, a registered body of leading newspapers here was attended by representa-tives of Rising Kashmir, Kashmir Kashmir Monitor, Images, Kashmir Observer, Daily Aftab, Morning Kashmir, Daily Uqab, Daily Gadiyal, Good Morning Kashmir, Kashmir scan, Era of Kashmir Srinagar Jung, Kashmir Rays, Kashmir convener, KNS, State Times besides others, a statement by the JKPC said. The JKPC termed the report

presented by Manisha Pande on the More on P6

Rahul To Address Rally In Sopore On Sept 25

Observer News Service

Tariq Hamid Karra and BJP

from the Ganderbal and

Budgam seats, while Karra

is contesting from Central

Shalteng. Raina will be trying

to retain his Nowshera seat in

Abdullah is contesting

J&K chief Ravinder Raina.

Jammu: After addressing a couple of rallies in Surankote area of Poonch district and in Srinagar on September 23, Leader of Opposition (LOP) in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi will be visiting Jammu and Sopore on Wednesday to campaign for party candidates.

Gandhi will be reaching Jammu first to address a professional meet at hotel Radisson before addressing a public meeting at JK Resorts.

"After addressing the public meeting in Jammu, Rahul Gandhi will be flying to Srinagar and then to Sopore to address a rally in Dagerpora area. He will be flying back to New Delhi in the evening," a Congress party spokesman said. Gandhi has so far addressed five public rallies during the course of Assembly elections in different areas of Jammu and Kashmir and yesterday he addressed a massive rally in Surankote Assembly



constituency of Poonch district in support of party's candidate Shahnawaz Choudhary. After that he flew to Srinagar and addressed a rally in support of Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) president Tarig Hameed Karra in the Central Shalteng Assembly constituency. Congress party is contesting the Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir in a prepoll alliance with National Conference (NC) and Rahul Gandhi has been actively involved in the decision making and garnering public support for party candidates. (KNO)

Pulwama Terror Attack Accused Dies Of Heart Attack

assets worth Rs 165 crore. Data reveals that Bukhari,

lineup of candidates, followed

Observer News Service

contesting from Channapora in Srinagar, leads a wealthy closely by Congress leader Tariq Hameed Karra, who is contesting from Srinagar's Central Shalteng constituency with assets worth Rs 148 crore.

Almost half of the candidates in the Iammu & K ashmii elections are crorepatis, with the average wealth per candidate standing at Rs 3.65 crore. Only three candidates, however, have declared assets exceeding Rs 100 crore. BIP's Devender Singh Rana, brother of Union minister Jitendra Singh, is the third wealthiest contender. Rana, who is contesting from Nagrota in Jammu, declared assets worth Rs 126 crore – the highest in the Jammu region. On the other end of the

Beerwah Khansahib Chrar-i-Sharief Chadoora

26 Constituencies, 25.78 Lakh Voters

Pulwama district five years ago has died of a heart attack in the Government Medical College Hospital here, officials said.

Jammu: A 32-year-old man

chargesheeted in the deadly

terror attack on a CRPF con-

voy in Jammu and Kashmir's

Press Trust Of India

Bilal Ahmad Kuchey of Kakapora's Hajibal village was among 19 people formally charged in the case.

Forty CRPF personnel were killed and eight more injured when a terrorist of the Pakistanlaish-e-Mohammad based rammed his explosive-laden car into a convoy in Pulwama's Lethpora on February 14, 2019. According to officials, Kuchey

PDP Accuses

NC Of 'Illegal

Money Distribution'

Srinagar: A day ahead of the voting for the second phase of J&K Assembly Elections, PDP

contesting candidate Aga Syed

Muntazir Mehdi on Tuesday

ing the Model Code of Conduct

(MCC) by "illegal distribution of money" and "intimidation"

of voters in Budgam assembly

Muntazir, in a letter ad-

dressed to the Chief Election

Commission of India, said, "I am

writing to bring to your urgent

notice that JKNC is involved in

manipulating the election pro-

cess and violating the moral

code of conduct set by the

Election Commission of India.

While, it is pertinent to men-

tion that JKNC is seen using the

power of its elected members to

intimidate the voters. Rampant

and illegal distribution of mon-

ey is taking place and people

associated with my party and

my supporters are threatened

of the consequences on the day

These measures | More on P6

of polling and later."

accused the JKNC of violat-

Agencies

constituency.

by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on August 25, 2020. He was among the seven accused arrested in the case.

in the case were chargesheeted

was hospitalised on September

17 after he fell sick at the

Kishtwar district jail. He died of

a heart attack on Monday night,

Kuchey and 18 other accused

they added.

He and the other accused Shakir Bashir, Insha Jan and Peer Tariq Ahmad Shah had provided logistics and harboured the JeM terrorists in their homes.

The charge sheet was filed under various sections of the Ranbir Penal Code, Arms Unlawful Act, Activities (Prevention) Act, | More on P6

ing from Rajouri's Nowshera, is among the poorest candidates, with a meager Rs 1,000 in assets. Among non-zero declarations, Raina is the second-poorest candidate after Mohd Akram from Poonch's Surankote.

There are in total 873 candidates, 137 are from national parties, 205 from state parties, and 185 from registered unrecognised parties. A total of 346 candidates are contesting independently.

of candidates with criminal backgrounds. At least 152 candidates (17%) have declared criminal cases against themselves, a sharp increase from the 49 candidates (6%) in the 2014 elections. Out of these, 114 (13%) candidates face serious criminal charges, including 12 who are facing charges related to attempted murder (IPC Section 307) and 15 with cases involving crimes against women, including three facing rape charges | More on P6

Devender Singh

Rana (BJP)

Rs 126 crore

Drug & Cosmetic Act **Ensure Complaints** Are Not Quashed On 'Technical Defects': HC



M Ahmad

Srinagar: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh has asked authorities to ensure complaints under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, are not quashed at the initial stage only on account of technical defects.

"....this Court would like to note that majority of the prosecutions initiated under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 fail at the threshold only, in both the Union Territories of J&K and Ladakh, just because of non-compliance of the procedure envisaged under the Act," a bench of Justice Rajnesh Oswal said.

"This court has come across, number of complaints wherein either the Company

is not arrayed as an accused, as in the present case, or the Director(s) is/are arrayed as accused without making any averment in the complaint in respect of his/their role in the

commission of offences," the court said, adding, "The defects pointed out by this court can be taken care of by providing the proper training to the officers concerned in respect of the technical requirements of law.

The court expressed hope that concerned authorities shall examine and look into the concerns shown by it and take corrective measures so as to ensure that the complaints under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, are not quashed at the initial stage only on account of technical defects.

50 Children Among 558 Killed In Israeli Raids On Lebanon

Agencies

The Israeli Air Force carried out more strikes on Tuesday against Hezbollah targets in Lebanon, including in the densely populated neighborhoods south of Beirut, after hundreds of people were killed the previous day in the deadliest barrage of Israeli attacks there in decades.

Two days of relentless air raids by Israeli fighter jets on Lebanon have killed 558 people, including 50 children and 94 women, according to the Lebanese health ministry. Thousands more have been injured. Hezbollah has responded by firing nearly 200 rockets deep inside Israel.

One strike Tuesday near Beirut, in the densely populated Dahiya neighbourhood, hit a six-story building and sent a plume of smoke above the Lebanese capital. Lebanon's health ministry said that six people were killed and 15



others injured.

The Israeli military claimed the strike had killed Ibrahim Mohammad Qobeisi, identified as a senior Hezbollah commander who oversaw Hezbollah's missile apparatus. It wasn't clear how Israel had confirmed his death, and Hezbollah did not immediately comment on the claim. The strikes have unnerved the Middle East, sparking fears

of an all-out war between Israel and Hezbollah as the

he UN chief has warned world leaders that

Lebanon is on the brink as violence rages with

Israel's airstrikes having forced tens of thou-

fighting in Gaza continues with no clear prospect of a truce. Minister Benjamin Prime Netanyahu told Israelis that they were headed into "com-

Haifa, Afula, Nazareth and other cities in Israel as Hezbollah launched a barrage of rockets overnight, with the Iranbacked group saying the attacks targeted several Israeli military bases and airfields in retaliation for the strikes on

plicated days." Rocket sirens went off in

ing the 2006 war between Israel and Hezbollah, | More on P6

UN General Assembly in New York on Tuesday. He said the world leaders "should all be alarmed by the escalation. Lebanon is at the brink." Guterres warned against "the possibility of transforming Lebanon (into) another Gaza." | More on P6

The Israeli military said it had struck 1,600 targets in Lebanon. Panicked by the scope and intensity of the attacks, civilians fled southern Lebanon and sought the relative safety of Beirut, clogging the main roads leading into the capital.

