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## **J&K Records 68.72% Turnout In Final Phase Total Polling Percentage Stands At 63.45%**

65.81%

**59.8**4%

62.83%

30.08%

63.28%

46.99%

57.01%

63.14%

57.90%

80.20%

71.32%

70.57%

74.68%

75.87%

72.23%

75.22%

70.25%

71.13%

74.37%

**DISTRICT WISE FINAL TURNOUT** Kupwara Baramulla Bandipora 67.57% Ganderbal Srinagar Bha Budgam Abid Pulwama Shopian Kulgam ŝ Anantnag

### **Observer News Service**

The Election Srinagar: Commission of India Tuesday said that the phase-3 polls in Jammu and Kashmir recorded a historic turnout of 68.72 (tentative) per cent.The figure is highest compared to previous two phases that saw 61. 13 and 57. 31 percent voted in the first and second phases respectively. Officials in

the Election Department said the three phased Assembly Elections in J&K

have concluded today. "Election Kishtwar Commission of India, had issued Doda a formal schedule on 16th August 2024. Poll for 24 Assemblies was held Ramban on 18th September, second phase Reasi for 26 Assemblies on 25thSeptember and last phase was held today Udhampur for 40 Assembly Constituencies. Poll percentage in 1st phase was 61.38 %, Kathua in 2nd phase it was 57.31 % and in Samba the last third phase poll percentage was 68.72 % (tentative). Overall poll Jammu percentage comes to 63.45 % (tenta-Rajouri tive)," the Officials said. | Full story on www.kashmirobserver.net Poonch

### Voter Apathy? Low Turnout In Baramulla, Sopore

espite the elections being held after a decade, the final phase of voting in Baramulla district revealed a lack of enthusiasm, particularly in the twin constituencies of Sopore and Baramulla, which recorded the

lowest voter turnout. The usual fervour seen in previous campaigns was noticeably absent, with a majority of voters staying away from the polls. In the Baramulla district, which | More on P6

### **Historic Deepening Of Democracy: CEC**

9 ST Seats reserved for 7% Rise in candidates since the first time. 2014.

71% Growth in Women Candidates **Registered Unrecognized** up from 28 to 43. Political Parties.

330 Campaign Requests pre-certified, up from 27.

more profoundly than

ever before, driven by

the will of the people of

J&K. The elections were

a resounding statement

in favour of democracy,"

The ECI statement said

that J&K has seen a 7% in-

crease in | More on P6

Kumar said.

### **Observer News Service**

26% Increase in independents.

Srinagar: Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) of India Rajiv Kumar said that J&K Assembly elections have marked a significant deepening of democracy which will echo in the pages of history and continue to inspire a democratic spirit of the region for years to come. He dedicated these elections to the people of J&K acknowledging their determination and belief in the democratic process.

"The peaceful and participative elections are historic, wherein democracy is taking root

### No Repoll Recorded: EC

ne Election Commission said no repolls have been recorded so far in the three-phased Jammu and Kashmir assembly polls which concluded on Tuesday. It also noted that despite an increase in the number of assembly seats from 83 in 2014 to 90 in I, the elections were completed in three phases this time as against five in 2014. No major law and order incidents related to the elections | More on P6

## **To Avenge Killings** of Nasrallah, Haniyeh **Iran Launches Missile Attack On Israel**



### Agencies

Beirut- Iran launched a massive missile strike on Israel late on Tuesday, disregarding American warnings, calling it a response to assassinations of Hezbollah leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah and Hamas chief Ismail Haniyeh by the Zionist entity. Western analysts see it as a sharp escalation of the month long conflict between Israel and the Iranbacked 'Axis of Resistance'.

A series of window-shaking explosions were heard in Tel Aviv and near Jerusalem, media reports said. Flares and missiles were seen in the Tel Aviv sky and explosions could be heard in Jerusalem, sending settlers fleeing into shelters. Orders to shelter in place were sent to Israelis' mobile phones and announced on national television. Reporters on state television were seen lying flat on the ground during live broadcasts.

A senior Iranian official later told Reuters that the order to launch missiles at Israel was made by the country's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Sayyed Ali Khamenei. Leader remains in a secure location, the senior official added. The Israeli army said Israel's

### **NOT JUST HEZBOLLAH, ALL OF LEBANON WILL** FIGHT THIS TIME. All of Lebanon is determined to fight Israel for the massacres it committed in Gaza and Lebanon."

airspace was closed following the Iranian attack.

Israeli newspaper Haaretz reported "direct hits" in Negev, Sharon and other locations from Iran's attack.

The United States earlier warned there would be severe consequences in the event of an attack on Israel from Iran. President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris monitored the attack on Israel from the White House Situation Room, AP reported. The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) issued a statement shortly after the missile attack began.

The statement refer-Hezbollah enced leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah and Revolutionary | More on P6

### West Pak Refugees, Valmikis Vote After 77 Yrs

BREAKDOWN BALLOT

Jobs, Education, **'Own Govt**  **KPs Vote** 

Sopore Votes To

Agencies

### Langate Voters Seek Release Of

**Jailed Youth** 

### Agencies

Jammu: Ruldu Ram's joy knew no bounds after he voted for the first time in his life at the age of 90, nearly eight decades after migrating from Pakistan during the Partition. He was among hundreds of West Pakistan refugees in the border town of R S Pura who cast their votes for the assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

"I voted for the first time. I was not entitled to vote before. We came from West Pakistan in 1947," he said.

This marks a historic moment for many who have long lacked political representation in the J&K

### WE THANK THE PRIME MINISTER FOR **RESTORING THE RESPECT AND DIGNITY OF OVER 2 LAKH PEOPLE** by granting them citizenship. It restored all our rights, including the right to vote, the right to jobs, and the right to own land."

assembly for the past 75 years. Around 1.5 to 2 lakh people residing in various areas of Jammu, Samba and Kathua districts, particularly in the border regions, members of three communities - West Pakistan refugees (WPR), Valmikis, and Gurkhas - finally have domicile status following the abrogation of articles 370 and 35-A.

This made them natives of J&K and therefore get rights to vote in the assembly elections, employment, education and land ownership. Previously they could only vote in the Lok Sabha polls. In July of this year, the J&K administration decided to grant proprietary rights to WPR fami-lies for the state | More on P6

### Statehood Take **Centre Stage**

### Majid Nabi

sserting that the BJP-led centre is 'legally **L**bound' to abide by the Supreme Court of India's ruling on J&Ks statehood, the overenthusiastic voters in north Kashmir Tuesday claimed to have cast their ballot in favor of employment, quality education and better infrastructure. The third and final phase of

the elections to the J&K legislative assembly culminated today, with voters overenthusiastically exercised their franchise across 40 assembly seats including 24 in Jammu and 16 in Kashmir. Citing the India's top judi-

ciary ruling on J&K's statehood last year, | More on P6

### After 6 Years Of **Central Rule**<sup>4</sup>

### **Press Trust Of India**

rom narrow lanes of the walled city to sprawling fields close to the border with Pakistan, the third and final phase of assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday witnessed voters thronging the polling stations with great enthusiasm to choose their "own government" after six years of central rule.

Though the issues raised by the voters are many, restoration of statehood, protection for land and jobs, menace of drugs, and growing unemployment were on the mind of the voters who exercised their franchise across 26 assembly segments in | More on P6

### For Return Rehabilitation

### **Observer News Service**

housands of displaced Kashmiri Pandits on Tuesday once again cast their vote with the hope that the new government in Jammu and Kashmir will facilitate their return to the Kashmir valley. Seventy-six-year-old

Badri Nath, who have participated in several parliamentary and assembly elections, voted optimistically in the third and last phase of assembly polls, expressing a wish for the restoration of his home in the valley.

"I am voting once again in the hope that the new gov-

### **Restore Kashmir's 'Lost Dignity'**

The Sopore assembly constituency, his-

electoral boycotts, turned

out in large numbers for the

assembly elections, with

voters united in their de-

mand for the "restoration of

Kashmir's dignity, identity

These elections, the first

statehood and the constitu-

tional provisions that once

protected their | More on P6

and autonomy".

torically known for its

### Agencies

Tn the last and third leg of assembly elections 📕 in Jammu and Kashmir, many of the voters in north Kashmir's Langate segment cast their ballots with an aim to bring the jailed persons out of the prisons.

This vote during the assembly elections according to them would free the incarcerated persons from the jails.

The electorates in Langate Assembly Constituency said that their vote in Lok Sabha polls has shown its powerthus were casting ballots for the release of incarcerated people of Kashmir in this election as well.

One of the first-time voters at | More on P6

### Ladakh's Sixth Schedule Demand Wangchuk Among 120 People **Detained At Delhi Border**

### **Press Trust Of India**

New Delhi: Around 120 people from Ladakh inclimate activist cluding Sonam Wangchuk, who had marched to the national capital demanding sixth schedule status for the Union Territory, have been detained by the Delhi Police at the city's border, police sources said.

According to Delhi Police sources, the detained people,

### **Opposition Rallies Support**

eader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday termed as "unacceptable" the detention of climate activist Sonam Wangchuk and | More on P6



including Wangchuk, have taken to Alipur and other police stations along the city border. | Full story on www.kashmirobserver.net

**Pleas Filed** In Delhi HC

etitions were filed in the Delhi High Court on Tuesday against the detention of climate activist Sonam Wangchuk and several others at the Delhi border. A habeas corpus petition was mentioned before a bench of Chief Justice Manmohan and Justice Tushar Rao Gedela for listing on October 3 by a lawyer for Wangchuk's "next friend". The court | More on P6

## **Er Rashid's Bail Extended Till Oct 12**

### **Observer News Service**

Srinagar: A Delhi court on Tuesday extended the interim bail of Baramulla Lok Sabha MP Sheikh Abdul Rashid, popularlv known as Engineer Rashid, till October 12, his lawyer said. The 57-year-old will have

to surrender the next day, Vikhyat Oberoi told PTI here.

Rashid's counsel had moved an application seeking extension of the interim bail.

Rashid, who faces terror funding charges, was granted interim bail on September 10 and he walked out of the Tihar Jail on September 11. He campaigned in the Jammu and Kashmir assembly elections. Rashid had been in jail since 2019 after he was arrested bv the National Investigation Agency (NIA) under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act in the 2017 terror funding case. He was lodged in Tihar jail.

On July 5, the court had granted Rashid custody parole to take the oath as a member of the Lok Sabha.

Rashid's name cropped up in the case during the investigation of Kashmiri businessman Zahoor Watali, who was arrested by the NIA for allegedly funding terrorist groups and separat-

The NIA had filed a charge sheet against several people, including JKLF leader Muhammad Yasin Malik, Pakistan based Lashkar-e-Taiba founder | More on P6

## **Nalin Prabhat Takes Over As 18th J&K DGP**



### **Observer News Service**

Srinagar: An IPS officer Nalin Prabhat on Tuesday took over as 18th Director General of Police (DGP) of Jammu and Kashmir at police headquarters in Srinagar and replaced R R Swain. A police spokesman in a

statement said that Nalin Prabhat was received by senior officers, also top officials were present on the occasion.

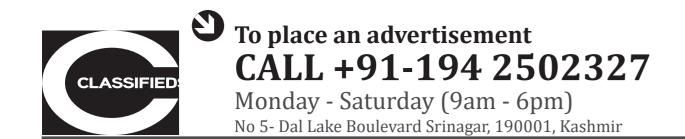
A 1992 batch IPS officer Prabhat is considered as having great expertise in insurgency in Kashmir, and earned goodwill within | More on P6

ists in the Kashmir valley.

in a decade, have reignited hopes for the return of Articles 370 and 35A, along with the restoration of statehood, which were revoked in August 2019. Voters expressed their desire for the restoration of

| Full story on www.kashmirobserver.net

ernment will deliver justice



## **Chandrayaan-3 Landed On Possibly Oldest Craters Of Moon, Say Researchers**

### **Press Trust Of India**

ndia's lunar mission Chandrayaan-3 possibly landed in one of the oldest craters of the Moon, according to scientists who analysed images from the mission and satellites.

