

51 First-time MLAs To Enter Assembly

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Srinagar: There are 51 first-time MLAs among the 90 members elected to the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly in the first polls held for the Union Territory's legislature.

The National Conference (NC), which has emerged as the single-largest party in the election with 42 seats, has the highest number of debutant MLAs at 24.

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which swept the polls in the Jammu plains winning 29 seats, is second in terms of seats won as well as the number of first-time MLAs. The saffron party has 15 first-time MLAs, accounting for more than half of its tally.

The Congress, which fared poorly in the Jammu region but got six face-saving seats in the Kashmir valley, has two debutant MLAs while six of the seven Independent candidates who won the polls have become members of the elite House for the first time.

All three elected members of the People's Democratic Party (PDP) and the lone Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MLA are first timers in the Assembly.

Prominent among the first-time MLAs are PDP youth president Waheed Para, a businessman, AAP MLA from Doda Mehraraj Malik and the NC's Mushtaq Ahmad Guroo, who defeated Apni Party president and former minister Altaf Bukhari.

Several newly-elected MLAs have been members of the Lok Sabha.

NC Led Alliance Stakes Claim For Govt Formation

'Oath Ceremony Likely To Take Place On Oct 16'

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The National Conference-led alliance on Tuesday staked claim to form a government in Jammu and Kashmir, setting the ball rolling for the formation of the first government of the union territory.

Chief Minister-designate Omar Abdullah met Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to present letters of support from coalition partners, shortly after the Congress officially extended its backing to the party. He indicated the oath-taking ceremony may take place on Wednesday.

Omar was unanimously elected the leader of the NC Legislature Party on Thursday, setting the stage for his second term as chief minister.



His first term, from 2009 to 2014 when Jammu and Kashmir was a full-fledged state, was also under an NC-Congress coalition government. The NC won | More on P6

Dr Farooq Likely To Be Fielded For RS Seat

Agencies

Srinagar: With stage set for the new J&K Assembly after a decade, National Conference chief Dr Farooq Abdullah is preparing himself to represent the party in Rajya Sabha, highly placed sources said.

A senior NC leader confirmed the development stating that the party would send NC chief to Rajya Sabha. "He is a guiding force for us. Once the new Assembly is formed, elections would be held for Rajya Sabha by the Election Commission of India (ECI). There is a consensus within the party that Dr Farooq sahab should go to Rajya Sabha to represent NC there and also take the issues of people of J&K," he said. Sources said that once



the Assembly would be formed, for the first time in the Union Territory, J&K will have representation in the Rajya Sabha after three-and-a-half years. About the procedure, the sources in NC said that newly elected legislators will elect four representatives to Rajya Sabha once the notification is issued by the Election Commission of India.

"At present, Ghulam Ali Khatana is the only Rajya Sabha member, who represents | More on P6

Conflicts Hurting Global South: PM

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said the Global South countries face the severe impact of conflicts in parts of the world, and called for restoration of peace at the earliest in Eurasia and West Asia through dialogue and diplomacy.

Addressing the 19th East Asia Summit here, Modi said a free, open, inclusive, prosperous, and rules-based Indo-Pacific is crucial for peace and progress of the entire region.

As the first speaker at the Summit after the host, Lao PDR, and incoming chair, Malaysia, the prime minister asserted that the East Asia Summit -- Indo-Pacific's premier forum for strategic dialogue -- is a key pillar of India's Act East Policy.

Amid increasing Chinese assertiveness in the region, the prime minister said peace, security, and stability in the South China Sea are in the interest of the entire Indo-Pacific region.

Stating that ensuring freedom of navigation and airspace is essential, Modi said, "We believe that maritime activities should be conducted in accordance with UNCLOS. A robust and effective Code of Conduct should be developed."

India and other South Asian countries have repeatedly stated the importance of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) in the South China Sea region in view of China's assertiveness. | More on P6

President's Rule Must Be Revoked Before Govt Formation

Agencies

Srinagar: The Union Government is required to revoke the President's rule in Jammu & Kashmir before the Omar Abdullah-led government takes oath, sources said.

Officials said that the President Droupadi Murmu would revoke the proclamation issued on October 31, 2019 to impose Central Rule in Jammu & Kashmir under section 73 of Jammu & Kashmir Reorganisation Act-2019. "The proclamation of the President's Rule needs to be revoked to pave the way for the elected government to take oath," they said, adding that the proclamation needs to be revoked because it had suspended all the provisions of the Reorganisation Act dealing with J&K Assembly and the elected government.

They added that revoking the President's rule from J&K also requires concurrence of the Union Cabinet.

On October 31, 2019 when Jammu & Kashmir was

reorganized into two Union Territories, the Union Home Ministry issued a presidential order under Section 73 of the Jammu & Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019 imposing President's Rule in the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir. "Since the Legislative Assembly in the new UT of Jammu and Kashmir is not in existence, in order to avoid any constitutional vacuum, based on the report of the Governor of erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir, a presidential order was issued on 31st October, 2019 under Section 73 of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019 imposing President's Rule in the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir," the Union Government had said on November 20, 2019 when the cabinet approved the presidential order, ex post facto.

Before imposition of Central rule under section 73 of J&K Reorganisation Act, 2019, the President of India revoked the proclamation | More on P6

Process Set In Motion For Panchayat Elections In J&K

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The State Election Commission has initiated a process for holding Panchayat elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

This comes days after Assembly Elections were conducted in Jammu and Kashmir after 10 years. NC-Congress is set to form the government in the Union Territory. State Election Commission has directed district development commissioners to provide the soft copy of final Panchayat electoral 2024.

In a letter, the State Election Commission has written to district development commissioners, "I am directed to request you to kindly provide the soft copies of final panchayat electoral Roll 2024 for uploading on the website of State Election Commission."

According to sources, the Panchayat elections are likely to be held before year end as the



process has been initiated for holding these polls in Jammu and Kashmir. A total of 27,281 panches (panchayat members) and sarpanches (village headmen) were elected in the 2018 elections. There were 12,776 vacant sarpanch and panch seats in J&K. Bypolls to the Panchayats were held in 2020.

The Panchayat polls in J&K are not conducted by the

Election Commission of India (ECI) but by the J&K state election commission.

Almost 30,000 panches and sarpanches completed five-year terms on January 9, 2024, and with that, the disbursement of Rs 25 lakh panchayat fund also ceased. The 2024 Panchayat poll will be held after fresh delimitation of 'Halqas' (Revenue Villages). (KINS)

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What Led To PDP Debacle In Shopian

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The People's Democratic Party (PDP) has faced a setback in south Kashmir's Shopian district, which has been considered its bastion since the party's inception.

According to details, candidates who were denied PDP tickets but contested as independents garnered more votes than those endorsed by the party in both the Zainapora and Shopian constituencies.

In Shopian, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) candidate Javid Qadri received 6,895 votes, surpassing PDP's Yawar Bhanday, who secured 5,486 votes. The BJP's vote share in Shopian stood at 12 percent, while PDP's was just 9 percent, despite the constituency previously being represented by PDP's Gh Hassan Khan in 2002, Ab Razak Wagay in 2008, and Mohammad Yousuf Bhat in 2014.

In the 2014 elections, Javid Qadri received 3,384 votes (8 percent), while PDP's Mohammad Yousuf Bhat secured 14,262 votes (34.2 percent).

This year, rebel leader Shabir Ahmad Kullay from the



National Conference won with 14,113 votes (24 percent), followed closely by NC's Sheikh Rafi with 12,906 votes (22 percent). PDP's rebel Raja Waheed, running as an independent and backed by AIP, received 10,440 votes (18 percent).

In the Zainapora constituency, which was previously represented by former Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti in 2008 and former MLA Aijaz Mir in 2014, PDP's candidate managed only 6,200 votes compared to NC's over 28,000. Aijaz Mir, contesting as an independent, garnered over 15,000 votes, finishing second.

Analysts have criticised PDP's performance in Shopian, saying the party's influence has waned to a very much extent. The party's rebel candidates received double the votes of their main contenders, with even the BJP outperforming | More on P6

LG Admin Amends Civil Services Rules To Set Up SSB

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Friday amended the Civil Services Rules to provide for the setting up of Services Selection Board for recruitment of non-gazetted staff, including Class IV employees.

"There shall be constituted a Service Selected Board for making selection for recruitment to subordinate services/non-gazetted/class IV (MTS) posts borne on establishment of any department or service of the government or any Public Sector Undertaking/Government company/Corporation/Board/Organisation and body substantially owned or controlled by the government of union territory of Jammu and Kashmir," the amendment issued by the administration reads.

The move has led to criticism of the LG administration for taking a decision on the matter as an elected government is about to take charge.

"Just when | More on P6

POCSO Case

Srinagar Resident Given 20 Yrs Jail Sentence

M Ahmad

Srinagar: A Fast Track Court for POCSO (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences) cases here has convicted and sentenced a young man to 20 years in jail for sexually assaulting a minor.

The victim told the court that the convict--Danish, a resident of the outskirts of Srinagar--contacted her through Facebook and then met her in Bemina where she was going for tuition.

After some time, she said, the convict enticed her to come to his house in 2020.

Later, she said, the accused forced her to have physical relations with him.

"It also cannot be ignored that while committing the offence against the victim there is no allegation of any brutality or bestiality involved on the

part of the accused neither it has been proved that the victim was forcibly taken away and raped by the convict," Presiding Officer of the Fast Track Court, Aarti Mohan said. However, the judge said that the court cannot overlook the fact that the victim was a minor girl at the time of the occurrence and was motivated to enter

into repeated sexual intercourse by the accused without consideration to her age which even resulted in her pregnancy and subsequent miscarriage.

Referring to Supreme Court Judgment, the court said whether such offence arises from a "romantic relationship" is irrelevant.

"...keeping in view both the aggravating and mitigating circumstances, I feel that the mitigating circumstances outweigh the | More on P6

Depression, Anxiety Cost 12 Billion Workdays Each Year: WHO

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Unhealthy conditions, such as stigma, discrimination and exposure to risks like harassment, can affect mental health, leading to decreased performance, absenteeism and increased staff turnover, said Saima Wazed, WHO's Regional Director for Southeast Asia.