Lebanese civilian population.

Lebanon's health minister raised the death toll from the strikes to 558 people, with another 1,800 injured, making Monday the country's deadliest day since a civil war that ended in 1990. The health minister, Firass Abiad, told a news conference on Tuesday that scores of women and children were among those killed. "The overwhelming majority of those who fell during the attacks that happened yesterday, were safe and unarmed people in their homes," Dr. Abiad said. The pace of Israeli strikes appeared to surpass that seen dur-

sands from their homes since Monday. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres was addressing the 79th

UN Chief Warns Of 'Next Gaza'

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Rahul's Entry

ongress leader Rahul Gandhi has chosen to tap into the anti-BJP sentiment in Jammu and Kashmir by promising to restore statehood to Jammu and Kashmir if elected to power. He has also promised one-lakh jobs to the youth, something that is likely to resonate in a region with an unemployment higher than the average rate in the country. Would the Congress be able to make any inroads in the union territory, especially in Jammu division, its core constituency in the past? It is still difficult to tell. Truth is while Congress may have made some inroads, it has yet to draw any visible public support. In this, however, Congress is not alone. There is no discernible wave even in BJP's favour. The electoral scene for the party is not as conducive as it was in 2014 when the Modi wave was at its peak. The ground looks a bit shaky now. Unlike 2014 when the BJP's poll-plank was '44-plus' seats to form the government in the then 83 Assembly house, the BJP has made no such pitch this time.

However, the saffron party hopes to better its tally than the 25 seats it garnered in 2014, enabling it to form a coalition government with the PDP in Kashmir. The party could very well do better this time in the now 90 seat Assembly, more so after the delimitation of the last year which is believed to have increased the Hindu majority areas of the Jammu division. If the BJP gets 30 seats or thereabouts, it could be in a position to not just form a government in coalition with a Kashmir party or a group of independent but could very well have a chief minister of its own.

But there is also a distinct possibility that the Congress could throw up a surprise in Jammu, and reclaim Jammu from the BJP, or at least win a reasonable number of seats. It could very well exploit the deep disaffection against the BJP across Jammu. Or the BJP may still carry the day riding on the goodwill it may have generated among large sections of people benefitting from the newly granted reservations in jobs.

Gandhi, on the other hand, can be expected to galvanize some support for the Congress. His thrust on the restoration of statehood and offer of one lakh jobs holds a powerful appeal for people not just in Kashmir Valley but in Jammu too. Should this happen, this can pave the way for a Congress-NC government which other parties and independents from the Valley might also join. But for now we can only keep our fingers crossed.



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Assembly Elections 2024

Bankho Wazeer-i-A'ala! Kashmiri society and changing polity

Dr. Muhammad Sameer Shafi Siddiqui

he electioneering process for 2024 assembly polls has by now been able to create a distinct niche for itself in the collective consciousness of Kashmiri society.

Cutting across the political divide, the candidates have been busy employing all the traditional as well as novel means to woo the voters with most of the lanes and by-lanes of every poll bound mohalla, village, town and city reverberating with the electioneering slogans and folk songs, with one rap song "Bankho Wazeer-i-A'ala" (May you become the Chief Minister!) catching the popular imagination everywhere.

Being a humble student of social sciences, the current electoral process has given me an ample chance to learn for myself on ground about the influences of various social factors prevalent in the Kashmiri society upon the evolution of an emergent political scenario, with many of my acquaintances including some known political faces, some old family friends, some relatives as well as few of my childhood friends jumping into the fray.

One of the prime factors which has always held and still holds true in the political scenario of Kashmir, vis a vis the political parties deciding the candidature of the aspirants pertains to the dynastic legacy of many of these candidates. The preference is often given to the kith and kin of those political leaders who, whether dead or alive, have in one way or other created a ripple or two in the murky waters of Kashmiri politics. These political progenies have an edge upon others in gaining the party mandates because of their potential appeal to invoke the sensibilities of their loyalists in their strong family bastions. Their bargaining power with the political parties, vis a vis their traditional support bases, at times makes some of these political progenies bold enough to change their parental organisations so as to get through the elections, without caring much about the ideological commitments held dear by their family patriarchs. This trend, throughout the subcontinent and equally so in Kashmir, is a stark reminder of the fact that most of the political parties, while deciding the allocation of mandates, give preference to the hereditary political legacy and see win-ability of the candidates rather than to their ideological commitments and sincerity towards these parties. Another aspect of dynastic influence upon the party politics and upon our electoral system as such pertains to the preferential status given by the political outfits to the candidates bearing a strong socio-economic or religious legacy. Many of the candidates in Kashmir have hitherto been successful in gaining a political face over times because of their belonging to the erstwhile Zaildar (Landlord) families, which have remained prominent enough in their respective vicinities during the heydays days of Dogra Raj and whose prominent scions have time and again tried to maintain their socio-political standing by jumping into the electoral bandwagon. Although wide scale urbanisation has made these families move towards the city, yet the politically motivated members of these erstwhile 'high society' families oc-



casionally come to reside, mostly during the election seasons in their ancestral villages so as to keep their hold and connection with the electorate alive. They are still able to connect with the people of their vicinities by invoking some typical anecdotes of their family patriarchs and most of the naive ones living adjacent to their respective backyards still consider it a luxury to sip kong (saffron) Kehwa in the Dewankhanas (drawing rooms) of these erstwhile Zaildar villas so as to boost their own social status and to remain in the good books of these social elites in case of their eventual victory. Although these candidates as a general trend try to evolve a development oriented narrative in their locales, yet their elitist aura often overrides the egalitarian values and practical benefits of democracy at the grass root levels. Significant religious and spiritual legacy of a candidate and his potential influence to address the sacred or religious sentiments of the electorate more than often becomes a deciding factor for a candidate in his gaining a ticket from one of the significant political parties. During the recently concluded parliamentary elections in Jammu and Kashmir, the fate of the two important winning candidates was, notwithstanding many other political reasons, largely determined on the basis of their respective religio-spiritual identities. Even in the ongoing assembly elections, some of the prominent faces including some newly introduced ones from prominent clerical families have been given a chance by the political parties to jump into the political arena. Including all other relevant means, these candidates ontologically connect with the larger audiences, to use Rudolf Otto's words, on the basis of the "Idea of The Holy". Still here a sort of intangible and ideational religious phantasmagoria at times overshadows a tangible and a pragmatic narrative fruitful for the sustenance of a vibrant democratic culture. This is not to say that people with some sort of political or socio-religious legacy should not join politics. The intended meaning of the entire foregoing is that the contesting candidates must come to the fore with their own ideas, sense of achievements and utilitarian aspirations rather than clinging to their larger than life images duly enhanced rather manipulated by their dynastic affiliations. Another noteworthy feature of the ongoing assembly elec-

rent elections. Their hitherto insignificant political backgrounds couldn't earn them a mandate from any of the political parties, yet in order gain a currency for their narrative of demanding a dignified livelihood for the highly qualified youth in the society, they have decided to fight it as independents with some of them even gaining a tacit endorsement from Jama'at-e-Islami, a banned socio- religious and political organisation often accused of holding radical views about society and polity in general. The 'angry young men' type image of these youthful contenders to change the society for good has in some isolated pockets enabled them to connect with the youth at a much higher wavelength than the traditional netas. Similarly, seeing

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the Stock Market for Fresh Investors

Irshad Mushtaq

or new investors, the stock market can seem daunting. The easiest and most effective way to earn money over the long term is through mutual funds, specifically by increasing your investment through Systematic Investment Plans (SIPs). Here's a simple guide:

Invest in Mutual Funds

Mutual funds are a collective investment that pools money from multiple investors to purchase a diversified portfolio of stocks, bonds, or other securities. This method provides professional management and instant diversification, reducing risk.

Benefits of SIP

Systematic Investment Plans (SIPs) allow you to invest a fixed amount regularly in mutual funds. This method:

Encourages Discipline: Regular investments help inculcate the habit of saving and investing.

Averages Out Costs: By investing consistently, you buy more units when prices are low and fewer when they are high, which averages out the cost.

Compounding Returns: Over time, the returns on your investments generate returns themselves, leading to the power of compounding.

Avoid Intraday Trades and Futures & Options

Intraday trading and dealing in futures and options require in-depth market knowledge, experience, and advanced money management strategies. For fresh investors, these can be highly risky and are not advisable. Think Long-Term

Investments should ideally be long-term. The longer you stay invested, the more you benefit from compound interest. Investment is about letting your money work for you over time.

