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Plant-Based Milks Are Better For The Environment, But Are They For Our Health?

th 75% of the global population being lactose intolerant and concerns for the environment on the rise, plant-based milks have emerged as a viable alternative to dairy products in recent years. It's a global US\$20 billion industry, with sales expected to more than double in the next decade.

Dairy-free alternatives make up the largest plant-based market segment in the US, with 2.9 billion US dollars in sales last year. The plant-based drinks made up close to 15% of the total milk dollar sales. Nearly half of all US households bought plantbased milks in 2023.

Yet in a recent study of 219 plant-based milk alternatives, scientists at the University of Minnesota's Nutrition Coordinating Center found they offered fewer nutritional benefits than cow's milk. Including less calcium or vitamin D.

Very different carbon footprints of plantbased milks and dairy

As cattle-rearing is linked to deforestation and methane emissions, there are also environmental and climate implications to consuming dairy products.

The median per liter greenhouse gas emissions associated with soy, oat, almond, spelt, pea and coconut milks are 62-78% lower than those connected to cow's milk, the authors of a study titled Dairy and Plant-Based Milks: Implications for Nutrition and Planetary Health found. But what type of milk is best for the planet and our bodies?

"It's a little difficult and nuanced to answer the question of which one is best," said Brent Kim, researcher at the Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future and one of the

authors of the study. "Do we mean the smallest climate change



impact? Do we mean the most nutritious milk, the most affordable milk or maybe are we more concerned about how much fresh water was used to produce that milk?

Or maybe how much agricultural land had to be occupied to produce that milk? What's clear is that plant-based foods

have a much lower carbon footprint - that doesn't just mean CO2.

And Kim says that while packaging and transport account for some of those emissions, the vast majority are generated before the crops leave the farm. Environmental trade-offs

But there are different environmental trade-offs when it comes to plant-based milks, too. While almond milk compares favorably to cow's milk when it comes to greenhouse gas emissions, it doesn't look so good if you factor in its water footprint. Almond milk is the most sold plant-based milk in the US, accounting for three quarters of overall sales.

Kim said one of the better options would be milk made from pea protein, citing lower greenhouse gas emissions and good

"And if we're concerned about freshwater

use, which we certainly should be, it had one of the smallest water footprints of all the different milks," he said, adding that soy milk also checked all of these boxes. While there were some studies showing that soy had a slightly higher climate impact compared to pea, he said there also had been more studies done on soy milk. So the verdict's still out.

However, milk made from pea protein isn't as widely available yet.

So which milk is best for our health?? With all the different brands and types on the market, is it even possible to say which one is best?

That's difficult, says Abby Johnson, associate director of the Nutrition Coordinating Center at the University of Minnesota in the School of Public Health and lead author of the study looking at over 200 different plant-based milks.

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Office of the Executive Magistrate **1st Class Narbal Budgam**

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Notice For General Public

I tis hereby notified that the applicant namely Mohd Siddig Khan S/o Gh Rasool Khan And Shah Mali W/o Mohd Siddi Khan R/o Kawoosa Khalsa Tehsil Narbal District Budgam had applied for the issuance of Birth Certificate in favour of self and his mother. The applicant intends to register his DOB & mother's DOB as per school record/vaccination card School Record

Mohd Siddiq Khan S/o Gh Rasool Khan DOB= 19-04-1963

Shah Mali W/o Mohd Siddi DOB= 01-05-1968

In this connection, if anybody having any objection regarding the same he/she may contact office of the undersigned within seven (07) days, after which no objections shall be entertained.

Executive Magistrate 1st Class Narbal

Dated: 31-07-2024

The Jammu & Kashmir Board Of School Education, Academic Division, Rehari Colony, Jammu-Tawi / New Campus, Bemina, Srinagar (UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR) e-mail: dirert:oracad@jkbose.co.in 0191-2952817, 0194-2494522

NOTIFICATION

Subject: Schedule for submission of online Examination Forms for Secondary School examination (Class 10th) and online Examination Forms & Renewal Registration Returns of Higher Secondary Part I &II (Class 11th & 12th) Examination Annual (Regular) session 2025, by eligible students of UT of J&K/UT of Ladakh (currently on rolls in schools falling in soft as well as Hard

It is notified for the information of all the stakeholders that the students, who are currently on rolls in Classes 10th, 11th and 12th in the academic Institutions affiliated with J&KBOSE (located both in Soft and Hard zone areas of the UT's of J&K and Ladakh) and are eligible to appear in Annual (Regular) Examination session 2025, shall submit their EXAMINATION FORMS and RENEWAL REGISTRATION RETURNS (in case of Classes 11th and 12th) online at JKBOSE website www.jkbose.nic.in as per the following schedule.

SCHEDULE

I. Secondary School Examination (Class 10th) with Normal Fee: S.No. Class Submission of-Examination | Prescribed | Date of

For 5+ subject(s)

For 5 + subject(s)

2nd count of 10 days

For five subjects only

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10th

	Forms for Annual (Regular) 2025		ree per candidate	Opening of link	link/Last date			
01	10 th		Candidates with five (05) compulsory subjects		Rs.1180/-			
			Candidates with additional/ optional subject(s) 5+		Rs.1390/-	18-10-2024	01-11-2024	
With	Late F	EE:						
S.No Class				Late Fee Schedule	Total Fee	Date of Opening of link	Date of Closing of link / Last date of Late Fees	
01. 10 th			int of 10 days Subjects only	Rs.770 + 1180/-	Rs.1950/-	02-11-2024	11-11-2024	

Rs.770 + 1390/- Rs.2160/-

Rs.1985+ 1390/- Rs.3375/-

Rs.3165/-

12-11-2024

21-11-2024

Rs.1985+ 1180/-

S.No.	Class	Submission of- Examination Forms for Annual (Regular) 2025	Prescribed Fee per candidate + Renewal Registration Fee	Date of Opening of link	Date of Closing of link/Last date	
01.	11 th and 12 th	Candidates with five (05) compulsory subjects	Rs.1365 + 220 = Total Rs.1585/-	18-10-2024	01-11-2024	
	Candidates . with additional subject(s) 5+	Rs.1610 + 220 = Total Rs.1830/-	10 10 2021			

With	Late FE	E:				
S.No	Class	Dates Fixed	Late Fee Schedule	Total Fee	Date of Opening of link	Date of Closing of link/Last date of Late Fees
01.	11" &	First count of 10 days For five Subjects only	Rs.770+1365+ 220/-	Rs.2355/-	02-11-2024	11-11-2024
	12 th	For 5+ subject(s)	Rs.770+1610+ 220/-	Rs.2600/-		
02.	11 th &	2 nd count of 10 days For five subjects only	Rs.1985+1365+ 220/-	Rs.3570/-	12-11-2024	21-11-2024
	1214	For 5 + subject(s)	Rs.1985+1610 + 220/-	Rs.3815/-		

Instructions/guidelines:-

i- After completion of online service, all the institutions will generate the Checklist from their respective School accounts and submit the same to the Sub/Branch office, duly signed and stamped by the Head of the Institution, within ten days positively.

ii- For any query, the students/Heads of the Affiliated Academic institutions are informed to approach the concerned Sub/Branch offices of the BOSE. They can also mail their queries at computercellitss@gmail.com in case of Jammu Division and inchargeofficeritsskd@gmail.com in case of Kashmir Division. iii- Only those Academic Institutions, who are affiliated with JKBOSE for the Academic Session 2024-

25 are eligible to fill the examination/RR Renewal forms. iv- In case of the students provisionally admitted in classes 11th and 12th, as they were placed under

Re-appear/Failure category in their previous classes, the schedule for their Renewal Registration Returns shall be issued separately after declaration of result of Annual (Pvt.)/Bi-Annual 2024 when

v- The detailed instructions/FAQ's shall be made available on the official website of JK BOSE. Stakeholders in their own interest are advised to go through instructions/FAQ's before filling the vi-Notification regarding conduct of practical Examination (Internal/External) shall be issued

vii-The Specially-abled candidates with a disability of Forty (40%) or more are exempted from paying examination/R.R renewal fee, however, they shall take a printout of the examination form submitted online and get it attested by the Head of the concerned academic institutions and submit the same in the concerned Sub/Branch office/s of JKBOSE along with the copy of Disability Certificate from the concerned Medical Board. 1 11

No: F (Acad-C)/Reg- Exam-X/XI/XII/E-7580651/2024

Director Academics

Office of the Naib Tehsildar Palhallan

Executive Magistrate 1st Class

Application Junaid Munawar S/o Mohammad Munawar Hajam R/o Ussan Khoie Pattan for obtaining OBC Certificate

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is hereby informed through this notice that the applicant file is currently under process in the office of undersigned regarding obtaining OBC certificate. According to the field staffs report the applicants are permanent resident of village Ussan Khoje tehsil Pattan District Baramulla and have been residing here from more than 15 years and has not migrated from the said village the totoal family income of the applicant from all sources is Rs 7200 /-. Family details of the applicant are give below.