"Depression and anxiety alone result in the loss of approximately 12 billion workdays each year, costing the global economy around USD 1 trillion annually," Wazed said. The theme of World Mental Health Day emphasises the importance of "mental health at workplace", as a healthy working environment can act as a protective factor for mental wellbeing, said

Pointing out that work is a significant source of stress, anxiety and pressure for many people, she said, "Yet, because it is a place where we spend most of our time, positive changes at the workplace



can bring about a significant change in our lives."

She also said as endorsed and mandated by the World Health Organization's (WHO) member states, mental and psychosocial wellbeing has been marked as one of the cornerstones of the "regional roadmap for results and resilience".

"In keeping with the roadmap, we recently announced SEARO Care -- our groundbreaking initiative to improve the mental health and wellness of those working at our regional and country offices.

Once formally launched, we hope SEARO Care to become a case study and model for other companies and organisations in our region," Wazed said.

SEARO Care's two main pillars are improving the working environment at all the WHO offices and protecting the mental health of all the employees.

"Improving the working environment encompasses both physical and psychological environments in which our colleagues work," Wazed said. "This includes providing areas to socialise, ergonomic office equipment, exercise facilities and more. Promoting mental health will include training managers on the issue, holding mindfulness workshops, surveys and more," she added.

According to the WHO official, direct interventions to protect mental health include counselling services, referral pathways, peer advisory networks and | More on P6

Urs Of Sheikh-ul-Aalam J&K Waqf Board Requests Oct 30 Holiday

Agencies

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir Waqf Board has formally requested the General Administration Department (GAD) to declare October 30, 2024, as a holiday in observance of the Urs of Sheikh Noor-ud-Din Noorani (RA).

This comes after the originally scheduled holiday on September 30, 2024, was postponed by Government Order No. 1687-JK(GAD) on September 28, 2024.

In an official communication, the Waqf Board informed that the new date for the holiday was confirmed by the Executive Magistrate/Tehsildar of the J&K Waqf Board, Kashmir. The Chief Executive Officer, Zaheer Ahmad, emphasized the cultural and religious importance of the Urs and requested that the holiday be declared for Kashmir province only on Wednesday, October 30, 2024.

The Urs of Sheikh Noor-ud-Din Noorani (RA), one of the most significant spiritual | More on P6



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Murky Water Supply Plagues Rainawari Residents

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Residents of Mughal Mohalla and Kuchay Maidan in Rainawari area in the old city are grappling with a severe water shortage, forced to fetch drinking water from neighboring areas due to the supply of extremely muddy tap water. The crisis, persisting for several weeks, has left locals frustrated and alarmed.

Residents said that the murky tap water, thick with mud, renders it undrinkable and unusable for cooking, cleaning, or personal hygiene. "We are compelled to walk long distances or rely on friends and relatives in other parts of Srinagar to access clean water," they said.

Health concerns are mounting, with locals vulnerable to water-borne diseases like cholera, typhoid, and gastrointestinal infec-

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tions. "This contaminated water poses serious health risks," the locals said.

Despite repeated complaints to the concerned department, the issue remains unresolved. Residents demand immediate intervention, urging the department to restore a clean and safe water supply.

"We have raised the issue multiple times, but no one is listening," lamented the locals. [KNT]



Srinagar is in the midst of preparations for Dusshera, which commemorates the victory of Vishnu's avatar Rama over the ten-headed demon ruler Ravana. NO photo, Abid Bhat

Protecting Young Vision

GMC Srinagar Hosts CME On Childhood Blindness

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In recognition of 'World Sight Day 2024,' the Ophthalmology Department, Government Medical College (GMC) Srinagar, hosted a Continuing Medical Education (CME) program in line with this year's theme "Children, Love Your Eyes."

The CME aimed to understand the causes and burden of Childhood Blindness and emphasized the need for a comprehensive approach and timely interventions.

The event was held under the patronage of Dr. Ifat Hassan Shah, Principal and Dean, GMC Srinagar.

Prof. Junaid S. Wani, Head of the Ophthalmology Department, and faculty members graced the occasion. Senior Residents and Postgraduate students of the department attended the CME.

Dr. Rakshan Reyaz, Senior Resident, Ophthalmology, delivered a comprehensive talk on Childhood Blindness, covering epidemiology, etiology, and burden. Dr. Shifa Shafiq, Resident, Ophthalmology, highlighted the importance of Refractive Errors

AMT School, GMC Srinagar Organizes AIDS Awareness March

Srinagar: AMT School, Government Medical College (GMC) Srinagar, organized a long-distance awareness march to educate the public about AIDS.

Approximately 200 students participated in the 5-kilometer march, which started from AMT School Super Speciality Hospital and passed through city landmarks, including Kaka

Sarai, SMHS Hospital, Government Medical College, Zaldagar, and Nawa Bazaar.

Administrator Associated Hospitals GMC Srinagar, Mohammad Ashraf Hakak, flagged-off the rally. Principal AMT, Razia, Medical Superintendent SSH, Dr. Rubeena, Deputy Medical Superintendent, Dr. Musadiq Ahmad, tutors, staff, and students attended the event.

in Children and its management.

Dr. Shahnawaz Shafi, Associate Professor, Department of Ophthalmology, concluded the seminar with a take-home message emphasizing early diagnosis and regular eye check-ups in preventing avoidable childhood blindness.

The Department of Ophthalmology, GMC Srinagar, encourages everyone to prioritize eye health through regular check-

ups and timely interventions. Addressing childhood blindness requires a comprehensive approach, including preventive healthcare, early treatment, and access to education and rehabilitation services.

With timely interventions, many cases of childhood blindness can be prevented and managed, improving the quality of life for millions of children worldwide.

Lal Bazar Residents Protest Diversion Of Land For Residential Plots

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Residents of Hubi Colony, Sikh Bagh, Lal Bazar, Srinagar, are up in arms against the administrative move to divert a large chunk of vacant land, originally meant for a Fire and Emergency Services station, to residential plots. According to the locals, this decision could prove catastrophic for the area, which lacks emergency services during crises.

Locals told the news agency—KNO that a written directive had been issued by the Divisional Commissioner, Kanmir, to the Assistant Director of the Fire and Emergency Services Department, instructing them to demarcate the land for the establishment of a fire station.

"A large population resides in this area, yet there is neither a local dispensary nor a fire station. We urged the government to address this.

The Divisional Commissioner issued orders, and the open land in the middle of this colony was demarcated for this purpose. However, today, we saw men from the PW (R&B) Department visiting the site and re-demarcating it," said Sofi Abdul Majeed Pampori, President of the Hubi Welfare Committee, Lal Bazar.

He said they were informed that the land would now be allocated for residential plots, violating the orders issued by the Divisional Commissioner. Lal Bazar, he said, is a large area, and they don't have a fire station there and that they will not allow their demand to be undermined or disregarded.

He added that the government must consider why it would deny a fire station to the area when residential plots could easily be allocated in other parts of Srinagar, such as Bemina or its peripheries.

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- Mughal Road - (Open)
- Srinagar-Lah - (Open)

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	ZUHR	12:18
	ASR	4:23
	Magrib	6:06
	ISHA	7:25

- 539 BC - The army of Cyrus the Great of Persia takes Babylon
- 1398 - The Treaty of Salynas is signed between Grand Duke of Lithuania Vytautas the Great and the Teutonic Knights, who received Samogitia.
- 1459 - Battle at Ludford Bridge: Richard of York defeated
- 1492 - Christopher Columbus's expedition makes landfall on Caribbean island he names San Salvador (likely Watling Island, Bahamas). The explorer believes he has reached East Asia (05 21 Oct)
- 1576 - Rudolf II succeeds Maximilian II as Holy Roman Emperor
- 1654 - The Delft Explosion (gunpowder) devastates the city in the Netherlands, killing more than 100
- 1789 - French Revolution: King Louis XVI writes secretly to the King of Spain about complaining of harsh treatment; the Count of Artois writes to the Austrian king requesting military intervention in France.
- 1859 - Self-proclaimed Emperor of the USA, Emperor Norton issues edict abolishing the US Congress
- 1860 - British & French troops capture Beijing
- 1915 - Theodore Roosevelt criticizes US citizens who identify themselves with dual nationalities.

Office Of The Child Development Project Officer, POSHAN PROJECT BIJBEHARA CORIGENDIUM

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Will J&K Finally Get Its National Law University?

Renewed Hopes with New Government

Ummar Jamal

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The necessity for an NLU in Jammu and Kashmir has never been more pressing. The inadequacies of the existing legal education system were glaringly evident in 2022 when none of the 217 candidates from the region could qualify for the district judges' examination

For the first time since 2018, Jammu and Kashmir is set to have a popular government, with the National Conference (NC) and Congress alliance set to assume power. The completion of long-awaited elections has invigorated the people of Jammu and Kashmir, who are now optimistic that their pressing issues, exacerbated by the absence of a popular government, will finally receive the attention they deserve. Among these critical issues, the establishment of a National Law University (NLU) stands out, representing an unfulfilled promise that has lingered for years, despite its formal adoption by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs.

The Importance of a National Law University

Unlike 21 other states in India, Jammu and Kashmir continues to lack a National Law University, which significantly hampers the prospects of its law students. NLUs provide advanced legal education, exceptional infrastructure, and essential opportunities that are crucial for students' career growth. The absence of such an institution in Jammu and Kashmir has deprived law students of a competitive edge, placing them at a disadvantage compared to their counterparts in other states. With the formation of a new government, there is renewed hope that this long-standing demand for an NLU will finally be realized, thus improving the quality of legal education in the region.

Unfulfilled agenda

Back in 2018, a wave of optimism swept through Jammu and Kashmir among law students when the then PDP-BJP coalition government passed the J&K National Law University Bill in the legislative assembly. This was a significant milestone, as it symbolized a commitment to enhancing legal education in the region. However, despite the bill's passage, it required the governor's approval to move forward. During Governor N. N. Vohra's tenure, certain clarifications were sought regarding the bill, leading to stagnation in the process. On October 1, 2019, Governor Satya Pal Malik finally gave his assent to the bill, officially paving the way for the establishment of the NLU in Jammu and Kashmir.