Importance of Proper Asset Allocation

Diversifying your investments across various asset classes reduces risk. Seek advice from financial advisors who can guide you in choosing the right mix of assets.

Understanding Real Estate vs. Mutual Funds

Historically, people have invested in real estate for high returns. However, real estate has issues such as:

Liquidity Problems: Selling real estate can be time-consuming, unlike mutual funds which can be partially sold like slices of a pizza when money is needed.

Regulatory Issues: Property transactions can be complex. **Non-Exponential Growth**: Real estate doesn't necessarily multiply at the same

rapid rates compared to carefully managed stock market investments.

Conclusion

To capitalize on the stock market, fresh investors should:

Start with Mutual Funds via SIP: It's simpler, safer, and effective over the long term.

Avoid Complex Trading Methods: Leave intraday trades, futures, and options for experienced traders.

Think Long-Term: Embrace the power of compounding. Proper Diversification: Use expert advice to allocate assets effectively. Remember, the key is to let your money work for you and harness the benefits of disciplined, long-term investing.

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a fruitful response vis a vis the sympathy wave generated for a political prisoner in the recently conducted parliamentary elections, another similar kind of experiment is being repeated in these assembly elections by the followers of another political candidate. By far these 'prisoners of conscience' types and these 'angry young men' types are adding a new dimension to the political scenario, particularly of the Kashmir Valley.

Although most of the regional parties including the independent political candidates backed by Jamat are playing on the narrative of safeguarding and keeping the regional aspirations of the Kashmiri people abreast, with all of them including some nationalist parties warning people to keep the divisive rightwing communal politics at bay, yet due to the lack of a unified stand and a practical roadmap, it appears that the fear psychosis of the rightwing communal politics is just employed by the regional and some national stakeholders to be relevant in the political scenario of Kashmir in the post article 370 era.

No doubt confusion and uncertainty is there in the air, but whatever will evolve out of this contemporary political process will definitely have a decisive and lasting effect upon the future of an intertwined Kashmiri society and polity.

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Ozone Therapy Revitalizing Health with Ancient Wisdom and Modern Science

Dipak Kurmi



n the quest for optimal health and wellness, balancing life's demands with healing opportunities is crucial. Ozone therapy, a treatment developed over a century ago in Germany, is emerging as a transformative addition to conventional medical practices, offering a range of health benefits that align with this balance. This complementary medical treatment combines ancient wisdom with modern science to address lifestyle diseases and improve overall well-being.

The Fundamentals of Ozone Therapy: Ozone therapy involves the administration of ozone gas (O)—a reactive form of oxygen—into the body to stimulate healing and enhance health. This approach has gained attention for its potential to complement and enhance traditional medical treatments. The therapy's primary mechanism involves delivering judicious doses of ozone to

harness its powerful antioxidant capabilities, promoting tissue repair and rejuvenation.

Historical Context and Development: Developed in Germany over a century ago, ozone therapy has evolved into a highly effective and integrative treatment. Its long history reflects its proven efficacy and safety in treating various clinical conditions. Ozone therapy's rise in popularity is attributed to its affordability and its ability to be a less invasive alternative to conventional treatments

Therapeutic Applications and Benefits-Enhancing Traditional Treatments: Ozone therapy offers a synergistic approach to health and wellness by complementing traditional medical treatments. It has shown promise in managing chronic diseases such as diabetes, cardiovascular disorders, and autoimmune conditions. For

instance, in diabetes management, ozone therapy can improve oxygen utilization and glucose metabolism, helping stabilize blood sugar levels. In cardiovascular ailments, it enhances blood circulation and reduces oxidative stress, thus supporting heart health.

Pain Alleviation: One of ozone therapy's notable benefits is its effectiveness in pain management. Conditions such as arthritis, fibromyalgia, and musculoskeletal injuries often result in chronic pain that can be challenging to manage with traditional methods. Ozone therapy's analgesic and anti-inflammatory properties provide a less invasive option with fewer side effects compared to conventional pain management techniques. It helps reduce joint inflammation, improve mobility, and alleviate pain, making it a valuable tool for patients seeking relief from

chronic pain.

Detoxification and Stress Reduction: Ozone therapy enhances cellular oxygenation, which boosts the body's ability to detoxify by eliminating harmful toxins, free radicals, and waste products. This detoxification process rejuvenates the body, leading to improved energy levels and overall health. Additionally, ozone therapy can aid in stress reduction by increasing oxygen delivery to tissues, promoting relaxation, and creating a sense of calm in our fast-paced world.

Athletic Performance and Skin Rejuvenation: Athletes benefit significantly from ozone therapy's restorative abilities. The increased oxygenation improves endurance, enhances recovery, and boosts overall performance. For skin health, ozone therapy offers several advantages. It is effective in treating conditions such as acne, eczema, and fungal infections due to its antimicrobial and anti-inflammatory properties. Furthermore, it promotes skin healing by increasing oxygen supply, improving blood flow, and stimulating collagen production, which enhances skin elasticity and reduces wrinkles, leading to a youthful appearance.

Diverse Applications and Scientific Basis: Ozone therapy can be administered in various ways, including rectal insufflation, intravenous ozone mixed with saline, and major autohemotherapy. These methods activate cellular circulation and enhance overall health through improved oxygen utilization and cellular function. With over 20 different applications, ozone therapy provides versatile treatment options for a wide range of disorders.

The scientific rationale behind ozone therapy lies in its ability to stimulate mitochondria—the energy powerhouses of our cells. By providing a fresh supply of oxygen, ozone therapy boosts cellular health, energy production, and bodily functions. It also helps neutralize free radicals, reducing oxidative stress and preventing cellular damage. Numerous studies support the safety and efficacy of ozone therapy when administered correctly, reinforcing its role as a valuable tool in modern holistic health practices.

Ozone therapy, with its rich history and modern applications, stands out as a promising adjunct to conventional medical treatments. Its ability to address chronic diseases, alleviate pain, detoxify the body, enhance athletic performance, and rejuvenate the skin underscores its versatility and efficacy. As a centuries-old treatment gaining renewed recognition, ozone therapy embodies the integration of traditional wisdom with contemporary scientific advancements, offering a comprehensive approach to achieving and maintaining holistic health and wellness.

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How Western Practices Fuel Climate Injustice in the Global South

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cant worsening of drought, floods, extreme heat and poverty for hundreds of millions of people. However, not everyone around the world will experience climate change in a similar manner. Rather, some parts of the world will get much hotter, predominantly the Global South, as 78 lowincome countries are facing the worst impacts. The irony is that they are the least responsible for climate-warming emissions The carbon footprint of an individual in the United Kingdom in 2022 was five times more than that of an individual in Pakistan. The average Kenvan has a footprint of just 0.5 tonnes vs 14.9 tonnes of an average American. This stark reality underscores a profound climate injustice: the countries contributing the least to global warming are suffering its most devastating impacts.

the historical role Britain and other European peratures will rise to 2.7°C. There will be a signifi- the Global South are experiencing its devastating consequences in real time right now. To address climate change effectively, it is essential to acknowledge and rectify these colonial legacies and hold the countries responsible for it accountable through reparations, debt cancellation, and a just transition from fossil fuels.

s the UK experienced its first heat wave of the year 2024, temperatures soared as high as 30.3C with the UK Health Security Agency and Met Office issuing weather health alerts for most of the country in light of the high temperatures. The alerts warned of the threat of increased deaths among older and vulnerable people.

But if you think 30C is high, think again. Temperatures in the Global South have been rising steadily every year reaching record highs of 50C consistently. As the temperatures rise, so does the death toll. This year's high temperatures described as a "partial heatwave" by one meteorologist - began three weeks ago. In one week, 568 people died due to heatstroke in Karachi, Pakistan. Last month, the province of Sindh - of which Karachi is the capital – recorded an almost record-breaking temperature of 52.2C. Pakistan's neighbours have been suffering from deadly temperatures in recent weeks as well.

In India, at least 40,000 cases of heat stroke have been reported since March, and at least 110 people have died across the country due to suspected heat stroke. It was particularly worse this year as the temperatures didn't drop down during night time either, making rest and recuperation difficult for people standing in the terrible heat for hours during the day. Doctors in India say they've never seen anything like it before.

Additionally, the unprecedented heat wave during Hajj 2024 claimed the lives of over 1,000 pilgrims, serving a stark reminder of how climate change is affecting people globally, regardless of their location.