S. No	Name	Parentage	Age	Occupation
1	Mohammad	Ab Salam Hajam	51	Labour
	Munawar			
2	Meema Begum	W/o Mohd	48	H/W
		Munawar		
3	Akib Manawar	S/o Mohamamd	25	Student
		Munawar		
4	Junaid Munawar	S/o Mohamamd	22	Student
		Munawar		
05	Tabasum Munawar	D/o	20	Student
06	Usma Munawar		14	

In this connection If any person(s) has any objection(s) he/ she can visit the undersigned's office within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection will be considered. fko

Naib Tehsildar

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have lost my School leaving certificate of class 10th issued by Govt Boys High School Peth Kanlhama zone magma . Now I have applied for the duplicate of the same if anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the principal Govt Boys High School Peth Kanlhama within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice After that no objection shall be entertained.

Zahoor Ahmad Malik S/o Ghulam Hussain Malik R/o Sehpora Magam

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice I have lost my Provisional Cum Character certificate issued by Govt Girls Higher Secondary School Kulgam . Now I have applied for the duplicate of the same if anybody has any objection in this regard he/ she may file his/her objection in the above mentioned school within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice After that no objection shall be entertained.

Mehak Muzaffar D/o Muzaffar Ahmad Shah R/o Noorbagh Kulgam

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D/O: Syed Anwar ul Haque

objection will be accepted.

NO OBJECTION NOTICE

I,Syed Tasaduq Hussain, S/o Syed Mohammad resident of Wahabpora badgam, have applied for registration as an Excursion Agent with the Department of Tourism J&k. I hereby notify the general public of this application. If anyone has any objections, they are requested to contact the Dept of Tourism within 15 days of

Ph: 9906828273

Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir

Office of the District Sheep Husbandry Officer Baramulla

TECHNICAL SECTION Subject: - Insurance of livestock (Sheep & Goat) in District Baramulla.

this notice. If no objections are received, the application will proceed.

District Sheep Husbandry Officer, Baramulla invites "Expressions of Interest" (EOI) from registered/ public sector general insurance companies to take up insurance of livestock-sheep/goat units to be established under different Income generation Schemes of the department during the year 2024-

The interested companies may send their "Expressions of Interest" (EOI) as per the terms and conditions given below:-

General Conditions:-

The interested companies may send their "Expressions of Interest" (EOI) in sealed envelope by registered post/ speed post superscribed as "Expressions of Interest" (EOI) for one year named as Sheep Goat Insurance 2024-25 to the undersigned.

The insurance companies shall quote rate of premium per animal for one year only. The rate should be inclusive of all taxes/charges and other incidental charges what so ever inclusive of GST as well.

The interested companies shall have to abide by standard terms and conditions as laid down in GFR, manual for procurement of consultancy and other services.

The last date for submission of "Expressions of Interest" (EOI) is 3.00pm on 31/10/2024 and will opened at 2.30pm on the same date in presence of the authorized representatives of insurance companies present at that time if any.

If the last date of receipt and opening of "Expressions of Interest" (EOI) happens to be a public holiday the "Expressions of Interest" (EOI) will be received and opened on the next working day at the same venue and time.

The District Sheep Husbandry Officer Baramulla reserves the right to cancel this notice of "Expressions of Interest" (EOI) or make amendments to this notice without any liability or assigning any reasons thereof. The "Expressions of Interest" (EOI) will be scrutinized by the selection committee framed

by this office. The interested companies may obtain further information at the address given below.

Other Terms and Conditions:-

The period of insurance will be for one year only. Insurance Policy shall provide indemnity against death due to all the diseases, natural disasters, calamities, accidents, wild animal attacks, deaths during transition.

The diseases namely Enterotoxaemia, Sheep Pox, PPR and FMD shall be covered by the policy if the animal is successfully vaccinated against these diseases. Since sheep and goat are to migrate from lower to higher altitude as per the weather conditions prevalent in the area as such the claims arising outside the geographical area are to be included without any extra premium.

The maximum value of animal (Sheep/Goat) is to be assessed by negotiation jointly by the owner of animal and by insurance companies in presence of Veterinary Doctor. Claim, if any, will have to be settled within fifteen (15) days after submission of claim re-

lated documents. Claims if any should be processed in a hassle free manner at a designated District Level Office of the selected insurance company. The insurance companies shall have a Nodal Officer exclusively for operating Sheep/Goat

insurance in the district. The contact shall be valid for a period of one year (from the date of finalization of the contract) or till the State Level Purchase Committee (SLRC) Sheep Husbandry Department Kashmir

Any other condition that is not indicated here can be incorporated in the "Expressions of Interest" (EOI) before execution of contract, if needed

Office Address:-District Sheep Husbandry Office Noorbagh Baramulla Email: - dsho.bla@gmail.com

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finalizes the rate contract whichever is earlier.

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Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: Omar Abdullah took the oath as the first Chief Minister of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday, a significant political development that has sparked a fresh debate on the extent of power his government will wield. As political analysts weigh in on the implications of this historic event, questions loom over whether real authority will lie with the Chief Minister or the Lieutenant Governor (LG) administration and whether the promises made during the elections will ever see the light of day.

'Democracy Restored With A Toothless Govt' **Experts Weigh In On Omar's Leadership**

IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THE NC LED GOVT WILL BE ABLE to deliver on its promises unless statehood

various political commentators who shared diverse opinions on the new government's potential. The majority agreed that while the administration holds a symbolic value, its practical power may be limited under the current Union

Territory structure. Many believed it would help pacify the masses, create a link between the government and the people, and curb the bureaucratic arrogance that has been growing in recent years. Others highlighted that democracy had finally been restored after

a long period of direct gover-nance from New Delhi. 'A Toothless Government,

But Symbolic' Senior political analyst Riyaz Wani expressed skepticism about the new administration's actual capacity to implement change. "It is obvious that the government is going tobe a toothless one," he stated. "However, its symbolic value cannot be dismissed. They might not be able to perform significant work on the ground, but they still have a role to play. The Omar-led administration can empathize

and sympathize with the people, which was completely missing for the past few years."

Wani pointed out that the establishment of the new government creates a much-needed discourse. "Even if they lack practical power, they can generate a narrative. For the first time in years, there is someone accountable to the people, even if their hands are tied. It is unlikely that the government will be able to deliver on its promises unless statehood is restored, which looks unlikely for now. As long as Jammu and Kashmir remains a Union Territory, real power will stay with the LG, and in the long run, people | More on P11

PM Congrats Omar 'Centre Will Work Closely With You'

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Several top leaders in India including the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday congratulated National Conference (NC) Vice President, Omar Abdullah for taking oath as the first chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory.

The top leaders, who congratulated Omar Abdullah through the social media posts include Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamta Banerjee, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) National Convener Arvind Kejriwal.

In a post on X, PM Modi said that the centre will work closely with him and his team for J&K's progress.

"Congratulations to Shri Omar Abdullah Ji on taking oath as the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir. Wishing him the very best in his efforts to serve the people. The Centre will work closely with him and his team for J&K's progress. @ OmarAbdullah," Modi said on X.

