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



London-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.

Nothing Phone (2a): The Phone (2a) features the Dimensity 7200 Pro processor and a 5,000 mAh battery with 45W Fast Charging. It has 50 MP + 50 MP rear cameras, a 32 MP front camera, and a 6.7" AMOLED display with 1,300 nits peak brightness and a 120 Hz refresh rate. Running on Nothing OS 2.6 with Android 14, it offers enhanced widgets and AI features. The Phone (2a) was a bestseller and sold 60k units in 60 minutes on launch day. For the Big Billion Days 2024 sale, Phone (2a) will be available at Rs18,999 (including a bank discount of Rs1,000). Additionally, customers can get the Power 65W for just Rs1999 with the Phone (2a), available at Flipkart or select retail stores.

Nothing Phone (2a) Plus: 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+ AMOLED 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, it promises three years of software updates 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 normal-weight 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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Municipal Council Baramulla

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Rahul's Entry

Congress 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.

Assembly Elections 2024

Bankho Wazeer-i-A'ala!

Kashmiri society and changing polity

Dr. Muhammad Sameer Shafi Siddiqui

The 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-



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asionally 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-

tions is the participation of a select few highly qualified youth mostly PhD scholars in the current 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 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 Jamaat 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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Did You Know?

The Easiest Way to Earn Money from the Stock Market for Fresh Investors

Irshad Mushtaq

For 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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Ozone Therapy

Revitalizing Health with Ancient Wisdom and Modern Science

Dipak Kurmi



In 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 (O₃)—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

Amaliah

As 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

the historical role Britain and other European 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

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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-

peratures will rise to 2.7°C. There will be a significant 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 low-income 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 Kenyan 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 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

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.

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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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 cricketer-turned-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 Iqbal 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. Following the government's

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 including 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 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

are 1,056 urban polling stations and 2,446 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 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 (Chanapora), former ministers Ali Mohammad Sagar (Khanyar), Abdul Rahim Rather (Charar-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 "propaganda that seeks to subvert the narrative on Kashmir, falsely portraying the region as regressive and sans press freedom". "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 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 with 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 JKPC 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."

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

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-JeM 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. 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)

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

Press Trust of India

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.

An FIR was filed against 20 members of the Akhilesh Bhartiya Hindu Mahasabha on Monday for allegedly organising a 'havan' by obstructing the road before the stadium to protest against atrocities on Hindus in Bangladesh, said ACP Harish Chander.

Police said a "fool-proof" security plan has been chalked out for India and Bangladesh cricket teams, which are supposed to arrive here by Tuesday evening.

Kanpur's Additional Commissioner of Police (Law and Order) Harish Chander told PTI



they have sought adequate police force, including senior rank officials, to be deployed for the match.

"We are reviewing the secu-

rity arrangements to leave no stone unturned and (are) confident of getting an adequate police force to meet the requirements," he added.

The officer said they were coordinating with Central and 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.

Inaugural Khyber Cup Concludes At RSGC Srinagar



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Khyber Cup, which brought over 100 golfers for the inaugural golf tournament, concluded on September 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 Khyber Himalayan Resort & Spa, Gulmarg, and sponsored by American Express and managed by Rishi Narain Sports Marketing (RNSM).

The Khyber, Gulmarg, created the yearly 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 Trambo, 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

various categories. In addition to playing in an exciting tournament, golfers participating got to experience a relaxing stay at The Khyber Himalayan Resort and Spa in Gulmarg.

The gala dinner with live musical performances was followed by the award ceremony at the resort and marked the closing of this first successful Khyber Cup golf tournament.

The tournament winners were:

Visitors Category: (All scores on Nett format)

Winner Div A - Vijay Kumar Jha - Score 145
Winner Div B - Anil Arora - score 150 (won on tie-break)

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 Trambo

Downtown Heroes Leave For I-League 3 Playoffs In Kolkata



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: On Tuesday, Downtown Heroes FC left for their I-League 3 Playoffs, which are scheduled to begin in Kolkata on September 26. The team was flagged off by its Chairman, Irfan Shahmiri.

In an address to the team before departure, the Chairman encouraged the players to give their best and maintain the fighting spirit synonymous with Downtown Heroes.

"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

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 further contribute to the positive change they seek to bring to downtown Srinagar," it added.

In preparation, the management has added several new faces to its squad. Over the past two days, the team has announced as many as eight new signings to bolster its ranks ahead of a challenging playoff run.

"Downtown Heroes FC has made significant strides in recent years, including the expansion of its women's teams and youth academies, as well as achieving success in local tournaments. The club is now setting 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 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.

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.

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