

Fire Guts 100 Houses, Shops In Gurez, Marwah

Observer News Service

Gurez: At least 94 houses and ten shops were gutted in massive fire incidents in remote areas of Marwah in Kishtwar district and Gurez area on Monday.

Official sources said that fire broke out in a house and engulfed others in its vicinity, damaging over 90 houses. The cause of the fire is being ascertained.

After receiving the information, senior officials rushed to the spot.

Reports said that senior officials have reached the spot and are assisting locals efforts to douse off flames which were raging when this report was filed.

So far, there are no reports as regards any loss or injury to life in the fire incident.

Fire tenders from Anantnag are also heading towards Marwah area to assist its counterparts, they said.

Moomin ul Islam, Deputy Director Fire and Emergency Service, said that he along with other officials was heading to the spot to oversee measures for bringing under control the fire.

A firefighting operation is currently underway.

Meanwhile, the newly elected MLA of Inderwal, Pyare Lal Sharma said that relief operation is under way and administration has already rushed to the affected spot.

He said that upcoming NC government will do all the possible help for the affected families.

Rajesh Kumar | More on P10

J&K LG Invites Omar Abdullah To Take Oath On October 16

Observer News Service

Srinagar: National Conference leader Omar Abdullah is set to take oath as the new chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir on October 16.

This comes a day after the Centre revoked the President's rule in Jammu and Kashmir.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday invited Omar Abdullah to take oath as first chief minister of the union territory of Jammu and Kashmir on October 16.

In a letter to Abdullah, Sinha said, "I have received a letter of 11th October, 2024 from Dr. Farooq Abdullah, President, Jammu and Kashmir National Conference, wherein it has been informed that you have been unanimously elected as Leader of the Legislature Party."

He said he has also received a letter from Jammu and Kashmir Congress chief Tariq Hameed Karra, CPI(M) Secretary G N Malik, AAP national secretary Pankaj Kumar Gupta and Independent MLAs-elect Pyare Lal Sharma, Satish Sharma, Mohammad Akram, Rameshwar Singh and Muzafar Iqbal Khan extending their support to the NC.



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AAP Seeks Ministerial Berth; NC Says 'CM's Prerogative'

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Fissures Within NC? Aga Ruhullah Signals Discontent With Omar's Stance On Art 370

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A simmering internal divide within the National Conference (NC) appears to be surfacing as Aga Syed Ruhullah Mehdi, a key party figure and Member of Parliament, has expressed clear discomfort with recent remarks by party leader Omar Abdullah.



Omar's statement that it would be 'foolish' to hope for the restoration of Article 370 from the very people who snatched it, doesn't seem to sit well with Ruhullah. In an interview, Aga Ruhullah has voiced his discontent, stating he plans to discuss the matter with NC vice president.

Observers note that NC's sentimental vote base in the recent Assembly elections largely coalesced around Ruhullah's consistent stance on Article 370, attracting both traditional non-voters | More on P10

Why did Omar Abdullah abandon his flight against Article 370's abrogation. What's driving this change?"

J&K LG's Power To Nominate 5 MLAs: SC Junks Plea

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday refused to entertain a plea challenging the power vested in the Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor (LG) to nominate five members to the Legislative Assembly of the union territory.

A bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and Sanjay Kumar asked the petitioner Ravinder Kumar Sharma to approach the high court.

"In cases where we have entertained a petition at the first instance, we find that many things are left out," the bench said as it gave liberty to the petitioner to approach the high court.

In the recently concluded election, Jammu and Kashmir National Conference-Congress alliance got a majority with 48 seats in the 90-member assembly.

The bench said it is not inclined to entertain the

petition under Article 32 of the Constitution and clarified that it has not expressed any opinion on the merits of the issue.

Senior advocate Abhishek Singhvi, appearing for the petitioner, said that such nomination could throttle the electoral verdict and it was an issue, which dealt with the basic structure of the Constitution.

"We are three above the majority. The total of all the others is 42. If you nominate five, they become 47 and I become 48. You have to only get one more person...You can easily nullify the elected mandate. The electoral verdict of numbers can be negated..." submitted Singhvi.

Justice Khanna said that the said power of the LG had not been exercised as of now and the petitioner should approach the high court first.

CPI (M) leader Mohammad Yusuf Tarigami, | More on P10



A man leads his horses through the lush meadows of Tosmaidan. KO Photo By Abid Bhat

AB-PMJAY Likely To Add More Elderly Healthcare Packages

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The National Health Authority, the implementing agency for the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY), is assessing the need to add more health packages catering to the elderly as the government is set to roll out the health coverage for all aged 70 years and above.

The expanded scheme, which will benefit an estimated six crore citizens in about 4.5 crore households, is likely to be launched by the end of this month, official sources said.

"The committee which decides on health-benefit packages under the scheme is deliberating on the need for adding more health packages, which exclusively tend to geriatric care, as the number of such beneficiaries will go up with the launch of the scheme," an official source said.

The scheme presently offers a comprehensive coverage that includes 1,949 medical procedures across 27 medical specialties, such as general medicine, surgery, oncology



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and cardiology.

Hospital services, including drugs (covering 15 days' medication post-discharge), diagnostics (up to three days before admission), food and



lodging, are provided at no cost to the beneficiaries.

"The admissions necessitated due to certain mental-health conditions, such as Alzheimer's and dementia, are also covered under the current scheme," the source said.

Be it the poor, middle class, upper-middle class or rich, every individual aged 70 years or above is eligible to receive the Ayushman card and free treatment up to Rs 5 lakh at any of the AB-PMJAY-empanelled hospital once the expanded scheme is launched.

Till September 1, a total of 29,648 hospitals, including 12,696 private ones, were empanelled under the scheme, which is currently being implemented in 33 states and Union territories, except for Delhi, Odisha and West Bengal.

Anyone aged 70 or above according to the person's Aadhaar card will be eligible for applying under the scheme, another official source said. It is an application-based scheme and people will need to register on the PMJAY portal or | More on P10

J&K Not To Issue Guidelines For News Portals

M Ahmad

Srinagar: The Government of J&K has said that it was not "competent" to issue fresh or further regulatory guidelines regarding working of news portals in Jammu and Kashmir as the Centre has already framed detailed rules and framework regarding them.

The Secretary to Government and Information Department has disclosed it in a compliance report submitted before the J&K and Ladakh High Court in a contempt plea.

The Government said that keeping in view the Reorganization of the erstwhile J&K State into the two Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, the Central Acts have now become directly applicable to the UT of J&K.

"Since the Government of India have already framed detailed rules/frame work on the subject in the form of Information Technology (Intermediaries Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 and since the subject is administered by the Government Of India, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, the Government of Jammu



and Kashmir and the J&K Information Department is not able/competent to issue any further regulatory guidelines on the subject," the Secretary said.

In June 2022, the High Court of J&K and Ladakh had left it open for the government to take decision with regard to regulating and controlling the social media news channels, networks, pages and portals in Jammu and Kashmir.

Disposing of the Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by the Jammu and Kashmir Peoples Forum through its General Secretary M. M. Shuja in 2021, the court had asked the government to consider representation by the NGO with regard to regulating and controlling the social media network and take appropriate action expeditiously. Later, the petitioner filed a contempt of court petition and subsequently the | More on P10

JKCET-2012 Paper Leak Case ED Attaches Assets Worth Over 1 Crore

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate Monday said it has issued a fresh attachment order for properties worth Rs 1.31 crore in connection with its money laundering investigation into the alleged leak of medical exam paper Jammu and Kashmir CET-2012.

Four immovable properties Sajad Hussain Bhat, Mohd Amin Ganie, Suhail Ahmad Wani and Shabir Ahmad Dar located in Srinagar and its nearby places have been frozen after a provisional order was issued by the agency under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

The money laundering case stems from an FIR of the Jammu and Kashmir Police filed against Mushtaq Ahmed Peer, the then Chairman of the Board of Professional Entrance Examination (BOPEE), and others. Assets of Peer, worth Rs 60 lakh, were attached by the ED earlier and a chargesheet was

also filed under the PMLA. A special anti-corruption court based in Srinagar had earlier convicted the four persons whose properties have been attached under the anti-money laundering law, the ED said.

Peer and others -- among them Farooq Ahmad Ito, Sajad Hussain Bhat, Mohd Amin Ganie, Suhail Ahmad Wani, Shabir Ahmad Dar -- were involved in the sale of the "leaked" question papers of JKCET-2012, the agency said.

By selling question papers of JKCET-2012, they generated proceeds of crime to the tune of Rs 2.50 crore and utilised them, it said.

Of the total 54 accused persons in the case, 46 had been convicted and eight acquitted. Among the convicts were students and their parents who were sentenced to one year and six years jail respectively. The main culprit who was the then Chairman BOPEE, Mushtaq Peer was arrested on November | More on P10

Minor Girl Killed By Stray Dogs In Awantipora

Agencies

Srinagar: A minor girl was mauled to death by stray dogs in Awantipora area of south Kashmir's Pulwama district on Monday, officials said.

An official said that the girl was attacked and grievously injured by stray dogs outside her residence in Beighpora locality of Awantipora. He said that the girl was shifted to a nearby hospital from where she was referred to Srinagar.

"Soon after reaching Srinagar hospital, she succumbed to her injuries." She has been identified as Zobia Gulzar (08) daughter of Gulzar Ahmad Naikoo of Beighpora. (KNO)





Lal Chowk Among 3 Srinagar Segments Won By NC Candidates

Observer News Service
SRINAGAR: National Conference (NC) has once again retained Srinagar—the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir in the recently conducted assembly elections by winning all the seats wherever the candidate was announced by the party. The party has bagged seven out of eight segments, making a clean sweep from the district. Except the Eidgah candidate, Mubarak Gul, none of the candidates had a close call in the assembly elections. Gul won the seat by a margin of 1680 votes only. However, the top three candidates, who won the elections with the greatest margin include Tanvir Sadiq with 16,173 votes from Zaidibal constituency, Ahsan Pardesi with 11,343 votes from Lal Chowk constituency and Salman Sagar with 10,295 votes from Hazratbal. The other three candidates from Habba Kadal, Channapora and Khanyar won by a margin of 9,538, 5,688 and 9,912 votes respectively. The eighth seat—Central-Shalteng was won by alliance candidate and JKPC

President Tariq Hameed Karra by a margin of 14,395 Central-Shalteng. The analysts are of the opinion that the most crucial seat won by the NC candidate was Lal Chowk segment due to multiple reasons. Lal Chowk was the only seat across Kashmir where the Prime Minister Narendra Modi campaigned for the Bharatiya Janata party (BJP) candidate, Er Aijaz Ahmad. "The areas of four assembly segments were included in it during the delimitation exercise including Bata-maloo, Sonwar and Chadoora. It was a difficult terrain for every candidate, but mostly for NC's Ahsan Pardesi, who had a rival from Apni Party—Muhammad Ashraf who defeated former chief minister Omar Abdullah in the previous 2014 assembly polls," the analysts said. They added that other than Lal Chowk, Zaidibal and Channapora were also the challenge for everyone in the fray where the NC candidates had tough and already winning candidates in the fray, who had a base in their constituencies—(KNO)



ON THE YEARLY URS OF REVERED Muslim saint Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jeelani (r.a.), devotees swarm the Dastgir Sahab shrine at Khanyar to attend night-long prayers.

PARIMPORA MURDER

Family Hit Streets, Seek Death Penalty For Accused

Majid Nabi

SRINAGAR: The family of a youth who was killed by his cousin following an argument over a parking space in the Parimpora area on the outskirts of Srinagar a day earlier, Monday hit streets, to press for the death sentence for the accused. The scuffle, according to the victim's family, sprang from jealousy of the deceased's prosperous business, resulting in his murder. Deceased's younger brother, who is receiving medical attention at the hospital, they alleged, was also seriously injured in the incident. Protesters over their kin's murder, family members and relatives of deceased gathered outside their residence at Parimpora, chanting, "Justice for Amir, hang the culprit". Identified as Amir Razak Mir, son of Abdul Razak Mir of Parimpora, the youth died on the spot after being stabbed by his cousin over a car parking space outside their shops, according to the family. "His younger brother, who was also assaulted by the accused, is un-

6 "THE ACCUSED OUGHT TO BE HANDED THE DEATH PENALTY and allowed to rot in jail until he is hanged. He murdered his own brother, disregarding his ageing and infirm parents," she said.

dergoing critical care treatment at the hospital," grandmother of the deceased told Kashmir Observer, adding, the murder sprang from jealousy of the deceased's prosperous business. The accused has been arrested by the police in connection with killing of his cousin and a formal case FIR No. 114 of 2024, has been registered at police station Parimpora in accordance with Bhartiya Nyay Sanhita (BNS) act 103. "Case FIR number 114/2024 under section 103 of Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita (BNS) stands registered in police station Parimpora against the accused. The accused has been arrested and the weapon of offence has also been recovered. Further investigation in the case is going on," police wrote on X. The accused, who she identified as Zareef Ahmad Mir and his brother Faisal Ahmad Mir, got knives from their shop and stabbed Amir in the heart, killing him on the spot. "I witnessed my grandson's murder and serious injuries to his younger brother. I shouted out for help because I was alone, but no one came to their rescue," she added. Another protester, probably a relative of the deceased, claimed that the accused murdered him without considering that he was harming his own brother. "The accused ought to be handed the death penalty and allowed to rot in jail until he is hanged. He murdered his own brother, disregarding his ageing and infirm parents," she said.

GMC Srinagar Welcomes New MBBS Batch



Observer News Service
SRINAGAR: Government Medical College Srinagar today welcomed the new MBBS Batch 2024 in a grand function held here. During the event, fresher's were introduced to the Heads of Departments, faculty members, administration, and also other staff associated with academics, marking the beginning of their medical journey. On the occasion, students were briefed about the college's rules and regulations, academic schedule, and various facilities available. They were introduced to departments like Anatomy, Physiology, Biochemistry and also departments in their undergraduate course. The new batch was familiarized with associated hospitals, including Govt. SMHS Hospital, Govt. Super Speciality Hospital, Govt. 500 bedded Children Hospital Bemina, Govt. Bone & Joint Hospital, Govt. Chest Disease Hospital, Govt. LD hospital, Kashmir Nursing Home and Institute of Mental Health & Neurosciences, apart from giving them an overview of peripheral health centre's associated with the Dept of Community Medicine of GMC Srinagar. In her welcome address

Principal/Dean Govt. Prof. Dr. Iffat Hassan warmly welcomed the students and their parents emphasizing GMC Srinagar's commitment to quality medical education, highlighting academic excellence, clinical exposure, research opportunities, and student support services. Parents of the students were also requested to work shoulder to shoulder with the teachers and the college administration so as to shape them up into good doctors. HODs of various specialties like Prof. Nahid Nahvi from Microbiology, Prof. Ghulam Mohammad from Anatomy, Prof. Sabiya Majeed from Biochemistry, Prof. Shahzada Salim Khan from Community Medicine, Dr. Arsalan from Forensic Medicine, Prof. Rakesh Kaul from Medicine, Prof. Iqbal Saleem from General Surgery, Prof. Muzaffar Jan from Paediatrics, Prof. Mohammad Maqbool from Psychiatry, Prof. Altaf Kawoosa from Orthopaedics, Dr. Yasmeen Jabeen from Dermatology, Prof. Masuma Rizvi from Gynecology & Obstetrics and Prof. Shoukat Ahmad Kadla from Gastroenterology also introduced their departments, outlining departmental strengths, faculty expertise, teaching methodologies, and research focus areas and welcomed the students.

Urs Dastgir Sahab: Devotees Gather For Night-Long Prayers At Khanyar

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: With hearts filled with devotion, devotees gathered under the clean sky as their faith deepened while night-long prayers commenced at the revered Dastgir Sahab Shrine in Khanyar, Srinagar. The prayers mark the annual Urs of Hazrat Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jeelani (RA), which is to be celebrated tomorrow, an occasion that brings thousands together in remembrance of the Sufi saint's teachings and legacy. This year, the sense of anticipation is palpable, as families from different parts of the valley have made their way to the shrine. For many, it is not just a religious gathering but a tradition deeply rooted in their lives.

Mukhtar Ahmad, a local from Khawaja Bazar, Srinagar, said that coming here gives him peace. "I have been attending the Urs since childhood with my parents, and now I bring my own children. It is a moment where we connect with our past and seek blessings for the future," he said. The Urs of Hazrat Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jeelani (RA) will be celebrated tomorrow, with night-long special prayers tonight. The faithful will stay awake through the night, asking for guidance. "We are here to serve the devotees, to ensure their experience is spiritually fulfilling and comfortable," said an official from the shrine, adding that no stone has been left unturned, with multiple

departments working in unison to make sure the devotees are provided with every convenience. Burhan, a devotee, said, "I feel a special connection whenever I visit here. The teachings and guidance of Ghouse Azam are always in my heart, and I feel calm and relaxed whenever I visit the Dastgir Sahab Shrine." It is worth mentioning that the streets of Khanyar are already bustling with pilgrims, with vendors setting up stalls offering sweets and other devotional items. Similarly, tomorrow's Urs Mubarak is expected to draw even larger crowds, united by faith, hope, and the deep spiritual connection that Hazrat Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jeelani (RA) continues to inspire across generations.