However, the bifurcation of the state into two Union Territories complicated matters. The J&K National Law University Act was amended and formally adopted by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs, yet over five years have passed since this adoption. The delay in implementation has left the creation of the NLU as an unrealized



promise, leaving law students in the region frustrated and disappointed.

The Disparity in Legal Education

As of now, Jammu and Kashmir is home to three government universities and seven private law colleges offering law programs like LLB and BALLB. These institutions include the University of Kashmir, University of Jammu, Central University of Kashmir, and several private colleges such as Kashmir Law College, Vitasta School of Law and Humanities, KCEF Law College, and Sopore Law College in the Kashmir division. In the Jammu division, there are KC Law College, Dogra Law College, and Ashoka Law College. However, none of these institutions can compare to the National Law Universities in terms of infrastructure, curriculum, and overall educational quality.

The teaching methods employed in these colleges often reflect outdated practices, emphasizing theoretical knowledge while neglecting practical skills essential for modern legal education. Key components such as mootings, debating, and internships are often underrepresented in the curriculum, leading to a significant gap between what law students learn and what is required in the professional world.

The Need for Change

The necessity for an NLU in Jammu and Kashmir has never been more pressing. The inadequacies of the existing legal education system were glaringly evident in 2022 when none of the 217 candidates from the region could qualify for the district judges' examination. This abysmal performance underscores the urgent need for an overhaul in the legal education system, which

should include the establishment of a National Law University.

A National Law University in Jammu and Kashmir would not only enhance the standard of legal education but also cater to the growing needs of the legal profession in the region. Graduates from NLUs are often preferred by leading law firms and corporations for placements, as these institutions provide superior training, robust infrastructure, and a well-rounded educational experience. NLUs also have student bodies elected by the students themselves, allowing for more effective representation of student needs and concerns to the administration.

A Broader Vision for Legal Education

The idea of establishing a National Law University in Jammu and Kashmir is not a new one. It dates back to the "All India Law Ministers Conference" in 1996, where it was unanimously decided that each state should have a law school modeled after the National Law School University to elevate the standard of legal education nationwide. Unfortunately, this vision remains unfulfilled in Jammu and Kashmir, leaving the region at a significant disadvantage compared to other states that have successfully established their own NLUs.

Currently, India boasts a total of 23 National Law Universities, with states like Maharashtra housing two NLUs in Mumbai and Nagpur. Uttar Pradesh is also set to establish its second NLU. Yet, Jammu and Kashmir remains among several states—including Arunachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, Tripura, Mizoram, Meghalaya, and Manipur—without a National Law University. This disparity underscores the urgent need for the J&K government to prioritize the establish-

ment of an NLU to bring the region in line with national standards.

A Call to Action for the New Government

As the NC-Congress government takes the reins, there is a palpable sense of hope that they will prioritize the establishment of Jammu and Kashmir's own National Law University. This endeavour should be at the forefront of their educational reform agenda, ensuring that the region's law students receive the high-quality legal education they deserve.

By expediting the process of setting up an NLU, the government can fulfil a long-standing demand for improved legal education, helping to prepare a new generation of legal professionals capable of meeting the challenges of a rapidly evolving legal landscape.

The establishment of a National Law University in Jammu and Kashmir would be a significant step toward advancing the region's educational framework, enhancing opportunities for law students, and ultimately contributing to the betterment of society as a whole. With a renewed government in place, the people of Jammu and Kashmir remain hopeful that their aspirations for a National Law University will soon become a reality, allowing them to finally compete on an equal footing with other states in India.

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Modi's trip to Moscow in July annoyed the US because it coincided with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) summit in Washington and his warm friendship with Putin displeased Western countries. The joint India-Russia communiqué made a concession to Russia by referring to the war "around Ukraine" rather than in Ukraine. Although India continues to import huge quantities of Russian oil, India did not gain any tangible returns in the form of the rupee-rouble trade or major investments.

India's stock seemed high during Modi's historic visit to Ukraine in August because New Delhi claimed that India was facilitating communication between Russia, Ukraine, and the US. But Moscow's statement that it had received no peace messages or peace plan from New Delhi took the shine off India's claim.

India must also contend with the facts that its rival China has had more communication with Russia and Ukraine about their war, and has greater influence over Moscow than India not just because it is buying Russian energy but also selling Russia technology which can be used for civilian and military purposes. So it is helping to keep Russia's defence industry afloat. For, the outstanding fact is that China is united with Russia in challenging the US' global primacy.

India's influence as communicator on

Hurdles To India's Global Aims

Anita Inder Singh

the possibilities of peace in Ukraine will be limited because the West is Ukraine's top military partner. And, despite the incremental aid America has sent Ukraine, Washington will prevent an unconditional Russian victory because that would mean that NATO had failed to contain Russian aggression.

On the other side, Russia has no intention of giving up the Ukrainian territories it has occupied, while Ukraine will not accept any peace plan which offers it anything less. Moreover, Putin's praise for China, India, and Brazil as "trusted partners" will not enhance their image in the West or Ukraine as impartial peacemakers. India will need stronger communication skills to cross that hurdle. Like China and Brazil, it should offer some concrete peace proposals which arouse international interest. Only then will its frequent assertion that it is on the side of peace carry weight.

Modi's participation in the sixth Quad Leaders' Summit in Wilmington, Delaware, on September 21 raised hopes of consolidating security cooperation among the four leading maritime democ-

racies in the Indo-Pacific. The other Quad countries are Australia, Japan, and the US. Modi's attendance showed how much India needs the rules-based order upheld by the US in the Indo-Pacific in order to counter China's revisionist challenge to the existing global order. India also wants changes to the international order, but has yet to present any ideas which could counter China's brand of revisionism, which threatens the territorial integrity of most of its neighbors.

The Quad also brings India into conflict with Russia and China, both of whom perceive the concept of the Indo-Pacific weighted against them. At the same time India, as the only non-ally in the Quad, cannot be the US' top security priority.

India's ties with the US have strengthened over the last decade, but Washington will not transfer sensitive military technology to a non-ally. Since launching its invasion of Ukraine in 2022, Russia has cut off arms deliveries to India and other customers. New Delhi's friends, France, Israel, and the US, have not been able to replace Russia's old place in India's military imports and platforms.

As for China, Modi's National Security Adviser, Ajit Doval, met Chinese foreign minister Wang Yi in mid-September in yet another attempt to resolve India's four-year-old military standoff with China at the Line of Actual Control. So far, no result in India's favour has emerged.

Meanwhile, China is Russia's strongest economic-military partner and is therefore Moscow's highest priority. That leaves India in a position of secondary importance to both Russia and the US.

Putin's recent announcement that Russia would launch a nuclear attack on any NATO country that joins forces with Ukraine could turn out to be an embarrassment for India, which hopes to be on good terms with Russia, the US, and Ukraine while strengthening itself against China.

At another level, Russia's embrace of China implies that it supports Beijing's intention to be the leader of the developing world. This cuts across India's similar ambition.

The expansion of BRICS and the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation by the end of October under the China-

Russia leadership will enhance their diplomatic clout. The Ukraine war has complicated India's management of its relationships with Russia, China, and the US without pleasing any of them.

The longer-term American wish to see Russia defeated in Ukraine does not necessarily offer India any prospect that New Delhi would find easy to accept. But India must continue to reinforce its strategic partnerships with the US and other Quad countries. The Quad gives India a wider Asian presence. However, India's weak economic ties with most Asian countries, especially in comparison to China's, reduce its economic and strategic presence in the Indian and Pacific Oceans.

It would be wise for India to stop hanging on to the coat-tails of an old relationship with Russia and to cultivate stronger economic ties with Quad partners and, more generally, with the Asian countries that could offer it much more economically than Russia. Ultimately, the strength of the links between India's economic progress and its security will decide the chances of its achieving great power.

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Sonamarg's Shutkari Residents Seek Urgent Road Repairs, Playground Construction

Agencies

Ganderbal: Residents of Shutkari village in tourist destination Sonamarg are calling on authorities to repair the access road, which has deteriorated and is making daily commuting increasingly difficult.

They have also expressed worries over the lack of a proper playground for children.

One resident said, "Our children do not have a good field to play in. We need recreational facilities for them."

Locals have appealed to the APCO company for urgent measures to construct a playground and improve

the macadamisation of the access road.

They further said that the food safety department's ration shop remains closed, which forced them to travel to Sonamarg for essential supplies.

They added that the opening of the Z Morh Tunnel would enhance connectivity to the area.

Residents have urged the district administration to intervene and address these critical issues. "We request the authorities to take immediate action to alleviate our daily hardships and improve living conditions in our village," they said—(KNO)



A fisherman, standing in a small wooden boat, casts his net into the waters of Dal Lake. Photo Credit: Qurat-ul-ain

BIS Bike Rally Commemorates World Standards Day, Visits Kargil Soldiers

Observer News Service

Kargil: The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) bike rally, organized in celebration of World Standards Day 2024, made a significant stop at Kargil, paying tribute to the soldiers of the Kumaon Regiment. The rally, which began in Jammu, covered key locations including the War Memorial, Helipad, Heritage Hut Museum, and Major Randhawa Top, offering participants the chance to visit the renowned Point 13620 peak. This visit showcased the rugged terrain where the Indian Army operates, honoring the resilience of the nation's defenders.

Led by Tilak Raj, Head of BIS Jammu & Kashmir Branch Office (JKBO), the BIS officials rode through scenic yet challenging routes, spreading awareness about the crucial role of standardization in everyday life. The rally emphasized the importance of quality, safety, and sustainability through the application of standards,

drawing attention to their impact on the products and services we rely on daily.

During the visit to the Kargil War Memorial, BIS officials took the opportunity to engage with the soldiers, briefing them on the role of BIS in safeguarding product standards. Tilak Raj noted, "Just as soldiers guard our borders, BIS guards the quality of the products we use, including the bulletproof vests protecting our soldiers."

Pankaj Atri, Joint Director of BIS JKBO, highlighted the rally's core message, stating, "World Standards Day celebrates the power of standardization. This rally embodies our pledge to uphold the values of quality, safety, and sustainability, not just in products, but in life."