However, if you ask the average UK citizen what they know about climate change or what they have to do with it, chances are they will be disgruntled over the actions of Just Stop Oil, a climate activist group which spray painted Stonehenge with orange powder paint on Summer Solstice this year. Their demand: that the UK government does not issue any new gas or oil licences.

When the actions of Just Stop Oil made headlines, people deemed them extreme and unhinged. Their main argument rests on the logic that it threatens the preservation of our national history and landscape.

Perhaps then it feels a little confusing that such arguments do not extend to taking climate change seriously, in order to preserve natural landscapes or even life in the Global South, which is in danger because of the direct actions of the Global North.

It is crucial to understand and acknowledge

countries have played in causing harm to communities worldwide through their colonial legacy.

Colonialism's impact on climate extends beyond historical injustices; it altered ecosystems and disrupted sustainable practices of indigenous communities, the effects of which are reverberating throughout the world and felt by these communities even today. British colonists restructured India's agricultural system, prioritising cash crops like cotton and tea over subsistence farming, leading to widespread environmental degradation. Similarly, French colonisers in North and West Africa banned traditional farming methods, replacing forests with cash crops, causing extensive deforestation and desertification. Today's transnational corporations continue to perpetuate these practices, dispossessing

The West's inaction and indifference today is actively threatening not only Global South's present but also their own future

indigenous populations and exploiting natural resources.

The Global North's Carbon Footprint

The industrialization and development of Western countries have historically been powered by fossil fuels, leading to significant greenhouse gas emissions. Despite global efforts to curb emissions, the legacy of industrial activities in the Global North continues to contribute to global warming.

High-income countries make up only about 16% of the global population and yet, are responsible for approximately 75% of global cumulative carbon emissions, making them the largest emitters of Carbon dioxide since the Industrial Revolution. Despite advancements in renewable energy, many Western nations still rely heavily on fossil fuels, further exacerbating global warming.

Climate Injustice in the South and the Legacy of Colonialism

When July 2023 was recorded as the world's hottest month, UN secretary general, António Guterres said that the era of global warming has ended and "the era of global boiling has arrived." Climate Action Tracker predicts that global tem-

The problem is that many assume the climate crisis is caused by universal human nature, rather than the actions of a minority of colonialists and capitalists who keep denying the reality of indigenous people who have been exploited by colonial systems for centuries. Formerly colonised nations suffer the most from climate destabilisation due to the historical emissions and wealth accumulation of the richer countries in the North. Hadeel Assali, a lecturer and postdoctoral scholar at the Center for Science and Society, aptly said,

"Instead of treating the Earth like a precious entity that gives us life, Western colonial legacies operate within a paradigm that assumes they can extract its natural resources as much as they want, and the Earth will regenerate itself."

Climate justice movements have long called for reparations, recognizing the "climate debt" owed by the wealthy nations to the poorer ones. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) finally acknowledged the link between colonialism and climate change in its 6th report, published in 2022.

Perhaps it is important to remember that climate change is not a far-distant concept. People in

No Climate Justice without Peace

Unnecessary wars and conflicts initiated by imperial countries have significantly contributed to climate change. Research revealed that the planet-warming emissions generated during the first two months of Israel's assault in Gaza were greater than the annual carbon footprint of more than 20 of the world's most climate-vulnerable nations.

According to an analysis by researchers in the UK and US, the vast majority (over 99%) of the 281,000 metric tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO2 equivalent) estimated to have been generated in the first 60 days following 7th October 2023, can be attributed to Israel's aerial bombardment and ground invasion of Gaza. The study claims that the climate cost of the first 60 days of Israel's military attack was equivalent to burning at least 150.000 tonnes of coal.

Warfare results in widespread destruction of infrastructure and natural habitats, exacerbating environmental degradation and contributing to climate change. In addition to genocide, Israel is clearly also waging an ecocide which will have widespread consequences, the majority of which will be borne by the Global South.

The Billionaire Problem

According to Boeing's CEO, almost 80% of the world has never flown on an aeroplane. Compared to how North America saw 300,000 private flights in July 2021 alone, the link between carbon emissions and socio-economic background is almost harsh. Taylor Swift topped the list of celebrities with the greatest private jet CO2 emissions of 8,240 metric tonnes. Her shortest flight in 2022 was only 36 minutes. To put even more perspective to this, these are just the numbers regarding one celebrity. This does not include world leaders, royalties, moguls, etcetera. The idea of disregarding CO2 emissions for the sake of petty convenience also allows for more social class-based inequality.

Jeff Bezos' 11-minute space flight was responsible for more carbon emissions per passenger than any of the world's poorest billion people could emit in their entire lives.

The fact of the matter is, the rich pollute differently and much more.

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News

Pakistani HC Disposes Of Petition Regarding Imran Khan's Military Trial

Press Trust Of India

Islamabad: A Pakistani high court on Tuesday disposed of a petition regarding holding a military trial of former prime minister Imran Khan after it was informed that no decision had been taken by the federal government.

Khan's supporters allegedly attacked defence installations and vandalised state properties on May 9, 2023, to protest the arrest of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder in a case of alleged corruption.

More than 100 people among those arrested were handed over to the military authorities for their trial under the army regulations. Several government officials have indicated that Khan could also be tried by a military court.

The 71-year-old former cricketerturned-politician had petitioned the Islamabad High Court against his trial being handed over to the military authorities.

Justice Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb presided over the hearing while Additional Attorney General Munawar Duggal represented the



government in court, who during the proceedings explained that the federal government has not decided whether Khan will face a military trial.

He stated that if such a trial is pursued, it will be conducted in accordance with Rule 549, following the necessary legal procedure. He further informed the court that in the event of a military trial, the process would start with a request to a civil magistrate. government's Following the

response, the Islamabad High Court closed the petition regarding the PTI leader's military trial.

After the threat of a military trial by the government, Khan on Tuesday approached the Islamabad High Court to prevent his possible transfer to military.

Earlier, Khan had filed a petition on September 3 to ensure that he is kept under civilian jurisdiction.

He made Secretary of Law, Secretary of Interior, Inspector Generals of Islamabad and Punjab, the Director General of the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA), and the Inspector General of Prisons as respondents in the plea.

The former premier requested in the plea that the court issue an order to the authorities, restraining them from handing him over to military custody and to ensure his trial remains within the civilian judicial system.

The former premier faced at least a dozen of such cases and his plea came on the heels of a warning by Defence Minister Khawaja Asif on Sunday that a military trial of Khan was possible in cases linked to the May 9 violence. The civilian authorities already handed over 103 people to the military authorities who were arrested due to their alleged involvement in the riots that broke out in the country after Khan was arrested.

In October last year, the Supreme Court struck down Section 2 (1) (D) of the Army Act, which allowed for the trial of civilians, and ordered that all cases be tried before ordinary criminal courts.

In December, a six-judge bench of the Supreme Court suspended the order, but also said that the military courts do not hear any case until the petitions against the civilian cases are decided in the military courts.

So far 20 of 103 handed over the military had been released.

Khan feared a fate similar to those in army's custody and he had also filed a similar petition on July 25 in the Lahore High Court.

The aim of such petitions seems to be preemptive as he wants to influence any decision to transfer his custody to the military.

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Heat Wave In

at isolated places.

On September 26 & 27, the weather would remain generally cloudy with a spell of light rain and thunder expected at many places, he said, adding that from september 28 to 3, generally dry weather with a brief spell of rain and thunder is expected at isolated places on 28th and 29th

However, he said that generally dry weather is expected on October 01 to October 03.

Besides, the MeT has issued an advisory, stating that thunderstorms, lightning and Gusty winds are expected at isolated places with possibility of light snow over a few higher reaches during 26th Sept (Night).

Farmers are advised to safely store the harvested crops, it reads. (KNO)

Phase II: J&K

constituencies of Srinagar district including Hazratbal, Khanyar, Habbakadal, Lal Chowk, Chanapora, Zadibal, Eidgah and Central Shalteng, two constituencies of Ganderbal district including Ganderbal and Kangan, five constituencies of Budgam district includ-ing Budgam, Beerwah, Khansahib, Charar-i-Sharief and Chadoora, three constituencies of Reasi district including Gulabgarh, Reasi and Shri Mata Vaishno Devi, five constituencies of Rajouri district including Budhal, Rajouri, Thannamandi, Nowshera and Kalakote-Sunderbani and three constituencies of Poonch district including Surankote, Poonch-Haveli and Mendhar will be going for polls.

The campaigning for the second phase witnessed high profile events like Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressing a rally in Srinagar, Leader of Opposition (LOP) in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi addressing a couple of rallies, one in Surankote and another in Srinagar and union home minister Amit Shah and other top BJP star campaigners addressing rallies all across.