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Sgr-Jammu highway - (Open)
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PRAYERS

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This Day In History

- 533 - Byzantine General Belisarius makes his formal entry into Carthage, having conquered it from the Vandals
- 1522 - Emperor Karel I names Hernán Cortés governor of Mexico
- 1552 - Khanate of Kazan is conquered by troops of Ivan Grozny.
- 1756 - Saxon army surrenders to Prussia
- 1815 - Napoleon Bonaparte arrives on island of St Helena to begin his exile
- 1842 - Karl Marx becomes editor-in-chief of Rheinische Zeitung
- 1888 - German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche decides to write his autobiography "Ecce Homo" on his 44th birthday
- 1904 - The Russians are driven back by the Japanese in the Battle of Shaho; both sides suffer high casualties: Japanese (16,000) and Russians
- 1914 - Battle of Warsaw, begins (ends Oct 21)
- 1924 - US President Calvin Coolidge declares Statue of Liberty a national monument
- 1932 - Tata Airlines (later to become Air India) makes its first flight
- 1940 - Heavy German air raid on London, 400 killed
- 1941 - Hideki Tojo appointed Prime Minister of Imperial Japan
- 1946 St Louis Cards beat Boston Red Sox, 4 games to 3 in 43rd World Series
- 1948 - China's Red army occupies Chinchow
- 1949 - Administration of territory of Manipur taken over by Indian government
- 1949 - Tripura accedes to Indian union
- 1951 - First synthesis of an oral contraceptive (norethindrone) made by Luis E. Miramontes under direction of Carl Djerassi and George Rosenkrantz at Mexican drug company Syntex
- 1958 - Tunisia drops diplomatic relations with Egypt

From KO Archives

Matric Exams Postponed; Teachers Threaten To Sabotage Govt Move

Observer News Service
SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (BOSE), this evening announced its decision to postpone the examinations of 10th class soon after the day long negotiations failed to resolve the crisis raised by the teachers boycott of the examinations duty. The Board authorities while announcing the decision to postpone the examinations said that the fresh date sheet would be sued next week. Earlier representatives of the Teachers Forum and Lecturers Association held negotiations with the Government to resolve the crisis. The Government was represented by the Commissioner Secretary Education and the Director Education besides Minister of State of Education, Muhammad Sharief Tariq. Sources said that teachers remained adamant as they demanded that Government should accept all their demands in black and white before they would call off their strike. The Government today showed willingness to re-solve the crisis by assuring teachers that their genuine demands will be fulfilled at the earliest. But sources said, the teachers remained adamant saying that their past experience has been bitter. The promises made with them in the past had been hollow as Government backed out from its decision, the teachers representative reportedly told the Government during the meeting. The representatives of the Government told the teachers that the decision involving financial implications has to be taken by the Cabinet as nobody from the Government has authority to pass such orders. The Minister of Education, Muhammad Sharief Tariq, earlier in the day appealed the teachers to defer their strike upto October 26 so that the teacher's demands would be decided in the cabinet. The Government later passed an order asking the Chairman of the State Board of School Education to conduct the examination immediately. The Chairman of the BOSE, Prof Ali Muhammad Charu told Observer News Service that the examinations would commence from October 20 as they have to recruit employees from other departments. The Chairman said that the Board needs 4405 employees to conduct the exams. The staffers to be taken from the department of Revenue, Agriculture, Engineering, said the Chairman. As the conduct of the examinations is a technical job the recruits have to be imparted the necessary training, he said. The new staff will be given training in the district head-quarters on October 17, 18 and 19 and the examination would start from October 20, Chairman hoped. Meanwhile a statement issued by the Joint Co-ordination Committee of Teachers Forum has advised the state government to shun the rigid attitude and issue orders for the implementation of demands put forth by teachers forum so that precious time of the students is not wasted. The statement said that the government is pursuing a policy of delaying tactics and is trying to nullify some demands of the Forum. But this time teachers community will not compromise on any of its demand, the statement added. Statement condemned the rigid attitude of government and made it clear that Teachers Forum will boycott the house examinations of 8th and 10th class as well. If the Government goes ahead with the examination process all the schools in the valley will be locked, adds the statement justifying the boycott of teachers and appealed the people and students misunderstand the strike unions. Statement appealed all trade unions to support the Teachers demands. (Kashmir Observer, October 15, 1998)

SAD DEMISE

اللهم ربنا ارحم الراحمين

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved father **Haji Ghulam Nabi Ahanger S/o Late Mohammad Akbar Ahanger R/o Sarfi Colony, Lane No 3, Buchpora, Srinagar, Kashmir** who left for heavenly abode on October 14, 2024 morning after a prolonged illness.

May Almighty Allah grant highest Place in Jannatul Firdous to the departed soul. Ameen

The Congregational Fateha Khawani will be held on October 18, 2024 (Friday) at 02: 30 pm at the ancestral graveyard At Mehmoodabad near Buchpora Park, Srinagar, Kashmir.

Note: Ladies are requested not to bring any kind of fruits etc.

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Hezbollah Targets Israeli Naval Base After Overnight Deadly Strike

Iran commander says tide turning on the battlefield

Agencies

Beirut: Hezbollah targeted an Israeli naval base on Monday, a day after a drone strike killed four soldiers and injured sixty others in the deadliest attack on Israel since the war in Gaza began last year.

The group said its fighters launched rockets at a naval base near Haifa in northern Israel, calling it a tribute to its leader, Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah.

The Israeli military said on Monday it had intercepted another launch aimed at a training camp at Binyamina, also near Haifa, a day after four soldiers were killed and sixty more wounded in a Hezbollah drone strike.

On Sunday, Hezbollah had threatened more attacks if Israel continued its attacks on Lebanon, warning Israel what it saw was "nothing compared to what awaits it if it decides to continue its aggression."

Meanwhile, the former chief of Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) warned Israel of "tough days" as the Lebanese resistance movement restores its combat power to counter Israeli aggression.

"After witnessing a wave of assassinations, Hezbollah has repaired its combat organization," Major General Mohsen Rezaei, who is currently a member of Iran's Expediency Council, wrote in an X post on Monday.

"Now the war mode of Hezbollah has started operating and [thus] tough days await the Zionists."

Meanwhile the Pentagon has announced the deployment of an advanced anti-missile defence system, the THAAD, to Israel. The move aimed at bolstering Israel's air defences following recent missile attacks from Iran and increasing hostilities in the region.

Alongside the THAAD battery, approximately 100 US troops are being deployed in Israel to operate the system.

THAAD, designed to intercept ballistic missiles, adds another layer of protection to Israel's existing defence infrastructure, potentially helping mitigate future missile threats from Iran or its proxies.

The US presence is intended to not only defend Israel but also provide a strategic advantage as Israel contemplates retaliatory action against Iran.

Earlier Israel's military acknowledged a Hezbollah drone has killed four soldiers and injured sixty others at one of its northern bases.

The surprise attack on elite Golani Brigades camp in Binyamina, near Haifa, was the deadliest such assault on an Israeli base since war in Gaza started last October.

The strike was in response to Israeli attacks, including air strikes on Thursday that Lebanon's health ministry said killed at least 22 civilians in central Beirut.

In a later statement, Hezbollah warned Israel that "what it witnessed today in southern Haifa is nothing compared to what awaits it if it decides to continue its aggression against our noble and dear people."

An Israeli volunteer rescue service, United Hatzalah, said its teams in Binyamina assisted "over 60 wounded people" with injuries ranging from mild to critical.

Hezbollah has been firing rockets and drones into Israel for more than a year in support of fighters in Gaza.

Since late September, however, its strikes have reached further into the country.

Israel's sophisticated air defences have intercepted most of the projectiles, with few casualties caused by strikes or falling debris.



Hezbollah threatens UN forces

And as fighting raged between Israel and Hezbollah forces in Lebanon's south, United Nations peacekeepers said they had again been in the firing line.

They said Israeli troops "forcibly" entered a UN position with two tanks, after Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called on the multinational peace force to withdraw from the area immediately.

Israel's military said a tank had backed into the UN post while under fire and UN called it a possible war crime.

How Hezbollah Struck the Base
A Hezbollah drone hoodwinked Israel's

much-vaunted Iron Dome air-defence system and struck the heavily fortified base. A worried Israel has launched a probe into how its air-defence system was penetrated rather easily. There are two reasons why it is likely that the Iron Dome, so effective against rockets, missed the drone fired from Lebanon by Hezbollah.

The drone that evaded the Iron Dome and dealt a blow is believed to be Mirsad-1, according to a report. The Times of Israel reported that two drones fired from the sea entered Israeli airspace on Sunday.

Both were Mirsad drones, known in Iran as the Aabil-T. The model is Hezbollah's main suicide drone, and their use was not unique or unprecedented," the Israeli media outlet reported.

It was reported that it was one of the two Mirsad-1 drones that evaded the air-defence system on Sunday night.

The Mirsad-1 drone has a range of 120 km and a top speed of 370 km per hour, it quoted the Alma Center, an Israeli research institute. The drone can carry payload (explosives) of up to 40kg, and can fly as high as 3,000 metres, it added.

The Jerusalem Post said that Mirsad-1 was a drone that Hezbollah had deployed for over two decades, and it was based on Iranian designs. This isn't the first time that Hezbollah drones have entered Israeli airspace undetected.

On April 11, a Hezbollah drone flew undetected for nine minutes over "Western Galilee cities and settlements before returning safely to southern Lebanon", reported the Defence Industry Daily. It said it was Israeli locals who reported sighting the drone.

The Times of Israel reported that Israeli planes and helicopters pursued the other drone, but it fell off the radar system and the IDF lost track of it.

Hezbollah said in a statement that the "fighters of the Islamic Resistance targeted (for the fifth time) a gathering of Israeli enemy forces in the Manara settlement with a rocket barrage."

"The fighters of the Islamic Resistance targeted a gathering of Israeli enemy forces at the Hounin barracks with a barrage of rockets," Hezbollah said.

It added that "the fighters of the Islamic Resistance targeted movements of the Zionist forces near the Fatima Gate in the town of Kfar Kila with artillery shells at 10:00 PM on Sunday, October 13, 2024."

Hezbollah said its operations were conducted in support of Palestinians in Gaza and in defence of Lebanon.

Spain Opposes Withdrawal Of UNIFIL From Lebanon

Agencies

MADRID: Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez on Monday said there would be "no withdrawal" of the UN peacekeeping force from southern Lebanon after Israeli attacks and calls to leave.

Israel's offensive against the Iran-backed Hezbollah militia has thrust the UNIFIL force deployed in Lebanon since 1978 into the spotlight.

The force, which involves about 9,500 troops from some 50 nations led by a Spanish general, has reported multiple Israeli attacks in recent days that injured five of its troops and sparked international condemnation.

On Sunday, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called on them to withdraw for their own safety and said their presence had "the effect of providing Hezbollah terrorists

with human shields."

Spain condemns Netanyahu's call for the force to pull back and "there will be no withdrawal of UNIFIL," Sanchez told a forum in Barcelona.

Sanchez affirmed his commitment to a UN Security Council resolution that bolstered the force's role in 2006 following the last major conflict between Israel and Hezbollah, which stipulated that only the Lebanese army and UN peacekeepers should be deployed in south Lebanon.

That commitment "makes more sense today than ever after seeing what is happening on the ground," Sanchez said.

Sanchez has been one of the most strident critics of the Netanyahu government's war in Gaza, which was sparked by last year's unprecedented Hamas attack on Israel.

'Burned And Charred Bodies' As Israel Hits Tents At Central Gaza Hospital

Agencies

Gaza City: An Israeli air attack on tents for displaced Palestinians inside a hospital complex in Gaza has killed at least four people and wounded at least 70, many of them critically, as Israel's genocide in the besieged enclave continues for a second year.

The attack at Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital in central Gaza's Deir el-Balah city in the early hours of Monday hit tents where many displaced Palestinians had been sheltering.

Videos showed rescuers scrambling to save people as they struggled to contain a major fire. The death toll is expected to rise further.

"What happened was that we woke up to smoke, flames, fire and burning pieces falling on the tents from every direction. The explosions terrified us in our tents and outside where we live behind Al-Aqsa Hospital," Om Ahmad Radi, a survivor at



the scene, told Al Jazeera.

"The fire trucks couldn't get here. There were so many burned and charred bodies all over the place. The amount of fire and explosions was enormous. We witnessed one of the most horrible and brutal nights."

Volunteer surgeon Mohammad Tahir said they were dealing with victims who had burns on 60 to 80 percent of their bodies - many of whom won't survive.

"Patients with significant high percentage burns - unfortunately, their fate is sealed. They won't even make it to the ICU. They will die," he told Al Jazeera from outside Al-Aqsa Hospital. "It's a horror show here. Honestly, sometimes I feel like this is not real life, that this can go on, and this degree of suffering is allowed to happen in this world."

India Recalls Top Canada Envoy As Row Over Nijjar Killing Deepens

Agencies

New Delhi: India says it is withdrawing its top envoy to Ottawa and other diplomats because the Canadian government is investigating them as "persons of interest" in an investigation, reigniting a diplomatic row over the killing of a Sikh separatist leader last year.

India-Canada relations have been tense since September 2023 when Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said Canada had credible evidence to link Indian agents to the assassination of Hardeep Singh Nijjar on Canadian soil earlier that year.

Nijjar supported a Sikh homeland in the form of an independent Khalistani state and was designated by India as a "terrorist" in July 2020.

India has repeatedly denied the allegation that its agents killed him, challenging Canada to share evidence to back its claim.

On Monday, the Indian Ministry of External Affairs said it had summoned the Canadian charge d'affaires to denounce the "completely unacceptable" and "baseless targeting" of the Indian high commissioner and other diplomats and officials.

"We have no faith in the current Canadian Government's commitment to ensure their security. Therefore, the Government of India has decided to withdraw the High Commissioner and other targeted diplomats and officials," it said in a statement.

Earlier on Monday, the ministry said it had "received a diplomatic communication from Canada suggesting that the Indian High Commissioner and other diplomats are persons of interest" in the ongoing investigation.

Only 1 Cop Was With Baba Siddiqui When He Was Murdered

Press Trust Of India



New Delhi: Only one constable was accompanying NCP leader Baba Siddiqui when he was shot dead in Mumbai's Bandra area on October 12 by three persons who took cover of Dussehra fireworks to open fire, a police official said on Monday.

Six rounds were fired on Siddiqui, two of which hit the 66-year-old former Maharashtra minister on the chest, outside his MLA son Zeeshan Siddiqui's office in Nirmal Nagar between 9:15pm and 9:30pm on Saturday.

The Congress-turned-NCP leader, who police said was provided non-categorised security, was rushed to Lilavati Hospital where he was declared dead by doctors.

Non-categorised security, under which Siddiqui was given three constables, is provided as per the individual's threat perception, the official added.

Two constables on security duty were relieved

in the evening and only one personnel was with Siddiqui when he was leaving for Bandra West from his son's office on the fateful night, the official pointed out.

When the assailants opened fire, several persons in the congested area thought it was sounds of firecrackers going off as part of Dussehra and Goddess Durga idol immersion processions, as per police.

An assistant inspector (API) of Nirmal Nagar police station and some other personnel rushed to the spot, managed to apprehend two of the alleged shooters and recover two pistols and 29 live rounds from them, the official said. A third shooter managed to escape in the melee.

Craft Development Institute
BAMK, Nowshera, Srinagar
Contact No. 2411430/ 2411772

Training of Trainers (ToT)

Craft Development Institute, Srinagar under PMKVY 4.0 scheme is starting admissions in the following job roles. The registered artisans interested in providing inputs need to apply for training of trainers (TOT) in the following crafts.

S. No.	Name of the job role	Duration	Minimum Educational Qualifications
01.	Carving Artisan	72hrs	Graduate
02.	Engraving and stamping artisan	72hrs	10 th
03.	Merchandiser	72hrs	Graduate
04.	Traditional Hand Embroiderer (Tilla)	72hrs	10 th
05.	Papier Mache Product Artisan	72hrs	10 th

Along with minimum educational qualifications, artisans are required to have relevant industry experience.

The interested artisans can get requisite form from the office of Craft Development Institute (CDI), Srinagar from 14th October 2024 and last date of submitting the completed form is 19th October 2024 by 4:30 pm.

CDI/ Estd/ Advt./2024-25/ 510
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The basic qualification for the admission is 10th with 2 years relevant experience or 10th with pursuing continuous schooling or previous relevant qualification of NSQF level 3.0 with minimum education as 5th with 2 years relevant experience. The minimum age for admission is 18 years.

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J&K Bank Settles Insurance Claims Worth Rs 98.93 Lacs



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In a major relief to bereaved families during their time of loss, J&K Bank has facilitated the swift settlement of MetLoan & Life Suraksha (MLLS) insurance claims for its deceased borrowers from various branches in the Ladakh Zone. The claims, amounting to Rs 98.93 Lacs, have been paid to 7 families, alleviating financial burdens during a very difficult time in their lives.

The Bank's Zonal Head (Ladakh) Tsewang Dorjay along with Associate Director - Credit Life - PNB MetLife & Head (JKB Relationship) Irfan Ali Zargar displayed the Symbolic Cheque of Rs 98.93 Lacs - an amount that was handed over to the nominees/legal heirs of the deceased customers - along with the Credit Head (Ladakh) Tsetan Phuntsog in presence of various Branch Heads of respective branches, Zonal Insurance Coordinator Rifat Shazia and other senior officials of the Bank and PNB MetLife including Area Manager Shahid Hamid.

The recipients of the claims expressed their gratitude towards J&K Bank and its insurance partner, PNB MetLife, for

their prompt support. "We are thankful to the Bank for insuring these loans and greatly appreciate the timely settlement of claims. PNB MetLife's support has also been crucial in lifting the heavy financial burden during this difficult time faced by our family," said one of the claimants.

On this occasion, Zonal Head (Ladakh) Tsewang Dorjay emphasized the importance of loan insurance, particularly in mitigating financial stress for families during challenging times. "When customers face hardships, it is our duty to ease their burden. By securing loans through MLLS, we safeguard the financial interests of all stakeholders involved."

Associate Director Irfan Ali Zargar reiterated that the Bank always advises its clients to get their loans insured so that their loved ones are taken care of in case of such contingencies. "While we cannot replace the emotional loss, we can provide financial relief during such unforeseen events. Settling these claims is not just fulfilling our promise to the borrowers but it also is about experiencing a sense of fulfilment in helping families during their tough times."

In JK, Govt Degree Colleges Face Decline Trend In Student Enrolment

Agencies

SRINAGAR: In a worrisome development, the government degree colleges of Jammu and Kashmir are facing a decline trend in student enrolment.

The top official of the Higher Education said that besides the overall decline in student enrolment, many colleges have stopped teaching many science subjects as a major subject.

"There is no particular area for the decline in students' enrolment. In the past couple of years, the decline trend of student enrolment is being witnessed from both the peripheral and urban areas as well," the official said.