The crater was formed during the Nectarian period, which dates back to 3.85 billion years and is one of the oldest time periods in the Moon's history, the team, including researchers from the Physical Research Laboratory and Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), Ahmedabad, said.

S Vijayan, an associate professor in the Planetary Sciences Division, Physical Research Laboratory, told PTI, "Chandrayaan-3 landing site is a unique geological setting where no other missions have gone. The images from the mission's Pragyan rover are the first on-site ones of the Moon at this latitude. They reveal how the Moon evolved over time".

A crater is formed when an asteroid crashes into the surface of a larger body like a planet or a Moon, and the displaced material is called 'ejecta'

Revealing how the Moon evolved over time, the images showed that one half of the crater was buried under material thrown out or 'ejecta' from the South



Pole-Aitken basin-the largest and most known impact basin on the Moon, the researchers said. An impact basin is a large,

complex crater with diameter over 300 km, while a crater measures under 300 km in diameter.

Forming of ejecta is "similar to when you throw a ball on sand and some of it gets displaced or thrown outwards into a small pile," explained Vijayan, who is the corresponding author on the study that appeared in the journal Icarus.

is larger, sub-surface materials from greater depths will be excavated," Vijayan said. In this case, Chandrayaan-3

was found to have landed within a crater-about 160 km in diameter-and detected in the images as a nearly semi-circular structure. The researchers said this

likely indicated one half of the crater, the other half of which was 'degraded' by getting buried under ejecta from the South Pole-Aitken basin. "Further, near the land-

ing site, ejecta or material 'thrown out' from another impact crater further away was observed-images cap-

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tured by the Pragyan rover revealed that material of the same nature was present at the landing site," Vijayan said.

The Pragyan rover was deployed on the lunar surface by the Vikram lander, onboard the Chandrayaan-3. 'Together, the images from the mission and satellites showed that the Chandrayaan-3 landing site consists of material deposited from different regions of the Moon," he said.

The mission, launched by ISRO, Bengaluru, made a soft landing near the Moon's south pole on August 23, 2023. The landing site was christened the Shiv Shakti

Further, near the landing site, ejecta or material 'thrown out' from another impact crater further away was observedimages captured by the Pragyan rover revealed that material of the same nature was present at the landing site

Point on August 26, 2023. For validating their results, the researchers also observed other craters formed during the Nectarian period and found that most of them were severely degraded and modified-a finding that "substantiates our discovery of a buried crater." The finding is also an indication of the weathering effects due to exposure to

space, or 'space weathering,' they said.

'Read Aloud With Newborns, Young Kids For Lifelong Benefits'

IANS

team of US researchers on Sunday encouraged parents and caregivers to read aloud with their newborns and young children as an opportunity to foster loving, nurturing relationships during a critical time of brain development.

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommended that paediatricians support families with guidance and books at well-child visits, according to an updated policy statement, marking the first update in AAP recommendations since 2014.

Given the extraordinary amount of research in this area, an accompanying new technical report reviewed the evidence for shared reading as a way to strengthen and nurture relationships, stimulate brain circuitry and create early attachments.

"Reading together with young children weaves joyful language and rich interactive moments into the fabric of daily life," said Perri Klass, MD, FAAP, lead author of both statements.

"As a paediatrician and parent, I suggest making books your bedtime routine, using them to connect and wind down after a busy day, and generally building

them into life with a young child. It will strengthen the bonds that hold you together, and build your child's developing brain," Klass added in the statement published in the journal Pediatrics online. Policy statements and technical reports created by AAP are written by medical experts, reflect the latest evidence in the field, and go through several rounds of peer review before being approved by the AAP Board of Directors and published in Pediatrics

"Turning the pages of a high-quality, print

book filled with colourful pictures and rich, expressive language are best," said Dipesh Navsaria, a co-author of the technical report and chair of the Council on Early Childhood.

While touchscreens and other electronic devices may be popular, they are typically passive or solitary experiences for children and do not offer the same benefits of interactivity and relationship-building, said Navsaria.

AAP recommended that paediatricians should encourage shared reading beginning at birth and continuing at least through kindergarten, including, when possible, in the neonatal intensive care



unit.

They should develop skills to discuss with parents strategies for mutually joyful and developmentally appropriate reading activities and encourage meaningful, language-rich engagement with books, pictures, and the written word, and model techniques to prompt reciprocal, responsive and positive experiences.

'Research tells us that reading proficiency by third grade is a significant predictor of high school graduation and career success," said Klass.

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

'When an impact basin is

forming, surface material

will be thrown out. If the di-

ameter of the impact basin

I Parveena Akhtar W/O Gulla Malik R/O Lasjan Srinagar My Name And Address Has Been Wrongly Mentioned In Adhaar Card As Parmina Now I Want To Change It And My New Name As Parveena Akhtar And Also My Husbands Name As Ghulam Mohammad Malik. If Any Body Having Any Objections In This Regard He/She May Contact Concern Authority With In 7 Days After That No **Objection Shall Be Entertained** 



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

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Subject: Inviting of offline applications for admission to one reserve seat for a student belonging to J&K in Andaman Law College.

Reference: HED-Gen/166/2023-04(7295615) dated 26-09-2024 issued by Higher Education Department

Notification No. 123-BOPEE of 2024 Dated 28-09-2024

Subject.Grant of registration of the proposed Travel unit under the name , M/s KASHMIR STAR Tour and Travels " situated at New Sadak Kohn Khan, Srinagar

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Whereas I Mr./Ms Sakeena Bano R/o Akhoon Mohalla meer Behri Srinagar 190003 Kashmir intends to apply in the Department of tourism for registration of my proposed Travel unit under the name and style" M/ s KASHMIR STAR Tour and Travels 'situated at New Sadak Kohn Khan Srinagar J&K

Srinagar Kashmir under Tourist Trade Act1978/82/2011-12. Whereas, I will submit state subject/Domicile certificate, Qualification Certificate, Pan card, Experience certificate (minimum 05 years), Character certificate (Police department). Bank statement (minimum balance 1000),site plan, Affidavit,Rent Deed duly attested sub-registrar, printing Material (Letter Head/Visiting), Photograph of the unit (indoor and Outdoor) and Two Passport size photograph to the department of tourism as prescribed checklist prior to registration of my unit as an Excursion Agency/Adventure tour operation.

Now as per J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011-12, before my case is processed for registration by the competent Authority the matter is hereby notified for information of general public/financial institutions/Ban/ Organisation, etc. for objection, if any and the same should reach to the deputy director tourism Registration (e-mail ID:-ddtreg123@gmail.com) within a period of 7 days from the publication of this notice in leading local newspaper/newspaper of the valley.No objection beyond a period of 7 days shall be entertained fko

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JAVAID NEWS AGENCY	KULGAM
MALIK NEWS AGENCY	AERWANI
IRSHAD NEWS AGENCY	KOKERNAG
RAYEES NEWS AGNECY	AWANTIPORA
PAMPORE NEW AGENCY	PAMPORE
SANGAM NEWS AGENCY	SANGAM
GAZI KHURSHEED NEWS AGENCY	PULWAMA
MANZOOR NEWS AGENCY	PUWLAMA
ALTAF NEWS AGENCY	PULWAMA
MANZOOR NEWS AGENCY	NORPORA
JAVAID NEWS AGENCY	AWANTIPORA
LONE NEW/ADVT AGENCY	RATNIPORA, PULWAMA
BOOZE NEWS AGNECY	AWANTIPORA
3 WAY TRAL NEWS AGENCY	TRAL
SYED MAQBOOL NEWS AGNECY	TRAL
DAR NEWS AGENCY	PULWAMA
SHAFI NEWS AGENCY	RAJPORA
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QUDOOS NEWS AGENCY	SHOPIAN
TURRAY NEWS AGENCY	SHOPIAN
FAROOQ NEWS AGENCY	KAKAPORA PULWAMA
JAVAID NEWS AGENCY	QAZIGUND
NISAR NEWS AGENCY	BANIHAL

It is hereby notified for information of all the concerned that the Government of Jammu & Kashmir, Higher Education Department, vide their communication No. HED-Gen/166/2023-04(7295615) dated 26-09-2024 has to recommend one seat of Integrated B.A L.L.B Degree Course from UT of Jammu and Kashmir in the following college:

B.A. L.L.B.

S.No. Name of College		State/UT	No. of Seats	
1	Andaman Law College Port Blair	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	01 (one)	

The details of the course can be seen from the official website of the Andaman Law College Port Blair (https://andamanlawcollege.andaman.gov.in/#).

In order to recommend aforesaid seat by the Government, the Board invites applications in the prescribed format annexed as Annexure-A to this Notification from the eligible candidates upto 05.10.2024 (till 3:00 pm) which will be forwarded to the concerned department for further necessary action as may be deemed appropriate. The brief guidelines in this regard is as under:

- That the Candidate must have passed the Higher Secondary School Examination (10+2) conducted by Central / State Board or equivalent securing not less than 45% marks in the aggregate in case of general category and 40% marks in aggregate in the case of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes candidates.
- ii) That the Candidates shall be the Domicile of J&K.

In addition to the above, the following certificates shall be enclosed with the applications: -

- 1. Date of Birth Certificate (Matriculation).
- 2. 10+2 Marks Card.
- 3. Domicile Certificate issued by the Competent Authority.
- 4. ID Proof
- 5. Two Passport Size Photographs.

The last date for submission of applications with full details/ documents shall be upto 05.10.2024 (till.3.00pm), no application shall be entertained after the cutoff date

#### Note.

1. Mere submission of documents/applications by the candidates shall not confer any right on the candidate to claim the seat, which shall be decided by the authorities in accordance with the merit/eligibility criteria prescribed by the concerned authorities.

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DIPK-NB-1610/24 dated: 01-10-2024

No.BOPEE/Exam-A24/2024

Sd/-(Prof. Gurvinder Rai Verma) Controller of Examinations **J&K BOPEE** Dated: 28-09-2024

Subject.Grant of registration of the proposed Travel unit under the name, M/s TRAVEL FUN HOLIDAYS Tour and Travels " situated at Dharambugh Kralapora Opp Dar Complex

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### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

I have lost all the documents of my motor cycle bearing regd no: JK02AP2518. Now I have applied for the duplicate of the same if anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his her objection in the office of the ARTO Budgam within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

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## KASHMIR OBSERVER<sup>®</sup> Srinagar | Wednesday | 02-10-2024 🕖

### **Div Com Reviews Arrangements For Kashmir Marathon**

### **Observer News Service**

Divisional Srinagar: The Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri today convened a meeting here to review the arrangements for the historic Kashmir Marathon event.

Secretary Youth Services and Sports, Sarmad Hafeez;

He also instructed LCMA & NDRF for deployment of water ambulances to remain prepared to provide medical

He also exhorted the Director Tourism to involve the services of volunteers at different stations for the success of Kashmir Marathon.

VC, LCMA was instructed

devices and other equipment

Tourism for establishing the

Control Room at TRC for effec-

tive communication and close

coordination among different

departments for the smooth

slew of directions for the

operation of shuttle service

for participants, measures to

control the crowd, involve-

ment of local stakeholders

of tourism, establishment of

stalls by Handicraft, Agricul-

ture & Horticulture depart-

ments, designation of Nodal

decoration at venue, besides

security arrangements and

Passes,

Officers, Media

traffic management.

Further, Bidhuri issued

He instructed the Director

function glitch free.

conduct of Marathon.