The counting of the votes for all the three

rural polling stations," an official spokesman said. He said all the polling stations will have a webcasting facility as part of Election Commission's efforts to ensure transparency

are 1,056 urban polling stations and 2,446

in the polls. Elections in Jammu and Kashmir are being held in three phases. Voting for 24 seats in the first phase was held on September 18 while 26 seats will go to polls Wednesday in the second phase. The voting for 40 seats in third phase will be held on October 1 while counting of votes will be held on October 8.

Bigwigs Among

Ahmad Wagay alias Barkati is hoping to repeat Engineer Rashid's Lok Sabha poll feat against the National Conference leader. Barkati is contesting from the Beerwah and

Ganderbal segments. Popularly known as Rashid Engineer, Sheikh Abdul Rashid contested the parliamentary polls held earlier this year from Tihar jail and still managed to defeat Abdullah by a margin of more than two lakh votes from the Baramulla

constituency. Other key candidates in this second phase of assembly polls are Apni Party president Altaf Bukhari (Channapora), former ministers Ali Mohammad Sagar (Khanyar), Abdul Rahim Rather (Chrar-i-Sharief), and Choudhary Zulfikar Ali (Budhal) and Syed Mushtaq Bukhari (Surankote).

Choudhary Zulfikar Ali and Syed Mushtaq Bukhari are contesting on BJP tickets this time.

An estimated 61.38 per cent of the electorate cast their ballots in the first phase of polling on September 18. The third phase will go to polls on October 1. The votes will be counted on October 8.

JKPC Flays

Newslaundry YouTube channel as "proparanda that seeks to subvert the narrative on Kashmir, falsely portraying the region as regressive and sans press freedom".

The JKPC said that Newslaundry has an issue with the transformation that is encouraging the people to uphold peace.

"She has problems with the mainstream news being published from the valley and bringing the emergence of peace in the public domain. This is not only malicious but suspicious," the meeting observed. "At whose behest is she interested to project Kashmir as the land of bloodshed and abnormality when during the Lok Sabha Elections people created new records in terms of voting percentage and sent their elected representatives to the Parliament?"

The Press Corps said that after the successful completion of the first phase of the Assembly Elections, people are enthusiastic about casting their vote in the second phase as well.

"She (Pande) has issues why the newspapers from Kashmir are publishing the mainstream news that projects Jammu and Kashmir as the nucleus of change and peace. She has issues with the standard and quality of journalism being maintained by Kashmir's newspapers amid competition and challenges," the JKPC said. "Instead of appreciating the professional journalism being upheld by the media in Kashmir she wants to draw the sadistic pleasure. She does not stop here; she offers consultancy, which no one has asked her, regarding the editorial policy."

"She claims in her video that she is highlighting the gagging of the press. But what will she say about her video in which she dictates the policy for the valley based newspapers? We are compelled to ask the Newslaundry as to its editorial policy?" the press release added.

The JKPC members opined that the video of the Newslaundry makes it amply clear that it wants to foment unrest and is acting at the behest of the elements that derive pleasure from the violence and subversion in Kashmir.

"It wants to project Kashmir as the land of violence. It does not want the development and peace to be restored." the IKPC said. "Moreover. the JKPC observed that News Laundry has the editorial policy of projecting Kashmir as a conflict zone when there has been an on ground change after the abrogation of the Article 370 and 35 A."

to drown Jammu and Kashmir again in the quagmire of ethno-religious conflict.

"For more than three decades newspapers in Kashmir have been working as the guardians of human rights and democracy with utmost sense of responsibility," the JKPC said.

Later, the media fraternity reaffirmed their resolve to uphold freedom of press and the national interest at all costs. It also warned the entire nation to be aware of those with vested interests and fissiparous tendencies masquerading as media but are actually acting as enemies of the professional press fraternity.

"We appeal to the entire media fraternity across the nation to condemn the report and stand in support of the progressive media in Kashmir that is working tirelessly to guard the national interests and the press freedom in Jammu and Kashmir", the statement added.

Pulwama Terror

Foreigners Act and the J&K Public Property (Prevention of Damages) Act.

While six terrorists, including three Pakistanis, involved in the terror attack were killed in separate encounters, six more, including JeM founder Masood Azhar are still at large. According to the NIA, the Pulwama attack

was the result of a well-planned criminal conspiracy hatched by the Pakistan-based leadership of the terrorist organisation.

JeM leaders have been sending their cadres to the camps of Al-Qaeda-Taliban-IeM and Haqqani-JeM in Afghanistan to be trained in explosives and other terror tactics, the NIA said.

Know The Richest

(IPC Section 376).

With 407 (47%) having education between the 5th and 12th standards, 436 (50%) hold qualifications of graduate level or above. Only 15 candidates are diploma holders, one candidate is just literate, and 13 have declared themselves as illiterate

50 Children Among

in which more than 1,000 Lebanese people were killed over a month.

Automated calls: People in Lebanon received text messages and automated calls warning them to move away from Hezbollah's bases. That drew criticism from rights groups, which argued that Lebanese civilians would have no means of knowing where military targets were located.

Lebanon's information minister accused Israel of "psychological warfare."

UNICEF warning:

UNICEF has warned that any further escalation would be "catastrophic" for Lebanon's children, particularly those displaced by Israel's relentless airstrikes on the Arab country.

"On Monday alone, at least 35 children were reportedly killed in Lebanon. This is more than the number of children killed in Lebanon in the past 11 months. Eleven months in one day. 35 children, in one day among 492 reportedly killed," UNICEF deputy representative to Lebanon Ettie Higgins told a UN press briefing in the Swiss city of Geneva on Tuesday.

Higgins said "countless more children are in danger as I speak, exposed to ongoing attacks, displaced from their homes and unable to rely on an overstretched and under-sourced health system.

U.N. meeting: France's foreign minister said his country was requesting an emergency Security Council meeting on the situation in Lebanon, as world leaders gathered for the United Nations General Assembly this week.

U.S. troops deploy: The Pentagon said it was sending additional U.S. troops to the Middle East. About 40.000 American service members are already stationed in the region to protect Israel from any retaliatory action by Iran and its allies.

UN Chief Warns

In Gaza, Israel has massacred over 41,460

phases of Assembly elections in J&K will be held on October 8 alongside Haryana.

13.000 Polling Staff

around each polling station to ensure the voting for the second phase is held in an atmosphere free of fear.

"As the second phase of voting will take place tomorrow (Wednesday), we have made elaborate security arrangements to ensure that the maximum number of people exercise their right to vote," a senior police official said.

The strong rooms – where the electronic voting machines will be kept after the close of polls Wednesday – have been secured and will be kept under round-the-clock digital surveillance.

"To facilitate the voters for smooth and hassle-free electoral participation, the Election Commission of India (ECI) has established 3,502 polling stations in these segments. There

"This is a deliberate attempt to falsify the ground reality and distort the true picture of press freedom in Jammu and Kashmir, particularly the Kashmir Valley," the meeting concluded, according to the statement.

The JKPC accused the Newslaundry of deliberately discrediting the mainstream media in Kashmir by labelling it as 'pamphlet' and ignoring hard work of reporters and professional journalistic ethics followed by the newspapers here. The members emphasized that the content undermines the integrity of the local press and casts unfounded aspersions on the editorial policies of Kashmir's daily newspapers.

"She expects that what the PM speaks about Kashmir and the Jammu and Kashmir policy must not occupy the front pages in Kashmir," the JKPC said. "This positioning is indeed suspicious and belittles the ethics of journalism.

The JKPC asked the judiciary to take cognizance of this type of subversive reporting that wants Jammu and Kashmir again on the brink of conflict and is posing a threat to the responsible media that projects the real picture of peaceful and progressive Kashmir.

"Newspapers published from Kashmir have every right to analyse and frame their editorials on the issues that concern public interest and territorial integrity of India. No one can gag the Kashmir based newspapers and dictate terms to them when it comes to the freedom of press," the press release said. "This kind of pressure tactics and misleading, malicious report by the Newslaundry is nothing but subversion to encourage the elements who want

In terms of age, the largest group of candidates (47%) is between 41 and 60 years old, followed by 33% of candidates aged 25 to 40. A significant portion (20%) is between 61 and 80 years old. (KNO)

PDP Accuses

during such a critical time raises serious questions regarding the impartiality of the District Administration and Police, especially CEO of Budgam and questions the conduct of free and fair election, PDP'S Muntazir added.