He said, "The major decline is being seen in science and mathematics subjects."

"As of now it seems that the students who do not opt for regular studies are taking admissions in IGNOU or are pursuing education through distance mode," the official said.

He further said, "Besides continuing their studies through distance mode, many a student's prefer to work simultaneously."

The official said that the Higher Education Department was in the process of analyzing the major reason to overcome the issue.

In the meantime, Director Colleges of JK, Dr Sheikh

Ajaz Bashir in a communiqué to principals of government degree colleges and GCET's of Jammu and Kashmir have sought opinion and suggestions from them.

"We all have been witnessing a major decline in student enrollment across disciplines for the last few years and need to strategize for addressing this major issue," reads the communiqué of the Higher Education Department.

"In this regard you are requested to forward your opinion and suggestions in a one page write up only in a bullet format so that we have a deeper insight into the issue at hand," Director Colleges told principals of government degree colleges.

Earlier this year, KNO reported that in wake of low CUET based admissions in many degree colleges of Jammu and Kashmir, Higher Education Department Saturday exempted 64 Government Degree Colleges from making admissions through CUET score for academic session 2024-25.

The department had further said that many other students did not prefer to seek admission through the Common University Entrance Test (CUET) mode keeping in view their geographical locations, topography and availability of the infrastructure—(KNO)

Raina Asks BJP MLAs To Selflessly Serve The People

Agencies

SRINAGAR: J&K BJP held its maiden meeting of its newly elected MLAs and felicitated them at the party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Ravinder Raina, President, J&K BJP accompanied by Sat Sharma, Working President, J&K BJP, Jugal Kishore Sharma, MP (Lok Sabha), Dr. Nirmal Singh, former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta, former Deputy Chief Minister, Ashok Koul, General Secretary (organization) and Sunil Sharma, MLA & General Secretary, J&K BJP felicitated all the newly elected MLAs of Jammu & Kashmir.

Ravinder Raina, on the occasion, mentioned that the party is grateful to the voters of Jammu & Kashmir who made the party win the highest number of votes in the recently con-

cluded Assembly polls in Jammu & Kashmir.

"BJP is indebted to the people of Jammu and Kashmir who have reposed their faith in the Bharatiya Janata Party driven by the strong nationalist principles and the working culture initiated by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi", said Raina.

"MLAs, who are chosen by the people in this Assembly, will leave no stone unturned to serve the nation, region, society and the people", insisted Ravinder Raina, while felicitating the newly elected MLAs at the party headquarters.

Ravinder Raina further said that the Bharatiya Janata Party is committed to serve the people for the 365 days in a year and stated that every MLA of the party will remain available to serve the needy persons at their beck and call.

Kashmir Apple Growers Turn To Cold Storage Amid Low Market Demand

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Amid low demand for apples, growers in Kashmir are storing their produce in cold storage units, hoping to achieve better returns by March. However, most of these storage facilities are already nearing full capacity.

Apple growers from various areas in south Kashmir said that the current market demand for apples is exceptionally low, prompting them to opt for cold storage to potentially secure higher prices in the coming months.

"This year's production is lower compared to previous years, yet demand remains unexpectedly weak," said Muhammad Yousuf, a fruit grower from Shopian. "Even though the quality is good, the market is sluggish, forcing many of us to store our produce."

Previously, growers were reluctant to use cold storage due



to disappointing sales of stored apples last spring. However, reduced storage charges have encouraged many to reconsider. "The lower fees make it more feasible for us to keep our apples in storage," they said.

Mehraj Ahmad, manager at a cold storage facility in SIDCO Lassipora, said that 95 percent of their storage is already full, with the remaining capacity expected to be filled within the week.

Aabid Hussain, a senior employee at another unit, said, "Our facility can hold 200,000

apple boxes, and we've already received 190,000."

Hussain said the cold storage units have a positive impact on the horticulture sector. "We give growers the flexibility to sell their produce at their discretion. These units provide employment to hundreds of people, and packing work now keeps labourers busy year-round," he said.

Kashmir is home to approximately 40 cold storage units, with most located in SIDCO Lassipora—(KNO)

NC-Congress Alliance Have Challenges To Restore Lost Rights: Karra

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JK-PCC) President, Tariq Hameed Karra on Monday said that the National Conference and Congress alliance has taken a challenge to form the government in the Union Territory with an aim to restore the snatched rights and guarantees of erstwhile state.

He also said that all the decisions taken by Lieutenant Governor led administration in Jammu and Kashmir will be reviewed.

Karra told the reporters that the people have achieved their target of keeping Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) away from the power corridors by voting in favour of the alliance candidates in Jammu and Kashmir. "It is peoples' victory," he added.

Karra further said that in the Union Territory, the President's rule has to end before the formation of any government, adding that the order has been passed now to pave way for the government formation. "No government will prefer to see the powers being snatched from it. Snatching the powers is not a good decision," he said.

Moreover, he said that the alliance partners have taken it as a challenge



to form the government with an aim to restore the rights and guarantees snatched from Jammu and Kashmir, adding that "we want to take oath in a state, but forming the government at this juncture is a beginning of new struggle and the main priority is to get the Statehood restored followed by securing land, jobs and other things."

"Eradicating the unemployment is a must. We need to create job opportunities for the youth with dignity," Karra said, adding that all the decisions taken during LG rule will be reviewed.

Reacting to NC Vice President Omar Abdullah's statements, Karra said that they need to work on the practical grounds, saying that "we can only work in the right direction when the statehood is restored. We need to use stairs to achieve the goals."—(KNO)

Congress In Crisis As Political Ground Slips In J&K

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The Congress party finds itself at a crossroads in Jammu and Kashmir after suffering a major setback in the recently concluded assembly elections. With only 6 seats out of 90 in the state assembly, the party has not only been marginalized but is now grappling with internal dissent and an uncertain future.

The elections, held after a decade, have exposed the weakening grip of the Congress, especially in its former stronghold—Jammu region. While the party traditionally fared well in Jammu and gave tough competition to regional parties in Kashmir, it has now lost ground to both regional rivals and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which has steadily deepened its influence in Jammu over the last two decades.

Party insiders said that the dismal electoral outcome has triggered factionalism within the Congress, with leaders from the Jammu division openly expressing frustration.

Many senior leaders blame the alliance with the National Conference (NC) for the party's poor performance, citing dissatisfaction over ticket distribution and lackluster campaigning. Internal meetings have been held to address these grievances, but the situation remains volatile.

Even before the elections, some Congress leaders had opposed the alliance with NC, fearing it would hurt the party's prospects. "The ticket allocation process was flawed, and senior leaders were ignored," sources said. The appointment of multiple acting presidents before the elections further alienated party members, exacerbating the crisis.

Furthermore, Congress leaders have also voiced displeasure over the working style of the party's in-charge for Jammu and Kashmir, Bharat Singh Solanki. Many claim that Solanki focused predominantly on Kashmir while neglecting Jammu, where Congress had fielded 32 candidates. Out of 43 seats

in the Jammu division, the party secured only one seat—Rajouri.

Shockingly, all 21 Hindu candidates fielded by the party in Jammu lost, adding to the sense of disillusionment. Even traditional Congress strongholds like Surankot, Reasi, Banihal, and Inderwal—which the party held in 2014—have now slipped from its grasp. "The party didn't learn from its defeat in the Lok Sabha elections," sources said.

On the other hand, Jammu and Kashmir Congress president Tariq Hameed Karra has hinted at organisational changes, but the delay in appointing new state committee officials has only deepened the frustration among party workers. With no Legislative Council in place, Congress leaders fear they will have minimal influence in the coalition government led by the National Conference.

Senior Congress leaders in Jammu are demanding greater representation, fearing they will be overshadowed by Kashmir-centric politics. "If the focus remains solely on Kashmir, it will become difficult for the party to recover its position in Jammu," said a party insider. Leaders are worried that without a proper share in the NC-led government, the morale of workers will continue to fall.

There are also reports that some Congress leaders are contemplating leaving the party to explore political opportunities elsewhere. "The lack of strategy and the inability to retain old seats have made many leaders rethink their future within the Congress," a source revealed.

The Congress's decline in Jammu is part of a decade-long trend. The party won 15 seats in the region in 2002, 13 in 2008, and only 5 in 2014. The current election marks a further collapse, with Congress securing just one seat in the region. Insiders attribute this decline to mismanagement, poor ticket distribution, and the absence of a coherent election strategy.

Kashmir Observer & Mother Helpage Partner For Community Development

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In a significant step towards improving the socioeconomic conditions of vulnerable communities in Jammu and Kashmir, Mother Helpage J&K, a registered charitable foundation, has formed a strategic partnership with Kashmir Observer.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the two organizations outlines a collaborative framework for conducting projects focused on community development and awareness. Through this partnership, both organisations aim to make a lasting impact and foster positive change in the region.

The partnership will encompass a wide range of initiatives, including awareness campaigns on health, education, vocational training, and social issues. Joint efforts will also be made to alleviate poverty, empower women, engage youth, and develop skills through community develop-

ment projects. Kashmir Observer will help promote these initiatives through its extensive media coverage, while also facilitating community feedback and engagement.

"This partnership marks a significant milestone in our mission to uplift vulnerable communities in Jammu and Kashmir," said Dr Sohail Nasti BAO, Founder of Mother Helpage Kashmir. "By joining forces with Kashmir Observer, we can leverage their reach and influence to create a greater impact and bring about positive change."

Sajjad Haider, founder and Editor-in-Chief of Kashmir Observer, expressed his enthusiasm for the collaboration, stating, "We are committed to supporting initiatives that benefit the people of Jammu and Kashmir. Our partnership with Mother Helpage J&K aligns perfectly with our goal of fostering community development and raising awareness about important social issues."



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Sub: Advertisement for Engagement of Senior Residents /Registrars /Tutors /Demonstrators on Academic Arrangement Basis Under S.O. 364 of 2020 dated 27-11-2020 in various departments of Government Medical College Handwara

Advertisement Notice No. 04 of 2024
Dated: 11-10-2024

Applications, on the prescribed format are invited from eligible candidates, for the posts of Senior Residents /Registrars /Tutors /Demonstrators in the following departments of Govt. Medical College Handwara purely on Academic Arrangement basis under S.O 364 dated 27-11-2020 initially for a period of (01) one-year extendable up to a maximum of 03 years on the basis of their work conduct/performance as reported by the concerned head of the department. Application forms from in-service eligible candidates (PSC) shall be entertained after fulfillment of all pre-requisites, in accordance with relevant rules, as envisaged in the J&K Civil Service rules 1979 and production of NOC from the parent department.

1. Anatomy	10. Community Medicine
2. Physiology	11. General Medicine
3. Microbiology	12. Paediatrics
4. Pathology	13. Obstetrics and Gynaecology
5. Pharmacology	14. Radio-diagnosis
6. Forensic Medicine	15. Radiotherapy
7. Tuberculosis and Respiratory Diseases	16. Anaesthesiology
8. General Surgery	17. Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
9. Dermatology, Venereology and Leprosy	18. Hospital Administration

Application forms are available in downloads section of the official website of Govt Medical College Handwara @ www.gmchandwara.co.in.

The application form duly filled along with all the requisite documents and Demand Draft of Rs. 500 (Rupees Five Hundred) only from Jammu Kashmir Bank pledged to Chief Accounts Officer, Govt. Medical College Handwara should be submitted in the office of Registrar Academics, Govt. Medical College, Handwara.

- Last date for submission of application forms: 25-10-2024 (up to 3.00 pm)

The selection of the candidates for the advertised posts shall be made strictly as per the selection criteria/policy guidelines for eligibility/selection as laid down in Govt. Order No. 383 JK(HME) of 2024, Dated 20-06-2024 and as per vacancy and sanctioned strength as envisaged in Govt. Order No. 672-JK(HME) of 2022, Dated 19-09-2022. (Notification for minimum qualification and method of recruitment in respect of Gazetted posts for Government Medical College Handwara)

The application forms shall be accompanied with the self-attested copies of the following documents/testimonials.

- MBBS Degree and State/NMC Registration Certificate
- MD/MS/DNB degree with additional Qualification Registration Certificate (State/NMC)
- Marks Certificate of the respective degree especially Marks sheets certificates of each year of MBBS.
- Higher Qualification Certificate (Super specialties) (DM/MCh/DNB).
- Any other additional qualifying certificate relevant for eligibility to any particular advertised post.
- Date of Birth Certificate.
- Domicile certificate.
- Affidavit from 1st class magistrate that he/she is not on the rolls of any other medical college/institution of the country as required by NMC.
- Service Certificate issued by the Director, Health service, J&K in case of in-service candidates.
- NOC/Prior Permission from Administrative Department as per circular no 02-JK (HME) of 2020 dated: 20-01-2020 read with G.O No. 03 HME of 2019 dated: 27-05-2019 in case of in-service candidates to be allowed for selection process. In case selected, they will be allowed to join only after getting relieved from Administrative Department.
- Others as deemed necessary by the competent authority.

Terms and Conditions:

- The engages shall not be entitled to private practice or undertake simultaneous part time / full time job anywhere else. He / She shall work on Full time basis.
- The selected candidates shall have to execute an agreement that he/she shall not leave the department before completion of his/her sanctioned tenure failing which the security deposit shall be forfeited and no experience certificate shall be issued.
- The first salary shall be kept as security deposit by the accounts department and shall be paid only on successful completion 01 year.
- Maximum age for eligibility to apply shall be 50 years as on cut-off date.
- Candidates with higher qualification shall be preferred.
- The Competent Authority reserves the right of any amendment, cancellation and changes to this advertisement as a whole or in part without assigning any reason or giving notice.
- Mere submitting of the documents/certificates shall not be considered as final, candidature of any candidate is provisional and is subject to cancellation if found ineligible by any means at any stage of recruitment process / selection.
- The decision of the competent authority regarding selection of candidates will be final and no representation will be entertained in this regard.
- There shall be a waiting list which shall remain in force for a period of 06 (six) months from the date of issue of the selection list.
- Candidates shall not claim any experience certificate in case they abandon the tenure position prior to completion of first year.

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Middle East At A Tipping Point

The escalating Israeli strikes on Hezbollah, and Gaza, with a possibility of an attack on Iran has brought the region to the brink of a catastrophic conflict. Israel's replication of Gaza-like destruction in Lebanon, has added a new dangerous dimension to the year-long conflict. Expanding military operations, from drone strikes and missile attacks to civilian casualties and damage to critical infrastructure, make it clear that the situation is spinning out of control. On Sunday, a Hezbollah drone killed four Israeli soldiers and wounded 60 as the country expanded its bombardments of Lebanon and troops battled militants across the border. The attack on a military training camp in Binyamina, near Haifa, was the deadliest such assault on an Israeli base since September 23, when Israel increased its attacks in Lebanon. Hezbollah has threatened more such attacks in case Israel continues its bombardment of Lebanon. Israel, on the other hand, has made it clear that it will not back down but continue to expand the conflict.

While the region is threatening to blow up, the US is busy supplying Israel with the latest weaponry to egg it on its reckless course while paying only occasional lip service to the need for a ceasefire. The deployment of US THAAD missile defense systems to Israel further escalates tensions, signaling that the conflict could easily spiral into a broader regional war. Rest of the world has, by and large, resigned to the conflict, with an occasional show of concern at the deteriorating state of affairs.

This state of global indifference has put the Middle East inexorably on the road to hell. A ceasefire is the most urgent priority. Without an immediate cessation of hostilities, the risk of the conflict widening is real and dangerous. But with the powerful west not just on the side of Israel but also funding Israel's multiple invasions, the ceasefire is unlikely to happen any time soon. As of now, we can only wonder what is the end game that both Israel and the US have in mind. And whether they can control the global ramifications of a wider conflict, should Israel choose to open another front with Iran.

There is still time for the world to intervene and pull the situation back from the brink. The world is watching as this conflict threatens to unravel the delicate balance in the Gulf. It is imperative that all sides prioritize diplomacy over military escalation. Only through dialogue, restraint, and a commitment to peace can this dangerous situation be defused, sparing the region from further bloodshed, and the world from imminent destabilization.



Did you know?

Irshad Mushtaq

Gold has offered an 11% CAGR over the past two decades. Many choose physical gold to sidestep income tax. However, a diversified mutual fund portfolio could provide a 15-20% CAGR, potentially yielding returns over 5 times greater than gold even after taxes!

Many people consider investing in physical gold as a tax-saving strategy due to its historical returns. Over the last 20 years, gold has yielded an 11% annual return. It's common to think that by purchasing gold with cash, one could avoid capital gains tax. However, it's important to focus on investments that offer higher returns, rather than just tax savings.

Historically, real estate in Kashmir has provided annual compounded growth rates (CAGR) of 15-20% over the last 20 years. Similarly, diversified mutual fund portfolios have yielded comparable returns.

To illustrate, imagine it's 1994. At that time, gold was priced at 350 per gram, translating to 3.5 lakh per kilogram. Land, averaging 2 kanals in a colony, was also around 3.5 lakh. Fast forward to today, 1 kg of gold is valued at approximately 75 lakh, whereas the land's value could be 4 crore.

A diversified mutual fund portfolio might also offer 15-20% returns over the next 20 years. Paying capital gains tax on these profits—12.5% under current long-term capital gains tax rates—would cost approximately 50 lakh in tax for a 4 crore profit. This means your initial 3.5 lakh investment could grow to 3.5 crore, even after taxes.

In contrast, gold would increase the same investment to only 75 lakh. While there may be an appeal in avoiding taxes, it's more beneficial to aim for investments with greater returns.

Gold can act as a hedge against inflation, but it's crucial to assess overall returns after taxes and other costs. Large businesses willingly pay taxes because their substantial profits allow them to do so comfortably. Taxes are levied only on realized profits, not unrealized gains.

Before making any investment decisions, it's essential to clear all doubts and seek professional advice. Prioritizing high-return investments over simple tax savings will yield greater financial benefits in the long run.