Srinagar: Despite a ban by the Sriassistance in exigency. nagar administration, the rampant use of firecrackers during marriage ceremonies has become a major nuisance in the city, disturbing the peace and causing distress to com-

> mon citizens. Locals from various areas, including Ilahi Bagh and Mehjoor Nagar, have complained about the widespread use of firecrackers during night hours, particularly during the ongoing marriage season. The loud explosions have severely affected the elderly, sick, and children, causing sleep disturbances and anxiety. A recent video from the Ilahi Bagh

**Observer News Service** 

area showed massive firecrackers being set off upon the groom's arrival, leading to a brawl. Similarly, excited friends of a groom in Mehjoor Nagar disturbed the sleep of locals with relentless firecracker explosions. Locals have expressed frustra-

tion over the authorities' inaction,

'Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan'



**Firecracker Ban Goes Up In Smoke** 

In Srinagar, Authorities Stay Put

•• Firecrackers have become a nightmare for us. We can't sleep due to the constant explosions. The authorities are turning a blind eye to this issue. It's time they take action

Speaking on the occasion, SSP

ANTF J&K Raj Kumar gave an elabo-

rated view about the menace of drugs,

its sources, causes, consequences and

role of every member of the society

for its total eradication. The partici-

pating students were briefed to re-

main away from drugs and perform

sports activities as it is one of the pre-

ventive measures to save themselves

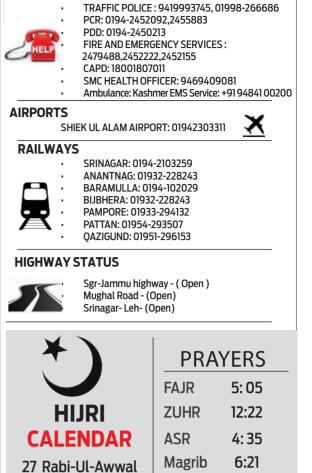
from drug abuse, a police spokesman

despite repeated complaints. "The administration's ban has been reduced to mere paperwork," said a local resident, adding we urge the authorities to enforce the ban strictly to ensure peace and tranquility in the city.

The Srinagar administration had earlier prohibited the use of firecrackers to minimize noise pollution and prevent disturbances. However, the lack of effective enforcement has emboldened revelers to flout the ban.

"Firecrackers have become a nightmare for us. We can't sleep due to the constant explosions. The authorities are turning a blind eye to this issue. It's time they take action," said a local from the Hyderpora area of Srinagar uptown.

Concerned citizens have called for increased vigilance and stringent penalties to curb this menace. "The authorities must take concrete steps to address this issue, ensuring the well-being of residents, especially vulnerable populations," said a local activist. [KNT]



### **ANTF Kashmir Organizes Awareness Program In Srinagar** to save the society from drug menace. said in a statement.

**Observer News Service** 

Srinagar: Under the 'Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan', Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) Kashmir organized an awareness program on drug abuse at Girls High School Zampa Kadal Srinagar in which about 100 students and staff members participated.

The aim of the program was to educate students about drug abuse and

'Postal Voting' **Counting Supervisors, Assistants, Micro-Observers Training Conducted** 

### **Observer News Service**

Srinagar: The District Election Office Srinagar conducted an exhaustive training session for Counting Supervisors, Counting Assistants and Micro-Ob servers on Tuesday whose services will be utilized for the counting of Postal Votes in Srinagar which is scheduled on Tuesday.

The training session was held on the directions of the District Election Officer (DEO), Sringgar Dr Bilal Mohi Ud-Din Bhat at Meeting Hall of DC Office Complex where Master Trainers carried out detailed training sessions to prepare skilled and competent manpower for the counting of Postal Votes

for eight Assembly Constituencies in Srinagar.

During the sessions, the participating employees were taken through sensory training, particularly on procedure and safety measures to be taken during the process of counting of Postal Votes. In addition to this, they were also trained on how to handle emergencies, maintain discipline and to address issues of security and privacy on the day of counting.

Coordinator Traing. Dr. Manzoor Reshi

Participants were also reiterated to fight against the menace of drugs and were also stressed to share the information related to illicit drug supply in their respective areas, so that appropriate action under law is taken against the drug peddlers/traffickers. Moreover, the students were briefed to share information with their peer groups for more awareness in the society.

### **GCOE Celebrates** Gandhi Jayanti

### **Observer News Service**

rinagar: In a series of vibrant events, Government College of Education (GCOE), M.A. Road, Srinagar on Tuesday celebrated the 155th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, marked as Gandhi Jayanti with a grand Declamation Contest, an **On-Spot Painting Competition, and** Quiz Competition.

Organized by the Nodal Principal for Kashmir Division Colleges, these activities honored Gandhi's legacy and explored the relevance of his philosophy in today's world.

The day began with a Declamation Contest, held in the college's auditorium centered on the theme, 'Truth and Non-Violence: Relevance of Gandhian Philosophy in Contemporary Times.' The contest brought together top orators from various colleges, who had previously secured first-place positions in their respective lead college competitions.

## This Day In History

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- 976 Hisham II appointed kalief of Cordoba
- 1187 Sultan Saladin captures Jerusalem from Crusaders
- 1540- Venice and Turkey signs peace
- 1760 Russian and Austrian army evacuates Berlin [NS=10/13]
- 1799 Duke of York & Russians capture Alkmaar in Netherlands
- 1835 Battle of Gonzales fought between Texan settlers and Mexican forces. First engagement of the Texas revolution
- 1851- The pasilalinic-sympathetic compass(a contraption built to test the pseudo-scientific hypothesis that snails create a permanent telepathic link when they mate) is demonstrated but proves to be a fake.
- 1870- Italy annexes Rome & Papal States; Rome made Italian capital
- 1895- 1st cartoon comic strip is printed in a newspaper
- 1901- First Royal Navy submarine launched at Barrow-in-Furness
- 1904- German General Lothar von Trotha issues order to exterminate Herero people of Namidia, first genocide of the 20th Century, will kill 65,000 Herero and 100,000 of the Nama tribe
- 19100 1st 2 aircraft collision (Milan Italy)
- 1919- US President Woodrow Wilson has a stroke,

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present in the meeting. held meeting The threadbare discussion on the arrangements at the Starting & Closing venue of Marathon at Polo Ground, Srinagar and along the route to facilitate participants.

On the occasion, Div Com directed the health department to make comprehensive arrangements of critical care ambulances at Polo Ground, deploy medical teams with necessary equipment at the venue and other stations along the route.

Besides, he directed for a dedicated centre to be established at SMHS Srinagar for the Marathon Day to cater serious medical emergencies and looping other adjacent health institutions.

tains while R&B and SSCL departments were asked to ensure smooth & clean surface of the roads by filling up potholes, removal of debris and coloring of speed breakers. Div Com issued directions to KPDCL to ensure lighting of the venue and

With Profound Grief and Sorrow, We Inform The Sad Demise Of MSMT. Ali Mohammad Kalla Khanyar, R/O: Mirza Bagh, Srinagar Who Left For Heavenly Abode On 30Th September 2024 (Monday). The Congregational Fateh Khawani With Be Held At Their Ancestral Graveyard 'Babpora, Habba Kadal' On 2Nd (Wednesday) At 10:30 Am. October 2024

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while delivering his session, stressed on strictly following the rules and procedures established by the Election Commission of India (ECI) during the counting of Postal Votes in district Srinagar.

leaving him partially paralyzed

- 1920- The Chinese sign an agreement with the Russo-Asiatic Bank, largely French and Russian controlled. which will oversee the Chinese Eastern Railway, but give local supervision to China
- 1923- British occuping army leaves Constantinople
- 1924- League of Nations approves protocols of Geneva
- 1935- Mussolini's Italian army attacks Abyssinia (Ethiopia)
- 1939 Prototype for the Ilyushin Il-2, world's mostproduced military airplane designed by Sergey Ilyushin, takes it first flight. Over 36,000 made for Soviet airforce in WWII.
- 1940-17 German aircraft shot down over England
- 1940- British liner Empress, loaded with refugees for Canada, sunk
- 1941- 6 Paris synagogues are bombed by Gestapo
- 1941- Germans launch attack on Moscow
- 1942- RMS Queen Mary, carrying thousands of US troops, slices cruiser HMS Curacao in half, killing 239
- 1942- WWII: British Royal Navy boards floundering German U-boat U-559 retrieving abandoned Enigma code machine before it sinks; 2 British sailors go down with the sub
- 1943- Japanese troops leave Kolombangara, Solomon Island
- 1944- Polish resistance fighters capitulate in the Warsaw Uprising, with some 250,000 people killed
- 1949 USSR recognizes People's Republic of China.
- 1972 Aeroflot II-18 crashes near Black Sea resort of Sochi, kills 105
- 1977 Pakistani general Zia ul-Hag bans all opposition
- 1980 38 year old Muhammad Ali comes out of 2-year retirement to challenge undefeated world heavyweight champion Larry Holmes at Caesars Palace, Las Vegas; Ali pounded unmercifully for 10 rounds before corner throws in towel.
- 1981 Ali Khamenei elected president of Iran
- 1984 3 cosmonauts return after a record 237 days in orbit
- 1986 Sikhs attempt to assassinate Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi
- 1990 WW2 Allied nations cede any remaining rights as occupiers of Germany
- 1990 Chinese plane explodes, about 100 die
- 1994 Pakistan cricket batsmen Inzamam-ul-Hag & Mushtaq Ahmed put on 57 runs in 8 overs for highest last-wicket partnership ever to win a Test, as the home team beats Australia by 1 wicket in the 1st Test in Karachi.
- 2001 NATO backs US military strikes, following 9/11

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## **Democratic Revival**

ammu and Kashmir voted in large numbers in the final round of the Assembly elections, whose result will be declared on October 8. Voting was held for 40 seats, 24 of them in Jammu, making it the largest of the threephase exercise. Jammu has again led with the highest polling with Udhampur figuring at the top. The Jammu division's overwhelming participation has been the recurrent feature of this election. Kashmir Valley, on the other hand, has voted in relatively lesser numbers, albeit, without absence of enthusiasm as was the case in the past. This time around, large segments of population in the Valley abandoned the old inhibitions and stigma associated with an electoral exercise. This shows a certain restoration of faith in democracy as a means to address issues

This election will also go down as one of the keenly contested exercise in the history of Jammu and Kashmir. But, ironically, it did not generate a wave in favour of any political party, including that for Engineer Rashid who was supposed to galvanize a mass mobilization soon after his unexpected release. But this hardly meant he didn't whip up emotion. It is still not certain whether he will win seats across the Valley, but he is certain to create some disruption. The alliance between Rashid and Jamaat independents introduced a new factor into the evolving political tug of war.

The discourse was dominated by the issues like restoration of Article 370 and statehood, India-Pakistan relations, unemployment, development, etc. At the conclusion of the exercise, it is difficult to say which party will emerge as the one with largest number of seats and which as the second largest. However, the BJP in Jammu division, and the National Conference in the Valley are anticipated to win the majority of seats. It remains to be seen whether their respective number of seats will be way ahead of the other parties, or just modestly higher. It is, however, certain, that none of them will be in a position to form the government on their own. Post Article 370 situation has made any alliance between the two parties challenging, with the NC and by and large all other Kashmiri parties seeking votes on the assurance to voters that they will not seek support from the BJP to form the government. The BJP, on the other hand, seems be open to any alliance and in the event of curing more seats in Jammu, it could try and form the government with the support of smaller Kashmiri parties and Valley-based independents. For now, we can only wait for the outcome, and hope that it gives every section of society a sense of stake in the future government.



## Why the Killing of Nasrallah Is a Pyrrhic Victory for Israel

Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah is a Pyrrhic victory for Israel. It is an illusory victory for the United States, too, and for Arab dictators around the region who are also quietly celebrating. Nasrallah's killing—in a massive Israeli airstrike that leveled several apartment buildings in southern Beirut-will make Israel less secure while further impugning the reputation of the West, and the U.S. in particular, in the Arab and wider Islamic world. Arab autocrats that have sought an alliance with Israel will face blowback of their own.