Meanwhile, Omar in a reply to Prime Minister said that he look forward to working together with him to give the people of J&K an effective, efficient & honest administration

'Thank you very much @narendramodi Sb for your message of congratulations. My colleagues & I look forward to working together with you to give the people of J&K an effective, efficient & honest administration," Omar wrote

Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh hoped that the governance trajectory of the state continues to move forward and his government is able to fulfil people's aspirations.

"Congratulations to Shri @ OmarAbdullah on taking oath as the | More on P10



Observer News Service

Srinagar: National Conference leader Omar Abdullah was sworn in as the chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday, the first elected government in the Union territory since 2019 when Article 370 was abrogated.

Lt Governor Manoj Sinha administered the oath of office and secrecy to Abdullah, who takes over as chief minister for a second term and is the third generation of the Abdullah family to occupy the office - after his grandfa-ther Sheikh Abdullah and father Farooq Abdullah. Later after vis-

Abdullah posted "I'm back," on X with photographs of him in his office chair.

ministers -- Sakina Five Masood (Itoo), Javed Dar, Javed Rana, Surinder Choudhary, and Satish Sharma -- also took the oath of office.

While Itoo and Dar are from the Kashmir valley, Rana, Choudhary and Sharma are from the Jammu region.

The Congress said it will not join the council of ministers for the moment.

JKPCC chief Tariq Hameed Karra said the Congress is unhappy that statehood has not been restored. | More on P10



Nasir Aslam Wani Is Advisor To CM

ammu and Kashmir government on Wednesday appointed senior National Conference leader Nasir Aslam Wani as advisor to chief minister Omar Abdullah. Wani is a close aide | More on P10

Handoo Made Spl Secretary In CM's Office

n a significant administrative move aimed at streamlining operations, the Jammu and Kashmir government has announced crucial transfers and postings effective immediately. Haris Ahmad Handoo, previously serving as Special Secretary in the office of the Chief Secretary, has been appointed as Special Secretary in the Chief Minister's Secretariat. | More on P10



J&K's Power Dynamics Captured in a Handshake: LG Manoj Sinha and CM Omar Abdullah's handshake at the swearing-in ceremony of the new J&K government reflects J&K's complex power structure. KO Photo by Abid Bhat

Sajad Urges CM To Table Resolution On Art 370

Srinagar: People's Conference president Sajad Lone Wednesday appealed to the National Conference-led government in Jammu and Kashmir to bring a resolution in the Assembly condemning the abrogation of Article 370 by the Centre.

At a press conference after NC leader Omar Abdullah took over as the chief minister of I-K earlier in the day, Lone congratulated him and said it was a momentous day for the people of the Union territory as they have got an elected government after six years.

"I want to keep political differences aside and say that it is a happy occasion," Lone said.

He said there would be tremendous challenges for the new government in the UT setup. However, Lone said while the J-K assembly would be one of the weakest in the country, Abdullah should fulfil his poll promises and bring a resolution against the Centre's August 5, 2019, decisions.

"I appeal to the NC to bring a resolution condemning revocation of Articles 370 and 35A and, say it is against the will of the people of J-K, | More on P10

Know CM's 5 Cabinet Ministers

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: The Omar Abdullah showcases a delicate equilibrium, blending representation from both the Kashmir and Jammu regions of the Union Territory. This strategic composition includes three ministers from each region, underscoring the National Conference's effort to balance disparate regional interests.

Notably, the Jammu delegation features Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary, who triumphed over BJP J&K working president Ravinder Raina in Nowshera, and Satish Sharma, an Independent MLA from Chhamb who sidelined the Congress candidate. Both these constituencies are in the predominantly Hindu Jammu mainland. The third Jammu representative, Javed Ahmed Rana, hails from the



Gujjar-dominated Pir Panjal region. From Kashmir, Omar Abdullah, who won from Ganderbal and Budgam, leads the roster, alongside South Kashmir MLA Sakina Itoo and North Kashmir MLA Javed Ahmad Dar.

While these five ministers form the initial core of the Cabinet, Abdullah retains the option to appoint three more, as the J&K Constitution allows

for a total of nine ministers, offering the flexibility to incorporate broader regional or political interests.

Surinder Choudhary - Deputy CM

In the 2024 Assembly elections, NC leader Surinder Choudhary defeated Ravinder Raina, the BJP president of Jammu and Kashmir, by over 7,000 votes | More on P10

HC Dismisses PIL Against PSA As 'Not Maintainable'

M Ahmad

Srinagar, Oct 16: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh has dismissed as "not maintainable" a Public Interest Litigation, challenging legality of Jammu and Kashmir Public Safety Act 1978.

A practicing lawyer of the High Court had filed the PIL in 2019 and among others had contended that the amendment effected in Article 22 of the Constitution of India has not been brought into force in Jammu and Kashmir and that the delegation of powers to detain the persons under Sections 8 and 16 of the Jammu and Kashmir Public Safety Act, 1978 in Divisional Commissioners or District Magistrates was "illegal", underscoring that such

power lies with the "State". "Instant Public Interest Litigation has been filed by the



petitioner invoking jurisdiction of this Court in view of the fact that about 2000 people have been detained and 253 habeas corpus petitions post lockdown have been filed," a division bench of Chief Justice Tashi Rabstan and Justice M A Chowdhary said, adding, "Amongst other reliefs sought by the petitioner, the star relief is for direction to the Union of India to bring into force the amendments made to Article 22 of the Constitution of India." The Division Bench observed

that Home Department in its

preliminary objection, among others, submitted that the relief sought is not permissible under law in view of authoritative pronouncement of the Apex Court in case of A.K Roy vs. Union of India, reported in 1982. While the petitioner has stat-

ed in the PIL that about 2000 people have been detained and 253 habeas corpus petitions have been filed post lockdown, the Division Bench noted arguments by D.C Raina, Advocate General, who vehemently argued that as the persons who are detained under the Public Safety Act have already approached the Court by filing habeas corpus petitions questioning therein their detention orders and that the same cannot be considered in the PIL as it would tantamount to double adjudication on the identical issue.

"Since the | More on P10

Jaishankar's Swipe At China, Pak 'Good Neighbourliness' Is Missing Somewhere: EAM

Press Trust Of India

Islamabad: In a thinly veiled reference to both China and Pakistan, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar Wednesday highlighted how terrorism was holding back regional cooperation initiatives and that connectivity initiatives must recognise territorial integrity even as he called for introspection if "good neighbourliness" is missing somewhere.

In his address at a conclave of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) chaired by Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and attended among others by Chinese Premier Li Qiang, Jaishankar said, "if friendship has fallen short and good neighbourliness is missing somewhere, there are surely reasons to introspect and causes to address.



The remarks came amid India's strained ties with Pakistan over cross-border terrorism and frosty relations with China over the eastern Ladakh border row.

The external affairs minister asserted that trade and connectivity initiatives must recognise territorial integrity and sovereignty and it is essential to have an "honest conversation" on

lack of trust.

In remarks that are seen as directed towards Pakistan, Jaishankar also said if activities across borders are "characterised" by terrorism, extremism and separatism, they are hardly likely to encourage trade, energy flows and connectivity in

Ahead of the deliberations,

PM Sharif shook hands with Jaishankar and warmly received him and other leaders of the SCO nations at the Jinnah Convention Centre, the venue of the summit.

"If activities across borders are characterised by terrorism, extremism and separatism, they are hardly likely to encourage trade, energy flows, connectivity and people-to-people exchanges in parallel," the external affairs minister said without naming Pakistan.

Before leaving Islamabad, Jaishankar thanked PM Sharif and Pakistan Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar in a post on 'X' that is being seen as a positive gesture by senior functionaries in the

Pakistan establishment. "Departing from Islamabad. Thank PM @CMShehbaz, DPM & FM @MIshaqDar50 and the Government of | More on P10

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Bomb Threat Hoax Outbreak Shows No Sign Of Abetting, Dozen Flights And Counting

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New Delhi: The union government has taken cognizance of the multiple hoax threat messages to various airlines in the past few days with the civil aviation secretary telling a parliamentary panel that the accused are being identified and action taken.