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When the Chief Election Commissioner of India, Rajiv Kumar, made an announcement on August 16th 2024 regarding holding of J&K Assembly elections, it was like a dream come true for the political parties in Jammu & Kashmir. The Kashmir based political parties like National Conference (NC), Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Peoples Conference (PC), Apni Party, Awami Ittehad Party (AIP) and even independents were especially overwhelmed. Most of their leaders were under the impression that elections in J&K won't be held sooner even as the Supreme Court had asked to hold the elections by September 2024. The announcement excited people as well and social media was bombarded with posts from netizens.

The elections were held in three phases for 90 seats. In the first phase, people in 24 assembly segments of Anantnag, Kulgam, Shopian and Pulwama districts in Kashmir valley and Ramban, Doda and Kishtwar districts in Jammu division went for polls on September 20th 2024. On 25th September, the 26 assembly segments in Srinagar, Ganderbal and Budgam districts of Kashmir valley and Poonch, Rajouri and Reasi districts of Jammu division went for polls. In the last and final phase of elections on October 1st 2024, Baramulla, Kupwara and Bandipora districts in North Kashmir and Udhampur, Kathua, Jammu and Samba districts in Jammu plains went for elections. The results were announced on October 8th and the National Conference got a huge mandate of people and their candidates won from 42 seats. Its partner Congress managed to get 6 seats, CPI (M) one seat. Four out of seven independent candidates, one winning candidate from Aam Aadmi Party-AAP have also decided to support the National Conference.

Limited powers of CM

Right now National Conference (NC) along with its 42 MLAs has the support of 12 more MLAs. This includes 6 from Congress, 4 Independents, 1 CPI (M) and 1 AAP MLA. This takes the NC's number to 54 MLAs. This is indeed a huge mandate.

On the other hand, when we see the present legal and constitutional status of Jammu & Kashmir, the Chief Minister and his Cabinet Ministers will have limited powers as J&K is a Union Territory. Even the Lieutenant Governor (LG) whom we consider to be having absolute powers than the CM is also not an independent authority like the state Chief Minister. The LG himself has to take consent from the Ministry of Home Affairs on various administrative and security matters.

In the past when J&K was a state, the leader of the single largest party would submit the letter of claim to form the Govt and the Governor would act quickly. This is what we see in other states as well, but this isn't the case as of now. The Raj Bhavan (LG's Office) has to take up the Govt formation issue in J&K with the President of India office and the case would be further referred to Home Ministry. MHA and then only the oath ceremony would take place for Omar Abdullah and his council of Ministers.

It is important to note that the Union Ministry of Home Affairs- MHA on July 12th this year extended the administrative authority of J&K's Lieutenant Governor-LG by making an

Struggle For Statehood Has Begun

Modi as a Leader must fulfil his promise of restoring J&K's statehood



It seems that the J&K Chief Minister along with his Cabinet colleagues will have to strive and struggle for statehood restoration for another 5 years. They have a bigger challenge when it comes to restoration of Article 370 and 35 A for as NC has made a promise on these issues as well in its election manifesto

its own. This indicates that the General Administration Department -GAD which would function under the command and control of LG & Chief Secretary. This is going to cause a lot of chaos and confusion in the functioning of the bureaucracy. By making amendments in the Business Rules of J&K Reorganisation Act 2019 in July this year it seems Govt of India had no plans to restore the statehood of J&K at an earliest. These amendments are continuation of the existing administrative framework under LG that came into force officially with effect from Oct 31st 2019 when J&K Reorganisation Act 2019 was rolled out in J&K. The powers of LG in J&K were similar to other UT's of India including Delhi but with the changes made in July this year it seems that the Govt of India wants to consolidate its control in J&K by weakening the institution of Chief Minister and his council of Ministers.

Kejriwal's advise to Omar

Aam Aadmi Party -AAP leader Arvind Kejriwal who had come to Doda on Sunday to felicitate his party leader Mehraj Malik for his victory in the recent elections advised Chief Minister designate Omar Abdullah to seek his help if he faced any problem while running the Govt in the Union territory.

"Like Delhi, Jammu and Kashmir has been made a half state, all power has been given to the Lieutenant Governor. I would like to tell Omar Abdullah that if you face any problem in working, ask me, I know how to run Delhi" Kejriwal said. He addressed a massive gathering in Sports Stadium Doda which was addressed by Punjab Chief Minister Baghwant Mann, AAP MP Sanjay Singh and Delhi Minister Iman Hussain as well.

PM, HM Promise statehood restoration

Prime Minister Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah on several occasions have promised to restore J&K's statehood. As a resident of Jammu & Kashmir I am unable to understand that when both these leaders promised to restore statehood, what is the need to give extra powers to the Lieutenant Governor or LG of J&K? On this year's International Yoga Day (June 21st 2024) PM Modi personally arrived in Srinagar to attend a Yoga programme. This was seen as a youth outreach programme. At Srinagar's Sher e Kashmir International Convention Complex - SKICC PM Modi said:

"Preparations have started for the assembly election. That time is not far when you can choose the government with your vote". His next comment brought a loud round of applause and cheers from the audience when he said "That day is not far away either when Jammu and Kashmir can decide its own future as a state".

Recently on September 19th Prime Minister Modi again promised to restore J&K's statehood without specifying the time limit. While addressing a BJP's election rally in Srinagar Modi said

"We had promised in the parliament that Jammu and Kashmir will again be a state and only the BJP will fulfill this commitment."

In his election rally speech on September 7th 2024 the Union Home Minister Amit Shah while addressing a gathering in Jammu assured that J&K's statehood would be restored. National Conference leader Omar Abdullah on Wednesday said that he expects Prime Minister Narendra Modi to do the "honourable thing" by restoring the promised statehood to the union territory of Jammu and Kashmir. He also said that first business of NC-Congress coalition Govt should be to pass a resolution in the cabinet seeking restoration of statehood. Will that help no, even if the Assembly passes this resolution or a law the centre has powers to revoke that in the existing UT setup in J&K

Time to fulfil the promise

On one hand, PM Modi gives people of J&K assurance that the day is not far when J&K will be a state again but even after 5 years of Article 370 abrogation J&K continues to be a Union Territory. It was expected that Prime Minister Modi would make a special address after the peaceful conclusion of phase 3 of J&K elections on October 1st 2024 and would make an announcement about statehood restoration. But that didn't happen even as the deadline to hold elections by September end was given by the Supreme Court of India.

Like a true leader and not party (BJP) in J&K, he should have made an announcement for statehood restoration even before the election results were out. Now the election is over and people have given a clear mandate to the National Conference, even now the Govt of India headed by PM Modi seems to be silent on J&K's statehood restoration. We do not get even a sense of feeling about it. It seems that the J&K Chief Minister along with his Cabinet colleagues will have to strive and struggle for statehood restoration for another 5 years. They have a bigger challenge when it comes to restoration of Article 370 and 35 A for as NC has made a promise on these issues as well in its election manifesto.

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A Life In Harmony With Nature

Abid Hussain Rather

Human society is always based on a delicate balance, where the collective state is the result of individual roles. We desire for our society to be prosperous and flourishing, for relationships to be strong and honest, and for every individual to live in peace of mind and soul; but have we ever looked within ourselves to know what role we are playing in shaping this better world? There are some fundamental laws of nature that we often unknowingly violate, and then we wonder why there is a lack of balance, peace, prosperity and happiness in our lives.

The first law of nature tells us that 'if no seed is sown in the field, nature fills it with noxious weeds and useless grass.' This is an extremely profound principle that applies to our mental life as well. If our minds are not actively filled with knowledge, thoughts, and positive ideas, they will become a haven for negative and useless thoughts. It is in human nature that we do not tolerate a void, so when we deprive ourselves of constructive activities and thoughts, destructive and selfish thoughts automatically enter our minds as it is a common saying that an idle man's brain is devil's workshop. Here, we must reflect on what our mental diet consists of. What kind of thoughts are we nurturing? Are we consciously filling our minds with positive ideas and knowledge, or have we unconsciously surrendered ourselves to negligence and negative attitudes? The digital world and dissentaneous ideologies around us constantly grab our attention, and if we do not make a conscious effort, we will soon find ourselves caught in an imperceptible yet dangerous trap.

The second law, 'one shares only what one has,' introduces us to another truth about human nature. This law tells us that whatever we carry in our hearts and minds is what we pass on to those around us. If we are happy, we will spread happiness. If we are filled with fear or despair,



that too will reach others. The important thing here is how we are shaping our inner state. Are we constantly immersing ourselves in despair and complaints, thereby filling our world with these same emotions? Philosophy teaches us that a person projects the reflection of his inner world onto his external environment. If there is dislike, anger, or despair within us, it will undoubtedly affect the people around us. Therefore, we must reflect on what we are sharing with those around us. What kind of world are our thoughts, feelings, and words creating? If we desire

to build a better society, we must cultivate an inner world that is pleasant, positive, and balanced.

The third law of nature tells us, 'Whatever you attain in life, learn to digest it.' This principle provides the foundation for the balance of human personality. An excess of anything, whether material or intellectual, leads to unrest and chaos. Our successes, resources, and experiences all have an impact on our inner self. If we become arrogant over our achievements or misuse our resources, it creates imbalance and selfishness within us. Similarly,

if we fail to accept our failures, or rather than learning from them, we become consumed by them, we get trapped in a swamp of despair and hopelessness. In today's world, where everyone tries to assert superiority over others based on their ego and achievements, we must ask ourselves: Are we digesting our successes and failures in a balanced manner? Are we integrating every aspect of our lives into our personality in a balanced way? If not, we need to change our mindset and view every experience in life as an opportunity from which we can learn.



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SONS OF SOLITUDE

Exploring Old Age Homes in a Changing Kashmir

Peer Mohammad Amir Qureshi

Amidst the corridors of my primary school days, a mesmerizing English tale I remembered – "The Mountain That Ate People," an ancient Japanese folklore. This chronicle follows the journey of a proud young feudal lord, harboring a disdain for the elderly. He wielded a decree as merciless as it was haunting, directing those past sixty-one to a desolate mountain for their final sojourn a place of somber departure. Yet, as the sands of contemplation trickle through the hourglass of my thoughts, an alternative tableau beckons. Could we not superimpose this narrative onto the canvas of Kashmir?

Here, the very title retains its essence, while the protagonists shift to the sons of the land. These contemporary scions, tragically detached, consign their forebears to the confines of old age homes, where life's curtain descends in solitude. Kashmir, known for its close-knit families, a somber reality has emerged. The challenging conditions have led to a distressing situation where some individuals, once bound by unbreakable bonds, are now finding themselves separated from their aging parents. It's a poignant issue that highlights the need for attention and support. Does the need for old age homes not cast a shadow of reflection in a land where Muslims are in majority? The wisdom of the Quran is evident in its exhortation to respect and love for our elders, a principle that prominently includes our parents. Even as the years pile on top of our parents, its lines softly beg us to cradle them in compassion. The central message of Surah Al-Isra (17:23) is "Worship none other than Him,



and be kind to your parents." Never even say 'uff' to them or rebuff them; instead, speak to them with words of grace if they both or one of them reach old age during your lifetime.

As per an autonomous study conducted by Dr. Zubair Salim, a staggering 60% of senior individuals embark

on their hospital journeys unaccompanied, while a mere 35 to 40% are joined by attendants, predominantly comprising daughters or unmarried sons. The disconcerting revelations underscore that a startling 75% of patients endure a myriad of abuses, shockingly often at the hands of their own sons post-

marriage.

A recent encounter left me astounded: a frail elderly gentleman, bearing his granddaughter's weight, quivered noticeably. The passage of sixty years had clearly dulled his once-vibrant nervous system, while the highway adjacent pulsed with a torrent of traffic resembling a deluge. I inquired about his presence in the marketplace, and his response resonated deeply within me. With a voice both weathered and poignant, he explained that his actions stemmed from necessity. "We, the elderly," he mused, "find ourselves not just guardians of our grandchildren, but guardians of sustenance. To relinquish this role is to court hunger for ourselves, and the risk of becoming irrelevant in our children's eyes." In the graceful theater of life, your treatment of parents weaves a tale uniquely yours. Remember, the story you pen today will be retold by your children tomorrow – echoing the timeless wisdom of Mawlana Rumi. Just as dawn mirrors dusk, cherish your parents in their twilight years, for the narrative you sow shall echo in the harmonious verses of generations to come. Amidst this backdrop, the government has initiated plans to establish old age homes across every district. Yet, this development carries a poignant irony, especially for a region known for its Muslim majority.

The inception of such facilities is accompanied by potential pitfalls that must not be overlooked. Among these shadows loom the specters of neglect and abuse at the hands of caregivers, an insufficiency of medical care tailored to the aged, the pernicious grip of social isolation, a dearth of intellectual and physical stimulation, the precarious



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mishandling of medications, and a vulnerability laid bare by an unprepared emergency response. It becomes an imperative, therefore, for these havens of twilight to be adorned with the armor of stringent regulations and meticulous surveillance, ensuring that the sanctity, security, and holistic welfare of the esteemed residents remain unwaveringly safeguarded.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS
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For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Of Union Territory Of J&K, e-tenders (In Single cover system) are invited on **Percentage basis** from approved and eligible Contractors registered with UT of J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-