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To understand why, one must analyze the politics of the Middle East from outside of the proverbial box of Western national security, which singularly focuses on Israel while ignoring the rest of the region. The reality is that Israel has long been viewed as a settlercolonial state among many Arabs and Muslims. This image also exists in large parts of the Global South that have a collective historical memory of the legacy of colonialism and imperialism. Israel's treatment of Palestinians, which has become ever more brutal in recent years, has reached its apotheosis in the context of a genocidal war in Gaza. It is now extending to Lebanon, where Israel's bombardment has killed over 1,000 people in one week, including many women and children, while reportedly displacing almost a million people. Israel is increasingly viewed across the Middle East as far worse than a settler-colonial state. It is now seen as a genocidal state and thus an irredeemable one. In the eyes of most people in the region, though not the dictators that rule over them, can there be any coexistence with such an entity? There has been too much death and destruction of Palestinian life, and now Lebanese life, to ignore this new reality. Israel's legitimation crisis is beyond redemption. Current and successive generations of Arabs and Muslims will now view Israel as a rogue state addicted to mass violence that makes a mockery of international law. Security for Israel in the Middle East now takes on a new meaning. You cannot live with security and stability when the neighborhood you reside in views you as an existential threat. Israel's ongoing war of collective punishment in Gaza in retaliation for Oct. 7 and its expanded assault on Lebanon, with a looming ground invasion, will deeply entrench this view. As for the West, U.S. President Joe Biden and his secretary of state, Antony Blinken, have consistently backed Israeli policy in Gaza and Lebanon over the past 11 months. "The objective that Israel has in the first instance in Lebanon is an important and le-

gitimate one," Blinken stated following Israel's bombing of southern Beirut. Both Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris have issued statements endorsing the assassination of Nasrallah; Biden called the Israeli airstrike "a measure of justice.'

The lesson this will bequeath to the Middle East is that "justice" can be obtained through total war and extrajudicial killings, no matter the civilian costs. International law and the legitimacy of courts do not matter. The West's indefatigable solidarity with Israel and its complete rejection of recent rulings by the International Court of Justice and the chief prosecutor of the International Criminal Court will certainly be invoked by militants who will justify their own political violence by the actions of Israel and

contribute to a societal explosion rooted in despair, helplessness and humiliation, fueled by the fact that the horrors in Gaza have taken place before the eyes of the world and with "ironclad" Western support.

This anger will be directed first at Israel, for obvious reasons. But Arab regimes will not be able to avoid this societal wrath. Despite their abundance of weapons, they could not send a single bullet to defend the people of Gaza. States like the United Arab Emirates, which normalized relations with Israel through the Abraham Accords, have been mostly silent, doing little to pressure Israel to end its war while deporting students for expressing solidarity with Palestine. Yet back in April, when Iran sent a barrage of missiles and drones toward Israel-in

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nvesting in the stock market can align with halal principles if done correctly. Here's a succinct outline to guide you Understanding Halal Investment

### 1. Ownership and Investments:

Part Ownership: When you buy shares, you become a part-owner of that com-

pany, so it's crucial the company's primary business is halal. Halal Sectors: Look for companies in sectors like technology, pharmaceuti-cals, automotive, and steel, provided they operate in a Sharia-compliant manner. 2. Key Criteria:

Business Activity: Choose companies whose primary activities do not in-volve haram (forbidden) industries such as alcohol, gambling, pork products, or interest-based financial institutions.

Financial Practices: Assess the company's debt and income to ensure financial practices align with Islamic principles. Debt Levels: Companies should not be excessively leveraged.

#### 3. Investment Approach:

Long-Term Investment: This is generally considered halal if the company adheres to Islamic principles. Avoid Speculation: High-risk speculative trading is akin to gambling (may-

sir) and is not permissible.

### Practical Steps for Halal Investment

#### 1. Due Diligence:

Investigate and ensure that the business and financial activities of the company comply with Islamic ethics

#### 2. Sharia-Compliant Indices and Funds

Use indices like the S&P/BSE 500 Shariah Index or mutual funds that focus on Sharia-compliant investments as a reference. These indices screen companies based on compliance with Islamic law

#### 3. Consult Experts:

Seek advice from financial advisors specializing in Islamic finance to ensure your investments are halal.

#### Considerations and Caution

Historical Lessons: The market downturns and crashes have taught the impor-

tance of prudent and research driven investments rather than speculative trading. Ethical Focus: Transitioning to sectors that are more stable and ethically sound can mitigate risks and ensure a steady return without compromising Islamic values.

In summary, with proper research, guidance, and adherence to Islamic prin-ciples, investing in the stock market can be halal and a valuable means to grow wealth responsibly. Always consult knowledgeable sources and stay informed to make wise investment decisions

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### **The lesson** this will bequeath to the Middle East is that 'justice' can be obtained through total war and extrajudicial killings, no matter the civilian costs"

its chief patron in Washington.

Meanwhile, from their palatial and heavily guarded mansions, Arab dictators have been privately cheering Israel's destruction of Hamas-and now Hezbollah. But they are celebrating what the ancient Greeks called a Cadmean victory, an illusionary triumph that entails one's own ruin. The weakening of the socalled "Axis of Resistance"-the various militias that Iran backs throughout the region, led by Hezbollah-will not change the underlying drivers of instability in the Middle East. Rooted in mass poverty and pauperization for the average citizen, lack of political freedom and the absence of basic citizenship rights, these factors not only remain in place but have gotten significantly worse since the popular uprisings of 2011 were brutally suppressed with Western acquiescence.

When judged by key indicators such as civil and political rights, press freedom, censorship, political accountability, representation, the status of minorities, human rights protection and state-sanctioned executions, the Middle East has some of the lowest scores in the world. Data on global inequality also reveals that the region, despite an abundance of oil wealth, has some of the highest wealth inequality scores in the world. The World Inequality Lab, a global research center, reports that the Middle East is "the world's most unequal region," where the top 10 percent capture 61 percent of national income. The United Nations estimates that 31 Arab billionaires-all of them men-own almost as much wealth as the entire bottom half of the region's population. An Oxfam study revealed these trends have been significantly exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

These regional socioeconomic trends overlap with Israel's ongoing destruction of Gaza. Collectively, they will produce another political fault line that will

retaliation for Israel's bombing of the Iranian consulate in Damascus —these same Arab regimes rallied to use their missile-defense systems and intelligence capabilities to protect Israel.

This fury will also be directed at the U.S., which seeks to maintain an authoritarian regional order backed by force of arms and client states.

As Israel and its Western supporters revel in their Pyrrhic victory, it should not be forgotten that for much of its modern history. Israel has been assassinating its opponents. This policy is rooted in a core Zionist belief, predating the establishment of the state of Israel, that Arabs only understand the language of force. The eminent Oxford historian Avi Shlaim has written that both rival wings of the Zionist movement, led by David Ben-Gurion and Ze'ev Jabotinsky, early on "concluded that only insuperable Jewish military strength would eventually make the Arabs despair of the struggle and come to terms with a Jewish state in Palestine."

Has this policy worked? What has it really produced beyond endless occupation and apartheid rule? One result is Oct. 7, the bloodiest day in Israel's history. I fear more atrocities of this magnitude on the horizon, as the perhaps inevitable fallout of Israel's total war in Gaza and now Lebanon. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's policies, backed by the West, are not making Israel any safer. Instead, everything Israel is doing today threatens its very place in the Middle East.

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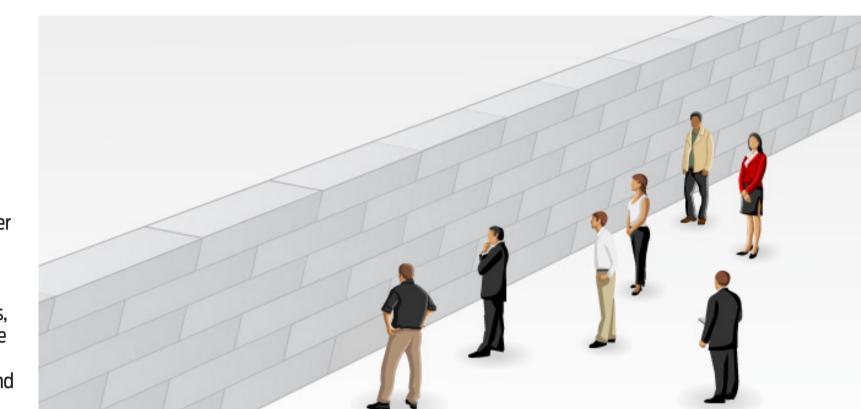


## **The Weight of Society** Roadblock to Personal Growth



### CREATING A MORE INCLUSIVE AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT is

essential in order to foster personal growth and self-actualization. By challenging traditional gender roles, stereotypes, and biases, we can create a society that celebrates diversity, individuality, and authenticity



### Mubashir Arshid

S ociety plays a significant role in shaping our beliefs, values, and behaviors. From a young age, we are taught to adhere to societal norms and expectations in order to fit in and be accepted by the larger community. While this sense of belonging can provide a feeling of security and connection, it can also act as a roadblock to personal growth and self-actualization.

Throughout the history, societal norms and expectations have been used to control and dictate the behavior of individuals. From the rigid gender roles of the Victorian era to the conformity of the post-World War II era, society has imposed a set of rules and standards that dictate how we should think, act, and behave. These expectations can create a sense of pressure and limitation, preventing individuals from exploring their true potential and pursuing their passions.

Key figures in the field of psychology have long emphasized the importance of breaking free from societal expectations in order to achieve personal growth and fulfillment. Carl Jung, for example, believed that true self-actualization could only be achieved by confronting and overcoming the collective unconscious, which is shaped by societal norms and expectations. By recognizing and challenging these influences, individuals can liberate themselves from the constraints of society and embark on a journey of self-discovery and personal growth.

The impact of societal norms on personal development is profound and far-reaching. From a young age, we are bombarded with messages and images that shape our beliefs and influence our behavior. These influences can lead to selfdoubt, insecurity, and a lack of confidence in our own abilities. The fear of judgment and rejection can prevent us from taking risks, pursuing our passions, and stepping outside of our comfort zone.

In order to break free from the weight of society, it is essential to cultivate self-awareness, self-acceptance, and self-compassion. By acknowledging and challenging the societal norms and expectations that have been imposed upon us, we can begin to redefine our sense of identity and purpose. Through introspection and reflection, we can uncover our true desires, values, and aspirations, and begin to live a life that is aligned with our authentic self.

Creating a more inclusive and supportive environment is essential in order to foster personal growth and self-actualization. By challenging traditional gender roles, stereotypes, and biases, we can create a society that celebrates diversity, individuality, and authenticity. By promoting acceptance, empathy, and understanding, we can empower individuals to embrace their uniqueness and pursue their dreams without fear of judgment or rejection.

In conclusion, the weight of society on personal growth is a complex and multifaceted issue that has been a topic of debate for centuries. While societal expectations can provide a sense of belonging and security, they can also act as a roadblock to individual growth and self-actualization. By understanding the historical context, key figures, and impact of societal norms on personal development, we can strive to create a more inclusive and supportive environment that allows individuals to flourish and reach their full potential.

## Mahatma's Mission

### HIMANGSHU RANJAN BHUYAN

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struggle for India's independence. The Salt March of 1930 stands as a vivid illustration o this principle. By leading a mass protest against British salt laws, Gandhi demonstrated that collective action rooted in nonviolence could effectively challenge injustice. This event not only galvanized the Indian populace but also inspired movements for civil rights around the world. Gandhi's message remains vital today, reminding us that peaceful resistance can achieve profound transformation in society. Gandhi's mission was deeply intertwined with his advocacy for social justice. He recognized that true freedom could not exist while millions lived in oppression and poverty. His unwavering commitment to uplifting the marginalized, particularly the untouchables-whom he referred to as Harijans, or "children of God"-underscored his belief in the inherent dignity of every individual. Gandhi fought tirelessly against the caste system and worked to eliminate social inequalities. His efforts to promote the rights and dignity of the oppressed serve as a powerful reminder that the quest for justice must include all members of society. In today's world, where issues of inequality and discrimination persist, Gandhi's vision challenges us to confront these injustices and advocate for the rights of those who are often silenced. Education, too, played a crucial role in Gandhi's mission. He envisioned an educational system that would not only impart knowledge but also cultivate ethical values and critical thinking. Gandhi believed that true education should empower individuals to become responsible and compassionate citizens. He emphasized the importance of character-building alongside academic learning, advocating for an approach that nurtures both intellect and moral integrity. By prioritizing education as a means we navigate the complexities of contemporary governance, Gandhi's teachings remind us that

synonymous with nonviolence and civil rights, embarked on a mission that transcended the mere political struggle for India's independence. His vision was deeply rooted in the quest for truth, social justice, and the elevation of human dignity. Gandhi's life was a testament to the power of moral principles and the profound impact that individual conviction can have on society. As we delve into the essence of Gandhi's mission, we uncover timeless lessons that continue to resonate in our contemporary world.