Civil aviation secretary Vumlunmang Vualnam suggested in the meeting of the Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture, which is headed by JD (U) MP Sanjay Jha that investigators have gathered some information but given later turned out to be a hoax.
3. An Akasa Air flight enroute to Bengaluru returned to New Delhi on Wednesday after-

noon following a bomb threat.

4. On Tuesday, an Air India plane carrying 211 people from Delhi to Chicago was diverted to Iqaluit Airport in Canada following a bomb threat.

5. An Air India Express flight from Ayodhya to Bengaluru was delayed by almost three hours following a hoax bomb threat on Wednesday.

6. The Air India Express plane operating flight IX 684 from Madurai to Singapore had re-



the sensitivity of information declined to share more details, sources said.

According to a report in the NDTV, Union civil aviation minister Ram Mohan Naidu met with the ministry and Directorate General of Civil Aviation officials prior to the parliamentary panel meeting at 11 am.

Here's a comprehensive list of hoax call cases in the last two days.

1. A Riyadh-Mumbai flight of IndiGo was diverted to Muscat following a "security alert" on Wednesday morning and it landed in Muscat.

2. A Delhi-bound IndiGo aircraft from Mumbai was diverted to Ahmedabad after receiving a bomb threat on Wednesday, which ceived a bomb threat on Tuesday. Singapore Armed Forces scrambled two fighter jets to escort the plane away from populated areas before the aircraft landed safely at Singapore's Changi airport.

7. In total, seven flights received bomb-threat messages through a social media handle on Tuesday, prompting security agencies to undertake specific counter-terrorist drills at various airports.

8. Some other flights that received threat messages are the Dammam-Lucknow IndiGo flight, a SpiceJet flight from Darbhanga to Mumbai, an Akasa Air flight from Bagdogra to Bengaluru and an Alliance Air Amritsar-Dehradun-Delhi flight.

US Accuses India of Not Cooperating with Canada

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New Delhi: India is not cooperating with Canada on the latter's investigation into the killing of a Sikh separatist last year, the United States alleged Tuesday.

"When it comes to the Canadian matter, we have made clear that the allegations are extremely serious and they need to be taken seriously. We wanted to see the government of India cooperate with Canada in its investigation. Obviously, they have not chosen that path," State Department spokesperson Matthew Miller told reporters at his daily news conference.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau had a day earlier alleged that officials of the Indian government were involved in the assasination of Sikh separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar last June in Surrey.

"The RCMP has clear and compelling evidence that agents of the Government of India have engaged in, and continue to engage in, activities that pose a significant threat to public safety. This includes clandestine information gathering techniques, coercive behaviour targeting South Asian Canadians, and involvement in over a dozen threatening and violent acts, including murder. This is unacceptable," Trudeau alleged.

Rejecting the allegations, India not only called back its High Commissioner from Canada but also expelled six of its diplomats from New Delhi.

"Since Prime Minister Trudeau made certain allegations in September 2023. the Canadian government has not shared a shred of evidence with the Government of India, despite many requests from our side. This latest step follows interactions that have again witnessed assertions without any facts. This leaves little doubt that on the pretext of an investigation, there is a deliberate strategy of smearing India for political gains," the Ministry of External Affairs said.



Israel Bombs Lebanon Non Stop, Mayor Among Dead

Agencies

Beirut: Israel has bombed municipality buildings in the southern Lebanese city of Nabatiyeh, with local officials saying the mayor is among the dead.

The attacks on Wednesday were among 11 strikes on the city and its surroundings that created "a kind of belt of fire" in the area, they said.

The health ministry said in a statement that the Nabatiyeh municipality and the union of municipalities were targeted in the attacks, killing at least nine people.

"The mayor of Nabatiyeh, among others was martyred. It's a massacre," AFP quoted Nabatiyeh governor Howaida Turk as saying. Mayor Ahmad Kahil had been

in the municipality building with his team during a daily crisis management meeting, she said. Lebanese Prime Minister Najib Mikati condemned the strikes,

saying they intentionally targeted a municipality meeting.

Mikati "condemned the new Israeli aggression against civilians in the city of Nabatiyeh, which deliberately targeted a

meeting of the municipal council

that was discussing the city's services and relief situation," he said in a statement.

Nabatiyeh was hit for the first time on Sunday, when an Israeli airstrike destroyed its Ottoman-era market, killing at least one person and wounding four.

The new bout of aggression came after Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu turned down requests for a ceasefire and cessation of atrocities.

It came after at least 15 people were killed and 15 others wounded in an Israeli attack on the southern Lebanese town of Qana, where Israeli forces committed massacres in 1996 and 2006.

Hezbollah unveils a video showing its deployment of its advanced Qader-2 missiles against the city of Tel Aviv in the occupied Palestinian territories.

Netanyahu and the Israeli military have insisted there must be a buffer zone along the border with Lebanon, where there is no presence of Hezbollah fighters.

In a televised speech on Tuesday evening, Hezbollah's Deputy Secretary General Sheikh Naim Qassem said the best possible outcome to the conflict is for Israel to

stop attacking Lebanon and Gaza.
"The solution is a ceasefire,
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we are not speaking from a position of weakness," Qassem said.
"If the Israelis do not want that, we will continue," he added.

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He said settlers of the northern occupied lands would be able to return home after a ceasefire deal is reached through an indirect agreement.

But he highlighted that "the number of uninhabited settlements will increase, and hundreds of thousands, even more than two million, will be in danger at any time, at any hour, on any day" if the Tel Aviv regime keeps the war going in Lebanon and Gaza.

"The resistance will never be defeated because they're the ones that own the land. They will fight and die in dignity. Victory will come with patience," the Hezbollah deputy chief stressed.

The resistance fighters also targeted Israeli bulldozers and a tank near a southern border village.

In recent weeks, Israel has mounted its bloody aerial assaults on Lebanon, causing the displacement of at least 1.3 million people, more than a fifth of the country's population.

Chanting 'Jai Shri Ram' In Mosque Doesn't Hurt Religious Feelings: Court

Agencies

Bengaluru: The Karnataka High Court on Tuesday quashed the criminal case lodged by the police against two persons in connection with allegedly raising "Jai Shri Ram" slogans inside a mosque.

The single division bench headed by Justice M. Nagaprasanna, looking into the appeal petition by the accused persons, while passing the order, mentioned that it was not understandable how the raising of "Jai Shri Ram" slogans would hurt the religious feelings of any community.

The accused were charged under the IPC Section 295A for allegedly raising 'Jai Shri Ram' slogans in a mosque.

They were also booked under Indian Penal Code (IPC) Sections 447 (criminal trespass), 505 (statements conducing to public mischief), 506 (criminal intimidation), 34 (common intention) and 295A (outraging religious feelings).

The bench noted that the complainant in the case had himself said that Hindus and Muslims were living in harmony in the concerned area.

Permitting of further proceedings against the petitioners would become an abuse of process of law, the bench underlined.

Referring to the Supreme Court order, the bench said any and

every act will not become an offence under Section 295A of the IPC. The police had charged that



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the accused persons had barged inside the mosque on September 24, 2023, at about 10.50 p.m. and raised slogans of "Jai Shri Ram". They were also charged with threatening.

When the complaint was registered the accused were shown as unknown persons and later the accused were taken into custody.

However, challenging the allegations against them, the accused filed an appeal before the Karnataka High Court and quashed the case in this regard against them.

The bench also noted that the complainant mentioned that Hindus and Muslims lived in harmony in the area and also claimed shouting "Jai Shri Ram" slogans would flare up

100 killed In Nigeria Petrol Tanker Explosion

Agencies

Abuja: More than 100 people were killed and 50 others injured in northwestern Nigeria as they tried to scoop up fuel from an overturned petrol tanker, causing the vehicle to explode in flames, the emergency services said on Wednesday.

The accident occurred at midnight in Jigawa state's Majiya town after the tanker driver lost control of the vehicle while travelling on a highway, local police spokesperson Lawan Adam said.

Ninety-seven people were "burned to ashes" at the scene while eight others died at the hospital, Dr. Haruna Mairiga, head of the Jigawa State Emergency Management Agency, told The Associated Press.