Having covered hundreds of kilometers, the BIS bike rally continues its mission to promote standardization while paying tribute to the nation's heroes, underscoring the connection between strong standards and a stronger, safer India.

'Lack Of Support, Workplace Harassment Increases Stress Levels'

Agencies

Srinagar: A lack of support and harassment in the workplace can increase stress levels, for which there is a need for proactive stress management strategies.

In an interview Zoya Shafat Mir, a clinical psychologist and founder of Psychlite, a psychology clinic, said it is important to maintain connections with trusted friends and family to navigate stressful work situations. Here are the excerpts:

What is the overall prevalence of mental health conditions among working adults?

According to the WHO, 15% of working adults suffer from mental health disorders, and one in four employees experiences mental health issues.

What is the connection between mental health and work?

Work plays a crucial role in our lives. Beyond financial benefits, jobs provide meaning, structure, and purpose. They can enhance our sense of identity and self-esteem while offering essential social outlets. However, a negative work environment can lead to detrimental effects on emotional health. Factors such as long hours, understaffing,

lack of support and workplace harassment can elevate stress levels and contribute to mental health problems, including anxiety, depression and substance abuse.

Moreover, mental health issues can impact job performance and productivity. Recent estimates suggest that mental health challenges cost the global economy \$1 trillion annually due to lost productivity, absenteeism, and staff turnover. Unfortunately, many aspects of our work environment are beyond our control, with workplace culture often set by those in senior positions, leaving employees hesitant to speak out for fear of judgment or job security.

What are the signs of burnout?

The initial sign of burnout is often a decline in work performance. This may be followed by difficulties concentrating, changes in appetite and sleep patterns, mood swings, irritability, and feelings of hopelessness. Individuals may lose interest in activities they once enjoyed, withdraw from social interactions, and become overly sensitive to minor issues. Physical symptoms can include unexplained headaches or body pain, a frequent desire for breaks, and ruminations about the purpose of their job or life.

How can one manage stress at work?

Managing stress doesn't require a complete lifestyle overhaul; small changes can have a significant impact. Start by identifying your stressors and tackling them one at a time. Re-evaluating negative beliefs is also crucial; prolonged worry can lead to a negative outlook on situations. Instead of making automatic judgments, try to distance yourself from negative thoughts and observe them objectively.

Maintain connections with trusted friends and family to help cope with stress. Prioritise self-care by ensuring adequate sleep, scheduling time for enjoyment, and eating throughout the day. It's also important to let go of perfectionism, which, while beneficial in moderation, can lead to stress and burnout when it becomes a continuous pattern.

When taking breaks, treat them as genuine time off—avoid adding to your to-do list and instead focus on activities that recharge you, away from screens and work-related tasks. Lastly, if burnout is causing anxiety, depression, or relationship issues, don't hesitate to seek help from a mental health professional. Timely intervention can prevent further complications—(KNO)

Amidst Kashmir's First Snowfall, Visitors Flock Scenic Destinations

Agencies

Srinagar: Kashmir is witnessing a surge in tourism with the arrival of the season's first snowfall. After a two-month pause in visitor arrivals, Zojila Pass Zero Point has come alive with tourists captivated by the snow-covered peaks and enchanting winter scenery.

Visitors from West Bengal, many seeing snow for the first time, paused to soak in the breathtaking views.

One of the tourists said, "We feel so lucky to have seen snowfall for the first time in our lives. Kashmir truly is a paradise on earth, and the people here are incredibly welcoming."

The combination of natural beauty and warm hospitality has made this winter season particularly memorable.

Neetu from Delhi expressed her excitement on Twitter about her week-long trip to Kashmir. "We have been eagerly waiting for snowfall, and thankfully, we experienced it live at Zero Point Zojila, making our visit truly memorable." The snow-

fall added a special touch to her experience.

A family from Mumbai, currently in Sonamarg, shared their joy at witnessing the first snowfall after a prolonged dry spell. "We've been here for the last two days, and we are happy now," they said, adding that the snowfall enhanced their time in the region.

With the return of snowfall in the upper reaches of Kashmir, breathtaking landscapes are once again drawing visitors from across the country, making it a perfect winter destination.

"We were here for a couple of days and weren't expecting snow this time. We're enjoying the snowfall and feel lucky to witness it," said a tourist from Goa.

Meanwhile, hoteliers and those associated with the tourism industry in Sonamarg are optimistic about a boost in business this winter. The Sonamarg Development Authority (SDA) has played a crucial role by organising various winter sports activities, which has contributed to the region's economic and tourism revival.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have applied for the issuance of DOB certificate in favour of my ward namely dANISH mUSHTAQ (DOB: 05-07-2009) and Sahil Mushtaq (DOB: 05-07-2010). If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Naib Tehsildar Kakapora within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Mushtaq Ahmad Mir
F/o Danish Mushtaq & Sahil Mushtaq
R/o Naman

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I have applied for the issuance of DOB certificate in favour of my daughter namely Arbeena Mushtaq who was born on 05-02-2008. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Naib Tehsildar Kakapora within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Mushtaq Ahmad Pinchoo
F/o Arbeena Mushtaq
R/o Kakapora

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Government of Jammu & Kashmir
Office of the Executive Engineer (R&B) Division Rafiabad

Sub:- Error in critical dates
Ref:- This office NIT No.: E-23 Of 2024-25 dt.09-10-24

Due to typographical error kindly read critical dates as under instead of uploaded e-nit on jktenders website.

Date of Issue of Tender Notice	09/10/2024
Period of downloading of bidding documents	09/10/2024
Bid submission Start Date	09/10/2024
Bid Submission End Date	15/10/2024 4.00 P.M
Date & time of opening of Bids(Online)	16/10/2024 at 11.00 P.M in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Div.Rafiabad (watergam)

All other terms and conditions shall remain same

No.:EE/R&B/RW/2643-45
DIPK-5791/24
Dated: 11-10-2024.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
R&B Division Rafiabad

Government of Jammu & Kashmir.
Office of the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Tangmarg
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NIT No.37/ R&B / Divn./ Tangmarg of 2024-25

For and on Behalf of Lt. Governor of Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory, the Executive Engineer R&B Division Tangmarg invites e-tender for below mentioned items from various Authorized / registered suppliers which should reach the office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Tangmarg through online mode on website jktenders.gov.in as per the date shown as below.

1	Date of Issue of	10-10-2024
2	Period of downloading of documents	11-10-2024
3	Submission Start Date	11-10-2024
4	Submission End Date	18-10-2024 4:00 pm
5	Date & time of opening (Online)	19-10-2024 11:00 AM

Terms and Conditions:-
1. The supply shall have to be delivered at divisional office Tangmarg within the stipulated time.
2. The rates should be inclusive of all carriages, GST & other Taxes Applicable.
3. The payment shall be made only when the funds for the same are made available to this Division by the competent authority.
4. The supply shall be accepted only after the manufacturers test & certificate. However the supplier shall be responsible for any defect during the warranty period.
5. In case of delay in the supply within the stipulated time period, penalty to the extent of 10% of contract shall be imposed upon the supplier.
6. The Executive Engineer has a right to increase, decrease the quantity of any item of the allotment / quotation at any time as per requirement.
7. The bidder has to upload EMD Rs. 5000/- in favour Executive Engineer R&B Division Tangmarg in the shape of CDR/FDR with the tender.
8. The payment shall be processed only from the overall contingences available with this Division from different Head of accounts.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
(R&B) Division Tangmarg.

No. R&B/Divn./3540-48
DIPK-5792/24
Dated:- 11-10-2024

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
Office Of The Executive Engineer JSD (PHE) Rural Water Supply Division, Ganderbal/Sgr.
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NOTICE INVITING e - TENDERS:
GIST OF FRESH e - NIT No: - 18 / JS-PHE/RWSD/Civil of 2024-25

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir U.T, e - tenders are invited (in TWO - Cover System) on "Percentage basis" for Registered / Approved / Valid Civil Contractors/Agencies for the following work(s):

S.No	Name of work	Estt. Cost of work (In Lacs)	Cost of tender doc. (In)	Amount of earnest money/EMD (@ 3%) (In)	Time for completion	Class of contractor	Major Head of account	Tender Call
1.	Annual Stage Contract for repairing work/Periodical Maintenance/Documents, of the Departmental Water Tankers and DG Set Divisional Office (25KV, 03 Phase) of Jal Shakti Rural Water Supply Division Ganderbal for the Financial year 2024-25	11.187	700.00	33600.00	Upto ending March 2025	Registered / Approved / Valid Agencies/Automobile Dealers/ Workshop holders	2215/ 4215/ Tanker Service).	1st

Position of Funds: - Available:-
The work was earlier advertised vide this office e NIT No0 15 of 2024 - 25 (S. NO 01) - NIT No 15

The Bidding Documents and other details can be downloaded from the website: <https://jktenders.gov.in> From 11.10.2024 (10:00AM) UPTO 21.10.2024 (upto 01:00PM) =

1) GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT
The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings (if any), Book of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms, conditions of contract and other details can be seen / downloaded from the website: www.jktenders.gov.in

As per schedule of dates given below

01	Date of publishing of Tender Notice	10.10.2024.
02	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 11.10.2024 (10:00A.M) To 21.10.2024 (up to 01:00 P.M.).
03	Bid Submission Start Date	From 11.10.2024 (10:00 AM)
04	Bid submission End Date	To 21.10.2024 (up to 01:00 PM)
05	Date and time of opening of Bids (Online)	21.10.2024 at 02:30 pm in the Office of the Executive Engineer JS-PHE RWS Division Ganderbal / Sgr. (H.Q. ChekiDuderhama Ganderbal)

TABLE (II)

Bids must be accompanied by bid security viz: Earnest Money in shape of CDR/FDR and Treasury Receipt (mentioning therein the NIT No., S.No. of work and Advertised Cost as per the NIT) as cost of Tender Document under M.H 0215 to be pledged in favour of the Executive Engineer JS-PHE RWS Division Ganderbal/Sgr (as specified in the table (I) (Page 1st). Bid security will have to be in any one of the forms as specified and shall be valid for 90 Days after opening of bid. Bids will be opened in the Office of the Executive Engineer JS - PHE RWS Division Ganderbal / Sgr (H.Q. ChekiDuderhama Ganderbal) on 21.10.2024 at 02:30 PM.If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue

SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR WORK NO 01 (ABOVE)
01. All repairing/maintenance and oil change of vehicles should be done within 10 km from Jal Shakti (PHE) Rural Water Supply Division, Ganderbal.
02. The tenderer should have experienced mechanics and technicians.
03. The tenderer should use genuine spare parts.
04. The tenderer should provide a warranty for the work done.