At the core of Gandhi's mission was an unwavering commitment to truth. He viewed truth not just as a philosophical ideal but as a fundamental principle that should govern every aspect of life. His assertion that "Truth is God" encapsulated this belief, emphasizing that authenticity and integrity are essential for personal fulfillment and social progress. For Gandhi, the pursuit of truth was a lifelong endeavor, one that required constant introspection and self-examination. This dedication to honesty served as the foundation of his leadership, inspiring countless individuals to embrace their own truths and act with integrity. In an age where misinformation and deception often prevail, Gandhi's teachings urge us to seek clarity and uphold our values, even in the face of adversity.

Another cornerstone of Gandhi's mission was his profound commitment to nonviolence, or ahimsa. For him, nonviolence was not merely a strategy; it was a way of life that reflected a deep respect for all living beings. Gandhi believed that every act of violence diminishes humanity and that true strength lies in the ability to confront oppression peacefully. His approach to nonviolent resistance became a powerful catalyst for change during the



of empowerment, Gandhi sought to create a generation of leaders committed to social responsibility. In an era where education often focuses on rote learning and standardized testing, his teachings invite us to rethink our educational priorities and invest in the holistic development of individuals.

Furthermore, Gandhi's mission extended beyond national boundaries. He understood that the struggles for justice and freedom were interconnected across the globe. His philosophy of nonviolence influenced numerous civil rights movements, inspiring leaders like Martin Luther King Jr. and Nelson Mandela. Gandhi's teachings remind us that our actions have far-reaching implications, and that the fight for justice is a shared human endeavor. In a world increasingly divided by political and social conflicts, his vision of global solidarity and interconnectedness remains relevant, urging us to recognize our collective responsibility to advocate for justice and equality.

Central to Gandhi's mission was his belief in the importance of empathy and compassion. He recognized that true strength lies not in power or dominance but in the ability to understand and share the feelings of others. Gandhi's insistence on listening to diverse perspectives and fostering dialogue encourages us to embrace our shared humanity. In a time marked by division and polarization, his call for empathy serves as a vital reminder that understanding one another is essential for building a just and inclusive society. By practicing empathy in our daily lives, we can foster connections that transcend differences and promote a culture of compassion.

Gandhi's dedication to simplicity and self-sufficiency also shaped his mission. He advocated for a lifestyle that prioritized spiritual growth over material accumulation. His practice of spinning khadi, or handwoven cloth, became a symbol of selfreliance and economic independence. Gandhi believed that by supporting local economies and sustainable practices, individuals could reclaim their autonomy and promote social justice. His emphasis on simplicity challenges us to reflect on our own consumption patterns and consider how we can live more sustainably. In a world grappling with environmental degradation and economic inequality, Gandhi's teachings on simplicity offer valuable insights for fostering a more equitable future.

Moreover, Gandhi's mission was intrinsically linked to the principles of democracy and participatory governance. He envisioned a society where every citizen actively engaged in shaping their communities and holding their leaders accountable. Gandhi believed that true democracy could only thrive when individuals exercised their rights and responsibilities as active participants in the political process. His emphasis on civic engagement highlights the importance of collective action in preserving democratic values. As

our voices matter and that we must work together to create a society that reflects our shared ideals.

Throughout his life, Gandhi faced immense challenges, including imprisonment and communal violence. Yet, even in the face of adversity, he remained steadfast in his commitment to peace and reconciliation. His ability to maintain hope and resolve during tumultuous times underscores the resilience of his principles. Gandhi's message of unity and nonviolence serves as a powerful reminder that even in our darkest moments, compassion and understanding can prevail. In a world often marked by conflict and despair, his teachings inspire us to persevere in our pursuit of justice and to seek peaceful resolutions to our differences.

In summary, Mahatma Gandhi's mission transcended the specific context of India's struggle for independence: it embodies a universal quest for truth, justice, and human dignity. His teachings on nonviolence, social justice, empathy, and simplicity continue to resonate in our contemporary world, offering timeless wisdom for addressing the challenges we face. Gandhi's life is a testament to the power of moral leadership and the profound impact that individual conviction can have on society. By internalizing the lessons of his mission, we can cultivate a more compassionate, just, and equitable world. As we reflect on Gandhi's legacy, let us draw inspiration from his unwavering commitment to truth and justice, striving to create a future where the values he championed continue to thrive.

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## News

# Hezbollah Begins 'Operation Khaybar', Fires Missiles At Tel Aviv

the Greater Tel Aviv region.

It is the first time Hezbollah

has deployed the Fadi 4 rockets

to hit Israeli military targets.

Hezbollah targeted Mossad

headquarters in Tel Aviv suburbs

with a Qader 1 ballistic missile

Hezbollah's rocket barrage on Tel Aviv Tuesday comes after a

night of heavy Israeli strikes on

### Trans Asia News

Beirut: The Lebanese movement Hezbollah announced the launch of "Operation Khaybar" against Israel by launching barrages of Fadi 4-type rockets towards a military intelligence unit, as well as the Mossad headquarters located in the suburbs of Tel Aviv, in response to the "targeting of civilians and the massacres committed by the enemy".

"With the call of "Labbyaka ya Nasrallah" (We are at Your Service O Nasrallah), the fighters of the Islamic Resistance launched a barrage of Fadi-4 missiles at the Glilot base belonging to the Military Intelligence Unit 8200 and the Mossad headquarters located in the outskirts of Tel Aviv under "Operation Khaybar" on Tuesday, a statement from the group said.

The operation comes amid ongoing Israeli air raids on Lebanon, especially its South and East, as well as the Southern Suburb of the capital Beirut, where Hezbollah Secretary-General Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah was assassinated.

Broadcasting The Israeli Authority (KAN) stated that three missiles were launched from



Lebanon toward the Greater Tel Aviv area, while Israeli media confirmed that a total of ten ballistic missiles were fired from Lebanon toward Tel Aviv.

The Israeli Channel 12 said that 50 projectiles have so far been launched from Lebanon, on September 25. with the operation targeting central Israel forcing millions of settlers to rush to shelters. In response, the Israeli mili-

the Lebanese capital and the tary announced that millions of beginning of what Israeli officials have called the incursion Israelis have sought shelter due to Hezbollah's rocket fire from a "limited ground invasion" of Lebanon. The Israeli army con-Lebanon's south. Lebanese authorities have firmed detecting and intercepting several missiles launched toward reported over a thousand casualties since Israeli aggression on Lebanon intensified in mid-September.

### **Intensified Fighting**

The Israeli military has carried out deadly aerial assaults on southern Lebanon, killing several people.

The Lebanese National News Agency (NNA) reported on Tuesday that an Israeli warplane bombed a home in the town of Daoudiya in southern Lebanon, killing at least 10 people and injuring five others. All the victims of the attack belong to the Diab family, the report added.

Also on Tuesday, at least five people were killed in another Israeli airstrike that hit the crowded Ain al-Hilweh Palestinian refugee camp, near the southern Lebanese city of Sidon.

Some reports said the raid targeted the home of Munir Al-Maqdah, leader of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, the armed wing of the Palestinian Fatah movement in Lebanon.

Meanwhile, a Palestinian source told Lebanon's al-Mayadeen news channel that the assassination attempt had failed.

### **Ground Offensive**

Hezbollah has dismissed as "false" Israel's claim that its forces have crossed into southern Lebanon.

Spokesman Mohammed Afifi made the remarks in a statement on Tuesday, after the Israeli military announced its troops had entered southern Lebanon earlier in the day in preparation for a ground operation.

Afifi went on to say that "no direct ground clashes have yet taken place between the resistance fighters and the occupation forces," emphasizing that the allegations are false.

"Hezbollah fighters are ready for a direct confrontation with enemy forces that dare to or try to enter Lebanon to inflict casualties among them," he said.

Afifi further stated that Hezbollah's firing of mediumrange missiles toward the central part of the occupied territories "is only the beginning," hours after the resistance group targeted Israel's Glilot military base and Mossad headquarters in the outskirts of Tel Aviv with salvos of Fadi-4 rockets.

### When, Where & How Will Sayyed Nasrallah Be Laid To Rest?

### KO Web Desk

Srinagar: The reality and the shock of Hezbollah's Secretary-General Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah's assassination is gradually sinking in among his followers. The pressing ques-tion remains: When, where, and how will Sayyed Nasrallah be laid to rest?

Until now, Hezbollah has not released any details regarding the funeral arrangements for its leader, leaving room for multiple scenarios.

Lebanese media has been discussing possible scenarios. One possibility is a large-scale public funeral procession in Beirut's southern suburbs, South Lebanon, or the Bekaa Valley, with widespread participation, wrote LBC International.

However, given the ongoing Israeli strikes, this option seems unlikely at present. It could become more feasible if a ceasefire agreement is reached. A second scenario suggests

that, due to heightened security measures, Hezbollah might opt for a private burial ceremony with only close family members and key party leaders present, without live broadcasting of the event, the report added. If Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah's



burial in Lebanon becomes too difficult, there is speculation that his body might be transported abroad, with the holy city of Karbala in Iraq – the site of Imam Hussein's shrine being the prefered location.

All these possibilities remain tied to developments on the ground.

There is also growing spec-ulation that Nasrallah may have already been buried in accordance with Islamic traditions, which emphasize prompt burial.

Exhuming the body for a delayed public funeral would require a religious edict (fatwa), likely from Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Sayyed Ali Khamenei. Despite all these speculations Hezbollah remains tightlipped on the exact time and place of the funeral and place of burial of its slain leader.

### JHistoric Deepening

the number of candidates contesting from assembly elections in 2014. Hearteningly, women candidates made a significant leap, increasing from 28 to 43 in the corresponding period, while independent candidates saw a 26% rise, further contributing to the expanding electoral landscape and grassroot political participation. "Post delimitation exercise in J&K, for the first time in history, 9 seats were reserved for Scheduled Tribes (ST) in J&K resulting in a more inclusive & participative election. Registered Unrecognized Political Parties (RUPPs) also demonstrated a remarkable 71% increase in participation from 138 in 2014 to 236 in 2024," the statement said, adding that "For campaigning by various parties, a total of 330 requests were received for pre-certification of campaign content by State MCMC as compared to 27 in 2014 LA elections."

### **Voter Apathy?**

comprises seven assembly constituenciesincluding Sopore, Rafiabad, Uri, Baramulla, Wagoora-Kreeri, Gulmarg and Pattan-Sopore recorded the lowest polling percentage at 41.44%, followed by Baramulla at 47.95%.

Uri led with a turnout of 64.81%, followed closely by Gulmarg at 64.19%, Pattan at 60.87%, Rafiabad at 58.39%, and Wagoora-Kreeri at

At various polling stations, only a few voters vere seen casting their ballots. N lanv expressed a desire for change but voiced disappointment with the current political landscape Residents of Sopore and Baramulla reflected on the high voter turnout during previous parliamentary elections, which had been fueled by support for Awami Ittehad Party (AIP) president Er Rashid. Many believed their votes could help secure his release from jail. "During the parliamentary elections, we thought voting for Er Rashid could make a difference and get him out of jail," one local said. "But it turned out to be a waste. This time. people are more cautious and less motivated." The disillusionment with the political process contributed to the subdued turnout in the current elections. However, some voters in Sopore and Baramulla remained hopeful that the assembly elections could pave the way for broader, long-term change. "We are not just voting for local issues; this election is about restoring our dignity and ensuring a better future for our youth," several residents said. They added, "We need those leaders who would focus on our rights and future rather than just making short-term promises. It's time for Kashmir's identity to be restored."(KNO)

a day after Israel said it had begun limited ground operations against Hezbollah in southern Lebanon.

Israeli airstrikes and artillery fire pounded southern Lebanese villages where people were ordered to evacuate, and Hezbollah fighters responded by firing a barrage of rockets into Israel. There was no immediate word on casualties as fighting intensified and concerns of a wider regional war grew.