Deadly tanker accidents are common in Nigeria, Africa's most populous country, where traffic regulations are not strictly enforced in many places and there is a lack of alternatives such as an efficient railway system to transport cargo. It is also common for people to salvage fuel with

cups and buckets to take home after such accidents. The practice has become more common amid Nigeria's soaring fuel prices, which have tripled since the start of last year as Nigeria ended costly gas subsidies.

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The driver involved in the latest accident had travelled about 110 kilometers (68 miles) from the neighbouring Kano state, police said.

Residents who heard about the accident rushed to the scene and were scooping up fuel, "sparking a massive inferno", police spokesman Lawan Adam said.

Videos that appeared to be from the scene showed a massive fire stretching across the entire area, with what appeared to be bodies littered at the scene.

Projects in Majiya town wore in mourning on

Residents in Majiya town were in mourning on Wednesday morning as locals held a mass burial for the victims. Most of the bodies were unrecognizable, the emergency services said.

"If they knew (about the danger), they wouldn't have gone to fetch (the fuel)," said Mairiga, head of the emergency services.

UNRWA Says Reaching 'Breaking Point' In Gaza Amid Risk Of Famine Palestinian refugees Palestinian refugees

he UN agency for Palestinian refugees (UNRWA) says it is "very near to a possible breaking point" in the Gaza Strip, where aid is desperately needed against the threat of disease and famine.

UNRWA chief Philippe Lazzarini said on Wednesday the agency is facing a combination of financial and political threats to its existence, in addition to difficulties in day-to-day operations in Gaza.

"We might reach a point that we won't be able anymore to operate," he said. "When will it be? I don't know. But we are very near of that."

Lazzarini also warned that "there is a real risk today... that we enter a situation where famine or acute malnutrition is unfortunately again a likelihood." He said regarding a dire

picture of the humanitarian situation in Gaza, the be-



sieged Palestinian territory had "become a kind of wasteland, which I would say is almost unlivable."

In relation to aid deliveries, he said "over the last two to three weeks there was no convoy entering into the north except yesterday."

In Gaza, health officials

In Gaza, health officials called for a humanitarian corridor to three hospitals in northern Gaza that have

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come close to collapse.

They say Israel forces have cut off the area for the past two weeks.

The military issued evacuation orders at the start of its major operation in the Jabalia area of northern Gaza 12 days ago.

However, doctors at the Kamal Adwan, al-Awda and Indonesian hospitals have refused to leave their patients.

Mumbai Cops Summon Teen, Father Over Hoax Bomb Threats To Flights

umbai: Mumbai Police served a notice to a teenage boy, his father, and another person from Rajnandgaon in Chhattisgarh asking them to join questioning in connection with bomb threats posted on social media targeting three flights, officials said on Tuesday.

Three international flights originating from Mumbai received bomb threats on Monday. While a New York-bound Air India flight was diverted to New Delhi and rescheduled, the other two, both operated by IndiGo, were delayed by several hours.

Nothing suspicious was found on any of the planes, police officials had said.

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The bomb threat was re-



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ceived through a post on the micro-blogging platform X and the handle is being verified, the officer said.

Two IndiGo flights, one headed to Muscat and the other to Jeddah, also received bomb threats before they took off and the planes were moved to isolation bays for security checks.

"On Monday, a bomb threat was posted on X for an Air India's Mumbai-New York flight and IndiGo's Mumbai to Muscat and Mumbai to Jeddah flights," said Rajnandgaon Superintendent of Police Mohit Garg.

After receiving information about the tweet's connection with Rajnandgaon, Raipur Cyber Cell, Kotwali Police Rajnandgaon, and Cyber Cell, collected electronic data related to the case, he said.

Mumbai Police have registered a case against an unknown person and the X handle. "A team of Mumbai Po-

lice reached Rajnandgaon on Monday. With the help of Rajnandgaon Police, a notice was issued to a 17-year-old boy, who is a resident of Rajnandgaon city, his father, and the person whose X account was used, They were summoned for questioning and further action to Mumbai," Garg added.

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ttar Pradesh: Israel's Ambassador to India, Reuven Azar, who on Wednesday visited the grand Ram Temple of Ayodhya with his wife, said he was moved by the devotion of pilgrims and worshippers. Ambassador Azar emphasised the importance of connecting with the people and exploring India's culture in a deeper way.

"I am honoured to visit the magnificent temple in Ayodhya of Lord Ram. I am amazed by the number of pilgrims and worshippers who visit here," he told ANI.

The Israeli ambassador also said that he was deeply moved by the devotion of pilgrims and worshippers at the Ram Temple in Ayodhya.

He said, "People of Israel



Israeli Ambassador Visits Ram Mandir In Ayodhya

and people of India are ancient people, as they have ancient religion, tradition, and heritage. As we are proud of our heritage, you are proud of your heritage, and this is something very important because devotion gives you strength, and therefore I was

really moved to visit here and to see the devotion of pilgrims and worshippers."

He added, "As we say, location is very important because it's not an imagination; things have happened here in the past, and people are commemorating day after day,

year after year, and they are remembering values each day. And as the ambassador of Israel, it is important for me to understand the people, and that's why I have come here together with my wife, and we are getting to know the culture of India in a deeper way."

A day before. Uttar

A day before, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath held a "fruitful and meaningful discussion" with the Israeli Ambassador in Lucknow. The two sides look forward to exploring new avenues of cooperation for the benefit of the people of UP.

Yogi Adityanath noted that his meeting with Reuven Azar marks another step towards strengthening the "deep bond" shared by Uttar Pradesh and Israel in areas of mutual interest.

FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS-2024

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

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02252 02251	New Delhi Patna Jn FESTIVAL SPECIAL	08:25 07:30	Patna Jn New Delhi	20:00	Tri-weekly	Wednesday, Friday, Sunday Thursday, Saturday, Monday	30.10.24 to 06.11. 31.10.24 to 07.11.
02270	Lucknow VANDE BHARAT	14:15	Chhapra	21:30	6 Days	Except Tuesday	25.10.24 to 08.11.
02269	Chhapra FESTIVAL SPECIAL	23:00	Lucknow	06:30	a week	Except Tuesday Tuesday, Thursday,	25.10.24 to 08.11.
02248	New Delhi TEJAS FESTIVAL SPECIAL	08:25	Patna Jn	20:30	Tri-weekly	Saturday Wednesday, Friday,	29.10.24 to 05.11.
02247	Patna Jn	07:30	New Delhi	19:35		Sunday	26, 29.10.24, 01
04052	New Delhi	14:20	Jaynagar	15:40	Date Wise	Sat, Tue, Fri, Mon	04.11.24
04051	Jaynagar	18:00	New Delhi	18:50		Sun, Wed, Sat, Tue	27, 30.10.24, 02 05.11.24
04054	New Delhi	14:20	Barauni Jn	11:00	Date	Sun, Wed, Sat, Tue	27, 30.10.24, 0 & 05.11.24
04053	Barauni Jn	12:30	New Delhi	09:10	Wise	Mon, Thu, Sun, Wed	28, 31.10.24, 03
02250	Delhi Jn	23:55	Patna Jn	16:40		Thursday	06.11.24 24.10.24 & 31.10.
02249	Patna Jn	17:50	Delhi Jn	11:00	Weekly	Friday	25.10.24 & 01.11.
04075	New Delhi	23:45	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	11:40	Bi-weekly	Wednesday, Sunday	Upto 17.11.24
04076 04498	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Anand Vihar Terminal	21:20 19:30	New Delhi Ballia	13:30	Weekly	Thursday, Monday Sunday	Upto 18.11.24 Upto 24.11.24
04497	Ballia	18:40	Anand Vihar Terminal	14:25		Monday	Upto 25.11.24
04022 04021	Anand Vihar Terminal Sitamarhi	11:40 18:00	Sitamarhi Anand Vihar Terminal	15:45 18:05	Bi-weekly	Wednesday, Friday Thursday, Saturday	Upto 29.11.24 Upto 30.11.24
04032	Anand Vihar Terminal	05:15	Saharsa Jn	10:30	5 days a week	Mon, Tue, Thu, Sat, Sun	Upto 30.11.24
04031 04624	Saharsa Jn Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	13:00 23:45	Anand Vihar Terminal Varanasi Jn	16:10 23:55	Weekly	Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri, Sun Sunday	Upto 01.12.24 Upto 17.11.24
04623	Varanasi Jn	05:30	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	11:25	Weekly	Tuesday	Upto 19.11.24
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04530	Bhatinda Jn	20:50	Varanasi Jn	17:30	Bi-weekly	Monday, Friday	25.10.24 to 15.11
04529 04096	Varanasi Jn Anand Vihar Terminal	20:40 09:00	Bhatinda Jn Ayodhya Cantt	17:00 22:00		Tuesday, Saturday Monday, Wednesday, Friday	26.10.24 to 16.11 Upto 18.11.24
04095	Ayodhya Cantt	09:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	22:30	Tri-Weekly	Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday	Upto 19.11.24
04518 04519	Chandigarh Gorakhpur	23:15	Gorakhpur Chandigarh	18:20	Weekly	Thursday Friday	24.10.24 to 14.11 25.10.24 to 15.11
04060	Anand Vihar Terminal	10:30	Jaynagar	15:15	Bi-weekly	Tuesday, Friday	25.10.24 to 15.11
04059 04068	Jaynagar Delhi Jn	17:00 19:30	Anand Vihar Terminal Darbhanga Jn	19:55 16:30		Wednesday, Saturday Tuesday, Friday	26.10.24 to 16.11 25.10.24 to 15.11
04067	Darbhanga Jn	18:00	Delhi Jn	16:35	Bi-weekly	Wednesday, Saturday	26.10.24 to 16.11
04044 04043	Anand Vihar Terminal Gorakhpur	23:15 17:25	Gorakhpur Anand Vihar Terminal	14:00	Bi-weekly	Saturday, Tuesday Sunday, Wednesday	26.10.24 to 26.11 27.10.24 to 27.11
04217	Varanasi Jn	06:25	Lucknow Jn	11:45	Daily	Mon, Tue, Wed,	Upto 22.11.24
04218 04010	Lucknow Jn Anand Vihar Terminal	16:30 23:45	Varanasi Jn Jogbani	21:50 05:20		Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun Tuesday	Upto 22.11.24 29.10.24 to 12.11
04009	Jogbani	09:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	16:05	Weekly	Thursday	31.10.24 to 14.11
04678 04677	Firozpur Cantt Jn Patna Jn	13:25 18:45	Patna Jn Firozpur Cantt Jn	17:00 22:40	Weekly	Wednesday Thursday	Upto 13.11.24 Upto 14.11.24
04211	Varanasi Jn	14:50	Chandigarh	07:45	Weekly	Saturday	26.10.24 to 16.11
04212 04553	Chandigarh Saharanpur	09:30 04:40	Varanasi Jn Ambala Cant Jn	01:20 06:45	-	Sunday Mon, Tue, Wed,	27.10.24 to 17.11 Upto 30.11.24
04554	Ambala Cant Jn	20:20	Saharanpur	22:30	Daily	Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun	Upto 30.11.24
04682 04681	Jammu Tawi Kolkata	23:20 23:45	Kolkata Jammu Tawi	13:00 12:30	Weekly	Tuesday Thursday	Upto 14.11.24 Upto 14.11.24
04078	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:55	Patna Jn	16:25	Weekly	Monday	Upto 18.11.24
04077 04646	Patna Jn Jammu Tawi	17:50 05:45	Anand Vihar Terminal Barauni Jn	11:00 12:10		Tuesday Thursday	Upto 19.11.24 Upto 14.11.24
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04062	Anand Vihar Terminal	09:00	Barauni Jn	06:30	Weekly	Sunday	Upto 17.11.24
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02245	Patna Jn	17:50	Hazrat Nizamuddin	10:50	Bi-weekly	Tuesday, Thursday	Upto 28.11.24
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02261	Darbhanga Jn	23:20	New Delhi	20:15		Wednesday, Sunday	Upto 27.11.24
04223	Tatanagar Jn	11:00	Lucknow Jn	04:55	Date Wise	Thursday	17.10.24
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02391	Patna Jn	22:20	Anand Vihar Terminal	15:00	Weekly	Saturday	Upto 15.11.24
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05024	Anand Vihar Terminal	15:15	Gorakhpur	04:45	Weekly	Monday	Upto 25.11.24
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05734	Amritsar Jn	04:25	Katihar Jn	15:00	Weekly	Saturday	Upto 28.11.24 Upto 30.11.24
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Symbolism Must **Lead To Substance**

mar Abdullah's comeback as Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir marks more than just a return to political power. As the first elected Chief Minister since the abrogation of Article 370 and the bifurcation of the erstwhile state into two Union Territories in 2019, Abdullah carries the weight of both history and expectations on his shoulders. While the symbolism of his oath is undeniable, it is essential that this government moves beyond optics to deliver real change, offering people a sense of empowerment and belonging that has been absent

The NC has every reason to be thankful to people of Kashmir Valley who rallied in favour of the party despite the confusion created by an electoral scene populated by diverse political entities and independent candidates. They saw in the party the best guarantee for the protection of their rights. On the other hand, the voters in Jammu, particularly in its Hindudominated areas, consolidated in favour of the BJP. The situation now is that both the regions have chosen ideologically divergent parties to represent them. While the NC-Congress alliance has won a majority of seats, the BJP, on its own, and even with the support of its purported allies in the Valley couldn't secure the majority.

Going forward, the NC government is anticipated to be dealing with the powerful Lieutenant Governor representing the BJP government at the centre. He will also be up against the BJP as a formidable regional opposition party with the second largest number of seats. The saffron party increased its tally in the Jammu division from the 25 seats in 2014 to 29 now.

However, the inclusion of Surinder Kumar Choudhary as Deputy Chief Minister is a welcome outreach to the Jammu region. But addressing competing regional expectations will require sustained political effort, not mere tokenism. For now, the elected government has little power to do anything substantive. For this government, thus, symbolism is very important. Abdullah's order to the Director General of Police to ensure minimal public inconvenience from official convoys is a welcome gesture, but people will judge his government on the tangible delivery of services.

Here's hoping that this government, despite its lack of authority, will rise to the occasion and fufill the expectations of the people. People deserve not just a functioning government but one that is responsive, accountable and, of course, empathetic. Only such an approach to governance will mark it apart from the air of apathy that characterizes a bureaucracy-centric administration.





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Irshad Mushtaq

increasing your SIP (Systematic Investment Plan) in Mutual Funds Investing during a market downturn offers significant opportunities for substantial returns, primarily through the strategic use of SIP (Systematic Investment Plan) in mutual funds. By increasing your SIP contributions during market declines, you can acquire more units at lower prices, which is a simple yet effective strategy for long-term wealth accumulation. Here's how it works: Consider a mutual fund whose current NAV (Net Asset Value) is high. If the market falls, bringing the NAV down to 9, 8, 7, or even lower, you can purchase more units at reduced prices. This reduces your overall cost per unit, leveraging the principle of cost averaging. For example, buying a commodity like potatoes at 25 rupees per kg and then continuing to buy as the price drops to 18, 17, 16 rupees, reduces your average cost below the original price point. When the market stabilizes and prices rise, your average cost remains lower, allowing you to maximize your returns. This principle applies not only to commodities but also to equity mutual funds. When you invest in quality mutual funds during market dips, you're essentially buying top-tier investment products at a discount. While the returns may not become apparent immediately within 3 months or even a couple of years, by accumulating units consistently over time, the long-term benefits can be substantial. Globally, this strategy is recognized for its effectiveness. Increasing SIP amounts during market falls allows you to accumulate more units, hence more wealth. The beauty of a falling market is its potential—providing discounted rates for quality assets that appreciate over time. Consequent ly, a downturn should be seen not as a setback but as an opportunity to enhance your investment portfolio. In conclusion, utilizing SIP to invest steadily in mutual funds during market downturns is a golden opportunity to increase your holdings and potential returns. By recognizing these opportunities and acting with a long-term vision, you transform market volatility into wealth creation potential