No: - JS-PHE/ RWSD/ Corrs. /5544 - 68
DIPK-5821/24
Dated:- 11.10.2024.

Sd/-
(Er. Samiullah Beigh)
Executive Engineer JS-PHE
RWS Division Ganderbal/Sgr.

51 First-time

Rajya Sabha or the Legislative Council in the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir. Among them is former high court judge and NC leader Hasnain Masoodi, who was a member of the Lok Sabha from 2019 to 2024.

Masoodi was elected to the Assembly from Pampore.

PDP leader Mir Mohammad Fayaz, who won the electoral contest from Kupwara, was a member of the Rajya Sabha from 2015 to 2021. The 47-year-old had lost the 2014 Assembly polls by a slender margin of 151 votes.

NC leaders Bashir Ahmad Veeri (Srigufwara-Bijbehara), Saifuddin Bhat (Khanshab), Javid Ahmad Mirchal (Karnah), Surinder Kumar Choudhary (Nowshera) and Showkat Hussain Ganie (Zainapora) have in the past been members of the Legislative Council.

From the BJP, Vikram Randhawa, who won the Bahu seat in Jammu, was a member of the Upper House of the legislature in the past.

The Upper House of the Jammu and Kashmir legislature was abolished following the re-organisation of the erstwhile state into two Union territories.

Parihar Youngest, Rather Oldest

BJP's 29-year-old Shagun Parihar is the youngest member of the newly elected Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, while National Conference veteran Abdul Rahim Rather aged 80 is the oldest member.

Parihar, who lost her father and uncle in a terror attack in 2018, is the only member of assembly below the age of 30 while Rather, the seven-time MLA from Chara-e-Sharif, is the only octogenarian in the house, data compiled by Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) reveals.

According to the ADR data, the average age of an MLA in Jammu and Kashmir is 55.71 years, which is reflected in the number of legislators with 32 falling in the age group of 51 to 60 years.

Among the 10 youngest newly-elected MLAs are PDP's Waheed Para (Pulwama), Aam Admi Party's Mehraj Malik (Doda), NC's Mehar Ali (Kangan), independent Rameshwar Singh (Bani) and BJP's Sunil Bharadwaj (Ramnagar).

Congress MLA from Bandipora Nizamuddin Bhat at 77 is the second oldest member followed by CPI(M)'s Kulgam MLA Mohammad Yousof Tarigami who is 75 years old.

National Conference's (NC) Eidgah MLA Mubarak Gul aged 73, while Beerwah MLA Mohammad Shafi Wani (NC), Pattan MLA Javid Riyaz (NC) and Anantnag MLA P M Sayeed (Congress) are all 71.

He said that some of the independents who have been elected have joined the National Conference and "now it is my duty to stand with them and ensure all round development in their areas".

Earlier in the day, Congress legislators convened and authorised the party's high command in New Delhi to select the leader of its legislature party.

After the meeting, JKPC president Tariq Karra said the party unanimously authorised the central leadership to make the final decision regarding the CLP leader.

This would be the first government of Jammu and Kashmir after the state was divided into two union territories on August 5, 2019. The special status of the erstwhile state was also revoked on the date by withdrawing Article 370.

In 2014, NC's Shamima Firdous and PDP's Asiea Naqash were the only two women to get elected but PDP president Mehbooba Mufti joined them in the House after getting elected in the 2016 bypoll held after the death of her father and then chief minister Mufti Mohammad Sayeed.

Shamima Firdous has retained her

Habbakadal seat while Sakina Masood managed to regain the D H Pora seat which she had lost in 2014 elections.

Debutant Parihar from Kishtwar has joined them this year.

In the poll results declared by the Election Commission on Tuesday, the alliance of the NC and Congress, who are constituents of the opposition grouping INDIA bloc, won 48 of the 90 seats at stake. The BJP with 29 seats emerged as the second largest party improving its all-time high tally of 25 in 2014 elections.

NC Led Alliance

42 out of the 90 seats which went to poll in the recent elections, while the Congress won six. Together, the two pre-poll allies hold a majority in the 95-member assembly -- five members are to be nominated by the LG. They strength is further bolstered by support from four independent MLA-elect and a lone Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MLA-elect.

"I met the LG and presented the letters of support from the NC, Congress, CPI(M), AAP, and independents backing the NC. I requested him to schedule the oath ceremony at the earliest so that the government elected by the people can start functioning," Abdullah told reporters at his residence following his meeting with the lieutenant governor.

A Raj Bhavan spokesperson said Abdullah handed over the letters of support of the parties to the LG.

"Shri Omar Abdullah, Vice President, Jammu & Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan today. He handed over a letter from the Party President Dr. Farooq Abdullah stating that Shri Omar Abdullah has been elected as Leader of the Legislature Party of JKNC. Letters of support from INC, CPI(M), AAP and independent members were also handed over to the Lieutenant Governor," the spokesperson said.

Omar Abdullah indicated that the swearing-in ceremony is likely to take place on Wednesday, saying the transition process may take some time as the Union Territory is at present under the central rule.

"This is not a situation where one elected government is replacing another. We are currently under central rule as a union territory, and the LG must prepare and send documents to the Rashtrapati Bhavan. These documents will then go to the Home Ministry for processing before returning.

"We have been informed that this could take at least 2-3 days, but I hope the oath ceremony can be held on Wednesday if this process is expedited," Omar added.

He said that some of the independents who have been elected have joined the National Conference and "now it is my duty to stand with them and ensure all round development in their areas".

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Dr Farooq Likely

J&K in Rajya Sabha. He being a Gujjar face, was nominated by the BJP. The BJP's move was aimed to woo Gujjar votes in the recently concluded Assembly polls," sources said.

Under the Jammu and Kashmir

Reorganisation Act, 2019, the 90-member J&K Assembly can elect five Lok Sabha members and four Rajya Sabha members.

The last Rajya Sabha elections in J&K were held in 2015. NC-Congress alliance had secured one seat while the then Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad became the Leader of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha. All four Rajya Sabha members from J&K retired in February 2021.

The NC Chief was elected to Lok Sabha in 2014 from Srinagar Parliamentary polls. NC's Hasnain Masoodi and Muhammad Akbar Lone won from Anantnag and Baramulla Lok Sabha seats. Sources said that NC in its recent Legislature Party meeting also unanimously agreed that Dr Farooq should represent the party in Rajya Sabha.(KNO)

High Command

resolution on the issue and that has been forwarded to the central leadership for taking the call," Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPC) president Tariq Hameed Karra told reporters after the CLP meeting here.

The meeting of the six newly elected MLAs -- including Karra, All India Congress Committee (AICC) general secretary Ghulam Ahmad Mir, Nizamuddin Bhat, Peerzada Mohammad Sayeed, Irfan Hafeez Lone and Iftikar Ahmad -- was held in the party headquarters at M A Road here.

Karra said the Congress has extended the support to the NC for government formation and the letter of support will be given to the NC leadership on Friday only.

Asked why the decision was left to the party high command, Karra said there were no differences on the choice of the CLP leader, but "there is a precedent in the INC (Indian National Congress) to do that... this is nothing abnormal for the INC".

To a question whether the party has any demands for supporting the NC, the JKPC chief said they have not made any demands and the party wants to keep the spirit of the INDIA bloc intact "for a bigger cause of the betterment of people".

Asked about the NC enjoying a majority on its own with the support of Independents, Karra said the spirit of the alliance is much higher than the numbers game.

"The spirit is different. It is pan-India spirit. It is not confined to J&K.

"It has utility for the entire India. This is not an issue of ministerial berths. It is for our fight against the BJP," he said.

To a query whether the party accepts NC leader Omar Abdullah, who has been elected as the legislature party leader of his party, as the chief ministerial face of the alliance, Karra said, "When the NC has elected its leader, why should we comment? He is acceptable to us. It is their choice."

Conflicts Hurting

"Our approach should focus on development and not expansionism," Modi said without naming any country.

Noting that the most negatively affected countries, due to ongoing conflicts in various parts of the world, are those from the Global South, Modi said, there is a collective desire for the restoration of peace and stability in regions such as Eurasia and West Asia as soon as possible.

Modi's remarks came in the backdrop of the prolonged Russia-Ukraine conflict and the Israel-Hamas war in West Asia.

"I come from the land of Buddha, and I have repeatedly stated that this is not the era of war. Solutions to problems cannot come from the battlefield," Modi said.

With a humanitarian perspective, "we must place a strong emphasis on dialogue and

diplomacy", the prime minister said.

In fulfilling its responsibilities as a 'Vishwabandhu', India will continue to make every effort to contribute in this direction, said Modi, who arrived here on Thursday to attend the 21st ASEAN-India Summit and the 19th East Asia Summit.

Asserting that terrorism also poses a serious challenge to global peace and security, Modi said that to combat it, forces that believe in humanity must come together and work in tandem.

He also called for strengthening mutual co-operation in the areas of cyber, maritime, and space.

India has consistently supported the unity and centrality of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), which, Modi said, is pivotal to India's Indo-Pacific vision and Quad cooperation.

There are important similarities between India's "Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative" and the "ASEAN Outlook on Indo-Pacific", the prime minister pointed out.

India endorses ASEAN's approach to the situation in Myanmar and support the Five-Point Consensus, he said, adding, "Myanmar should be engaged rather than isolated in this process."

At the start of his address, Modi expressed deep condolences to those affected by 'Typhoon Yagi', a destructive tropical cyclone which impacted Southeast Asia and South China last month.