A senior White House official warned of "severe consequences" should Iran launch a ballistic missile against Israel. U.S. ships and aircraft are positioned in the region to assist Israel in the event of an attack from Iran. The official spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss intelligence.Hagari also warned of consequences if Iran fired missiles into Israel.He urged the public to stay close to sheltered areas. "The Iranian strike could be widespread," he said. Iran launched an unprecedented direct attack on Israel in April, but few of its projectiles reached their targets. Many were shot down by U.S., UK and their Arab allies.

On Tuesday morning, Israel warned people to evacuate to the north of the Awali River, some 60 kilometers (36 miles) from the border and much farther than the Litani River, which marks the northern edge of a U.N.-declared zone intended to serve as a buffer between Israel and Hezbollah after their 2006 war.

The border region has largely emptied out over the past year as the two sides have traded fire. But the scope of the evacuation warning raised questions as to how deep Israel plans to send its forces into Lebanon.An Israeli airstrike hit a residential building near Beirut Tuesday, causing damage but with no immediate reports of casualties. The strike appeared to hit an apartment about 100 meters from the Iranian Embassy. Anticipating more rocket attacks from Hezbollah, the Israeli army announced new restrictions on public gatherings and closed beaches in northern and central Israel. The military also said it was calling up thousands more reserve soldiers to serve on the northern border.

wishes and aspirations of the people of the frontier district, he said, when the centre following the apex court directions could hold assembly elections in J&K after a decade-long pause, they could restore its statehood as well.

"People of Kashmir are no longer dummies who are easily swayed by the emotional speeches of political leaders. They have been claiming that they could restore J&Ks statehood if they are voted to power, despite the fact that the Supreme Court has already made a ruling on this matter," he added.

A sixty-year-old voter in the 14-Sonawari assembly segment of the Bandipora district said that she voted for the candidate who had pledged to give priority to addressing burning issues the people of Sonawari confront.

"Massive turnout in Sonwari and Sumbal was the outcome of the promises the contesting candidates made with residents. We hope that the issue-such as rising unemployment, inflation, reduced rationing and poor road connectivity-would be given priority, and that they would not think twice about showing him the door in case he fails to deliver," she told Kashmir Observer.

Although Bandipora is at par with all other districts in terms of education and skill set, she claimed, the area's most affected by unemployment in the district are Sonwari and Sumbal.

"Since elections were held ultimately in union territory after ten years, our local representatives, we hope, would live up to our expectations this time around, since the prolonged postponement of local elections was nothing less than a nightmare for the people of Jammu and Kashmir including those from north," another voter at Trehgam, Kupwara said.

they seek a "return" to peace, prosperity and dignity, believing that these can only be achieved through the restoration of Kashmir's special status.

Sopore has been known as a separatist stronghold, being the native place of late separatist leader Syed Ali Shah Geelani and Mohammad Afzal Guru, a convict in the Parliament attack case. (KNO)

### Langate Voters

Sanzipora Mawer polling booth, Irfan Ahmad said that besides development, he is pressing the button on the Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) today to get the 'innocent youth' released from the jails.

Irfan said, "Many persons in the area were languishing in the jails and some were released earlier this year. I am casting my ballot to choose a representative who will speak on these issues and will help in releasing them."

Another voter at Hangah polling station, Sagib Ahmad said, "In a decade, many things have changed. It seems, we don't have our own representative who can resolve our matters."

"I am casting my ballot to choose our own representative. There are many people who are languishing in different jails of India. They have no representative to take their matter up to get them released." he said.

In the meantime, the situation and aim of voting for many other voters in Langate polling booths was no different from Sanzipora Mawer and Hangah polling stations

Wangchuk and the Leh Apex Body, and lawyer Mustafa Haji, the legal advisor to the Body, also assail the order of the Delhi Police prohibiting assembly of five or more "unauthorised" people as well as protests in various parts of the capital, including the border, from September 30 to October 5.

Haji's petition was mentioned for listing before the Chief Justice's bench by lawyer Vikram Hegde before it rose for a lunch break.

Refusing to list the matter today itself, the court agreed to list it for hearing on October 3, if it is in order by 3.30 pm.

The two petitions seek an order directing the release of those detained as well as permission for the group to peacefully enter Delhi to raise their concerns. Around 120 people from Ladakh, including Wangchuk, have allegedly been detained at the Delhi border by police while marching to the capital to demand sixth schedule status for Ladakh.

The sixth schedule pertains to the administration of tribal areas in the states of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram as "autonomous districts and autonomous regions".

Azad, in his plea, said most of the "padyatris" have been in "illegal" detention since September 30 and are not being allowed to meet anyone or avail legal remedies.

"The herculean task undertaken by the petitioner (Azad) along with Mr Sonam Wangchuk and supported by a group of other people, was proving to be a success as more and more peoble were getting aware of the drastic and ile situation which the regions of Ladakh and the Himalayas were in. "(This was) until the petitioner and other people who were marching along with the petitioner, reached Singhu Border which is situated on North West side of Delhi and borders Delhi on Haryana side, on 30.09.2024," Azad said in his plea. "The petitioner with others was first stopped by Haryana Police then handed over to Delhi Police who took them into custody and detained them illegally for exercising a right which has been granted by the Constitution," it added. The plea asserted that the conduct of the police authorities is contrary to the fundamental right to hold peaceful assembly and the right to unrestricted and unhindered entry into Delhi. The other petition, filed by Haji, emphasised that the group led by Wangchuk has travelled peacefully through several states and the Delhi Police's blanket prohibitory order was without any basis.

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### No Repoll

were reported, a significant improvement from 2014 when over 170 incidents were reported, including 87 on polling days, it said.

There also have been no complaints pertaining to arbitrary preventive detention of political functionaries in these elections which is "unprecedented", the poll authority said.

The Election Commission (EC) had also strictly instructed against clubbing of polling stations just before the poll day, and accordingly, people voted at their actual polling station location as opposed to 98 polling stations shifted in 2014 at the eleventh hour.

### Iran Launches

Guard General Abbas Nilforushan, both killed in an Israeli airstrike last Friday in Beirut. It also mentioned Ismail Haniyeh, a top leader in Hamas who was assassinated in Tehran in an Israeli attack in July. It warned this attack represented only a "first wave," without elaborating. The IRGC further said that the attack was in line with the country's right to legitimate self-defense as per the United Nations Charter, and in response to the regime's escalating crimes-backed by the United States-against the people of Lebanon and Gaza.

The Zionist regime will face more crushing attacks in case it reacts to Iran's operation, the IRGC added.The air raid alerts in Israel came 'ALL OF LEBANON WILL FIGHT'

Many Lebanese said they were ready to resist Israeli forces.

"Not just Hezbollah, all of Lebanon will fight this time. All of Lebanon is determined to fight Israel for the massacres it committed in Gaza and Lebanon," said Abu Alaa, a Sidon resident.

### West Pak Refugees

land allocated to them during their resettle-ment after the 1947 migration.

"For us, it is a national festival today. It is a red-letter day in the history of these three communities, particularly West Pakistan refugees. We became part of true democracy in lammu and Kashmir as we exercise our right to vote for the first time in our lifetime today,' President of the West Pakistan Refugees Action Committee Labha Ram Gandhi said.

Gandhi, who led the celebrations of the community in the border town, also known as the home of Basmati rice growers, said this was a dream come true for the community which had so far lived as "unwanted citizens"

### Jobs, Education,

the jubilant voters in north Kashmir, who were excited to vote in local elections for the first time in ten years since 2014, claimed that no political party, not even the BJP could claim credit for the restoration of statehood to J&K, as the centre is legally bound to abide by SC ruling.

"Statehood is our right, and a year ago, the Supreme Court had pronounced its verdict in this regard. So far as Article 370 is concerned, let the regional parties play their part. We voted for employment opportunities for our youth, quality education for our children and of course better infrastructure and connectivity, all of which the three northern border districts of Kashmir are sorely lacking in," a voter told Kashmir Observer after casting his ballot at a polling booth at Kreeri, Wagoora segment in Baramulla. Expressing confidence that only local rep-

resentatives would be able to accomplish the

### **'Own Govt**

Jammu, Udhampur, Kathua and Samba districts in Jammu region.

The recent surge in terror attacks in the remote hilly areas of Jammu failed to dampen the spirit of the voters in the rural belts where the voting percentage by half-day have already crossed 50 per cent mark, showing the sense of security created by police and paramilitary forces among them.

The voting by border residents also took place in a peaceful atmosphere with no untoward incident reported from anywhere amid ongoing ceasefire between India and Pakistan.

Polling in the final phase, also covering 16 segments in north Kashmir districts of Baramulla, Kupwara and Bandipora, went off smoothly with 65.48 per cent of over 39.18 lakh eligible voters exercising their franchise till 5 pm.

A voter turnout of 61.38 per cent was recorded for 24 assembly seats in the first phase of the elections on September 18 and 57.31 per cent in the second phase covering 26 segments on September 25. The results are scheduled to be announced on October 8.

### Sopore Votes To

rights. Many highlighted the adverse impact of unemployment and a lack of opportunities on the youth

"We've lost our dignity and resources, which are now exploited by others. Development is essential, but restoring our constitutional status is the priority," Ghulam Nabi, a local, said.

Mohammad Igbal echoed similar views, saying there is a need for representation and selfgovernance. "We have suffered without a voice for so long, but now there's hope in these elections. People understand that change is necessary," he said.

The elections have introduced new candidates who share a vision for the region's future.

Aijaz Masoodi, a Sopore native, said it is crucial to secure a prosperous future for the youth. 'Job security and opportunities for our children depend on having our own government. Without that, progress is impossible," he said.

Mohammad Altaf Kar said the previous governments neglected them. He expressed hope for change and development. "We have been left behind, and now we want change and progress in the region," he said.

The collective desire among voters is clear:

Pertinently, the final phase of assembly elections that were held here after a decade concluded on Tuesday.

### **Opposition Rallies**

other Ladakhis, and said Prime Minister Narendra Modi would have to listen to Ladakh's voice. Around 120 people from Ladakh, including Wangchuk -- who had marched to the national capital demanding Sixth Schedule status for the Union Territory -- have been detained by the Delhi Police at the national capital's border.

"The detention of Sonam Wangchuk ji and hundreds of Ladakhis peacefully marching for environmental and constitutional rights is unacceptable," Gandhi said in a post on X.

The former Congress chief also asked why elderly citizens were being detained at Delhi's border for standing up for Ladakh's future.

"Modi ji, like with the farmers, this 'Chakravyuh' will be broken, and so will your arrogance. You will have to listen to Ladakh's voice," Gandhi said.

People's Democratic Party (PDP) president Mehbooba Mufti Tuesday hit out at the Centre over the detention of climate activist Sonam Wangchuk and several other Ladakhis, saying even the fundamental right to protest has been "snatched" from the people.

Wangchuk and around 120 others on a march to Delhi demanding Sixth Schedule status for Ladakh were detained at the Singhu border on Monday night.

"Even the very fundamental right to protest has been snatched from us for raising our voice against the onslaught on our identity & resources. We stand in solidarity with the people of Ladakh," Mehbooba said in a post on X.

CPI (M) leader M Y Tarigami Tuesday also condemned the detention saying it reflects the government's "utter disregard" for democratic freedom.

"Condemning, in no uncertain terms, the detention of prominent climate activist Sonam Wangchuk along with his supporters at Singhu border. Scuttling the peaceful Delhi Chalo Padyatra of Wangchuk reflects the government's utter disregard for democratic freedom," Mufti said in a post on X.

### **Pleas Filed**

agreed to list it on that day if the plea is in order, saying that it has already allowed a request for listing in another petition concerning the detention.

A habeas corpus petition is filed seeking direction to produce a person who is missing or illegally detained.

Two other writ petitions, filed by social activist Azad, who said that he works closely with

The purpose of their march, the plea said, was to make a representation to the Centre on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti.

Haji's petition sought the release of Wangchuk and those marching with him, including the people associated with the Kargil Democratic Alliance detained at the Singhu border.

The march was organised by the Leh Apex Body. which along with the Kargil Democratic Alliance, has been spearheading an agitation for the last four years to demand statehood for Ladakh, seek its inclusion under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution, early recruitment process and a public service commission, and separate Lok Sabha seats for Leh and Kargil districts.