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Strong Mandate, **Limited Authority**

While the National Conference celebrates its revival in Kashmir, it must navigate a politically constrained landscape dominated by a powerful central government and Lieutenant Governor



RIYAZ WANI

How could a critical mass of Kashmiris by and large collectively vote for a single party in a jam-packed electoral arena without being distracted by almost similar sounding rhetoric, agenda and manifestos? There are complex factors at play here but what stands out is a longstanding truth of Kashmir politics: the parties need to maintain a safe distance from New Delhi when they conduct their local politics

he National Conference has regained its dominant role in Kashmir politics by securing 42 seats, or 46 when including the independents who joined. However, the number falls way short of the 57 seats the party secured in 1996 giving it an absolute majority in J&K, which enabled it to pass an autonomy resolution in 1999. This time, the mandate is largely Valley-centric and the context too has transformed beyond recognition. J&K has now been divested of its special constitutional status and downgraded into two union territories - J&K and Ladakh. The elected government thus has fewer powers and more or less a

could a critical mass of Kashmiris by and large collectively vote for a single party in a jam-packed electoral arena without being distracted by almost similar sounding rhetoric, agenda and manifestos? There are complex factors at play here but what stands out is a longstanding truth of Kashmir politics: the parties need to maintain a safe distance from New Delhi when they conduct their local politics. The moment they are seen close to a ruling party in New Delhi and, in other words, aligned with its agenda, they become alien to Kashmir. And rightly so: their fundamental job is to represent Kashmir to New Delhi and not

How did this happen? How

liance the best guarantee for the protection of their rights. On the other hand, the voters in Jammu, particularly in its Hindu-dominated areas, consolidated in favour of the BJP. The situation now is that both the regions have chosen ideologically divergent parties to represent them. While the NC-Congress alliance has won a majority of seats, the BJP, on its own, and even with the support of its purported allies in the Valley can't secure the majority.

This makes the NC-Congress coalition amenable to accusations of leaving out Jammu region from any credible representation in the new elected government. Already such voices have reared



This gave AIP a majority across about 12 of the 15 Assembly seg

ments The Worth Kashmir But this time the party could barely win one seat, that too despite Rashid being released from Tilar to campaign for his party.

The banned separatist outfit Jamaat-i-Islami met the same fate: Not one of the independent candidates fielded by the party won. Similarly, the parties like Altaf Bukhari's Apni Party and Ghulam Nabi Azad's DPAP, both formed in the past five years, failed to win a single seat, while the People's

Conference (PC) led by Sajad Lone

only secured his own seat.

derestimated. Omar's conciliatory tone towards the BJP reflected the NC-Congress alliance's formiallenges in the union territory. He wouldn't be just dealin with the BJP government at the entre and its powerful Lieuten ant Governor in J&K but he will also be up against the BJB as a regional opposition party with the second largest number of seats. The saffron party increased its tally in the Jammu division from the 25 seats in 2014 to 29 now, making it the majority party from the

Hindu-dominated region. Despite the confusion created by an electoral scene populated by diverse political entities and independent candidates, people in the Valley largely rallied around the NC, seeing in the NC-Congress al-

ity in the Union Comitory a tough time asserting its power, if any. The coalition has over 50 between them which makes for a secure majority. The BJP which was hoping to form a gov ernment by roping in the smaller parties and the independent Kashmir Valley doesn't have many options. And for now, the party could settle for a role in the opposition but it would be there to

make the most of every opportu-

nity to highlight the failure of the

NC-Congress coalition.

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Urgent Need to Educate the Public on Earthquake Safety Measures

am writing to highlight a critical aspect that demands immediate attention in the wake of the recent seismic activities that have shaken our region. The recent earthquakes have underscored the urgent need for comprehensive education and awareness programs on earthquake safety measures within our communities.

Earthquakes, unpredictable and often catastrophic, remind us of the necessity to be adequately prepared. It is concerning to note that despite living in regions prone to seismic activities, many individuals lack essential knowledge on what to do before, during, and after an earthquake strikes. This knowledge gap puts countless lives at risk and jeopardizes our collective ability to effectively respond to such natural disasters.

Therefore, it is imperative that educational initiatives be implemented at various levels, starting from schools and extending to workplaces and community centers. These programs should encompass practical guidance on creating emergency kits, developing family communication plans, securing household items, and understanding safe evacuation procedures.

Furthermore, public campaigns utilizing multiple mediums such as workshops, seminars, informational pamphlets, and digital platforms should disseminate crucial information on identifying potential hazards in buildings and the importance of retrofitting structures to withstand seismic activity.

Local authorities, along with community leaders and organizations, play a pivotal role in spearheading these efforts. They should collaborate to ensure that resources, training, and educational materials

are readily accessible to all members of the community, regardless of socio-economic background.

As responsible citizens, we owe it to ourselves and our communities to be well-informed and prepared for any eventuality, especially natural disasters like earthquakes. By investing in education and proactive measures, we can significantly mitigate the risks and ensure a safer, more resilient society.

Wani Mudasir

Neighbourhood Diary Pakistan On Boil

The high-stakes political standoff is poised to intensify as both sides manoeuvre for advantage in this critical phase of the ongoing conflict. The final outcome remains uncertain as confrontations unfold across the political landscape and streets

Saad Hafiz

PAKISTAN currently faces significant tensions on three critical fronts. First, there is a tug-of-war between the government and the judiciary. Second, the civilmilitary establishment is in a face-off with the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI). Third, the schism between the ruling elite and ordinary citizens is growing. Moreover, the state's authoritarian tendencies and heavy-handed tactics are exacerbating the situation.

Judges of the Supreme Court have clashed with each other, and a majority of the justices challenged the legality of the government's actions and decisions. Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa and some of his fellow judges adopted a view which appeared to be similar to that of the government. This has led to growing tension as the allegedly politicised courts resist the government's diktats. It has created instability and uncertainty, with the two main pillars of the state seemingly at odds with each other.

The ongoing political tensions between the government and the PTI show no signs of easing. It has become a relentless game of cat and mouse, with neither side willing to back down. As long as the opposition's rallies and demonstrations continue to have low turnouts, the government seems determined to maintain its hard-line stance. This is partly due to the strict measures implemented by law enforcement authorities, who cracked down firmly on each move made by the opposition. The government, though, appears determined to avoid any use of force that could result in bloodshed and unrest.

However, the situation may change if PTI can significantly increase its numbers at future rallies. In that scenario, law enforcement authorities would likely be compelled to reevaluate their strategies and tactics, potentially adopting a more cautious or nuanced approach in advising the government



on how to respond. A delicate balance, thus, hangs in the air, with both sides jockeying

for position and public support.
The government is treading carefully, determined to avoid any escalation of the current tensions, as it has set its sights on two critical objectives in the coming weeks - the enactment of a controversial constitutional reforms package and the successful hosting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit. Cognisant of the high stakes involved, the government is walking a delicate tightrope, tempering its response to the opposition's increasingly assertive manoeuvres.

On the other hand, the opposition sees the next few weeks as a pivotal window of opportunity to disrupt the government's plans and seize the initiative by mobilising street power. Sensing the government's reluctance to meet force with force, the opposition is increasing the pressure by staging mass rallies and protests aimed at overwhelming the authorities and forcing their hand.

The high-stakes political standoff is poised to intensify, as both sides manoeuvre for advantage and a decisive win in this critical phase of the ongoing conflict. The final outcome remains uncertain as the confrontation unfolds across the political landscape and the streets. This culmination will not only determine the immediate future but could also have profound, longlasting implications for the country's stability and power dynamics in the months and years ahead.

Moreover, a growing number of people feel that their leaders are out of touch and unresponsive to the needs of the common people. This has increased public discontent and protests, particularly in seething trouble spots like Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. People are mobilising to take to task the elite institutions manifested in movements like the Baloch Yakjehti Committee (BYC) and the Pashtun Tahaffuz Movement (PTM). The internal power struggles and challenges pose a serious threat to the country's stability.