"I, therefore, urge you to take immediate action and deploy substantial election personnel that investigate and prevent such illegal use of constitutional position and measures to affect the peaceful conduct of the election process. I thank you for your time and attention. I look forward to your swift action in this matter," Mehdi wrote in the letter. (CNS)

Palestinians, displacing around 1.9 million people – nine in 10 – since October 2023.

On Monday, the regime's military carried out over 330 raids in more than 117 Lebanese towns and cities, particularly in the south and Beqaa regions. At least 558 people, including 50 children, have been killed.

"Gaza is a nonstop nightmare that threatens to take the entire region with it. Look no further than Lebanon," Guterres said.

Without mentioning Israel by name, the UN chief slammed regimes who feel they are "entitled to a get out of jail free card" to wage wars against others.

'They can invade another country, lay waste to whole societies, or utterly disregard the welfare of their own people. And nothing will happen.'

The level of impunity in the world is politically indefensible and morally intolerable," Guterres warned.

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CITY/STATE

Police Rebuts 'Mass Incarceration' Claims

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In response to the claims being widely circulated on social media, suggesting that thousands of people are imprisoned, the police on Tuesday refuted the allegations as baseless and misleading.

Sharing a series of tweets, Srinagar police on its official X handle, wrote only a few individuals with past records of disrupting the electoral process and criminal backgrounds are currently being dealt with under preventive sections of the law.

They emphasized that these legal actions are being carried out in accordance with due legal procedures. The preventive measures, they said, are in place to ensure peace and order, particularly in the context of maintaining a free and fair electoral process.

"Apropos to social media assertion by certain guarters that thousands of people are lying in the jails, it's stated that few mischievous elements with past conduct & proclivity of disrupting electoral process & having criminal antecedents are being dealt & bound down under preventive sections of Law following due procedure of law," Srinagar police tweet reads. It reads, as the preventive sections of law provide law enforcement agencies security for keeping peace and good behavior. Legal measures duly reported are adhered to ensure a free and fair electoral process. People are advised to refrain from according any credence to such unfounded and spurious assertions.

Med -11 Hospital Hosts **Blood Donation Camp**



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: A blood donation camp was held at MED 11 Hospital, Nishat in partnership with Lal Ded Hospital, facilitated by the Ali Asgar Foundation on Tuesday. The event saw the participation of about 80 donors, most of whom were first-time contributors.

Speaking to Kashmir Observer, organizers said that the initiative is aimed at boosting blood reserves for emergency

"It is an important step toward community health. The initiative aimed to bolster the blood supply for local maternity care and emergency services," an organizer said.

and maternal care.

All blood donors were provided with a free health checkup, refreshments and a certificate of appreciation for their contribution.

The initiative is aimed to address the critical need for blood supplies in local hospitals.

ASSEMBLY ELECTION-2024

Voters Allowed To Cast Ballots Using Alternate IDs: DC Sgr

Say, Srinagar Records Maximum Additions In SSR Since LS Polls



Majid Nabi

SRINAGAR: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-ud-din Bhat, claimed on Tuesday that ration cards, driving licenses, passports, Adhar cards, and voter ID cards are all recognized as 'acceptable forms of identification' on the day of polling.

In order to cast a ballot, those who have not received or have misplaced their voter slips will be required to present one of the 10 official papers including ration cards, driving licenses, passports, Adhar cards, and voter ID cards, according to Bhat, who is also the District Election Officer (DEO) Srinagar.

Srinagar, the summer capital of J&K, according to the DC, is the only district in the entire union territory to have the maximum additions in the special summary revision, with an overall voting rate of 36% in the Lok Sabha elections. Regarding security mea-sures for the second phase of

assembly elections, DC Srinagar claimed, all the necessary arrangements have been put in place to guarantee a 'seamless' conduct of the elections in the district.

"Srinagar has the most additions in the special summary revision, which I am happy to share. There have been 35,000 new additions since the Lok-Sabha polls. I appeal to everyone to vote tomorrow, especially those casting their first ballots. We have put forth a lot of effort and finished all the arrangements. No polling booth is more than two km away, and no clubbing has been done either," Dr Bilal told the media here.

Polling staff was dispatched to 932 designated polling stations in Srinagar, where about 7.7 lakh listed voters were expected to cast their ballots in eight assembly constituencies in the second phase of the elections.

Srinagar city, according to Dr Bilal, witnessed an overwhelming response in the

general elections as the city alone recorded 36 percent polling out of the total 58.46 percent in the entire Jammu and Kashmir.

All polling stations have Webcast facilities and the polling will be jointly observed by the DEO Srinagar, the Police Control Room (PCR) Srinagar, and Returning Officers (ROs) from the Integrated Control and Command Centre Srinagar. Over eighty-five voters with special needs participated in the Home Voting that took place in Srinagar from September 19 to September 22, he said.

"We want everyone to vote, including those with special needs, and all the arrangements, such as wheelchairs, ramps, and other facilities. have been finalized. 7.76 lakh voter information slips have also been distributed in Srinagar; however, this does not exclude anyone from casting a ballot if they have not received or have misplaced the same.' DC Srinagar added.

Chief Secretary Visits SKIMS Soura, Assures Full Assistance



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir, visited Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS) today, where he engaged with the faculty and toured various patient care services.

During his visit, Dulloo held a detailed interaction with SKIMS faculty in the SKIMS Board Room. The session commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Fazlul Qadir Parray, Professor and Head of the Colorectal Surgery Unit. The Medical Superintendent, Prof. Farooq A Jan, provided an over-view of SKIMS' performance over the past 100 days under the leadership of Director SKIMS/ EOSG, Prof. M. Ashraf Ganie. Prof. Jan highlighted significant improvements in patient care, including the revamping of the Emergency Department, which was a critical administrative challenge successfully addressed in its first phase. The presentation also covered academic accomplishments and recent collaborations with esteemed institutions across the country. Dean of the Medical Faculty,

Professor Shariq Masoodi, extended his gratitude to the Honorable Chief Secretary for his visit and support. He em-phasized SKIMS' evolution from offering a single MD program in Medicine to a comprehensive institution with over 50 courses across diverse medical and allied fields. Despite challenges, the in-

stitute has made remarkable strides, particularly with its advanced DM, MCh, and PhD programs. Professor Masoodi also hinted at SKIMS' aspirations to transition into a full-fledged medical university, which would expand its ability to offer a wider range of programs and provide essential support to other medical institutions in the Union Territory of J&K.

Director SKIMS, Prof. M. Ashraf Ganie, warmly welcomed Atal Dulloo, expressing deep appreciation for his presence and ongoing support. Prof. Ganie reiterated the pivotal role SKIMS plays in healthcare and medical education, and expressed confidence that the institution will serve as a model

for others across the country. During the interaction, Dr. Jaswinder Singh, Senior Professor of Gastroenterology, and Dr. Muzaffar Maqsood Wani, Executive Secretary of the SKIMS Faculty Forum, briefed the Chief Secretary on various challenges faced by the faculty. In his address, Dulloo commended SKIMS for its contributions and encouraged the institution to continue mentoring and coordinating with medical colleges across the Union Territory. He assured that the government will provide full financial support to further enhance SKIMS' professional and academic stature. Additionally, Dulloo addressed the critical issue of the drug menace, calling for SKIMS' involvement in combating the problem, with government backing for actionable plans.

'REPRESENTED SINCE 1972' Will Mian Mehar Ali Uphold Family Legacy In Kangan?

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Mian Mehar Ali of the National Conference (NC) is contesting the Kangan seat, which has been reserved for Scheduled Tribes (ST). This seat has a long family history, having been rep-

and grandfather, Mian

Bashir since 1972.

candidates.

with 34,939 valid votes cast. Mian Altaf Ahmad secured the seat for NC, receiving 19,210 votes. Bashir Ahmad Mir of PDP followed with 11,495 votes, and the margin of victory widened to 7,715 votes compared to the later 2014 contes

Ganderbal Assembly Seat Set For Triangular Contest

Agencies

GANDERBAL: The Ganderbal Assembly segment in central Kashmir is poised for a triangular contest in the upcoming elections, with former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah of the National Conference (NC). Bashir Ahmad Mir of the People's Democratic Party (PDP) and former MLA Ishfaq Ahmad Sheikh, who is running as an independent candidate, as the key contenders. A total of 15 candidates are contesting the Ganderbal seat. These include Bashir Ahmad Mir (PDP), Ab Rashid Ganaie (Jammu & Kashmir National Panthers Party), Omar Abdullah (NC), Tariq Ahmad Zargar (Rashtriya Lok Janshakti Party), Zahoor Ahmad Malik (Republican Party of India - A), Gulam Qadir Wani (Rashtriya Lok Dal), Qazi Mubashir Farooq (Jammu & Kashmir Apni Party), Qaiser Sultan Ganie (Democratic Progressive Azad Party), and several independent candidates: Ishfaq Ahmad Sheikh, Saquib Rehman Makdoomi, Javid Ahmad Wani, Sarjan Ahmad Wagay, Ashiq Ahmad Sheikh (backed by the AIP), Farooq Ahmad Bhat and Majid Ashraf Mir. The Ganderbal Assembly segment has a total of 126,504 voters, including 63,093 male voters and 63,410 female voters.