S. No.	Name of the Work	Block	Estimate (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of tender documents (Rs. in Rupees)	EMD (In %)	Class of Contractor	Time of completion in Days	Major head
1.	RDDDC2425109228-(CONSTRUCTION OF 2 NO. CULVERTS NEAR MASJID SHARIF AND NEAR HOUSE OF ALTAH AHMAD AT DAFTERPORA (NEWLA))	Newa	2.500	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
2.	RDDDC2425109230-(CONSTRUCTION OF WALLING AROUND GOVT BOYS PRIMARY SCHOOL NOWPORA NOWGAM (NEWLA))	Newa	1.990	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
3.	RDDDC2425109333-(DEVELOPMENT OF LANE FROM HOUSE OF AZIZ MIR TO HOUSE OF MOHD YOUSUF MIR AT NOWPORA NOWGAM (NEWLA))	Newa	0.997	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
4.	RDDDC2425109673-(DEVELOPMENT OF LANE FROM HO HANEER BHAT TO HO AB AHAD MALIK VIA SHOP OF FAYAZ AHMAD MALIK AT URWAN NEWA)	Newa	2.490	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
5.	RDDDC2425109706-(DEV OF LANE ROAD FROM HO AB AHAD MALIK TO LAMIA MASJID AT URWAN NEWA)	Newa	1.899	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
6.	RDDDC2425109729-(DEV OF LANE FROM HO MOHD YOUSUF MALIK TO HO ZAHOR AH MALIK AND LANE FROM LR TO HO MOH MUSTAQ MALIK OTHERS AT URWAN NEWA)	Newa	2.799	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
7.	RDDDC2425109752-(DEV OF LANE FROM BASHIR AH MIR TO JAMIA MASJID AT URWAN NEWA)	Newa	1.795	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
8.	RDDDC2425109846-(CONSTIT LANE FROM HO GULZAR AHMAD TO HO FIDA HUSSAIN AND DEV OF ROAD FROM LINK ROAD TO ARSHD AHMAD SHEKH AND OTHERS AT KATIBUGH NEWA)	Newa	1.393	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
9.	RDDDC2425101825-(IMP OF LANE BWO OF TILES FROM HOUSE OF ABUAD BHAH TO MOHD ULLAH PANIDIT AT KARIMABAD (NEWLA))	Newa	1.000	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
10.	RDDDC2425101834-(IMP OF LANE FROM HOUSE OF NAJAM UD DIN WITH R WALL AT KARIMABAD (NEWLA))	Newa	1.390	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
11.	RDDDC2425101836-(IMP OF ROAD FROM HOUSE OF MUSHTAQ AH MIR TO HOUSE OF MUDASSIR AH WANI AT KARIMABAD (NEWLA))	Newa	0.981	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
12.	RDDDC2425101839-(CONSTRUCTION OF OF CONCRETE LANE FROM LINK ROAD TO HOUSE OF FTIKAR AH WANI NEAR MARKAZ JAMIA MASJID KARIMABAD (NEWLA))	Newa	0.695	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
13.	RDDDC2425101841-(CONSTRUCTION OF OF LANE FROM HOUSE OF GH AH PANIDIT TO HOUSE OF AB GANI PANIDIT NEAR GRAVEYARD AT KARIMABAD (NEWLA))	Newa	0.800	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
14.	RDDDC2425101843-(IMP OF LANE FROM HO MOHD MAQBOOL PANIDIT TO HOUSE OF AS SALAM PANIDIT AT KARIMABAD (NEWLA))	Newa	0.900	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
15.	RDDDC2425101849-(CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD LANE FROM HOUSE OF SHABIR AH BHAT TO SHOWKAT AH BHAT AT KADILABAL KARIMABAD (NEWLA))	Newa	0.961	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
16.	Const. of Lane BWO concreting from the h/o Bilal Ahmad Sheikh at Farooq Ahmad Sheikh at Sheikh Mohalla Neva	Newa	1.648	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	DDC
17.	Const. of lane including Culvert from h/o R/o Bashir Ahmad Shergozi at Chakpora Neva	Newa	1.198	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	DDC
18.	Const. of R/wall NHO Mohammad Ismail Mochi and others at Parigam A	Newa	0.699	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	DDC
19.	Const. of R/wall NHO Ab. Majid Sheikh and others at Parigam A	Newa	0.899	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	DDC
20.	Const. of Lane from H/o Mohammad Shafi Zetu to h/o Nazir Ahmad Bhat and others at Parigam	Newa	0.700	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	DDC
21.	Const. of R/wall NHO Manzoor Ahmad Mir, Reyaz Ahmad Mir, Sajad Ahmad Mir and others at Tardagh Kha, Parigam	Newa	1.000	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	DDC
22.	Const. of drain N/O Sajad Ahmad Bhat, Javid Ahmad Mir, Shameem Mir(Phase 1st) at Parigam	Newa	1.295	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	DDC
23.	Installation of Tubewell NHO Gulsar Ahmad Bhat, Nazir Ahmad Bhat, Gh. Hassan Bhat and others at Parigam	Newa	0.350	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	DDC
24.	Const. of lane from Link Road via h/o Mohammad Ashraf Teli, Gh. Mohammad Teli to House of Nazir Ahmad Teli at Parigam	Newa	1.099	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	DDC
25.	Const. of Lane from H/o Ab. Aziz Ahanger via Gh. Mohammad Ahanger to h/o Gh. Qadir Ahanger, Darzi Mohalla with 18" spun pipe at Darzi Mohalla at Parigam	Newa	0.899	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	DDC
26.	Const. of Lane BWO Tile work from Masjid Sharief Mohamad via Gh. Mohammad Mir, Gh. Mohammad Dar to shop of Farooq Ahmad at Khalisa Parigam B	Newa	1.499	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	DDC
27.	Const. of Lane BWO Tile work from h/o Nisar Ahmad to Gh. Ahmad wani and others at Khalisa Parigam B	Newa	0.748	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	DDC
28.	Installation of Tubewell N/O Mushtaq Ahmad Bhat, Kabir Mir, Mohammad Yusuf and others at Bonitah Kul	Newa	0.350	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	DDC
29.	Balance work of R/wall at Banjar Kha N/O Gh. Rasool Mir and others Phase 2nd	Newa	0.800	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	DDC
30.	Const. of R/wall N/O Ab. Rashid Dar, Nazir Ahmad Dar, Javid Malik at Katibugh Kul at Urwan	Newa	0.800	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	DDC
31.	Balance work of Urwan Kha Lane from the wall of Lateef Ahmad Malik to L/O Ab. Ahad Malik, Bashir Malik and H/o Mohammad Ayoub Malik at Urwan	Newa	1.798	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	DDC
32.	C/O Lane from MR to h/o Javid Ahmad Bhat S/O Ali Mohd Bhat & others at Zadorra	Newa	0.700	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	DDC
33.	C/O Lane from Elahi Masjid Sharief to h/o Ab Rashid Najar S/O Mohd Umar Najar & others at Chan Mohalla Zadorra	Newa	1.198	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	DDC
34.	C/O Lane from h/o Syed Aleem Andrabi S/O Gh Ahmad to h/o Mohd Altaf Wani & others at Zadorra	Newa	0.800	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	DDC
35.	RDDDC2425109279-(CONSTRUCTION R WALL NEAR MASJID RAJAB SAHAB ZADORRA)	Newa	0.993	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
36.	RDDDC2425109293-(CONSTRUCTION OF 2 NO. CULVERTS NEAR MASJID SHARIEF AT NOWPORA NOWGAM (NEWLA))	Newa	2.482	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
37.	RDDDC2425109348-(CONSTRUCTION OF WAZU KHANA NEAR MASJID SHARIEF JGERGUND (NEWLA))	Newa	1.699	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
38.	RDDDC2425109383-(CONSTRUCTION OF CHANGE ROOM NEAR PLAY FIELD AT NEWA (NEWLA))	Newa	2.5	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
39.	RDDDC2425109374-(CONSTRUCTION OF LANE FROM HOSPITAL TO HOUSE OF AB. QAYOOM AT NEWA (NEWLA))	Newa	1.395	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
40.	RDDDC2425109377-(CONSTRUCTION OF LANE FROM HOUSE OF MAEED KHAN TO HOUSE OF RAYEES AH. KHAN AT NEWA (NEWLA))	Newa	1.5	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
41.	RDDDC2425109381-(DEV OF PARK NEAR ASTAN SHARIEF AT NEWA (NEWLA))	Newa	1.799	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
42.	RDDDC2425109413-(CONSTRUCTION OF R WALL FROM CULVERT TO ONWARDS KHANPORA NEWA (NEWLA))	Newa	1.7	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
43.	RDDDC2425109436-(CONSTRUCTION OF LANE FROM HOUSE OF JAVID WANI TO HOUSE OF PARVAIZ AH. WANI AT KHANOWA MOHALLA (NEWLA))	Newa	1.299	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
44.	RDDDC2425109446-(CONSTRUCTION OF CHAINLINK FENCING AROUND MASJID SHARIEF AT SHUPDANI (NEWLA))	Newa	0.996	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
45.	RDDDC2425109480-(DEVELOPMENT OF TAHIL NAG AT PARIGAM A NEWA)	Newa	4.9	200/-	2%	DEE	30 Days	PRI
46.	RDDDC2425109544-(IMPROVEMENT OF 2 NO. LANES NEAR HOUSE OF GH MOHD KAWA AND OTHERS AT PARIGAM A (NEWLA))	Newa	1	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
47.	RDDDC2425109633-(CONSTRUCTION OF CHAIN LINK FENCING AROUND FATWARI KHANA AT PARIGAM B (NEWLA))	Newa	2.496	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
48.	RDDDC2425109677-(CONSTRUCTION P BUND NEAR GOVT. UPS PARIGAM B (NEWLA))	Newa	2.9	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
49.	RDDDC2425109701-(CONSTRUCTION P BUND FROM HOUSE OF AB GANI BHAT TO HOUSE OF MOHD SHAFI BHAT AT RINI COLONY PARIGAM B PH1 (NEWLA))	Newa	2	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
50.	RDDDC2425109736-(CONSTRUCTION OF P BUND FROM CULVERT NEAR MASJID SHARIEF TO HOUSE OF BASHIR AHMAD WANI AT ZAMINDAR MOHALLA WANPORA (NEWLA))	Newa	1.8	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
51.	RDDDC2425109727-(CONSTRUCTION OF P BUND FROM LAND OF GH HASSAN WANI TO ONWARDS AT ZAMINDAR MOHALLA WANPORA (NEWLA))	Newa	1.8	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
52.	RDDDC2425109760-(CONSTRUCTION OF P BUND ON KULL FROM HOUSE OF GH MOHDEN WANI TO CULVERT AT ZAMINDAR MOHALLA WANPORA (NEWLA))	Newa	1	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
53.	RDDDC2425109815-(FENCING WITH P BUND AROUND MASJID SHARIEF AT BHAGAT MOHALLA WANPORA (NEWLA))	Newa	1.8	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
54.	RDDDC2425109829-(CONSTRUCTION OF LANE WITH TILES FROM HOUSE OF ASSAN BHAT TO SHOP OF MUSHTAQ GANIE AT BHAGAT MOHALLA WANPORA(NEWLA))	Newa	2.2	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
55.	RDDDC2425109849-(IMPROVEMENT OF LANE BWO TILES FROM HOUSE OF ARIF BHAT TO HOUSE OF KAMAL BHAT AT BHAGAT MOHALLA (NEWLA))	Newa	0.5	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
56.	RDDDC2425109861-(IMPROVEMENT OF PANCHAYAT GHAR BWO GRILLING AND FENCING AT T.N PORA (NEWLA))	Newa	0.5	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
57.	RDDDC2425109874-(FENCING AROUND SEGREGATION SHED AT T.N PORA (NEWLA))	Newa	2.3	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
58.	RDDDC2425109889-(CONSTRUCTION OF P BUND ON PANCHAYAT ROAD AT T.N PORA PH 1 (NEWLA))	Newa	2.3	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
59.	RDDDC2425109905-(CONSTRUCTION OF P BUND WITH FENCING AROUND GRAVEYARD AT T.N PORA (NEWLA))	Newa	2.1	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
60.	RDDDC2425109905-(CONSTRUCTION OF CULVERT AT PVT GHAR WAGAM NEWA)	Newa	2.698	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
61.	RDDDC2425109932-(CONSTIT OF DRAIN FROM HO ALI MOHD BHAT TO ONWARDS AT TAKIYA WAGAM NEWA)	Newa	1.796	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI

62.	RDDDC2425109226-(IMP. GAMUTH KULL ALONGWITH PBOUND FROM LAND ONWARDS TO ONWARDS WANI AT LOOSWANI NEWA)	Newa	1.496	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
63.	RDDDC2425109235-(CONSTIT OF LANE TILES ALONGWITH DRAIN FROM LAND OF KAMAL TELI TO ONWARDS PH11 AT LOOSWANI NEWA)	Newa	1.499	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
64.	RDDDC2425109238-(CONSTIT CULVERT WITH GHAT INSIDE TEMPLE ON KRATIKULL AT WAHIBUGH NEWA)	Newa	1.399	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
65.	RDDDC2425109244-(CONSTIT OF R/WALL WITH DRAIN ON KACHWANI ROAD BLND ON PARIGAM NALLAH NHO NISAR AH. BHAT AT WAHIBUGH NEWA)	Newa	1.798	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
66.	RDDDC2425109247-(CONSTIT OF R/WALL WITH TILES ALONGWITH 03 NO. SPUN PIPES NEAR GOVT BOYS HIGH SCHOOL WAHIBUGH NEWA)	Newa	1.798	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
68.	RDDDC2425110293-(RENOVATION OF PANCHAYAT GHAR WAHIBUGH (NEWLA))	Newa	2.498	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
69.	RDDDC2425110295-(FENCING AROUND SEGREGATION SHED AND COMPOST PIT AT WAHIBUGH (NEWLA))	Newa	2.229	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
70.	RDDDC2425112096-(DEVELOPMENT OF GANGNARD SPRING AT WAHIBUGH PH 11 (NEWLA))	Newa	2.229	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
71.	RDDDC2425112097-(CONSTRUCTION OF LANE BWO INTERLOCK TILES FROM MAIN ROAD TO HOUSE OF GH MOHD BHAT AT NARDNOWPORA WAHIBUGH (NEWLA))	Newa	2.097	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
72.	RDDDC2425112098-(IMPROVEMENT OF ROAD WITH DRAIN FROM HOUSE OF MOHD AYUB WANI TO SHAH KULL VIA OLD MASJID AT LOOSWANI (NEWLA))	Newa	1.799	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
73.	RDDDC2425101473-(DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC PARK NEAR MASJID BILAL AT GOUDORA NEWA)	Newa	3.959	200/-	2%	DEE	30 Days	PRI
74.	RDDDC2425101539-(CONSTRUCTION OF OF PROTECTION BUND NHO GH MOHD KHOFAN AND OTHERS AT PRESIPOORA NEWA)	Newa	1.4	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
75.	RDDDC2425101643-(DEVELOPMENT OF ROAD FROM MAIN ROAD GANDBIGH TO AB KHALIQ DAR AT GANDBIGH NEWA)	Newa	1.977	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
76.	RDDDC2425101672-(CONSTRUCTION OF LANE FROM QAZIBAGH ROAD TO NISAR AHMAD RATHER AND OTHERS AT KARIBORRA NEWA)	Newa	0.996	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
77.	RDDDC2425101821-(CONSTRUCTION OF OF CHAINLINK FENCING (REMAINING PART OF GRAVEYARD AT CHEWAKURDH (NEWLA))	Newa	3.497	200/-	2%	DEE	30 Days	PRI
78.	RDDDC2425101823-(IMP OF LANE BWO TILES FROM HOUSE OF AB AHAD BHAT TO RAYIS AH. PANIDIT (NEWLA))	Newa	1.399	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
79.	Const. of R/wall NHO Mohammad Afzal Bhat, Farooq Ahmad Najar and others at Herpora near Graveyard Urwan.	Newa	1.280	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	DDC
80.	Improvement of Public Park at Gandbigh	Newa	1.293	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	DDC
81.	Const. of Culvert along with R/wall from Qazibagh kull to Graveyard N/O Master Nisar Ahmad Sheikh at Gandbigh.	Newa	0.993	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	DDC
82.	Const. of R/wall from h/o Farooq Ahmad Dar on Qazibagh Kull at Gandbigh	Newa	1.296	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	DDC
83.	C/O P/bund on Fresaladi Chawal Door N/O Mohd Ashraf Dar S/O Gh Ahmad Dar at Chewa Khurd	Newa	0.500	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	DDC
84.	C/O P bund on Parigam Nallah NHO Mohd Yaqoob Sheikh S/O Assad Ullah Sheikh & others at Wahibugh.	Newa	0.997	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	DDC
85.	C/O lane from h/o Manzoor Ahmad rather S/O Ab Aziz to h/o Mohd Ullah rather & others at Old Freshpora	Newa	0.800	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	DDC
86.	C/O lane from h/o Mohd Akbar Lone S/O Ab Samad to onwards at Bongam Gusoo	Newa	0.800	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	DDC
87.	C/O lane from Astan Sharief to h/o Gh. Mohd Wani S/O Ab Mohd & others at Astan Mohalla Gusoo	Newa	0.799	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	DDC
88.	C/O lane from h/o Bashir Ahmad Dar to onwards at Herpora Wahibugh	Newa	0.796	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	DDC
89.	RDDDC2425109237-(CONSTRUCTION OF WASHROOM FOR PVT IRRIGATION SCHEME HASSANWANI (NEWLA))	Newa	1.9	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
90.	RDDDC2425109868-(CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC WASHROOM NEAR PLAYGROUND AND MASJID AISHA AT URWAN)	Newa	2.496	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
91.	RDDDC2425101828-(IMP OF LANE BWO TILES FROM HOUSE OF MOHD AFZAL TILI TO HOUSE OF AB. AHAD BHAT AT HARGAM KARIMABAD AND IMP OF LANE BWO TILES FROM CHEWAKURDH ROAD TO HOUSE OF MOHD AFZAL SHEKH AND OTHERS (NEWLA))	Newa	1.599	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
92.	RDDDC2425109401-(CONSTRUCTION OF LANE FROM MAIN ROAD TO HOUSE OF GH. NABI DAR VIA FAROOQ AH. WANI AT MALWARI (NEWLA))	Newa	1.500	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
93.	RDDDC2425113989-(CONCRETING OF NEWKHAR KULL FROM CULVERT NEAR LAND OF SYED MOHAMMAD TO LAND OF SYED GANAMUR UD DIN AT VILLAGE DAFTERPORA)	Newa	2.000	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
94.	RDDDC2425101576-(IMPROVEMENT OF LANE FROM HOUSE OF OF MOHD YOUSUF WANI TO HOUSE OF GH. HASSAN WANI AT LOOSWANI NEWA)	Newa	0.900	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
95.	RDDDC2425101827-(IMP OF LANE BWO TILES FROM HOUSE OF AB. REHMAN PANIDIT TO BASHIR AH. BHAT AND LATIEF AH. SHEKH AT KARIMABAD (NEWLA))	Newa	1.600	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
96.	RDDDC2425101838-(IMP OF LANE BWO TILES FROM LINK ROAD TO HOUSE OF FAROOQ AH BHAT AND IMP OF LANE FROM HOUSE OF RIZWAZ AH BHAT TO ONWARDS AT KUNGWADUR KARIMABAD (NEWLA))	Newa	1.000	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
97.	RDDDC2425101851-(IMP OF LANE FROM HOUSE OF GH HASSAN PANIDIT TO GH MOHD MIR (NEWLA))	Newa	1.394	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	PRI
98.	Wudhu Khana near Jamia Masjid Kabir wani Mohd Neva	Newa	2.499	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	DDC
99.	C/O P bund on Parigam Nallah from h/o Shabir Ahmad Lone S/O Haji Ali Mohd Lone to h/o Ab Gani Mir S/O Gh Ahmad Mir & others at Nowpora Nowgam	Newa	1.000	200/-	2%	DEE/Other	30 Days	DDC
100.	C/O P/bund from the L/O Khurshid Ahmad Ganie & others at Wagum	Newa	0.750	200/-				

Gold Revisits All-Time High Of Rs 78,700 Per 10 Grams

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Gold prices rose Rs 200 to revisit the all-time high of Rs 78,700 per 10 grams in the national capital on Monday on persistent buying by stockists and traders even as the precious metal lost steam globally, according to the All India Sarafa Association.

The yellow metal had closed at Rs 78,500 per 10 grams on Friday.

Silver jumped Rs 500 to Rs 93,500 per kg on the back of fresh industrial demand. It had ended at Rs 93,000 per kg in the previous close.

Additionally, gold of 99.5 per cent purity climbed by Rs 600 to reclaim its all-time high level of Rs 78,300 per 10 grams. The metal had finished at Rs 78,100 per 10 grams.

Earlier, gold prices hit a record Rs 78,700 per 10 grams on October 7.

Despite a weak trend overseas, the precious metal gained in the domestic market, mainly due to an increase in demand from jewellers, traders said.

In futures trade on the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX), gold contracts for December delivery declined by Rs 207 or 0.27 per cent to trade at Rs 76,100 per 10 grams.

Silver contracts for December delivery plummeted Rs 929 or 1.01 per cent to Rs 90,761 per kg on the MCX.

"Gold prices experienced volatility, fluctuating in MCX,



while Comex gold remained relatively flat near USD 2,660. This sideways movement is a result of anticipation around a major data event scheduled for Thursday.

"Market participants are closely watching the potential impact of China's stimulus measures, although uncertainty surrounding the specifics and total figure is causing hesitation in global liquidity flows," Jateen Trivedi, VP Research Analyst - Commodity and Currency at LKP Securities, said.

In the international markets, Comex gold is trading 0.25 per cent lower at USD 2,669.50 per ounce.

"Gold resumed trading on a weaker note on Monday, pressured by strong US dollar and Treasury yields," Saumil Gandhi, Senior Analyst - Commodities at HDFC Securities, said.

In addition to this, the long liquidation by short-term traders

also had a negative impact on gold prices, and money managers reduced their net-bullish bets on gold to their lowest level in eight weeks, Gandhi added.

Retail Inflation In Sep Hits 9-Month High Of 5.49%

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Soaring vegetable prices pushed the retail inflation rate to a nine-month high of 5.49 per cent in September, according to government data released on Monday.

The consumer price index (CPI)-based retail inflation rate was 3.65 per cent in August and 5.02 per cent in September 2023. The previous high inflation rate was witnessed in December 2023 at 5.69 per cent.

As per data released by the National Statistics Office (NSO), the inflation rate in the food basket rose to 9.24 per cent in September compared to 5.66 per cent in August and 6.62 per cent in the year-ago month.

"It is likely that the increase in inflation rate for the month of September 2024 is due to high base effect and weather conditions," NSO said.