### **Er Rashid's Bail**

Hafiz Saeed and Hizbul Mujahideen chief Syed Salahuddin, in the case.

Malik was sentenced to life imprisonment by a trial court in 2022 after he pleaded guilty to the charges.

### Nalin Prabhat

the security forces during his postings to I&K in the past. "He has already served as Deputy Inspector General, South Kashmir. Ops Range, and in the Srinagar Sector of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF). He also served as Inspector General, Kashmir, Ops Sector, CRPF."

His work earned him the Antrik Suraksha Seva Padak, and the Police (Special Duty) Medal and Bar in I&K.

The outgoing DGP, Swain, an Indian Police Service (IPS) from 1991, took over the top position in 2023. Swain also served as Special DG CID and the Intelligence Chief of Jammu and Kashmir in June 2020. (KNO)

## STATE

### Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kash-Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha congratulated the voters of the third phase of assembly elections for the record turnout, saying the enthusiasm shown by them is a testimony to the vibrant democracy.

In a social media post, the LG said the great enthusiasm among the voters in all three phases to exercise their franchise is a testimony to vibrant democracy in J&K and people's faith in democratic values.

"Congratulations to the people for a record turnout in final phase of Assembly Elections. I applaud the tireless efforts of election officials, district admin, JKP & our



"Great enthusiasm among voters in all three phases to exercise

their franchise is a testimony to vibrant democracy in J&K and people's faith in democratic values. Transparent, free & fair assembly polls 2024 will be written in golden letters in the history of J&K elections," he added.

### Ashok Kumar Verma Assumes **Charge Of General Manager, Northern Railway**

**Observer News Service** 

SRINAGAR: Ashok Kumar Verma, officer of Indian Railway Stores Service, assumed the charge of General Manager of Northern Railway. Earlier he has served as General Manager Central Organization for Railway Electrification, (CORE) Prayagraj. Ashok Kumar Verma is a 1987 batch officer and has served Indian Railways in various capacities.

Apart from his vast experience in stores related issues, he also has experience in handling general administration. Verma has served as Principal Chief Material Manager in North Western Railway, as Divisional Railway Manager of Bengaluru Division of South Western Railway and Additional Divisional Railway Manager of Jhansi Division. He also previously served as Executive Director Railway Stores in Railway Board.

He holds a degree in Civil En-gineering from Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology, Prayagraj and an MBA degree from IIM Kolkata. He has done his Diploma in Public Procurement (Public Procurement in Multilateral Agencies funded Projects) from Indian Railway Institute of Logistics and Material Management and PG Diploma in Alternate Dispute Resolution Mechanism from National Academy of Legal Studies and Research University. He has vast experience in Finance and Public Procurement.

Today after formally taking charge Shri Ashok Kumar Verma held a meeting with all the



that the work site safety & safety of staff is of paramount importance. While speaking about the staff welfare issues, he instructed that the senior officers and supervisors should remain accessible to staff for resolving their concerns & all the issues

be dealt in due timeframe. In a bid to enhance passenger's experience and modernize railway infrastructure, GM conducted a comprehensive review to assess the progress of stations redevelopment under the Amrit Bharat Scheme (ABSS), USBRL project and Rishikesh- Karnaprayag line. He instructed the officials to monitor the progress of redevelopment work of stations and timely completion of all infrastructure works. GM highlighted the importance of timely execution and quality adherence to ensure the successful completion of the projects within the stipulated time period. He said the works must be planned keeping in mind safety, passenger convenience & operational needs of future. He further said that Railways have a huge contribution in the GDP of India and only through the progress of Railways we can achieve the vi

## **Jammu Votes For Return Of Statehood**

### Agencies

JAMMU: With polling for the last phase of Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir has come to close, the biggest issue which remained talk of the town was return of statehood to the Jammu and Kashmir and every political party tried to touch this issue.

Besides statehood, unemployment, nationalism and addressing concerns of traders, who have immensely suffered due to various reasons, remained some major issues during these elections. The return of statehood to

J&K was on every lip and leaders across party lines tried to touch the issue as majority of people wanted J&K to be a state instead of a Union Territory (UT). People were vocal about

statehood but at the same time kept talking about nationalism. "Voting is our right and we are exercising it to be part of this democratic process. Those who get elected should work to get statehood back for J&K as it is necessary to keep our interests intact,' said Rohit Kumar, a resident of Udhampur. During this last phase of Assembly elections, 40 seats of seven districts Jammu, Samba,

Kathua, Udhampur, Baramulla, Bandipora and Kupwara went to poll and people in large numbers came out to vote for their candidates. In this phase, 24 seats of four districts of Jammu region went for the polls and from young boys and girls to aged people,

everybody came out to vote. Youth were also vocal about their participation and issues concerning their day to day life. "Whosoever forms the government, they should create

## jobs for the youth, control inflation, especially in terms of vegetables and fruits and should provide a clean atmo-

sphere by fogging as the threat of dengue is looming large,' said Ayesha Mahajan, a female voter from Jammu west Assembly constituency.

Another voter from Jammu North Assembly constituency, Ankush Khajuria said, "We are voting for the holistic development of Jammu and Kashmir as it lags behind many states in the country. We want better infrastructure, more jobs, better healthcare facilities and a secured environment."-(KNO)

## Kashmir's Fury Over Nasrallah **Killing Gains Global Media Spotlight**

### Syed Mohammad Burhan

**SRINAGAR:** The assassination of Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah, a prominent figure admired in Kashmir for his staunch resistance against the American-Israeli agenda in the Middle East, ignited widespread protests and spontaneous shutdowns across several districts, including Budgam, Baramulla, Bandipora, and Srinagar.

However, it was for the first time that the demonstrations quickly garnered global attention, with international and national media outlets, including Al Jazeera English, Turkey's Anadolu Agency, Iran's Tehran Times, India Today and The Economic Times besides others extensively covering the Pro-Nasrallah protests in Kashmir.

Popular Television channel with huge social media presence, Aljazeera English covered the Kashmir protests with the headline "Kashmiris protest Israel's killing of Hez-



are with you!" They raised signs and banners with messages denouncing Israel and the United States.

Turkish news agency 'Anadolu' posted "Kashmir partly shut over assassination of Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah"

"A shutdown was observed in several parts of Indianadministered Kashmir on Monday in protest against the assassination of Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah.

Spontaneous shutdowns were seen across many areas, killing by an Israeli strike on including Budgam Baramulla Bandipora and Srinagar, while PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti and NC MP Syed Rahullah and Peoples Conference functionary Imran Ansari called off their campaign for the final

**First-Time Voters In** Jammu Excited To Get **Finger Inked** 

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### Agencies

JAMMU: Thrilled first-time voters made their voices heard today by contributing to the election of 24 members of the Legislative Assembly across Jammu, Samba, Udhampur and Kashmir districts.

Despite adverse weather and heavy rains, excited young voters flocked to their polling booths early in the morning. After getting their fingers inked, many were seen taking selfies and creating social media reels at booths specially decorated by the district administration.

As per the latest electoral rolls, 3,918,220 voters are eligible to cast their ballots in this phase, including 2,009,033 male voters, 1,909,130 female voters, and 57 third-gender voters. The role of youth in strengthening democracy is underscored by the fact that 194,000 young voters aged 18 to 19 are eligible to participate in this third phase of the as-

sembly election. First-time voters displayed smiles and confidence at the polling stations.

Komal from Samba expressed her excitement, "It was my first vote, and I was thrilled for the past week, especially since the BLO delivered my voting slip at home. This morning, I came here with my cousin to ensure my name was on the list. I hope that with my first vote, a government will be formed that

works for farmers and youth." Nidhi Bharti, a voter from Bahu Fort in the Bahu constituency, said, "I was really excited for this day. I've seen my parents vote, but after getting my finger inked, I now understand the value of one vote and the responsibility it carries.'

Neeraj Kumar, who voted in Samba Gagwal, said, "We voted for a better future and more employment opportunities."

Meghna Matto, a member of the Valmiki community voting for the first time, said this is a significant moment, particularly after the community gained voting rights following the abrogation of Article 370. "This opportunity is incredibly important for us," she said.

Meetakshi Chib from Samba said voting for the first time is both a great feeling and a responsibility. "I'm excited to cast my first vote for the development of my area," she said.

Some voters, despite being in their mid-20s, were also voting for the first time.

Akanshi Sharma from Basholi recalled, "I was just over 17 during the Lok Sabha elections and was upset my name wasn't on the list. This time, I made sure it was included, and I'm thrilled to have that indelible ink mark on my finger."

After casting his first vote in Udhampur, Ashish Kumar said: "I voted for a candidate I believe can work for the development of our district and the country."–(KNO)

## Strong 64% Turnout In **Gulmarg-11**

### Agencies

BARAMULLA: The assembly elections in the Gulmarg-11 constituency witnessed an overwhelming turnout of 64% as residents from across Kunzar, Tangmarg and its adjoining areas cast their votes, pinning their hopes on much-needed development and change.

By the end of the day, the high voter turnout showed strong emotions running through the area, with many locals viewing this election as a critical moment for their future.

Kashmir Valley politicians, including PDP's Mehbooba Mufti, for mourning the death At Polling Station 50 in Ferozand cancelling their elecpora C, with 859 registered vottion campaigns over Hezbolers, 377 people had already cast lah leader Hassan Nasrallah's their ballots by noon, with lines forming early in the morning. young and old, brave the age gap as they united in their demand for a better life. From Chandilora to Hariwatnoo, from Batpora to Treran, the people of Kunzar came together in a display of hope, yearning for change. Abdul Rashid, a resident of Chandilora, spoke with visible emotion. He told KNO that he reflected on the challenges his community has faced. "We have been waiting for years, hoping someone would listen to us. Our roads are broken, our schools don't have enough teachers, and our hospitals are underequipped. This vote is not just about electing a representative - it's about our survival, our dig-

serve as the gateway to the world-famous tourist destination of Gulmarg, were filled with the buzz of anticipation. Young men, elders, and women, many of whom had never voted before, joined the lines, eager to have their say in shaping their future.

Shakeela Begum, a mother of four from Hariwatnoo, stood in line with her eldest daughter beside her, clutching her mother's hand. Shakeela said she wants her children to grow up in a place where they don't have to fight for basic things like clean water and proper healthcare. "We have been forgotten by those in power for too long. This vote is for them - for their future," she added.

Also, in Polling Station 61 in Batpora, with 815 registered voters, more than 500 votes were

Principal heads of departments. All the Divisional Railway Manager also joined the meeting through video conferencing. While addressing the meeting Shri Verma outlined his priorities. He said Punctuality and Safety are the most important parameters in railway functioning. Shri Verma further added

sion of 'Viksit Bharat'.

Further, the GM commended the effort put forth by the staff ensuring the safety and smooth functioning of train operations and said that he takes inspiration from the hard work of Trackman & Gangman, who works round the clock in hostile weather conditions.

bollah chief Nasrallah". "Hundreds take to the

streets in the Muslim-majority region, denouncing the killing of Hassan Nasrallah and Israel's war on Gaza." "Over the weekend hun-

dreds of protesters took to the streets holding up pictures of the Lebanese leader and chanting slogans including "Oh martyrs of Lebanon, we

phase of assembly elections. The Economic Times Stated that "Kashmir Valley protests Hezbollah leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah's killing; campaign cancelled"

Friday Kashmir also erupted into protests, with thousands taking to the streets." It stated

India Today reported that

sparks protest in J&K, Meh-

booba Mufti calls him martyr"

story on why killing of Hezbol-

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Hezbollah's Nasrallah is a revered figure, especially among the Shia community globally. In Kashmir, the community sees the leader as a "symbol of resistance".

The protest videos from Kashmir also went viral on social media platforms of youtube and 'X' formerly twitter.