Recalling how the revival of Nalanda was a commitment made at one of the earlier East Asia Summit, the prime minister said, "This June, we fulfilled that commitment by inaugurating the new campus of Nalanda University." And then went on to invite the East Asia Summit countries to attend the 'Heads of Higher Education Conclave' to be held at Nalanda" later.

The East Asia Summit comprises 18 participating countries. It includes 10 ASEAN member states -- Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam -- and Australia, China, India, Japan, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, and the United States of America.

Later at a briefing here, Secretary (East) in the Ministry of External Affairs, Jaideep Mazumdar said the leaders exchanged views on regional and international matters that affect peace, stability and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region and beyond.

Modi participated in the 21st ASEAN-India Summit on Thursday.

"Since his arrival, Modi has had intense engagements, including both the ASEAN-India Summit, the East Asia Summit and various bilateral talks," Mazumdar said.

The MEA official said ASEAN leaders "very positively appraised our cooperation" in many areas of diverse collaboration, as a result of India's Act East Policy along with India's leadership role in digital public infrastructure and the fact that ASEAN countries can benefit significantly from this.

On Thursday, Modi attended a special presentation of an episode of Lao Ramayan - called Phalak Phalam or Phra Lak Phra Ram - performed by the prestigious Royal Theatre of Luang Prabang.

He also walked through a photo exhibition showcasing the work carried out by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) at the Vat Phou temple in Lao PDR.

The prime minister also announced a 10-point special plan to strengthen connectivity and resilience between India and ASEAN.

President's Rule

issued by him under Article 356 of the Constitution of India. Article 356 is not applicable to Union Territories.

After Mehbooba Mufti-led government collapsed following withdrawal of support by Bharatiya Janta Party in June 2018, J&K came under Central Rule.

The first Central Rule as 'Governor's rule' continued for six months under section 92 of the constitution of the then State. After six months, the President's Rule was imposed for the next six months which was subsequently extended with the approval of Parliament. (KNO)

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LG Admin Amends

the elected government about to be sworn in," PDP leader Naem Akhtar posted on X in an apparent reference to the LG's order.

Srinagar Resident

aggravating circumstances in the case and the award of the minimum punishment shall serve the ends of justice," the court said, adding, "Since the convict is held guilty of committing both aggravated penetrative sexual assault punishable under section 6 of POCSO Act and section 376 of IPC, as such, he is sentenced to rigorous imprisonment of 20 years for the offence punishable under section 6 of POCSO Act."

The court also imposed a fine of Rs. 25000 and ordered that if the same was realized it shall be payable to the victim as compensation.

"In case of failure to pay the amount of fine, accused shall undergo further imprisonment for 6 months," the court said.

"A perusal of the file also reveals that in view of the fact that the victim was subjected to repeated penetrative sexual assault resulting in her pregnancy and subsequent miscarriage was awarded an interim compensation of Rs. 300,000/- (Three Lakhs) as victim compensation for the purpose of rehabilitation by this court during the course of trial," the court said, adding, "This amount in my opinion is not sufficient to compensate and rehabilitate the victim. Considering the fact that the victim has been subjected to mental and physical trauma as well as her financial condition it is directed that a further amount of Rs. 300,000 (Three Lakhs) in addition to the amount of interim compensation already awarded to the victim to be released in her favour as compensation."

The Court directed the Secretary DLSA to forward the case of the victim to Member State Legal Service Authority J&K forthwith.

Depression, Anxiety

other related initiatives.

"We know that if successful, the SEARO Care initiative will create a supportive environment where the employees feel valued, respected and cared for," Wazed said.

"I trust that our experiences with SEARO Care will provide the blueprint for companies, institutions and organisations across Southeast Asia to improve the psychological environment of their workplaces, and the mental health of all their staff," she added.

Wazed also said she is proud that the WHO's regional office will lead the way to "be the change we want to see".

J&K Waqf

observances in Kashmir, attracts devotees to mark the revered saint's legacy.

An official declaration from the GAD is awaited to formalize the holiday, ensuring participation across the province in this spiritual event.(KINS)

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FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS-2024

In order to clear extra rush of passengers during Deepawali and Chhath Puja Festival, Northern Railway, in association with other zonal railway, has planned to run the following Festival Special Trains as per schedule given below:-

LIST OF FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS ORIGINATING/TERMINATING IN NORTHERN RAILWAY

Spl. Train No.	Station From	Dept. Time	Station to	Arr. Time	Frequency / Day	Period
02252	New Delhi	08:25	Patna Jn	20:00	Tri-weekly	Wednesday, Friday, Sunday 30.10.24 to 06.11.24
02251	Patna Jn	07:30	New Delhi	19:00	Tri-weekly	Thursday, Saturday, Monday 31.10.24 to 07.11.24
02270	Lucknow	14:15	Chhapra	21:30	6 Days a week	Except Tuesday 25.10.24 to 08.11.24
02269	Chhapra	23:00	Lucknow	06:30	6 Days a week	Except Tuesday 25.10.24 to 08.11.24
02248	New Delhi	08:25	Patna Jn	20:00	Tri-weekly	Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 29.10.24 to 05.11.24
02247	Patna Jn	07:30	New Delhi	19:35	Tri-weekly	Wednesday, Friday, Sunday 30.10.24 to 06.11.24
04052	New Delhi	14:20	Jaynagar	15:40	Date Wise	Sat, Tue, Fri, Mon 26, 29.10.24, 01 & 04.11.24
04051	Jaynagar	18:00	New Delhi	18:50	Date Wise	Sun, Wed, Sat, Tue 27, 30.10.24, 02 & 05.11.24
04054	New Delhi	14:20	Barauni Jn	11:00	Date Wise	Sun, Wed, Sat, Tue 27, 30.10.24, 02 & 05.11.24
04053	Barauni Jn	12:30	New Delhi	09:10	Date Wise	Mon, Thu, Sun, Wed 28, 31.10.24, 03 & 06.11.24
02250	New Delhi	23:55	Patna Jn	16:40	Weekly	Thursday 24.10.24 & 31.10.24
02249	Patna Jn	17:50	New Delhi	11:00	Weekly	Friday 25.10.24 & 01.11.24
04073	Howrah Jn	04:20	Delhi Jn	05:00	Date Wise	Saturday on 12.10.24
04071	New Delhi	23:45	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	11:40	Date Wise	Saturday on 12.10.24
04072	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	21:20	New Delhi	09:30	Date Wise	Sunday on 13.10.24
04082	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	21:20	New Delhi	09:30	Date Wise	Saturday on 12.10.24
04075	New Delhi	23:45	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	11:40	Bi-weekly	Wednesday, Sunday Upto 17.11.24
04076	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	21:20	New Delhi	09:30	Bi-weekly	Thursday, Monday Upto 18.11.24
04498	Anand Vihar Terminal	19:30	Ballia	13:30	Weekly	Sunday Upto 24.11.24
04497	Ballia	18:40	Anand Vihar Terminal	14:25	Weekly	Monday Upto 25.11.24
04022	Anand Vihar Terminal	11:40	Sitamarhi	15:45	Bi-weekly	Wednesday, Friday Upto 29.11.24
04021	Sitamarhi	18:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	18:05	Bi-weekly	Thursday, Saturday Upto 30.11.24
04032	Anand Vihar Terminal	05:15	Saharsa Jn	10:30	5 days a week	Mon, Tue, Thu, Sat, Sun Upto 30.11.24
04031	Saharsa Jn	13:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	16:10	5 days a week	Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri, Sun Upto 01.12.24
04624	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	23:45	Varanasi Jn	23:55	Weekly	Sunday Upto 17.11.24
04623	Varanasi Jn	05:30	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	11:25	Weekly	Tuesday Upto 19.11.24
04080	Delhi Jn	19:30	Varanasi Jn	09:45	Tri-weekly	Monday, Thursday, Saturday 24.10.24 to 16.11.24
04079	Varanasi Jn	18:25	Delhi Jn	08:50	Tri-weekly	Tuesday, Friday, Sunday 25.10.24 to 17.11.24
04530	Bhatinda Jn	20:50	Varanasi Jn	17:30	Bi-weekly	Monday, Friday 25.10.24 to 15.11.24
04529	Varanasi Jn	20:40	Bhatinda Jn	17:00	Bi-weekly	Tuesday, Saturday 26.10.24 to 16.11.24
04096	Anand Vihar Terminal	09:00	Ayodhya Cantt	22:00	Tri-weekly	Monday, Wednesday, Friday Upto 18.11.24
04095	Ayodhya Cantt	09:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	22:30	Tri-weekly	Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday Upto 19.11.24
04518	Chandigarh	23:15	Goaakhpur	18:20	Weekly	Thursday 24.10.24 to 14.11.24
04519	Goaakhpur	22:05	Chandigarh	14:10	Weekly	Friday 25.10.24 to 15.11.24
04060	Anand Vihar Terminal	10:30	Jaynagar	15:15	Bi-weekly	Tuesday, Friday 25.10.24 to 15.11.24
04059	Jaynagar	17:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	19:55	Bi-weekly	Wednesday, Saturday 26.10.24 to 16.11.24
04068	Delhi Jn	19:30	Darbhanga Jn	16:30	Bi-weekly	Tuesday, Friday 25.10.24 to 15.11.24
04067	Darbhanga Jn	18:00	Delhi Jn	16:35	Bi-weekly	Wednesday, Saturday 26.10.24 to 16.11.24
04044	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:15	Goaakhpur	14:00	Bi-weekly	Saturday, Tuesday 26.10.24 to 26.11.24
04043	Goaakhpur	17:25	Anand Vihar Terminal	10:40	Bi-weekly	Sunday, Wednesday 27.10.24 to 27.11.24
04217	Varanasi Jn	06:25	Lucknow Jn	11:45	Daily	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun Upto 22.11.24
04218	Lucknow Jn	16:30	Varanasi Jn	21:50	Daily	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun Upto 22.11.24
04010	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:45	Jogbani	05:20	Weekly	Tuesday 29.10.24 to 12.11.24
04009	Jogbani	09:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	16:05	Weekly	Thursday 31.10.24 to 14.11.24
04678	Firozpur Cantt Jn	13:25	Patna Jn	17:00	Weekly	Wednesday Upto 13.11.24
04677	Patna Jn	18:45	Firozpur Cantt Jn	22:40	Weekly	Thursday Upto 14.11.24
04211	Varanasi Jn	14:50	Chandigarh	07:45	Weekly	Saturday 26.10.24 to 16.11.24
04212	Chandigarh	09:30	Varanasi Jn	01:20	Weekly	Sunday 27.10.24 to 17.11.24
04553	Saharanpur	04:40	Ambala Cant Jn	06:45	Daily	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun Upto 30.11.24
04554	Ambala Cant Jn	20:20	Saharanpur	22:30	Daily	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun Upto 30.11.24
04682	Jammu Tawi	23:20	Kolkata	13:00	Weekly	Tuesday Upto 14.11.24
04681	Kolkata	23:45	Jammu Tawi	12:30	Weekly	Thursday Upto 14.11.24
04078	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:55	Patna Jn	16:25	Weekly	Monday Upto 18.11.24
04077	Patna Jn	17:50	Anand Vihar Terminal	11:00	Weekly	Tuesday Upto 19.11.24
04646	Jammu Tawi	05:45	Barauni Jn	12:10	Weekly	Thursday Upto 14.11.24
04645	Barauni Jn	15:15	Jammu Tawi	22:30	Weekly	Friday Upto 15.11.24
04038	Delhi Jn	19:10	Azamgarh	11:30	Weekly	Sunday 27.10.24 to 17.11.24
04037	Azamgarh	13:30	Delhi Jn	06:10	Weekly	Monday 28.10.24 to 18.11.24
04312	Haridwar Jn	12:30	Howrah Jn	17:10	Weekly	Thursday Upto 14.11.24
04311	Howrah Jn	19:00	Haridwar Jn	23:30	Weekly	Friday Upto 15.11.24
04314	Haridwar Jn	12:30	Muzaffarpur Jn	07:30	Weekly	Friday Upto 15.11.24
04313	Muzaffarpur Jn	09:00	Haridwar Jn	05:30	Weekly	Saturday Upto 16.11.24
04058	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:15	Muzaffarpur Jn	21:15	Bi-weekly	Monday, Thursday 24.10.24 to 14.11.24
04057	Muzaffarpur Jn	23:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:30	Bi-weekly	Tuesday, Friday 25.10.24 to 15.11.24
04062	Anand Vihar Terminal	09:00	Barauni Jn	06:30	Weekly	Sunday Upto 17.11.24
04061	Barauni Jn	08:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	10:10	Weekly	Monday Upto 18.11.24
02246	Hazrat Nizamuddin	23:55	Patna Jn	16:40	Bi-weekly	Monday, Wednesday Upto 27.11.24
02245	Patna Jn	17:50	Hazrat Nizamuddin	10:50	Bi-weekly	Tuesday, Thursday Upto 28.11.24
04526	Sirhind Jn	11:25	Saharsa Jn	17:00	Weekly	Monday Upto 18.11.24
04525	Saharsa Jn	19:15	Ambala Cantt Jn	22:20	Weekly	Tuesday Upto 19.11.24
04006	Delhi Jn	23:05	Jaynagar	23:45	Bi-weekly	Tuesday, Friday Upto 26.11.24
04005	Jaynagar	01:30	Delhi Jn	01:30	Bi-weekly	Thursday, Sunday Upto 28.11.24
04048	Anand Vihar Terminal	15:20	Katihar Jn	15:00	Bi-weekly	Tuesday, Friday Upto 26.11.24
04047	Katihar Jn	18:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	17:50	Bi-weekly	Wednesday, Saturday Upto 27.11.24
04070	New Delhi	00:20	Rajgir	21:00	Bi-weekly	Saturday, Tuesday 12.10.24 to 30.11.24
04069	Rajgir	22:50	New Delhi	23:10	Bi-weekly	Sunday, Wednesday 12.10.24 to 30.11.24
02262	New Delhi	00:20	Darbhanga Jn	21:15	Bi-weekly	Wednesday, Sunday 13.10.24 to 27.11.24
02261	Darbhanga Jn	23:20	New Delhi	20:15	Bi-weekly	Wednesday, Sunday 13.10.24 to 27.11.24
04224	Lucknow Jn	15:10	Tatanagar Jn	08:50	Date Wise	Wednesday 16.10.24
04223	Tatanagar Jn	11:00	Lucknow Jn	04:55	Date Wise	Thursday 17.10.24
04226	Lucknow Jn	15:40	Tatanagar Jn	09:10	Date Wise	Sunday 20.10.24
04225	Tatanagar Jn	11:00	Lucknow Jn	04:55	Date Wise	Monday 21.10.24