According to another data released on Monday, the wholesale price inflation (WPI) rose to 1.84 per cent in September as food items, especially vegetables, turned costlier.

The wholesale price index (WPI)-based inflation was 1.31 per cent in August. It was (-)0.07 per cent in September last year.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), which kept the key short-term lending rate unchanged earlier this month, has been asked by the government to ensure the CPI inflation rate remains at 4 per cent



with a margin of 2 per cent on either side.

The annual inflation rate in the vegetable basket in September was nearly 36 per cent and in 'pulses and products' it was 9.81 per cent. Fruits, too, were dearer.

However, inflation in spices was in the negative in September, compared to the year-ago month.

"The surge in food and beverages inflation in September 2024 vis-à-vis August 2024 was largely led by vegetable inflation, which surged to a 14-month high of 36 per cent from 10.7 per cent in the previous month.

"Excluding this, food and beverages inflation slumped to a 59-month low of 3.9 per cent in September 2024 from 4.3 per cent in August 2024," said Aditi Nayar, Chief Economist and head of Research and Outreach, Icria Ltd.

While unveiling the bi-monthly monetary policy on October 9, RBI Governor Shak-

tikanta Das had stressed that the central bank will have to closely monitor the price situation and keep the "inflation horse" under tight leash.

Das had also said the CPI print for September would see a big jump due to unfavourable base effects and pick-up in food price momentum, caused by the lingering effects of a shortfall in the production of onion, potato and chana dal (gram) in 2023-24, among other factors.

The NSO data further said while the national inflation rate is 5.49 per cent, the corresponding rates for rural and urban work out at 5.87 per cent and 5.05 per cent, respectively.

The highest inflation rate was in Bihar (7.5 per cent) while the lowest was in Delhi (3.67 per cent). The inflation food items were higher in urban areas.

The year-on-year housing inflation rate in September was 2.78 per cent.

RBI Pitches For Reducing Cost, Time Of Cross-Border Remittances

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das on Monday made a case for reducing time and cost of overseas remittances, which are important for developing economies including India.

According to the World Migration Report 2024 released by the International Organisation for Migration (IOM), India's remittances surged to USD 111 billion last year, surpassing all other nations.

As per the Bank of England projection, the value of global cross-border payments is estimated to surpass USD 250 trillion by 2027.

The significant volume of crossborder worker remittances, the growing size of gross flows of capital, and the increasing importance of cross-border commerce have acted as catalysts to this growth, he noted.

"Remittances are the starting point for many emerging and developing economies, including India, to explore cross-border peer-to-peer (P2P) payments. We believe there is immense scope to significantly reduce the cost and time for such remittances," Das said in his keynote address at the conference on 'Central Banking at Crossroads'.

Besides, he said, the feasibility of expanding real-time gross settlement (RTGS) to settle transactions in major trade currencies such as dollar, Euro and Pound can be explored through bilateral or multilateral arrangements. India and a few other econo-

mies have already commenced efforts to expand linkage of crossborder fast payment systems both in the bilateral and multilateral modes, he said.

These include Project Nexus, a multilateral international initiative to enable instant crossborder retail payments by interlinking domestic Instant Payment Systems (IPSS) of four ASEAN countries (Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand) and India.

Under bilateral arrangements, cross-border payment linkages have already been established by India with Singapore, UAE, Mauritius, Sri Lanka, Nepal, etc.

The Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) is another area which has the potential to facilitate efficient cross-border payments, he added.

On November 1, 2022, the RBI started the wholesale pilot of CBDC for settlement in government bonds. A month later, the pilot of the retail CBDC kicked off.

Going forward, he said, harmonisation of standards and interoperability would be important for CBDCs for cross-border payments and to overcome the serious financial stability concerns associated with cryptocurrencies.

"A key challenge could be the fact that countries may prefer to design their own systems as per their domestic considerations. I feel we can overcome this challenge by developing a plug-and-play system that allows replicability of India's experience while also maintaining the sovereignty of respective countries," he said.

Domestic Passenger Vehicle Sales To Grow Between 3-5% This Fiscal: SIAM



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NEW DELHI: Domestic passenger vehicle wholesales are expected to grow by 3-5 per cent this fiscal with the industry pinning hopes on strong performance in the festive period after witnessing a flattish first half, automobile industry body SIAM said on Monday.

At the start of the current fiscal, the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) had pegged the passenger vehicle (PV) sales to grow between 5-8 per cent this fiscal.

For the April-September period this fiscal, PV sales stood at 20,81,143 units, registering a marginal growth from 20,70,960 units in the same period of 2023-24. In a press briefing here, SIAM President Shailesh Chandra said the industry was expecting to post growth in the April-September period.

"It was a slight surprise, especially the month of May and June, which did not play out as per our expectations. I would say April was still good... and then we saw moderation in May

and June which affected us badly." Sales went up in September but were offset by the Shradh period and that is why the industry expects a sub-5 per cent growth in FY25, he added.

"Second half (H2) of the year has a big burden now and hopefully the festive period should be able to deliver on the growth expectations," Chandra said.

He noted that in the first 12 days of October, there has been a 25 per cent increase in retail sales, as compared to previous month, signalling robust off-take in the festive period.

Citing the impact of high base effect, Chandra said PV sales jumped from 2.6 million units in FY20 to 4.2 million units last fiscal.

"... And therefore the base effect is high, while the growth rates are flattish or in slight decline... But there is also a high level of demand. I think that itself is a big thing for the industry," Chandra said.

The festive season is also expected to help in reducing inventory levels built up in the second quarter, he said.

Economic Tragedy That Will Strain Household Incomes: Cong On High Food Prices

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The Congress slammed the BJP-led Centre on Monday over the high prices of food items and said this is an "economic tragedy" that will put a strain on household incomes.

Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said the high rates of food commodities like tomatoes, onions and potatoes are a "developing tragedy" that will have a long-term impact on the health and nutrition of the poor.

"There was a time when the non-biological PM could not stop speaking of what he called TOP. But Tomatoes, Onions, and Potatoes are now leading a wider surge in vegetable and food prices. Food inflation has averaged 6.3 per cent in the last four years and appears to be getting worse, with a Crisis report putting the cost of a vegetarian thali at 11 per cent higher in September 2024 than the previous year. Vegetable prices alone rose an astonishing 48.7 per cent in September 2024," Ramesh said in a post on X.

"This is an economic tragedy in the strain it will put on household incomes. This is a social tragedy in that it will have disproportionate impact on women's diet. This is a development tragedy in the long-term impact that poor nutrition will have on people's health. A TOP-class disaster for India," the Congress



leader added.

He cited media reports to claim that wholesale food prices surged at a two-year-high pace of 9.5 per cent in September, with vegetables becoming nearly 49 per cent costlier, marking the sharpest surge in 14 months.

Reports have claimed that potato and onion prices were up by 78.1 per cent and 78.8 per cent respectively in September.

Retail inflation rose to 5.49 per cent in September from 3.65 per cent in the preceding month, mainly due to higher food prices, according to official data released on Monday.

The consumer price index-based inflation was 5.02 per cent in September 2023.

The National Statistics Office's data showed that inflation in the food basket rose to 9.24 per cent in September from 5.66 per cent in August and 6.62 per cent in September 2023.

Sensex Rises 592 Pts, Nifty Settles Above 25k On Gains In IT, Banking Shares

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MUMBAI: Benchmark BSE Sensex jumped nearly 592 points while Nifty reclaimed the 25,000 level on Monday following gains in IT and banking shares amid a firm trend in global markets.

The 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 591.69 points or 0.73 per cent to close at 81,973.05. During the day, it surged 690.81 points or 0.84 per cent to hit a high of 82,072.17.

The NSE Nifty rose 163.70 points or 0.66 per cent to settle at 25,127.95. In the intraday trade, the benchmark indices climbed 195.5 points or 0.78 per cent to 25,159.75.

From the Sensex pack, Tech Mahindra, HDFC Bank, Larsen & Toubro, ITC, Infosys, IndusInd Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Titan and HCL Technologies were among the gainers.

Maruti Suzuki India, Tata Steel, Bajaj Finance, UltraTech Cement, Nestle India, Axis Bank and Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) were among the laggards.

Market capitalisation of BSE-listed companies jumped by nearly Rs 1.35 lakh crore to Rs 4,63,62,781.71 (USD 5.51 trillion).

"The Indian market is demonstrating resilience, with subdued Q2 earnings expectations seemingly priced in and oil prices declining. The IT and financial sectors are attracting buying interest after recent corrections," Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services said.

In the broader market, the BSE midcap gauge rose 0.28 per cent and smallcap index by 0.06 per cent.

Sector-wise, Realty surged the most by 1.53 per cent. Bankex (1.03 per cent), IT (1.01 per cent), Financial Service and Teck by 0.88 per cent each, Consumer Durables (0.69 per cent) and Telecommunication (0.68 per cent) were among the gainers.

Commodities slipped by 0.31 per cent, followed by Metal (0.14 per cent), Oil & Gas (0.06 per cent) and Services (0.04 per cent).

On the BSE, Avenue Su-

permarts, which owns and operates retail chain D-Mart, plunged over 8 per cent to settle at Rs 4,184.45 apiece, after the company's September quarter earnings failed to cheer investors.

"A sharp fall in crude oil prices provided a major impetus to the markets, as markets ended in positive territory led by gains in banking, IT and realty stocks.

"The recovery may not fuel strong bullish sentiment, as FII's deserting Indian markets this month coupled with lingering West Asia conflict has created a lot of uncertainty among the investors," Prashanth Tapse, Senior VP (Research), Mehta Equities Ltd, said.

European stocks were mixed on Monday after China's stimulus plans failed to inspire confidence among investors, who focussed on the earnings season and the European Central Bank's policy meeting later this week, Deepak Jasani, Head of Retail Research at HDFC Securities, said.

'Indian Markets Gave Better Returns Than China In Last 5 Yrs'

MUMBAI: Sebi Whole-time Member Ananth Narayan G on Monday reminded investors that Indian equities have consistently delivered 15 per cent returns over the last 5 years whereas the same has been zero or even negative in China.

"Termining the Indian markets "sone pe suhaga" for delivering higher returns for lower risks, Narayan also flagged a few areas of caution for investors and asked them to be conscious of the risks.

"There's a lot of talk about China markets over the last few days. But over the last five years, while Indian markets have given around 15 per cent compound annual growth rate consistently, Chinese markets are nowhere close to that. It's almost zero. In fact, in some cases, like in Hong Kong, it's actually negative," Narayan said.

Speaking at an event marking the start of the Investor Awareness Week at NSE, Narayan said FY24 was a "remarkable" year for India, with the benchmark indices returning 28 per cent and the volatility just 10 per cent.

"That's like 'sone pe suhaga'. It's like the best of all worlds: low risk and very high return," Narayan said, underlining that there are side effects of this as well. (PTI)

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GIST OF TENDER NOTICE No.-09/e-Tendering OF 2024-25

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of J&K State Srinagar Municipal Corporation, e-tenders are invited on Percentage basis from the Registered PWD Civil Contractors whose Registration cards are valid in terms of standing rules, for the below mentioned works strictly as per the terms and conditions given hereunder:-

Sl. No.	Name of work	Estt. Cost of work incl. Deptt. materials (Amount in lacs)	Earnest Money	Class of Contractor	Time of completion	Cost of Tender Document in the shape of Treasury Challan (Rs.)	Head of Account
01.	Construction of 600mm dia RCC pipe drain at Khamani Chowk from H/o Gh Hassan Bhat via main road and other links (part-B)	16.02	Rs.32040/-	BEE/ CEE	30 Days	Rs.700/-	Capex Budget 2024-25 (AFA)
02.	Construction of Cement Concrete drain including manholes from H/o Pervaiz Ahmad Mir upto H/o Yalya Ahmad Khan at Haji Aabad Bemina Sgr	7.74	Rs.15480/-	CEE/ DEE	30 Days	Rs.350/-	Capex Budget 2024-25 (City Grants)
03.	Construction of 300mm dia pipe drain including manholes from H/o Zahoor Ahmad Munsifi upto the existing drain & from H/o Anwar Ahmad upto the existing outfall drain in Khan Colony near Friends Hospital Maharajpora Batamaloog Sgr	2.17	Rs.4340/-	DEE	15 Days	Rs.100/-	Capex Budget 2024-25 (City Grants)
04.	Re-construction of drain at Beigh Mohalla Allochhi Bagh Phase-Ist	25.00	Rs.50000/-	BEE/ CEE	45 Days	Rs.1200/-	Capex Budget 2024-25 (AFA)
05.	Construction of Drainage Network at Al-Farooq Colony Bemina Phase 2nd	30.00	Rs.60000/-	AAV/ BEE	60 Days	Rs.1500/-	Capex Budget 2024-25 (AFA)
06.	Laying of 1200 mm dia R.C.C pipe for construction of Drainage Connection to outfall Nallah at Qummarwari, Qummarabad B near Masjid Usmania Sgr	1.344	Rs.2688/-	DEE	15 Days	Rs.100/-	Capex Budget 2024-25 (Urban Development)
07.	Construction of cement concrete drainage network at Nund Reshi Colony Bemina B, Sector D/E Srinagar	8.85	Rs.17700/-	CEE/ DEE	30 Days	Rs.400/-	Capex Budget 2024-25 (City Grants)
08.	Construction of cement concrete drain including manholes at Usanabad Sector-B Lane-II from H/o Mubashir to H/o Muzaffar Ahmad Bemina Sgr	27.74	Rs.55480/-	AAV/ BEE	60 Days	Rs.1350/-	Capex Budget 2024-25 (AFA)
09.	Construction of cement concrete drain including manholes at Qummarabad Sector-B Lane No.B from H/o Fayaz Ahmad Sheikh to H/o Gulzar Ahmad Sgr	11.13	Rs.22260/-	BEE/ CEE/ DEE	30 Days	Rs.550/-	Capex Budget 2024-25 (City Grants)
10	Construction of cement concrete drain including manholes at Haji Abad Hamdaniya Colony Sector-I, Lane No. 12 Sgr	9.90	Rs.19800/-	CEE/ DEE	30 Days	Rs.500/-	Capex Budget 2024-25 (City Grants)

The NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per the schedule of dates given hereunder:-

01.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	11-10-2024
02.	Period of down loading of bidding documents	12-10-2024 from 11:00 A.M. to 24-10-2024 upto 4:00 PM
03.	Bid Submission Start Date	12-10-2024 from 11:30 AM
04.	Bid Submission end Date	24-10-2024 upto 4:00 PM
05.	Date & time of opening of Bids on line	25-10-2024 at 11:30 AM in the office of Executive Engineer, Sewerage & Drainage Division No. II, SMC, Daresh Kadal Srinagar or any subsequent date convenient date to the tender opening Authority
06.	List of soft copies to be uploaded	Scanned copy of Treasury challan (cost of tender document) with Sl. No. of NIT/ work Scanned copy of FDR/ FDR (Earnest Money) Scanned copy of GST Registration with latest clearance and PAN Card Scanned copy of Enlistment card with its validity, verification Cell No. and e-mail address BOQ

- Note No.
- In case the bid is found Abnormally Low Bids (ALB), the bidder will have to give rate analyses for the price bid and if the bidder substantially failed to demonstrate its capability to deliver the contract at the offered price, the proposal/ Bid may be rejected.
 - The successful bidder has to produce/ deposit performance security i.e. 05% (Five Percent) of the value of contract in shape of FDR/CDR pledged to Executive Engineer Sewerage & Drainage Division 2nd SMC Srinagar within three days after opening the bids. The performance security shall be released after the Defective Liability (DLP) period of the work.
 - In addition to above (01) in case of ALB's, the Successful bidder may have to produce/ deposit additional performance security in shape of FDR/CDR pledged to Executive Engineer Sewerage & Drainage Division 2nd SMC Srinagar as admissible under rules.
 - The Additional Performance Security (if any) shall be released as per the report/ recommendation of AEE concerned and the Earnest Money will be released after the issuance of Allotment.
 - In case of the bids the department shall identify the tied bidder and shall select the L1 based on the draw lots, in presence of tied bidders, if they chose to be present.
 - The Successful Bidder has to produce Hard Copies within three days after opening of Bids.
 - Bidders are advised to read the Bid Document (NIT) carefully before participate in the Bidding process.
 - Treasury Challan (Tender Document Fee) should be a fresh i.e. between the date of issue of tender notice & bid submission end date.

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CUKashmir holds Book Discussion on 'Fault Lines In The Faith'

Ganderbal, Oct 14: The School of Social Sciences, Central University of Kashmir (CUKashmir) in the Departments of Politics & Governance and Religious Studies organised a Book Discussion on "Fault Lines In The Faith" authored by former Pro-Chancellor, Jamia Hamdard/former Vice-Chancellor, Calicut University Professor. Iqbal S Hasnain, Padma Shri Awardee.

The author of the book Prof. Iqbal S Hasnain, Dean Academic Affairs, Prof. Shahid Rasool, Dean School of Social Sciences, Prof. Fayaz Ahmad Nikka, Dean School of Physical and Chemical Sciences, Prof. Muhammad Yusuf, members of the faculty, scholars and students were present on the occasion.

While presenting the main highlights of the book Prof. Iqbal S Hasnain said that the year 1979 witnessed three significant events in the Middle East that shaped the contemporary Muslim World. "The first was the Iranian Revolution; the second being seizure of the Grand Mosque in Mecca by Juhayman al-Otaybi and the third was the Soviet Union invasion of Afghanistan followed by US



support to Afghan resistance against Soviet subjugation. He revealed that Salafi ideology was instrumental in bringing out drastic upheavals in the Islamic world as against Sufism which has the flexibility to accommodate local and cultural practices without compromising on its core." Prof. Hasnain talked about the radicalization of Muslim youth in Europe and America, through social media. He describes it probably due to unintended consequences of the American support to Afghanistan. "The result was that the rest of the world had to suffer in the years to come," he

added. In his address, Dean Academic Affairs, Prof. Shahid Rasool, said, the core tenets of all the religions across the world emphasize love, unity, and the importance of fostering harmony and goodwill among the people. He further said the book discussion has also underlined the importance of mutual love and bonding as a universal principle to serve as a guiding force for peace, tolerance, and understanding in today's world.