Political analysts believe the race won't be easy for Omar Abdullah, as his former ally Ishfaq Ahmad Sheikh is now contesting as an independent candidate and will divide NC's vote share. Sheikh's wife, who serves as the DDC Chairperson, may further strengthen his support base. Besides Omar Abdullah and Bashir Mir, both Ishfaq Ahmad Sheikh and Qaiser Sultan Ganie are expected to secure a substantial number of votes.

Can Omar Win Budgam For **NC-Congress Alliance?**

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Agencies

SRINAGAR: All eyes are on the Budgam assembly constituency in central Kashmir as it heads to polls tomorrow, with the National Conference (NC) and Congress al-

Budgam has a total of 125,266 voters, comprising 63,181 male voters, 62,081 female voters, and

four third-gender voters. Historical election results in Budgam

votes were cast. Syed Gh Hussain Geelani of the NC won with 15,360 votes, narrowly defeating Indian National Conference candidate Aga Syed Mehdi, who received 13,766 votes, by 1,594

The division of NC votes could benefit the PDP, particularly its senior leader Bashir Ahmad Mir, who previously secured around 25,000 votes in Kangan during the 2024 elections, though the seat is now reserved for Scheduled Tribes (ST), according to analysts.

Past election results In 2014, Ganderbal had

90,582 electors, with 53,539 valid votes cast. Ishfaq Ahmad Sheikh (NC) won with 19,478 votes, defeating PDP's Qazi Mohammad Afzal by a narrow margin of 597 votes.

In 2008, the constituency had 76,971 electors, with 39,818 valid votes. Omar Abdullah (NC) won with 16,519 votes, defeating PDP's Qazi Mohammad Afzal by 8,215 votes

liance hoping to retain the seat. Since 1972, the seat has been a stronghold for these parties, with the NC winning it seven consecutive times since 1977.

This election sees former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah contesting as the joint candidate for the NC and Congress. Having won from the Beerwah constituency in 2014 but lost in Sonwar, Omar is now vying for both the Ganderbal and Budgam seats.

Analysts believe that Omar is the most prominent figure contesting from Budgam and has a notable edge due to the backing of Aga Ruhullah, the Member of Parliament for the Srinagar parliamentary constituency.

Besides Omar, there are seven other candidates in the fray. These include Aga Sved Muntazir Mehdi (PDP), Aga Syed Ahmad Mosvi (Awami National Conference), Gazanfar Maqbool (Samajwadi Party), Nisar Ahmad Pal (Jammu and Kashmir Peoples Democratic Front - Secular), Mukhtar Dar, Mehraj-ud-Din Ganayee, and Nazir Ahmad Wani and all indepen-

In the 2014 Budgam legislative assembly election, the total number of registered electors was 103,683, with 68,758 valid votes cast. Aga Syed Ruhullah Mehdi, the candidate from the NC. won the seat with 30.090 votes. His closest rival, the PDP candidate Muntazir, secured 27,303 votes, resulting in a narrow loss by 2,787

In the 2008 election, the Budgam constituency had 88,713 electors, with 48,942 valid votes. Aga Syed Ruhullah of the NC won again, securing 19,652 votes, while PDP candidate Mohammad Kamal Malik came second with 9,692 votes, losing by a margin of 9,960 votes.

In 2002, the total electorate was 67,450, with 22,531 valid votes. Aga Syed Ruhullah Mehdi, running for the NC, emerged victorious with 11,398 votes, defeating independent candidate Aga Syed Mahmood Almosvi, who garnered 4,753 votes, by a margin of 6.645 votes.

In 1996, the constituency had 58,029 electors, and 37,000 valid

votes The 1987 election saw 51,611

electors, with 42,059 valid votes. NC candidate Syed Ghulam Hussain Gilani won with 18,911 votes, defeating independent candidate Mohd Sultan Bhat, who garnered 12,556 votes, by a margin of 6,355 votes.

In 1983, Budgam had 42,376 electors and 30,606 valid votes. Ghulam Hussain Geelani of the NC secured victory with 17,037 votes, while INC candidate Assadullan Mir received 8.392 votes. losing by 8,645 votes.

The 1977 election featured 35,587 electors, with 28,744 valid votes. Ghulam Hussain Geelani of the NC won the seat with 14.324 votes, defeating Janata Party candidate Agha Sayeed Hassan, who garnered 11,799 votes, by 2,525 votes. In the 1972 election, the Budgam constituency had 28,675 electors and 17.286 valid votes. INC candidate Ali Mohd Mir won with 8,448 votes, while independent candidate Agha Sayed Ali Shah Safvi stood second with 5.918 votes, losing by 2,530 votes-(KNO)

The Kangan constituency is witnessing a competition among six

> including Mian Mehar Ali (National Conference), Atta Mohammad Khatana (Apni Party), Mohammad Ayoub Chohan (All Jammu & Kashmir Liberal Democratic Party), Abdul Majeed Baniyea (Republican Party of India - A), Syed Jamat Ali Shah (People's Democratic Party and Gulam Rabani

Tadwa (Anarakshit Samaj Party). With 77,537 registered voters (39.324 male and 38.213 female voters), the main contest, according to analysts, is between the NC's Mian Mehar Ali and PDP's Syed Jamat Ali Shah. Atta Mohammad Khatana from the Apni Party is also expected to secure a portion of the vote.

Mian Mehar Ali, supported by his father Mian Altaf, who has represented Kangan five times, has an advantage. Mian Altaf's strong political legacy in Kangan gives Mehar a boost. The constituency has been continuously represented by the family since Mian Bashir's win in 1972, followed by Mian Altaf.

The election history of the Kangan legislative assembly constituency reflects a consistent dominance by the National Conference (JKNC), with Mian Altaf Ahmad emerging as a key political figure over the years.

In the 2014 election, the constituency had a total of 69,590 registered electors, of which 54,784 cast valid votes. Mian Altaf, the candidate from JKNC, won the seat by securing 25,812 votes, narrowly defeating his closest competitor, Bashir Ahmad Mir from the Jammu & Kashmir Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), who received 24,380 votes. The victory margin was 1,432 votes, signaling a closely contested battle.

In the 2008 election, the number of electors stood at 58,688,

Going back to the 2002 elecresented by his father, Mian Altaf

tion, the total number of electors was 50,452, and 26,249 valid votes were counted. Mian Altaf secured a decisive win with 16.987 votes. defeating PDP's Ghulam

Mohd Dar, who managed only 5,948 votes. The victory margin in this election was a substantial 11.039 votes, further solidifying JKNC's dominance in the constituency.

The 1996 election saw a total of 38,836 electors and 23,886 valid votes. Mian Altaf of NC won with a commanding 21,553 votes, while his opponent, Qazi Mohd Afzal from the Indian National Congress (INC), garnered only 954 votes. The victory margin was a staggering 20,599 votes, reflecting the overwhelming support for NC at the time.

In the 1987 election, the constituency had 40,784 electors, and 31,810 valid votes were cast. Mian Altaf Ahmad, running as the candidate for the Indian National Congress (INC), won with 14,644 votes. His closest rival, Gul Mohd War, an independent candidate, secured 9,952 votes, with a victory margin of 4,692 votes.

The 1977 election witnessed Mian Altaf's father, Mian Bashir Ahmad of NC winning with 20,808 votes out of 23,898 valid votes cast. The total number of electors in that election was 32.623. Mohd Afzi of the Ianata Party stood second with 3.090 votes, and the margin of victory was 17,718 votes.

In the 1972 election for the Kangan legislative assembly constituency, there were a total of 27,885 registered electors, with 20,829 valid votes cast. Mian Bashir Ahmed, the candidate from the Indian National Congress (INC), secured a decisive victory, winning with 16,593 votes. His closest competitor, Ahad Bhat of Jamaat-e-Islami, received 3,974 votes, resulting in a significant margin of 12,619 votes. (KNO)

CBC Organizes Two-Day Outreach Programme At Turtuk In Nubra Valley

Observer News Service

TURTUK (NUBRA): The Central Bureau of Communication, Ministry of Information and Broad-Government casting, of India on Tuesday organized a two-day Integrated Communication and Outreach Programme (ICOP) cum Photo Exhibition at Government Higher Secondary School, Turtuk, Leh. The event aimed at raising awareness about Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment), Poshan Abhiyaan (National Nutrition Mission), and the New



and Leh field units.

the inaugural day.