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03575	Asansol Jn	10:15	Anand Vihar Terminal	08:05	Weekly	Friday Upto 29.11.24
03576	Anand Vihar Terminal	10:15	Asansol Jn	10:20	Weekly	Saturday Upto 30.11.24
03435	Malda Town	09:30	Anand Vihar Terminal	14:10	Weekly	Monday Upto 25.11.24
03436	Anand Vihar Terminal	15:45	Malda Town	23:30	Weekly	Tuesday Upto 26.11.24
03255	Patna Jn	22:20	Anand Vihar Terminal	15:00	Bi-weekly	Sunday, Thursday Upto 14.11.24
03256	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:20	Patna Jn	17:20	Bi-weekly	Monday, Friday Upto 15.11.24
02391	Patna Jn	22:20	Anand Vihar Terminal	15:00	Weekly	Saturday Upto 15.11.24
02392	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:20	Patna Jn	17:20	Weekly	Sunday Upto 16.11.24
03257	Danapur	07:30	Anand Vihar Terminal	00:30	Weekly	Sunday Upto 10.11.24
03258	Anand Vihar Terminal	05:00	Danapur	20:45	Weekly	Monday Upto 11.11.24
05219	Muzaffarpur Jn	13:30	Anand Vihar Terminal	06:00	Daily	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun Upto 01.01.25
05220	Anand Vihar Terminal	08:00	Muzaffarpur Jn	00:45	Daily	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun Upto 01.01.25
05109	Chhapra	17:45	Anand Vihar Terminal	11:50	Weekly	Wednesday Upto 27.11.24
05110	Anand Vihar Terminal	12:55	Chhapra	06:45	Weekly	Thursday Upto 28.11.24
05023	Goaakhpur	21:15	Anand Vihar Terminal	13:15	Weekly	Sunday Upto 24.11.24
05024	Anand Vihar Terminal	15:15	Goaakhpur	04:45	Weekly	Monday Upto 25.11.24
05301	Mau Jn	04:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	20:30	Weekly	Thursday Upto 28.11.24
05302	Anand Vihar Terminal	00:25	Mau Jn	17:45	Weekly	Friday Upto 29.11.24
05005	Goaakhpur	14:40	Amritsar Jn	09:30	Weekly	Wednesday Upto 27.11.24
05006	Amritsar Jn	12:45	Goaakhpur	08:50	Weekly	Thursday Upto 28.11.24
05049	Chhapra	09:55	Amritsar Jn	09:30	Weekly	Friday Upto 29.11.24
05050	Amritsar Jn	12:45	Chhapra	14:00	Weekly	Saturday Upto 30.11.24
02525	Kamakhya	22:45	Anand Vihar Terminal	08:50	Weekly	Friday Upto 29.11.24
02526	Anand Vihar Terminal	17:20	Kamakhya	03:40	Weekly	Sunday Upto 01.12.24
05671	Guwahati	15:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	08:50	Weekly	Wednesday Upto 27.11.24
05672	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:45	Guwahati	14:15	Weekly	Friday Upto 29.11.24
05734	Katihar Jn	11:40	Amritsar Jn	00:10	Weekly	Thursday Upto 28.11.24
05733	Amritsar Jn	04:25	Katihar Jn	15:00	Weekly	Saturday Upto 30.11.24
03413	Malda Town	07:10	New Delhi	07:30	Bi-weekly	Thursday, Sunday Upto 28.11.24
03414	New Delhi	10:30	Malda Town	07:55	Bi-weekly	Friday, Monday Upto 29.11.24
03483	Bhagalpur	11:00	New Delhi	07:10	Bi-weekly	Saturday, Tuesday Upto 30.11.24
03484	New Delhi	10:30	Bhagalpur	04:10	Bi-weekly	Sunday, Wednesday Upto 27.11.24
05565	Saharsa Jn	19:30	Sirhind Jn	00:05	Weekly	Thursday 14.11.24 to 26.12.24
05566	Sirhind Jn	02:00	Saharsa Jn	09:45	Weekly	Saturday 16.11.24 to 28.12.24
03107	Sealdah	00:10	Lucknow Jn	00:10	Weekly	Saturday Upto 30.11.24
03108	Lucknow Jn	01:40	Sealdah	23:50	Weekly	Sunday Upto 01.12.24

09657	Daurai (via Barabanki Jn)	15:00	Barhni	13:25	Weekly	Saturday 12.10.24 to 16.11.24
09658	Barhni (via Barabanki Jn)	19:15	Daurai	19:20	Weekly	Sunday 13.10.24 to 17.11.24
03423	Bhagalpur	13:55	Haridwar Jn	17:55	Weekly	Monday Upto 25.11.24
03424	Haridwar Jn	19:55	Bhagalpur	21:20	Weekly	Tuesday Upto 26.11.24
05736	Katihar Jn	21:00	Amritsar Jn	09:35	Weekly	Wednesday Upto 27.11.24
05735	Amritsar Jn	13:25	Katihar Jn	23:45	Weekly	Friday Upto 29.11.24
05047	Banaras	22:00	Ghaziabad	11:45	Weekly	Tuesday Upto 26.11.24
05048	Ghaziabad	12:35	Banaras	05:35	Weekly	Wednesday Upto 27.11.24
02397	Gaya Jn	14:15	Anand Vihar Terminal	07:10	6 Days a week	Except Saturday Upto 15.11.24
02398	Anand Vihar Terminal	08:20	Gaya Jn	00:30	6 Days a week	Except Sunday Upto 16.11.24
05283	Muzaffarpur Jn	06:30	Anand Vihar Terminal	05:00	Daily	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun Upto 21.10.24
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LEGENDS LEAGUE CRICKET

Chris Gayle Fever Grips Kashmir, Thousands Flock Bakshi Stadium To Witness 'Universe Boss'



Agencies

SRINAGAR: Chris Gayle fever has gripped the valley as nearly three thousand fans thronged Srinagar's Bakshi Stadium on Friday to witness the "Universe Boss" in action during the Legends Cricket League. The atmosphere was electrifying as the legendary West Indian cricketer set foot in Kashmir for the first time, and cheers erupted from the crowd.