In his Presidential address, Dean School of Social Sciences, Prof. Fayaz Ahmad Nikka while appreciating the efforts of Prof

Hasnain to document the impact of various upheavals on the Islamic world highlighted the areas which suggest scope for further research to have a complete picture of cause and effect. He suggested that content and context needs to be understood simultaneously as one without the other can sometimes lead to misleading conclusions. He further said that all religions carry a uniform message of love, brotherhood, harmony, mutual respect, peace and dignity while as fault lines can be in beliefs of individual sects probably due to reasons of interpretations, perceptions, lack of research or

geopolitical considerations. He said that Prof. Iqbal S. Hasnain's "Fault Lines in Faith" offers a profound and timely exploration of the challenges and contradictions surrounding faith in the modern world. Prof. Nikka said the book explores the core principles of Sufism, emphasizing its teachings of love, unity and harmony as a foundation for fostering brotherhood and global peace. "The book sheds light on how Sufi thought leverages on local context to promote peace and mutual understanding in today's world," he added.

The other discussants on the book included Prof. Nazir Ahmad Zargar, Mr. Ghulam Rasool Dehlvi, Ms. Ashima Kaul, and Mr. Affan Yesvi who presented a detailed analysis on various issues discussed in the book and highlighted further areas to be studied in the context. Prof. Iqbal S Hasnain also responded to the queries posed by the students and research scholars.

Earlier, Assistant Prof. Deptt of Politics and Governance, Dr. Khalid Waseem, presented a detailed review of the book and made a critical analysis of various issues discussed therein.

IUST observes int'l day for Disaster Risk Reduction

Awantipora: To mark the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction, Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) held a day-long workshop on Monday. The workshop was organised by Centre for Disaster Risk Reduction, IUST, and sponsored by Department of Disaster Management Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction (DMRRR), Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

The event titled 'Empowering the Next Generation for a Resilient Future' featured inaugural, poster and technical sessions. The inaugural session started with a screening of a short film on Disaster Management produced by Department of Journalism and Mass Communication (DJMC) highlighting disaster risks and preparedness.

In his presidential address, Prof. Shakil A Romshoo, Vice Chancellor IUST, emphasized on the disaster vulnerabilities and the need to devise mitigation strategies and integration thereof in course curricula from School level onwards. He reaffirmed IUST's commitment in knowledge generation, dissemination and contribution

to policy formulations.

President, Nepal Centre for Disaster Management, Prof Bishal Nath Upreti who was the chief guest on the occasion, shared a four-pronged strategy to mitigate disaster risk. "These include having a clear understanding of the disasters, improving governance, investing in disaster preparedness and enhancing a response mechanism." He added that every year, tens of thousands of people die because of cyclones. "Disasters are not going to stop, but we need to work on our disaster preparedness," he said.

Guest of honour and Under Secretary, DMRRR, Government of J&K, Snober Jameel, said, there is a need to generate awareness among youth to build a resilient future and help them to be prepared to fight any disaster. While lauding the IUST for organising the workshop, she said, this is a platform for all of us to "share our knowledge and learn from the experts."

Prof Shakeel Ahmed Visiting Professor IUST, said that while it is not possible to completely eliminate disasters, "we can always minimise the risk by building skills for disaster management."

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J&K LG Invites

at 11:30 a.m.," Sinha said in his letter. "I take this opportunity to wish you a highly productive tenure and success in your endeavours in the best interest of the people of Jammu and Kashmir," he said.

The LG's emissary handed over the letter to Abdullah and informed him about the date and time of the swearing-in ceremony.

"Was pleased to receive the Principal Secretary to LG Manoj Sinha ji. He handed over a letter from the @OfficeOfLJ&K inviting me to form the next government in J&K," Abdullah said in a post on X.

Aga Ruhullah Signals

and first-time voters alike. Ruhullah's absence from recent NC events has been conspicuous, and many are beginning to wonder if this signals deeper discontent.

"You can agree with @RuhullahMehdi Sahab or disagree with him — however his ideological clarity and consistency has clearly made Omar Abdullah very uncomfortable as he tries to establish a "cordial" and "working relationship" with the BJP led Central Government and the Raj Bhawan here," former deputy mayor of Srinagar, Sheikh Imran posted on X.

"It is pertinent to mention that the sentimental vote that NC garnered in the recently concluded Assembly Elections was MAJORLY due to Aga Syed Ruhullah Sahab's stand and clarity — which was attested even by traditional non-voters and first-time voters," he added.

Notably, last month while addressing rallies in north Kashmir, Ruhullah had said that he will not hesitate to oppose his own party if it fails to meet the expectations of the people. He said the respect the party receives must be reciprocated through developmental work and public interest initiatives.

"I am taking my party's agenda to the people at every level, with the expectation that the entire party will stand with them. However, if they betray the trust of the people, I will oppose them to uphold their expectations," he asserted.

Ever since Ruhullah won the parliamentary election from Srinagar earlier this year, he has emerged as one of the most conspicuous faces

of the NC. His speeches in the parliament in which he often lashes out at the BJP's policies towards J&K have gone viral.

This has not just raised his political profile, but his words now carry more conviction, making him a star campaigner for the NC.

Not just Ruhulla, Omar's shift in tone has left many feeling unsettled.

Member of parliament North Kashmir Engineer Rashid also questioned Omar if BJP rule continues for 50 years does people have to wait that time for restoration of Article 370 in the valley.

"National conference who were saying they will restore 1953 status are now hardly seeing the restoration of statehood after coming into power, which is also not his priority now," Rashid said.

"Why did Omar Abdullah abandon his flight against Article 370's abrogation. What's driving this change," a social media user posted on X.

Pertinently, in its assembly election manifesto released on August 19, 2024, the National Conference promised 12 guarantees, including restoration of Article 370 and 35 A, repeal of the Public Safety Act (PSA), the release of political prisoners, one lakh job creation, and restoration of the India-Pakistan dialogue.

AAP Seeks Ministerial

Senior National Conference leader Tanveer Sadiq, recently elected as the Legislative Assembly member from Zadibal constituency and known to be close to National Conference Vice President Omar Abdullah, stated that decisions on ministerial berths or portfolios fall under the chief minister's prerogative.

Sadiq said, "The ministerial berth is the prerogative of the Chief Minister. Let the government formation take place first."

Speaking about the oath-taking ceremony of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, he added, "All is set for the oath to take place on Wednesday in Srinagar."

The AAP, which recently made its electoral debut in J&K with the election of Mehraj Malik as MLA from Doda, has sought representation in the new government.

AAP leader Sanjay Singh, addressing a press conference on Monday, urged the NC-Congress

alliance to ensure Malik's inclusion in the cabinet.

"We have appealed to the alliance partners to ensure our MLA is given space in the government that is soon to be formed," Singh said, pointing to the significant support AAP has garnered in Doda.

The demand follows AAP national convenor and former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's visit to Doda on Sunday, where he expressed gratitude for the party's breakthrough win in J&K.

"AAP is formally supporting the Omar-led government, and I hope Mehraj Malik will be entrusted with the responsibility to not only serve Doda but the entire state of J&K," Kejriwal stated during his visit. Malik's win is seen as a significant achievement, having defeated political veterans like Khalid Najib Suharwardy of NC and Abdul Majid Wani of the Democratic Progressive Azad Party.

The NC-Congress alliance, which secured 48 out of 90 seats in the recent Jammu and Kashmir elections, is preparing to form the next government. The NC won 42 seats, while Congress claimed six. Omar Abdullah has already been elected as the alliance's leader and is expected to take over as chief minister on Wednesday. (KINS)

Fire Guts 100

Shavan, Deputy Commissioner, Kishtwar, said that the fire ravaged the, leaving many families without homes.

He assured of every possible help to the villagers.

Moreover, at least ten shops and four residential houses were destroyed in a major fire incident in Dawar market in the border area of Gurez late last night, officials said.

An official said that the fire started from a shop in Dawar market and quickly spread to other structures.

"Soon after the incident, the fire tender rushed to the spot to extinguish the fire. However, by the time it was brought under control, at least 10 shops and four residential houses were destroyed," he said.

Meanwhile, Army, in a post on X said: "In a swift response to twin fire incidents at Gujran and Dawar villages in Gurez, Chinar Warriors

immediately responded with its Quick Reaction Teams alongwith fire fighting equipments to doze the raging fire and take control of the adverse situation. Prompt reaction of the Army and Fire Department saved precious lives and prevented loss to property, which was applauded by the local citizens". Member of Parliament Sheikh Rashid also visited the fire victims and donated one-month salary as assistance—(KNO)

Er Rashid's Bail

Jammu and Kashmir assembly elections. Elections to the 90-member J&K Assembly were held in three phases from September 18 to October 1. The results were declared on October 8 in which the National Conference-Congress alliance attained a clear majority with 48 seats.

J&K LG's Power

whose party was in alliance with the National Conference and Congress also won the election from Kulgam constituency.

Several other independents and lone Aam Aadmi Party MLA has also extended support to the National Conference-Congress alliance.

AB-PMJAY Likely

the Ayushman app, the source said. "Those already having the Ayushman card will be needed to apply again for a new card and complete their eKYC again," the source said.

Senior citizens aged 70 years and above and belonging to families already covered under AB-PMJAY will get an additional top-up cover of up to Rs 5 lakh per year for themselves, which they do not have to share with other family members below the age of 70 years.

Senior citizens aged 70 years and above who are under private health insurance policies or the Employees' State Insurance scheme will also be eligible to avail benefits under the scheme, officials had said earlier.

However, those already availing benefits of other public health-insurance schemes, such as the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS), Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) and Ayushman Central Armed Police Force (CAPF), may either choose their existing scheme or opt for AB-PMJAY.

The scheme has covered 7.37 crore hospital admissions, including 49 per cent women beneficiaries. The public has benefitted to the extent of over Rs 1 lakh crore under the scheme, the health ministry had said earlier.

The AB-PMJAY scheme has witnessed continuous expansion of the beneficiary base, it had said, adding that initially, 10.74 crore poor and vulnerable families comprising the bottom 40 per cent of India's population were covered under the scheme.

In January 2022, the Union government revised the beneficiary base from 10.74 crore to 12 crore families, considering India's decadal population growth of 11.7 per cent over the 2011 population.

The scheme was further expanded to cover 37 lakh ASHAs, AWWs and AWHs working across the country and their families for free healthcare benefits.

J&K Not To Issue

High Court issued notice to authorities.

The Secretary said after disposal of a Public Interest Litigation in 2022 (PIL) and after receiving the representation of the petitioner, the matter was again taken-up with the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India.

As per the comments of the Union Ministry provided vide Office Memorandum dated 31 May this year, the Secretary said, the news portals are required to adhere to the rules of 2021 including the Code of Ethics and the three-tier grievance redressal mechanism provided therein.

Besides, the Secretary said that the Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, vide its communication dated 31 October 2023 have directed that for the purpose of tackling the menace of unlawful content in the online world, a suitable and effective mechanism is to be developed for removal of the unlawful content over the internet (social media platforms, websites, mobile apps, e-commerce websites, ISPs etc.) in a timely way.

ED Attaches

23, 2013, by the Crime Branch after the investigation revealed that he had sold the CET-2012 papers along with answer keys for Rs 60 lakhs. The High Court later granted bail to Mushtaq Peer.

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In our latest podcast, we present Irshad Mushtaq, 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.

Kohli Hungry For Runs, No Need To Judge After Every Match: Gambhir

Press Trust of India

BENGALURU: India head coach Gautam Gambhir is not too concerned about the recent lukewarm form of Virat Kohli, insisting that the star batter remains as hungry as he was when he made his debut and should not be judged after every match.

Kohli has made only one fifty, a 76 against South Africa at Centurion in December 2023, in his last eight innings, and him regaining his touch is crucial for India against New Zealand in a three-Test rubber starting on Wednesday and during the five-match series against Australia next month.

Gambhir is confident that Kohli will come good very soon. "See, my thoughts about Virat have always been very clear that he is a world-class cricketer. He has performed for such a long period of time. He is as hungry as when he made



his debut. To now, his hunger is always there," Gambhir told reporters here on Monday.

"That hunger is what makes him a world-class cricketer. I am sure that he will be hungry

to get runs in this series and probably moving forward to Australia as well," he added.

Gambhir said the prolific batter, once he gets into "those runs scoring phases", is re-

markedly consistent. "So, I am sure that he will be looking for these three Test matches in the series and then to Australia," Gambhir reiterated his opinion that a player

should not be judged on the basis of a one bad match or a series.

"You don't keep judging people after every game. If you keep judging people after every game, that's not fair on them. It's a sport and people are bound to fail.

"But more importantly, I think if we can get the results, if people are doing what is needed of them to get the results in our favour, that is fine," he noted.

The former opener said his job is to back the players and keep them hungry for success, particularly during a long season where India is scheduled to play eight more Test matches.

"Everyone doesn't have the best days every day. I think the kind of vibe we have is we keep backing our players. My job is to keep backing the players. My job is to keep selecting the best playing 11, not dropping anyone," said Gambhir.

Short TAKES

J&K Take 3 Points Against Maharashtra In Ranji Opener

J&K earned three points from their Ranji Trophy Elite Group A match against Maharashtra on Monday at Sher-i-Kashmir Stadium in Srinagar. Even though the game ended in a draw, the J&K team showed grit and determination to put points on the table.

The hosts scored a mammoth 529/7 in their first innings, with Shubham Khajuria becoming the first J&K batter in 22 years to score a double hundred. Along with Shubham's 255, wicketkeeper Shivansh Sharma made 106 not out.

J&K then bundled out Maharashtra for 428, as Aquib Nabi returned with figures of 5-100. Having taken an innings lead, the host team was guaranteed the three points. In the second innings, J&K was 38/0 when the match ended in a draw. (Observer News Service)

PCB Strips Captain, Coach Of Authority In Selection Committee

Pakistan captain Shan Masood and head coach Jason Gillespie will no longer have a say in selection matters after the PCB selectors cut down their powers, according to a source. A reliable source in the PCB told PTI that the role of the captain and head coach had been changed with neither of them having final say in selection matters or even finalising the playing eleven.

Masood and Gillespie were inducted on the national selection committee as voting members with white ball head coach Gary Kirsten in August.

PCB Show Causes Fakhar After He Posts In Support Of Babar

Pakistan Cricket Board has issued a show cause notice to its centrally contracted player Fakhar Zaman for an alleged breach of the players code of conduct.

Fakhar had questioned the decision to exclude Babar Azam from the Pakistan squad for the second and third Test against England in a social media post on Sunday. "It's concerning to hear suggestions about dropping Babar Azam. India didn't bench Virat Kohli during his rough stretch between 2020 and 2023, when he averaged 19.33, 28.21, and 26.50, respectively," Fakhar wrote on X.

Konak Suryas Enter LLC Final After Last Ball Thriller In Srinagar



Konak Suryas, led by former India cricketer Irfan Pathan, defeated Urbanisers Hyderabad by 1 run on Monday at Bakshi Stadium in Srinagar to enter the 2024 Legends League Cricket final. Konak will square off against Southern Super Stars on Wednesday in the grand finale.

Hyderabad won the toss and elected to bowl first. They had Konak in a spot of trouble as the team was 64/4 at one point. However, former Ireland batter Kevin O'Brien (50 from 39 balls) and Irfan Pathan (49 from 35 balls) steadied the innings to help Konak post 156/5 in 20 overs.

In reply, Hyderabad needed 12 runs in the last over, which was bowled by Irfan Pathan. Even after being hit for a six in the over, Irfan maintained his composure to defend the target. Former England all-rounder Rikki Clarke top-scored for Hyderabad, making 67 from 44 balls. The Konak Suryas vs. Southern Super Stars match will begin at 7:00 PM on Wednesday. (Observer News Service)

Throwball Coaching Camp Concludes At Sopore Baramulla

Observer News Service

SOPORE: A Throwball coaching camp held at Valley Public School in Sopore, Baramulla, recently concluded, attracting participants from various private and government institutions across the region. The initiative aimed to promote throwball in the North Kashmir districts, with similar camps previously held in Bandipora and upcoming plans for Kupwara, as per Sahil Ali Beigh, Secretary of the J&K Throwball Association.

In preparation for the National Throwball Champion-



ship 2024, set to take place next month in Bijnor, Uttar Pradesh, the association is also focusing on forming teams for both boys and girls.

Junaid Hameed, Chairman of Valley Public School, along with Principal Bilal Ahmad War and Physical Education Teacher Imbisat Abdullah,

presented participation certificates to all attendees and praised the organising body for their efforts in promoting sports in the region. The camp was organised by the District Baramulla Throwball Association under the auspices of the J&K Throwball Association.

The program commenced with a ceremonial run from

YSS Anantnag Holds Fit India Freedom Run In Vailoo

Observer News Service

ANANTNAG: The Department of Youth Services and Sports Anantnag organised a Fit India Swachhata Freedom Run on Monday at Zonal Headquarters in Zone Vailoo.

The event aimed to foster a sense of fitness, cleanliness and environmental awareness among the youth, reinforcing the importance of a healthy life-



style and a cleaner community," the department said in a statement.

The program commenced with a ceremonial run from

Vailoo Market to DPS Gohian. Participants, including students from several local schools, covered a notable distance.

Majid Khan Lifts RSGC Handicap Challenge Cup

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Majid Khan has emerged as the champion of the recently concluded Royal Spring Golf Course Handicap Challenge Cup.

RSGC Handicap Challenge Cup came to a close after an intense five-day long competition. Majid's determination and skill shone through, while Zubair H Zargar was the runner up.

The golf tournament saw an impressive lineup of talented golfers, and the competition was fierce. Ghalib Mohiud Din, Secretary of RSGC congratulated the winner and said, "The hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship



have been exemplary, and have made us all proud."

The tournament was played over five days on a knockout basis, with 30 players participating and a total of 39 matches. The final of the tournament was played on Sunday.