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Criminal Laws was orgain one of the remotest nized by CBC's Anantnag regions, emphasized the importance of adopting Development a healthy lifestyle, under-Project Officer (CDPO) standing the significance Sonam Tsephel presided of nutrition, and familiarizing the local population over the proceedings on with India's new criminal The programme, held laws. The information dissemination is being done through a series of informative photo exhibits, printed IEC material and expert lectures.

Resource persons from Integrated Child the Development Services (ICDS), Environment, and Law departments urged participants to embrace the principles of Mission LiFE, follow the guidelines of Poshan Abhiyaan, and adhere to the new criminal laws.

Mohammad Shahid Lone, Field Publicity Officer, CBC Anantnag, delivered the welcome address, highlighting the crucial role CBC plays

among grassroots communities, especially in far-flung areas, enabling them to benefit from vari-

ous government schemes and adopt a healthier lifestyle.

Naseer Ahmad Rather, Field Publicity Officer, Srinagar impressed upon the students to be torch bearers of the change envisaged under Mission LiFE and Poshan Abhiyan. He said that youth are key in bringing positive change in the society.

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set up stalls showcasing government initiatives and schemes, offering insights into a range of welfare programs available

An open quiz and a competition drawing was also held for the participants, besides cultural performances by the students. The participants were awarded with mementoes and certificates at the conclusion of the

On the concluding day experts will educate the people on various aspects of organic farming and sustainable food systems.

in outreach activities. He emphasized that these programmes focus on creating awareness

to the public.

programme.

SPORTS

India-Bangladesh Test: Security Upped In Kanpur For Second Match

KANPUR: Elaborate security arrangements have been made for the India-Bangladesh second Test match, to be played at the International Green Park stadium here from September 27, a senior official said on Tuesday.

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polank the quirements," he added. "We are reviewing the secu-

rity arrangements to leave no stone unturned and (are) confident of getting an adequate police force to meet the re-

The office coordinating with Cen state agencies, including the Intelligence Bureau (IB) and the state Intelligence to share inputs regarding threats, if any, to deal with it deftly.

The Green Park stadium and Hotel Landmark have been divided into sectors, zones and sub-zones, and its reign has been given to DCP, additional DCP and ACP rank officials, respectively, said DCP (East) Shrawan Kumar Singh, who has been made the nodal officer of the entire event.

Traffic diversions have also been imposed ahead of the match. Those named in the FIR included Rakesh Mishra, Vikas, Atul, Jaydeep, Vikas Gupta, Prashant Dheer, Ajay Rathore, Ashish, Brajesh, while about 10 others are unidentified.

The FIR was lodged under sections 189(2) (unlawful assembly), 191 (2) (rioting), 223 (disobeying an order promulgated by a public servant), and 285 (obstruction or injury to any person in any public way) of the BNS, he said.

New BCCI Secretary Appointment Not On Apex Council Agenda

Jay Shah Prepares For ICC Chair



Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The BCCI apex council will meet on Wednesday to discuss a variety of issues related to the Board's functioning but the appointment of a new secretary to replace the outgoing Jay Shah is not on the agenda.

It will be the last apex council meet before the Board's 93rd Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Bengaluru in five days' time. The appointment of a new secretary has become necessary after Shah was unanimously elected as the next ICC Chairman.

However, he will not step down from his current role as BCCI Secretary during the upcoming AGM, as he is scheduled to assume his new position only from December 1.

But even a discussion on the process of nomination is not part of the eight items listed in the apex council's agenda which features, among others, the update on Byju's matter.

The BCCI has a payment settlement issue with their former title sponsor.

The embattled edtech firm ended its sponsorship deal with the BCCI in March last year.

The Bengaluru-based company, co-founded by Byju Raveendran, had initially signed a jersey sponsorship deal in March 2019 for three years, which was later extended by another year for a reported sum of USD 55 million.

Payments were made until September 2022, but the controversy revolves around unpaid dues from October 2022 to March 2023.

There will also be a discussion on the inauguration of the state-of-the-art National Cricket Academy (NCA) on the outskirts of Bengaluru.

Currently, the NCA functions at the M Chinnaswamy stadium premises since its inception over two decades back.

Approval for commencement of renovation work on the exteriors of the BCCI headquarters at Mumbai and the North East development project are also part of the agenda.

Lebanese FA Postpones All Matches Amid Israel-**Hezbollah Conflict**

Agencies

The Lebanese Football Association (LFA) has postponed all football matches in its affiliated tournaments after Israel struck Hezbollah targets in southern Lebanon, and Hezbollah targeted military facilities in northern Israel on Tuesday

Inaugural Khyber Cup Concludes At RSGC Srinagar



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Khyber Cup, which brought over 100 golfers for the inauguraty golf tournament, concluded on Septe ber 21 at Royal Springs Golf Course in Srinagar. The event began on September 20 and attracted top golfers from across the country

The Khyber Cup was organised by K ber Himalayan Resort & Spa, Gulina and sponsored by American Express managed by Rishi Narain Sports Market ing (RNSM).

The Khyber G ilmarg, created the various categories. In addition to playing in an exciting tournament, golfers participating got to experience a relaxing stay at he Khyber Himalayan Resort and Spa in ulmarg. ulmarg. The gala dinner with live musical per-

rmances was followed by the award cernony at the resortiand marked the closthis first successful Khyber Cup golf

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off by its Chairman, Irfan Shahmiri. In an address to the team before departure, the Chairman encouraged the avers to give their hest and maintain the fighting spirit synonymous with Downtown Heroes.

they take on some of the best football clubs in the country, the statement read. "The I-League 3 Playoffs offer an opportunity for Downtown Heroes FC to solidify their presence in national football and turner contribute to the posi-tive change they seek to bring to down-town Srinagar, if added In preparation, the management has

Downtown Heroes Leave For I-League 3 Playoffs In Kolkata



golf tournament to encourage golf tourism in J&K. The organisers said Kashmir is blessed with a natural landscape ideal for golf courses which makes it a great destination to combine one's passion with a vacation.

"Our vision is to make this a yearly Golf Tournament that is aspirational and meets the international standards of Golf Events," Khalil Tramboo, Director, Pinnacle Resorts, promoters of The Khyber Himalayan Resort & Spa, Gulmarg, said.

The Khyber Cup at Royal Springs Golf Course was played over two rounds or 36 holes with the total scores of both days determining the individual winners in Winner Div A – Vijay Kumar Jha – Score 145 (won on tie-break)

Winner Div B – Anil Arora

RSGC Members' Category Winner Div A – Shabbir Bhat – Score 143 (won on tie-break) Winner Div B - Zaman Sheikh- score 144 (won on tie-break)

Ladies Winner

Chandana Raju – 151

Special Contest Winners

Closest to Pin – Bharat Sharma – 6 inches Longest Drive – Ahmed Mir – 315 yards Straightest Drive – DP Singh Ladies Straightest Drive – Haya Trumboo

"You carry the hopes and dreams of not just the club but also the entire city of Srinagar. I have full confidence in your abilities to excel and make us proud on this prestigious platform. Believe in yourselves, work together as a unit, and victory will follow," he said.

The team will play four matches at Naihati Stadium in Kolkata, West Bengal.

The Heroes said in a statement that the team is "eager and well-prepared for the competition under the guidance of its head coach." Downtown is aiming to showcase its talent and dedication as



ting its sights on national glory, with the unwavering support of Mr. Shahmiri and the local community," the statement read. Downtown begins its I-League 3 Playoffs campaign against Goan club SESA Football Academy on September 26. The game will kick off at 3:00 PM.

Lebanese authorities said 558 people were killed and 1,835 were wounded after overnight airstrikes, with tens of thousands fleeing to safety amid increased fears of a full-blown war.

"Due to the current situation in the country, the executive committee of the Lebanese Football Association has decided to postpone matches of all tournaments to a date to be determined later," the LFA said on Tuesday.

The Lebanese Premier League's 2024-25 season kicked off last week, while the country's national team has not played in the country since last year, hosting the home legs of World Cup qualifiers in Qatar and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Palestine have also staged their recent home matches abroad in Kuwait and Qatar, while Israel are hosting their Nations League home games in Hungary.