Per reports, excitement swept across the valley as cricket lovers gathered at the packed stadium.

Bakshi Stadium, which can accommodate nearly 30,000 people, saw fans lining up outside the gates, eager to enter.

"The Legends League Cricket in Srinagar has been a resounding success, with locals turning out in droves to see their favourite legends play on home soil," one of the organisers said.

As the match commenced and Chris Gayle, also known as the "Universe Boss", took to the field, fans began chanting, "Gayaloo, Gayaloo" and "Sixer, Sixer".

Burhan, a local, expressed his joy. "This is a dream come true. I have always watched these legends on television, and seeing them in person is truly special."

During the game, a moment of excitement arose when a catch by Chris was dropped. This further fuelled the crowd's enthusiasm as they cheered in support of their favourite player.

The event marked a blockbuster occasion in Srinagar, with every seat in the stadium filled.

"If Chris Gayle can make it, so can we," said 17-year-old Jibrin, a budding cricketer from Pulwama. "He has come for his fans, and I was thrilled to watch him play on the ground today."

The match featured Konark Suryas versus Gujarat Greats, with Gujarat led by Shikhar Dhawan and the opposing team captained by legendary cricketer Irfan Pathan.

The stadium gates were eventually closed as the crowd continued to swell. This showed the immense excitement and passion for cricket in the heart of Srinagar. (KNO)

3rd T20: India Eye Series Sweep, Runs From Openers



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HYDERABAD: Despite its inconsequential nature, India will be eagerly pursuing the twin goals of a series sweep and monitoring the progress of impressive second-line players during the third and final T20 against Bangladesh here on Saturday.

India have already bagged the series 2-0 after wins at Gwalior and New Delhi. This Indian bunch under Gautam Gambhir has shown an insatiable hunger for victory, and doubters can glance back at its result-oriented approach during the rain-marred Kanpur Test against the same opposition a few days ago. Hence, they are unlikely to show any laxity here too as a 3-0 sweep will sit nicely along with the 2-0 margin in the preceding Test series.

Beyond the obvious, India will also look to add new pieces to their white ball jigsaw puzzle ahead of some important assignments such as the Champions Trophy.

So, in a season teeming with showpiece events globally as well as bilaterally, it's critical for the team to have multiple backup options. In that context, it's clear that Gambhir and his colleagues in the

backroom have set in motion the process of finding able support cast to frontline players keeping in mind the long-term goals such as the ICC event next year.

Be it pacer Mayank Yadav or spinner Varun Chakravarthy, Gambhir wants to take a closer look at them and assess their readiness for the sterner assays ahead.

They haven't been disappointing either in this series.

Mayank, who missed a lot of action since IPL 2024 due to an injury, bowled at over 150 clicks while Chakravarthy returned with a three-wicket haul in his first outing in blue in three years at Gwalior.

The team management will also keep a close eye on the journey of Nitish Kumar Reddy, highly impressive in the Delhi T20 while smashing a 34-ball 74 and returning with a couple of wickets.

Opening Woes

Among these slivers of positives, the outings of Sanju Samson and Abhishek Sharma stick out like a sore thumb.

Samson has given a chance to open the innings in this series and it's a godsend in T20s, giving the batter a chance to exploit the six power play overs.

But the Kerala man has two

modest outings to show so far – a 19-ball 29, a missed chance to make a fifty in a small chase of 128, and a 7-ball 10.

Samson will have to come up with something special here not to slip away from the eyesight of management, unless they want to give a go to Jitesh Sharma, the second wicketkeeper batter in the squad.

Similarly, the backroom staff would want a substantial outing from Abhishek who too has produced lukewarm 15 and 16 in the last two matches.

The failure of openers has put a bit of strain on the middle-order, as the hosts were 41 for three in the power play segment before the middle-order bailed them out in the second T20.

Apart from that, the team think-tank will decide whether to hand a match to some other worthy names on the bench like leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi and all-rounder Harshit Rana.

As for Bangladesh, the visitors will strive to taste that elusive victory on this tour.

For that, they will need a consistent effort, particularly from seniors like captain Najmul Hossain Shanto, Litton Das and Mustafizur Rahman who all have been disappointing till now. Match starts at 7 PM IST.

Indian Cricketer Shikhar Dhawan Praises Kashmir For Its Beauty

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SRINAGAR: Indian cricketer Shikhar Dhawan Friday praised Kashmir for its mesmerising beauty, stating that he was impressed by the nature and the bargaining skills of shikarawalas in the Dal Lake.

Speaking with news agency KNO, Dhawan said that he visited Dal Lake last night, and the view was amazing.

"I was very impressed by the nature and the bargaining skills of local vendors on houseboats," he said.

He said that the shikarawalas have amazing marketing skills, and he was impressed as they completely convinced him to buy their products.

"People showed lot of love, and the atmosphere here has been calm. I hope more international cricket will be played here in future," he said.

Talking about being a Delhi



boy visiting Kashmir and his old bond with cricket, Shikhar said that the Legends League Cricket is high-quality cricket, and legends are playing the game.

"There should be zeal and zest in everyone to work hard, and that's what I did. I am very excited to play in Srinagar and entertain the people of Kashmir. I have played a lot with J&K, and my relatives also live in Jammu, and the feeling has been amazing," says Dhawan.

Hosting International Cricket In Kashmir Dream Realized: Nuzhat Gul

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SRINAGAR: J&K Sports Council Secretary Nuzhat Gul on Friday described the hosting of international cricket in the region as a momentous achievement and a long-cherished dream come true.

Speaking to reporters in Srinagar, Gul highlighted the significance of bringing international cricket to Kashmir, especially for the local youth.

"For the young generation who have only experienced cricket through television, seeing these matches live in our own stadium is an incredible milestone," she said.

Gul shared how the atmosphere in the stadium was electrifying, with fans passionately cheering for their favorite teams. "I had the opportunity to speak with several children, and they expressed how exciting and surreal it was to see global cricket stars in person. For them, it's a moment of inspiration," she said.

She further emphasized that this event symbolizes more than just sports. "This tournament stands as a celebration of peace and progress for Jammu and Kashmir, showcasing the region's readiness to host major international events," she added. (CNS)

YSS Anantnag Hosts Fit India Freedom Run

Observer News Service

ANANTNAG: The Department of Youth Services and Sports Anantnag organised a Fit India Swachhta Freedom Run on Friday at Nussu in Zone Qazigund. The event aimed to promote fitness, cleanliness and awareness about a healthier and cleaner environment among the youth.

The program was inaugurated with a ceremonial at the HS Nussu. The participants, consisting of students from various

schools, ran from the starting point to the finish line at Ladgan Bridge, covering a significant distance as a symbol of their commitment to physical fitness and a cleaner society.

A total of 155 students, including both boys and girls, actively participated in the run.

The event was conducted smoothly and witnessed active collaboration between school authorities, the YSS staff and local volunteers, ensuring its success.



Presence Of Syed Kirmani At Friday Prayers Takes Namaazis By Surprise

Syed Mohammad Burhan

SRINAGAR: Friday prayers at Imambara Hassanabad took an unexpected turn when attendees were surprised by the presence of former Indian cricketer Syed Mujtaba Hussain Kirmani. The legendary wicket-keeper, who played a crucial role in India's 1983 World Cup win, sat in the front row during the congregational prayer, leaving many in awe.

As soon as worshippers recognized Kirmani, excitement spread across the Imambara. Many rushed to take selfies and photographs with the cricketer, capturing a rare moment with the sports icon.

"It was quite a surprise! We didn't expect to see him here," said

Maqbool Hussain, one of the attendees. "I remember him as a great cricketer who helped India win a World Cup. Meeting him in person was such a special experience."

The crowd's enthusiasm grew to such an extent that an announcement was made over the loudspeaker, informing everyone of Kirmani's presence. This announcement fueled the excitement, as more people joined the crowd, eager to catch a glimpse of the cricketing legend.

A middle aged man asked Kirmani if he remembered the India-West Indies match at Sher-e-Kashmir Stadium where tomatoes were hurled at the players. Kirmani replied with a laughter.

Kirmani, who was awarded the prestigious Col CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award

in 2016 by the BCCI, is remembered for his exceptional skills as a wicket-keeper for India and Karnataka. His pivotal contributions in India's World Cup triumph in 1983 are etched in the memories of cricket fans across the country. A Bollywood film titled "83", which was released in December 2021, captured the magic of that historic win at Lord's, with actor Sahil Khattar portraying Kirmani.

Kirmani is currently in Kashmir on a personal visit, and his unexpected appearance at the Friday prayers has added a unique layer of excitement for locals. The cricketer, known for his humble demeanor, patiently interacted with the crowd, graciously allowing fans to take pictures and exchange a few words.

Inter-Departmental Football Tournament Begins At IUST



Observer News Service

AWANTIPORA: An Inter-Departmental Football Tournament kicked off at Islamic University of Science & Technology here on Friday. The Directorate of Physical Education and Sports IUST is organising the tournament where teams from various departments will compete.

Dr. Hilal Ahmad Rather welcomed the guests and introduced

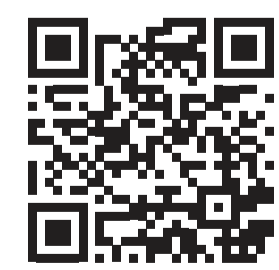
the players. He said that the Sports Advisory Council under the leadership of Vice Chancellor Prof Shakil Ahmad Romshoo has instructed creditization of extra-curricular activities to encourage students to promote sports culture among the youth and groom them for national and international events. Sameer Wazir, Finance Officer and Chairman of the Sports Committee at IUST, graced the event as the Chief Guest.

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