Inter-Departmental Athletic Meet Concludes At IUST

Observer News Service

AWANTIPORA: The Directorate of Physical Education & Sports, Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) organized a series of inter-departmental athletic trials in which students from different departments of the university participated. The trials were overseen by Dr. Hilal Ahmad

Rather and IUST Sports Committee.

Following the trials, different teams were constituted to represent the university in various athletic events. The initiative aims to foster a spirit of healthy competition and teamwork among students, while also identifying promising athletes to represent IUST in upcoming regional and national competitions.



Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir
Royal Springs Golf Course, Srinagar

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
E-NIT No.15of 2024-25 Dated 10.10.2024

For and on behalf of the Secretary Royal Springs Golf Course, e-tenders are invited by Turf Manager Royal Springs Golf Course Srinagar by e-tendering mode on Percentage basis from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K State U/I, PWD, CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Govt. for the following works:-

S No	Name of work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Earned Money (in Rs)	Cost of T/Doc	Time of Completion	Class of Contract	Major Head of Account
1	Up-gradation of AC's etc at RSGC Srinagar	2.32	5.00% in shape of CDR or FDR in favour of Turf Manager RSGC.	550/- Non Refundable in shape of FDR in favour of Secretary RSGC or Bank Cheque No. 02290400001341 J&K Bank State Branch Srinagar	180 days	A Class (Electrical Contractors Registered suppliers)	5437 Training

Position of AA / TS: Accorded
Funds Available: Special conditions:-

- No extension is allowed and so all bidders must, EMD and Tender Processing Fee.
- The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any tender or all tenders without assigning any reason at any stage.
- Intending bidders shall submit scanned copies of documents of valid registration card with renewal of 2024-25 or 2023-24 / PAN/GST registration with latest renewal of September 2024 or 2nd Quarter (i.e July to September 2024 or October) However successful bidders shall produce the original copies of same before issuance of contract.
- The successful Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 5% of Cost of Contract pledged to Turf Manager RSGC as performance security in shape of CDR or FDR within 02 days before fixation of contract and shall be released after successful completion of work.
- The typographical error in the BOQ like Unit of item Quantity of item etc, if any found during e-NIT or after end date of NIT shall be rectified in the allotment as per the estimate.

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from [www.jtenders.gov.in](http://jtenders.gov.in) as per schedule of dates given below:-

S No	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	10.10.2024 4:00 PM
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 10.10.2024 to 21.10.2024 (4:00PM on wards)
3	Bid submission Start Date	10.10.2024 4:00 PM on wards
4	Bid Submission End Date	21.10.2024 upto 04:00
5	Date & time of opening of Bids(Online)	22.10.2024 at 05:00 PM in the office of the Turf Manager RSGC Srinagar

General Conditions:

- The financial bid (BOQ) of only eligible, responsive bidders shall be opened on line on the date mentioned above in the office of Turf Manager, Royal Springs Golf Course Srinagar. In case of any avoidable circumstances the tenders shall be opened on the next working day or any subsequent date convenient to the Authority.
- The 1st lowest bidder (Successful) has to submit performance security @ 5% of the Contract Value in the shape of CDR or FDR pledged to Turf Manager, Royal Springs Golf Course Srinagar drawn from any recognized Bank, which should reach to the office of Turf Manager, Royal Springs Golf Course Srinagar within 05 days from the date of opening of on line bids. In case of failure the bid shall be treated as non response.
- The bidders will submit the e-mail address, postal address and cell No.s on a separate page along with their bids.
- The bids for the works shall remain valid for 90 days from the date of opening of tenders.
- The department shall not be responsible for any technical error or delay in submission of on line bids due to any reason.
- The department can modify the terms and conditions, specification of work if need arises before the dead line date of receipt of tenders.
- Un-balanced Bid: In case of un-balanced bids, the intending bidders shall have to upload an additional performance Security in the shape of CDR or FDR along with price bid, as per following scale. The performance security shall be released after successful completion of work.

S No	Below %age of un-balanced Bid viz-a-viz advertised cost	Additional performance Security to be deposited on quoted bid by L1
01	Upto and including 15% below	NIL
02	>15% upto and including 20% below	5.00 % of advertised cost
03	>20% upto and including 25% below	10.00 % of advertised cost
04	>25% upto and including 30% below	15.00 % of advertised cost
05	>30% below	20.00% of advertised cost

- The bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ down loaded should be used for filling the Percentage inclusive of all taxes and it should be saved with the same name as it contains.
- The Turf Manager, Royal Springs Golf Course Srinagar reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
- The date of start of work shall be reckoned within one week from the date of issue of LOI/allotment.
- In case of delay in completion of the work beyond stipulated period of completion, penalty up to 5% of the allotted cost shall be imposed.
- No advance payment shall be paid to the contractor.
- The contractor shall ensure execution of an agreement with the Department within 15 days from the date of issue of LOI/allotment.
- All disputes and differences between the parties arising out of any relating to the NIT, Letter of intent, Allotment, work done bills and agreement to be signed between the Officer of RSGC and the contractor including interpretation of its terms and conditions shall be referable to Secretary, Royal Springs Golf Course Srinagar whose decision shall be final and binding upon all the parties.
- The bidders are advised to quote their rates in Percentage which includes Income tax, GST, Labour etc etc
- The employer may terminate the contract if the contractor causes a breach of the contract.
- The tender is liable to rejection if it does not fulfil the requirements as laid down in the NIT/ Agreement
- All other terms and conditions shall remain same as laid down in PWD form-25 double /FC-31.
- The DLP shall be reckoned from the date of successful completion of work/supply & shall be not less than six months.

Turf Manager
Royal Springs Golf Course
Srinagar

No: RSGC/TM/2024-25/223-25
DIPK-NB-1673/24 Dated:14/10/2024

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Office of the Wildlife Warden, Shopian Wildlife Division

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e-TENDERING
Tender Notice: Short Term e-NIT No: 06 of 2024-25 dated: 11.10.2024

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Union Territory of J&K, e-tenders are hereby invited (in two cover system) on Percentage Basis from approved and eligible contractors registered with registered with PWD/CPWD/MES/Central/State/UT Governments for below mentioned works:

S. No	Name of the Work	Adv. Cost (in Lacs)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Class of Contractor	Cost of Tender document (In Shape of Demand Draft/Treasury receipt)	Time of Completion	Receiving/Opening Authority
01	Chain-link fencing around staff quarter Hirpora and Range Office Hirpora, Staff Quarter Hirpora to Rescue Centre HW-5	11.89	2 % (two percent) of Advertised cost at the time of submission of Bid/Tender online & 3 % (three percent) performance security of the allotted cost to be submitted within three days from the date of opening of financial bids by successful bidder pledged to Regional Wildlife Warden, Kashmir. The EMD of 2% shall be released thereafter	"DEF, CEE, BEE"	Rs.800/-	(30) calendar days	Tender Opening Committee
02	Consolidation of PA boundary by way of Providing & Fixing of Chain-link fencing of 8'0" height Chewas to DajParyer Block Tral Range	20.57		"CEE, BEE"	Rs.1100/-	(45) calendar days	
03	Consolidation of PA boundary by way of Providing & Fixing of Chain-link fencing of 6'0" height Salsakhran to Freshnard/Shikargah Block Tral Range	16.69		"CEE, BEE"	Rs.900/-	(40) calendar days	
04	Consolidation of PA boundary by way of Providing & Fixing of Chain-link fencing of 8'0" height Thekderbagh to Quliteng end Shikargah Block Tral Range	19.96		"CEE, BEE"	Rs.1000/-	(45) calendar days	

The e-NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities, (B.O.Q), set of Terms & Conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website: - <http://jtenders.gov.in>.

Position of funds: Budgeted
Position of AA / TS: Accorded

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria specification, Drawings, bill of quantities, (B.O.Q), set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen /downloaded from the website <http://jtenders.gov.in> as per the schedule of dates given below:

Publishing Date	14/10/2024 @ 09:00 Hrs
Downloading Start Date	14/10/2024 @ 10:00 Hrs
Bid submission Date Start	14/10/2024 from 10:30 Hrs
Bid submission End Date	21/10/2024 upto 11:00 hrs
Date of opening of Technical Bid	22/10/2024 at 10:50 AM (In the Office of Regional Wildlife Warden, Srinagar)
Date & time of opening of financial bids (online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation

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1 In 4 Adults Suspect Undiagnosed ADHD Due To Social Media Influence: Study

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New Delhi: While attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder -- also known as ADHD -- is typically thought of as a childhood condition, a new study on Monday showed that one in four or 25 per cent of adults in America suspect they may have it but is undiagnosed.

The study based on a national survey of 1,000 American adults showed that social media videos helped adults to realise that their struggles with attention, focus, and restlessness could, in fact, be undiagnosed ADHD.

Worryingly, only 13 per cent of survey respondents have shared their suspicions with their doctor.

That's raising concerns about the consequences of self-diagnosis leading to incorrect treatment, said the team

"Anxiety, depression, and ADHD -- all these things can look a lot alike, but the wrong treatment can make things worse instead of helping that

person feel better and improving their functioning," said psychologist Justin Barterian, clinical assistant professor in Ohio State University's Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Health.

An estimated 4.4 per cent of people ages 18 to 44 have ADHD, and some people aren't diagnosed until they're older, Barterian said.

"There's definitely more awareness of how it can continue to affect folks into adulthood and a lot of people who are realising, once their kids have been diagnosed, that they fit these symptoms as well, given that it's a genetic disorder," Barterian said.

Further, more than the older generations, younger adults were more likely to believe they have undiagnosed ADHD.

Barterian said while social media videos can help educate and bring awareness, "seek a psychologist or a psychiatrist or a physician" can help in proper diagnosis and further aid in the treatment of the condition.



Shared Nobel Prize For Explaining Why Some Countries Are Rich, Some Poor

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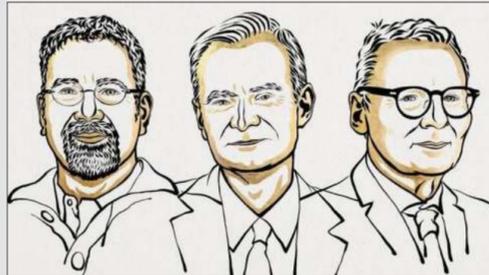
The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences on Monday, 14 October, awarded the Nobel Prize in economic sciences to three US economists for providing new insights into why there are such vast differences in prosperity between nations, trying to help solve the puzzle of why some countries are rich and others poor.

Daron Acemoglu and Simon Johnson from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and James A. Robinson from the University of Chicago in the US were awarded the coveted honour for their studies of how institutions are formed and how they affect prosperity.

Acemoglu, Johnson and Robinson have demonstrated the importance of societal institutions for a country's prosperity. 'Societies with a poor rule of law and institutions that exploit the population do not generate growth or change for the better. The laureates' research helps us understand why,' said the Academy.

"Reducing the vast differences in income between countries is one of our time's greatest challenges. The laureates have demonstrated the importance of societal institutions for achieving this," said Jakob Svensson, chair of the committee for the prize in economic sciences.

When Europeans colonised large parts of the globe, the



US economists and Nobel laureates Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson and James Robinson

institutions in those societies changed -- but not in the same way everywhere. The Nobel laureates have shown that one explanation for differences in countries' prosperity is the societal institutions that were introduced during colonisation.

In some colonies, the purpose was to exploit the indigenous population and extract natural resources to benefit the colonisers.

In other cases, the colonisers built inclusive political and economic systems for the long-term benefit of European settlers.

"This is an important reason for why former colonies that were once rich are now poor, and vice versa," according to a statement by the Academy.

The researchers also said that as long as the political system guaran-

tees the elites will remain in control, no one will trust their promises of future economic reforms. According to the laureates, this is why no improvement occurs.

However, this inability to make credible promises of positive change can also explain why democratisation sometimes occurs.

"When there is a threat of revolution, the people in power face a dilemma. They would prefer to remain in power and try to placate the masses by promising economic reforms, but the population are unlikely to believe that they will not return to the old system as soon as the situation settles down," explained the Academy.

In the end, the only option may be to transfer power and establish democracy.

NASA spacecraft to probe signs of life on Jupiter's moon, Europa

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Florida: A spacecraft is set to launch on Monday from the Kennedy Space Center towards Jupiter with the mission to hunt for signs of alien life on Europa one of the moons orbiting the distant planet.

Previous data from studies indicate that underneath the frozen crust of Jupiter's moon there lies a huge salt-water ocean, which could possibly support life forms.

"We're going on a 1.8-billion-mile journey to an ocean world - Jupiter moon, Europa!" the US space agency NASA said this morning on X ahead of the anticipated blast off.

NASA's flagship spacecraft 'Europa Clipper' mission, the largest spacecraft the US space agency developed for a planetary mission, was supposed to have launched earlier but got delayed due to Hurricane Milton, which swept through Florida on October 9-10.

Both the Clipper and the SpaceX Falcon Heavy rocket were secured inside a SpaceX hanger near their launch pad at NASA's Kennedy Space Center, agency officials said on X.

The probe is billed to be around \$5.2 billion.

After the launch, the spacecraft plans to fly by Mars in February 2025, and then back by Earth in December 2026, using the gravity of each planet to increase its momentum. With the help of these "gravity assists," Europa Clipper will achieve the velocity needed to reach Jupiter in April 2030.

Earlier on April 14, 2023, the European Space Agency had launched the Jupiter Icy Moons Explorer (Juice) mission from Europe's Spaceport in French Guiana to study Jupiter and its three large ocean-bearing moons - Ganymede, Callisto and Europa. Juice, however, is expected to arrive at Jupiter only by July 2031.

Europa flybys

The Europa Clipper spacecraft will have travelled 2.9 billion kilometres to reach Jupiter in April 2030. It will orbit Jupiter, and conduct 49 close flybys of Europa.

During these flybys, the spacecraft's nine science instruments will collect data on the moon's atmosphere, its ice crust, and the ocean underneath.

The nearly 10-foot-wide (3-meter) dish-shaped antenna and several smaller antennas will transmit the data to Earth, a trip that will take about 45 minutes when the spacecraft is in orbit around Jupiter, NASA said.

The antenna will operate on NASA's deep space X-band radio frequencies through the agency's Deep Space Network, a global array of large radio antennas that communicate with dozens of spacecraft throughout the solar system.

"Although Europa Clipper is not a life-detection mission, understanding Europa's habitability will help us better understand how life developed on Earth and whether we're likely to find conditions that might support life beyond our planet," the NASA stated.

Europa Clipper instruments include cameras, spectrometers, a magnetometer, and an ice-penetrating radar. These instruments will study Europa's icy shell, the ocean beneath, and the composition of the gases in the moon's atmosphere and surface geology, and provide insights into the moon's potential habitability.

The spacecraft will also carry a thermal instrument to pinpoint locations of warmer ice and any possible eruptions of water vapour. Strong evidence shows the ocean beneath Europa's crust is twice the volume of all the Earth's oceans combined, the US space agency detailed. Scientists from NASA, the Jet Propulsion Lab and the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab are involved in NASA's Europa Clipper mission.

Observations of Jupiter

In 1610, Galileo Galilei made the first detailed observations of Jupiter with a homemade telescope.

NASA's first spacecraft to visit the outer planets, Pioneer 10 was designed as a 21-month mission to Jupiter, yet lasted more than 30 years. After its Jupiter encounter in 1973, it continued beyond the solar system, sending its last signal to Earth in January 2003 from a distance of 7.6 billion miles.

Pioneer 11, a sister spacecraft to Pioneer 10 flew even closer to Jupiter in 1974 en route to its destination, Saturn. After studying the ringed planet, Pioneer 11 exited the solar system, and like its sibling carries a plaque with a message for any intelligent beings that may encounter it.

A beating heart silenced: South Lebanon's Nabatiyeh market

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NABATIEH: Rubble and plumes of smoke were all that was left Sunday of Nabatiyeh marketplace, once the beating heart of the city in south Lebanon where Israel has intensified its bombardment.

Late Saturday, state media reported Israeli air strikes on the marketplace of the major city some dozen kilometres from the border with Israel.

The health ministry said the attack wounded eight people. Israel's military has not commented.

"It's as if an earthquake shook the Nabatiyeh market. It's been

completely destroyed," said resident Tarek Sadaka.

"Even the street corner where we used to sit and drink coffee in the morning was destroyed."

The air strike badly damaged the buzzing market, which was home to shops selling everything from clothing and jewellery to sweets, as well as to small restaurants.

"Words can't express what I feel," Sadaka said, holding back the tears.

"I'm staying here and I will not leave Nabatiyeh - Nabatiyeh is our motherland. It's heartbreaking to see people's livelihoods gone," he said.

A few metres (yards) away, flames still licked at chipped ma-

sonry on Sunday as black smoke rose from the ruins.

Electrical wiring hung from the shattered facade of a three-storey building, its walls blackened.

A bulldozer worked to clear scattered debris which had blocked the streets. Just one tree remained standing, unscathed, amid the widespread destruction.

Nearly a year of cross-border exchanges between Israel and Hezbollah over the Gaza war escalated into all-out conflict on September 23.

Since then, Israel's intense military campaign of bombardment has killed more than 1,260 people in Lebanon, according to an AFP

tally of official figures. It has also displaced upwards of one million people, Lebanese officials said.

Since last October, Israel has launched limited strikes on Nabatiyeh, but the damage was nothing compared with the destruction caused by the air strikes.

Nabatiyeh is home to major public institutions, public and private hospitals and several universities.

Helmi Jaber slowly made his way around the dilapidated market on Sunday, walking with a cane.

The elderly man said he lived nearby but his room was flooded when a water tank leaked after being damaged in the strike.

"This was the most beautiful area and the best market" in the city, Jaber said.

"We are scared... We fear there may be new strikes. They (the Israelis) do not spare anyone and want to turn Nabatiyeh into scorched earth," he added.

He said he wanted to leave, "but who will take me in now? I can barely move" he said, squeezing his cane.

"Who will look after us? Lawmakers who can afford to travel and stay in hotels? Will any of them check on us?" he asked of a country reeling from five years of economic crisis widely blamed on a corrupt governing elite.

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