### **BGSB University: Securing Greener Future; Preserves Sustainable Environmental Footprint**

### **Observer News Service**

RAJOURI: Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University is located at the foothills of the great Himalayan Pir Panjal range. The University campus is located at a distance of approximately 8 km from the main city Rajouri. The University campus exhibits marvelous altitudinal, topographic and edaphic diversity. Climate and vegetation of the area is sub-tropical to sub-temperate type. The area of the campus is largely hilly and exhibits a rich diversity of flora

Under the stewart leadership of Prof. Akbar Masood, Vice Chancellor of the University the Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University during the last three years has taken up various initiatives including plantation drives, biodiversity conservation and water harvesting in the University campus to promote eco-friendly practices and reduce carbon footprint.The objective of these initiatives is to promote environmental awareness among students, staff, and faculty and to encourage community involvement in environmental conservation. These initiatives aim to mitigate climate change through carbon sequestration, support campus wildlife and biodiversity, creat-

ing a serene and eco-friendly campus environment and to inspire students to become environmental stewards.

Towards the accomplishment of the 'Green and Clean Campus' and To create mass awareness among people about the importance of ecological balance for better environment and healthy living, the BGSB University has organized many plantation drives in the campus in collaboration with various Government Departments. Last year, Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Akbar Masood launched a special plantation drive on the campus by the women folks including female teachers, staff, scholars and students. The programme aimed at highlighting the crucial interconnection between humans and nature, making the plants an inseparable part of the "family consciousness", leading to environmental protection and women empowerment. Each

woman member among the teaching and non teaching faculty of the University took the responsibility of planting one sapling which they planted in the open spaces around their respective departments / residential area and other designated spaces in the campus. The University also organized plantation drives such as 'ek ped shaheed ke naam' and 'ek ped maa ke naam' in the campus. This year , the Vice Chancellor launched a mega plantation drive was to celebrate the birthday of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in which students , faculty and staff of the University participated. Moreover, as a part of Independence Day celebrations a two week plantation drive was launched by the Vice Chancellor in the campus involving the students, faculty and staff of the University. Around 20,000 saplings of various species have been planted during the last three years.

nity," he said. In Kunzar's main town, where Polling Station 60 saw 201 out of 669 registered voters casting their ballots by early afternoon, the mood was similar. The streets of Kunzar, which

recorded by the end of the afternoon. Locals said each vote was cast with the hope that this election could finally bring progress to an area that has long been ignored.

Meanwhile, the sentiment was echoed in other parts of Kunzar, where residents spoke about their struggles with unemployment, poor infrastructure, and lack of opportunities for the youth.

Fatima, a first-time voter from Kunzar, shared her thoughts, saying, "This is my chance to make a difference. For too long, we have been living in the shadows of promises that were never kept. I am voting for jobs, for proper roads, for a future where young people like me don't have to leave our homes to find a better life," she said, as she came out after placing her vote into the ballot box.

### NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No:- 770-W/169/WA-1/FZR-179-2024-25-ADEN-JRC, 180-2024-25-ADEN-JRC & 182-2024-25-ADEN-LDH acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www.ireps.gov.in with closing date 16.10.2024 up to 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only, Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through only payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker cheque, Deposit receipts FDR etc. are not allowed

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Wave Of Er Rashid 'Goes **Missing' In North Kashmir** 

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KUPWARA/ BARAMULLA: Just a few months changed the voting scenario in north Kashmir where the majority of voters in Lok Sabha elections held earlier this year favoured the incumbent parliamentarian, Engineer Abdul Rashid Sheikh as the electorates in the Assembly Elections-2024 were happily divided by supporting their candidates associated with different political parties.

The situation was not similar to 2024 Parliamentary elections when the large queues were seen at maximum of polling booths, favouring and supporting the Awami Ittehad Party (AIP) candidate and its chief, Er Rashid, who was then in the jail persistently for the last five years.

Rashid was released on interim bail last month ahead of the assembly elections and will be in jail again tomorrow.

While speaking to voters at multiple polling stations in Kupwara, Baramulla and Bandipora districts, were not siding or favouring any single party, but were happily divided and siding with the candidates associated with different parties.

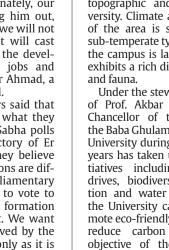
"The wave of Er Rashid doesn't exist anymore. We have our candidates and we will prefer them this time," Lateef Ahmad, a voter in Pattan con-



stituency, said.

"Since Er Rashid was in the jail in 2024 Lok Sabha elections, we voted for him to ensure his release, but unfortunately, our votes failed to bring him out, therefore, this time, we will not waste our votes but will cast the ballots only for the development, education, jobs and other things," Shabir Ahmad, a voter in Langate said.

Many of the voters said that they have achieved what they wanted in the Lok Sabha polls by ensuring the victory of Er Rashid. However, they believe that assembly elections are different from the parliamentary polls. "We are here to vote to give a shape to the formation of local government. We want the voters to be served by the elected candidates only as it is for the first time that the people are voting in the last one decade. We are without the government and experimenting with things would prove detrimental to the already worsening day-to-day issues here," the voters in Baramulla constituency said. –(KNO)



## SPORTS

## India Defeat Bangladesh By 7 Wickets, **Clean Sweep Two-Test Series**

### **Press Trust of India**

KANPUR: Yashasvi Jaiswal scored another half-century as India defeated Bangladesh by seven wickets in the weatherhit second Test to make a clean sweep of the two-Test series here on Tuesday.

India, after dismissing Bangladesh for 146 runs in the second innings, thanks to threewicket hauls by Ravichandran Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja and Jasprit Bumrah, achieved the victory target of 95 runs in 17.2 overs, with Jaiswal and Kohli scoring 51 and unbeaten 29 runs, respectively.

Earlier, Ashwin (3/50), Jadeja (3/34) and Bumrah (3/17) broke the back of Bangladesh batting, allowing them an addition of just 120 runs to their overnight total of 26/2.

Overnight batter Shadman Islam was the highest scorer for Bangladesh in the second innings, scoring 50 runs.

nings on Monday in a match The lunch session was ex-



### **Pillars For India': Ashwin**

India's ace spinner Ravi-chandran Ashwin believes that Shubman Gill and Yashasvi Jaiswal will emerge as the future pillars in the overseas tours next month.

Throughout the series, it was youngsters who were willing to fight side by side with the mainstays who laid the foundation of India's series victory.

Ashwin acknowledged the budding talents that have risen through the ranks to build a name for themselves.

"Jaiswal is a special talent. plays free willingly. Gill and Jaiswal will be the future pillars of the overseas tours, which we will encounter shortly, and will also enhance and enrich their experiences going forward in their test journey. They need to encounter newer experiences and be able to identify themselves where they need to work; both are high-quality players," Ashwin said in the post-match press conference.

## **Cycle Race Event For Girls** Held At Chadoora

### **Observer News Service**

BUDGAM: With an aim of promoting female literacy under the theme, "Poori Padhai Desh ki Balai," a cycle racing event was held at Shah Qalandar Sports Stadium in Wathoora, Chadoora, on Tuesday. Students of Khyber Girls School Chadoora participated in this event. Sehreen Nawaz and Aisha Ajaz stood first among senior and junior girls categories.

The event was organised by Khyber Girls School in collaboration with Koshish Kashmir, an NGO promoting female literacy in J&K.

Social Activist Dr. Raja Muzaffar, who was present on the occasion, said



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## Downtown Heroes Take On Karbi **Anglong In I-League 3 Playoffs**

### **Observer News Service**

SRINAGAR: Downtown Heroes FC will lock horns with Assamese team Karbi Anglong Morning Star FC in an I-League 3 Playoffs matchup on Wednesday at Naihati Stadium in Kolkata, West Bengal. The game kicks off at 9:00 AM.

The Heroes are at the bottom of Group A, having taken 0 points from their two games. On the other hand, Karbi Anglong have won one and lost two thus far. Both teams



are almost out of the race for an I-League 2 promotion, as Diamond Harbour Football Club (6 points, 2 games) and Keinou Library & Sports Association (6 points, 2 games) are the

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School Karate Competitions

current runaway leaders in the five team group. Downtown Heroes will play their final playoff game on October 4 against Diamond Harbour Football Club.

### **Hot TAKES**

### 'England's Bazball Can Conquer **Pakistan': Stuart Broad**



Agencies

ngland's aggressive approach will help when they ✓ their Test series in October, the country's former bowler Stuart Broad has said.

England will return to Pakistan for a red-ball series after defeating the hosts 3-0 in Tests in 2022 when Harry Brook scored three centuries and spinners thrived.

Brendon McCullum's side, however, failed in similar spin-friendly conditions in India, where they lost a series 4-1 earlier this year.

Broad said England have got the players to deal with spin in Pakistan but will have to play with their ultraaggressive style to get positive results.

"I think the style will work in Pakistan, for sure," Broad said ahead of the launch of Inside Lord's, Marylebone Cricket Club's (MCC) new digital platform.

"I think they're really positive and aggressive, they can find the boundary and don't get tied down by spin. "England will have to play fast-paced cricket to force results over there because you generally do need five days to make something happen."

England's fast-bowling unit, led by Chris Woakes and including Matthew Potts, Olly Stone, Gus Atkinson and Brydon Carse, will be without experienced Mark Wood, who has an elbow injury, and skipper Ben Stokes, who is not yet fit to bowl.

Broad said Pakistan, who were defeated 2-0 at home by Bangladesh last month, would be looking to take advantage of England's inexperienced fast bowling lineup, but the visitors must capitalise on the hosts' underwhelming form.

The three-test series against Pakistan starts in Multan on Oct. 7.

### I Don't Care About Individual **Records Anymore, Ronaldo Says**

Agencies

ristiano Ronaldo insists he is focused on being the perfect team member at Saudi side Al Nassr rather than collecting more individual colades in the twilight of his career. The 39-year-old, who has won

the Ballon d'Or award five times, scored in Al Nassr's 2-1 win over Al Rayyan of Qatar in their AFC Champions League Group B match on Monday.

It was the club's fourth successive victory in all competitions under new coach Stefano Pioli, who replaced Luis Castro last month.

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"It was a strong and difficult

the AFC Champions League, but the most important





match like all the matches in

thing is that we created many chances and defended well to prevent the opponent from creating easy

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mir Dr Rouf Mohiuddin Malik, Chairman Khyber School Chadoora Shahnawaz Sultan and Principal Noorul Ain were esent on the occalong with large numper of students and staff ers of the school.

BUDGAM: Department of Youth Services and Sports Budgam organised an Inter-Zonal District-Level Basketball Tournament for boys and girls across all age groups on Tuesday. The event took place at Foundation World School, Budgam, and saw a large number of participants.

The tournament was officially inaugurated by Ghulam Hassan Khanday, Activity incharge DYSSO Budgam. 'The students exhibited



great zeal and sportsmanteamwork, physical fitness and sportsmanship among ship throughout the competition, showcasing their the students, continuing the talent in a spirit of healthy department's commitment competition," the DYSSO to promoting sports and Budgam said in a statement. youth engagement in the district," it added. "The event aimed to foster



### **Observer News Service**

ANANTNAG: The District Youth Services and Sports officer Anantnag conducted Karate competition for Under-14, Under-17 and Under-19 age group boys on Tuesday at DYSSO office ground Anantnag.

The event featured the boys students

of different zones and Higher Secondary Schools of District Anantnag. A large number of students participated in the karate competitions, the department said in a press release. "The event successfully raised awareness about benefits of sports activities and served as a platform to promote its adoption for a healthier and more balanced lifestyle," it added.

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vhether I am the best . It is good for a player er for the team to win. and I no longer look hing for me now is to teammates to win."

Ronaldo became the er in a single season in the Saudi Pro League last May with 35 goals.

The Portugal captain also scored his 901st career goal in a 2-1 win over Scotland in the Nations League last month. "My goal against Al Rayyan was different and important because my father would have been happy with it if he was alive, as today (yesterday) is his birthday," the former Real Madrid, Juventus and Manchester United forward added.



In our latest podcast, we present Irshad Mushtag, founder of MI Securities. In addition, he is a financial expert who has helped countless individuals and businesses navigate complex financial landscapes. In this episode, we discussed different investment strategies, personal finance tips, and wealth building. The full video will be released soon on our YouTube channel. Subscribe Kashmir Observer channel for the latest updates.