The government's harsh crackdown on dissent, including surveillance, arbitrary

arrests, and violence, along with a severe economic crisis, has further alienated the population and eroded public trust. The rapid dismantling of democratic institutions, including the disregard for PTI's electoral mandate and the crackdown on dissent and free speech, directly contradicts the founding principles of the nation. This authoritarian shift poses a grave threat to the hard-won freedoms secured by previous generations.

The legitimacy of a government comes from governing well and improving the lives of its citizens, not from using force to control them. However, by focusing solely on political control instead of good governance, successive governments have overlooked this basic social contract, which has harmed the country and its people.

To make progress, the government and the opposition need to stop focusing on revenge and punishment and instead work together to form alliances and make meaningful institutional changes. This will require a careful re-evaluation of the military's role in governing and finding political solutions to long-standing issues that fuel regional conflicts and separatist movements.

Instead of sticking to failed strategies, Pakistani leaders must exhibit the courage and vision to take a new approach - one that emphasises inclusive dialogue, sharing power, and strengthening democratic institutions. Only by recommitting to its core responsibilities can the system regain its credibility and start to heal the deep divisions it has caused.

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What's wrong with exit polls?

Buying a product is not as sensitive an issue as voting in an election. Besides, responding to a question about commercial products serves as feedback which, if used rightly by the marketing companies, can translate into a benefit for the respondents.

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Exit polls have gone wrong once again.

Issues affecting the validity of exit polls, especially in India, are beyond operational and ethical. There are deeper conceptual and methodological issues.

The first and foremost issue pertains to the research question. Trying to understand the winning possibility of political parties in a constituency is not the same as their winning possibility across several constituencies. The two situations present different research questions. While making a choice, voters are likely to consider both, the party and the candidate. Let us assume that there are 100 constituencies in a state designated as 1, 2, 3, and so on. Further assume that candidates in constituency 1 are A, B, and C belonging to parties as X, Y, and Z. The research question in constituency 1 is about knowing the winning probability of AX versus BY versus CZ. Even if one candidate is allowed to contest elections in more than one constituency, the research question in constituencies 2 to 100 cannot be exactly the same as in constituency 1.

Second, a direct corollary of difference between the research questions is that research within a constituency and across constituencies involve different universes about which generalisations are sought. A perfectly randomised selection of respondent voters, chosen in randomly selected voting booths across a constituency, can account for heterogeneity among voters. Hence, its findings can be generalised to the respective constituency. But if a ran-dom sample of voting booths is not taken from each and every constituency in a state, it does not account for heterogeneity in combinations of political parties and candidates. This method limits the

generalisability of findings across state.
Contrast this with the presidential elections in the US. The whole of United



States, across counties, votes for the same combination of party and candidate. Since the research question to be studied remains the same, entire US constitutes one research universe though voters in the same universe can be heterogenous in terms of demographics, psychographics, and behaviour. The validity of the research in such a scenario depends on the extent to which this heterogeneity is accounted for in sampling. But countries like India, where each constituency can have different combinations of parties and candidates, cannot be treated as a single universe unless voters vote for the parties without considering the candidates. Previous researches have shown

that even otherwise frivolous characteristics like the looks of a candidate influence voting behaviour. In a research conducted in Canada, the candidates contesting in an election were classified on the basis of their looks using well accepted norms and votes received by them were compared. It was found that candidates with better looks received several times more votes than other candidates. In India there are many other characteristics like religion, caste, sub-caste, community, and gender

which influence voting behaviour. The third conceptual issue is related to difference of opinion, intention, and behaviour of human beings. Just because a respondent has a good opinion about a

particular candidate it does not mean the respondent intends to vote for him or her. Unlike opinion polls which aim at studying opinions and intentions, an exit poll aims at studying the behaviour of people. Hence, the predictive validity of an exit poll can be easily ascertained from actual election results. But it is difficult to do the same in case of an opinion poll. In that sense opinion polls are more like market research studies for commercial products. Several studies about the launch of new products have revealed that positive intentions reported in market research do not necessarily get translated into actual purchase.

The fourth issue pertains to the method

of knowing the truth through observation as against asking the respondents. The aforementioned secondary data-based research conducted in Canada was followed by a questionnaire-based survey. In this follow-up research, 73% of the respondent voters denied the role of looks of a candidate in their voting decision. But in exit polls data collection involves asking questions rather than an observa-tion of actual behaviour. The limitations of direct questioning as a method of data collection have been well documented. There is a difference between studying behaviour by asking questions in case of a commercial product and a sensitive issue like voting in an election. Buying a product is not as sensitive an issue as voting in an election. Besides, responding to a question about commercial products serves as feedback which, if used rightly by the marketing companies, can translate into a benefit for the respondents. But after having voted, revealing the choice of candidate in an exit poll accrues no additional benefit to the voters. In fact, there is a real danger that disclosing voting behaviour may invite persecution by those who did not receive the respon-

The fifth issue is related to non-response bias. Several researchers have pointed out that those who refuse to participate in an opinion or exit poll are unlikely to match the behaviour of those who participate.

Even if actual poll results match the predictions of an exit poll, this does not indicate its validity unless the aforementioned conceptual and methodological issues are resolved.

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VP SKUAST Congratulates Omar Abdullah On Assuming Charge As J&K CM

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Abdul Rasheed Ganie, Vice President of non teaching Employees SKUAST-Kashmir (Kashmir Province), extended his heartfelt congratulations to Omar Abdullah on taking the oath as the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory. Ganie also congratulated the newly appointed ministers—Sakeena Itoo, Javeed Ahmad Dar, Surendar Choudhary, Javid Rana, and Satish Sharma—who were sworn in alongside Abdullah.

Ganie siad "This significant moment marks a new chapter in the governance of the region, reflecting the leadership's commitment to addressing the aspirations of its people," Ganie said in his



statement. He expressed optimism that with Omar Abdullah at the helm, supported by a capable and experienced team of ministers, there is renewed hope for peace, progress, and development in the Union Territory.

He further added that the new government, with its clear vision and dedication, has the potential to pave the way for a brighter future for Jammu and Kashmir.

KPDCL Announces Power Shutdown In Srinagar Parts

Observer News Service

Srinagar: As recommended by Superintending Engineer, O&M KPDCL Circle-1st Srinagar, the shutdown of 33 KV Khunmoh SIDCO 2nd has been rescheduled in view of the representation received from Industrial Association Khonmoh Srinagar.

According to the new schedule, the Khunmoh

SIDCO II Line shall witness shutdown on 20 October, 2024 from 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM instead of 17 October, 2024 from 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM.

Due to the shutdown, the Receiving Stations to remain off are Foodpark, Khunmoh Phase-III, BB Cantt. While the power supply to the areas that will be affected include Industrial Area Khunmoh, BB Cantt.

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'World Anatomy Day'

GMC Srinagar Hosts CME On 'Integrating Genetics In Clinical Practice'

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Government Medical College (GMC) Srinagar on Wednesday hosted a Continuing Medical Education (CME) event, titled 'Integrating Genetics in Clinical Practice,' to commemorate 'World Anatomy Day.'

The one day CME was aimed to emphasize genetics-based diagnosis, targeted therapies, and improved patient outcomes

Principal/ Dean Govt Medical college Srinagar, Prof. (Dr.) Iffat Hassan inaugurated the event.

Chief Guest of this CME, Prof. Kulbeer Kour Ex HOD of Anatomy, GMC Srinagar congratulated the department of Anatomy for playing a proactive role in keeping pace with the latest trends in the field of Anatomy and also threw light on how genetics can be integrated in clinical practice.

Prof. (Dr.) Iffat Hassan in her address emphasised that Anatomy is the foundation of medical science.

As future healthcare professionals, understanding anatomy is crucial for diagnosis, treatment, and patient care.

Kashmir Marathon

SDC SKIMS Imparts BLS, First Aid Training To 200 Volunteers

Srinagar: In view of the Kashmir Marathon, scheduled to be held on 20th October 2024, Skill Development Center (SDC) SKIMS-Soura imparted BLS (Basic Life Support) and First Aid Training to 200 volunteers and officials deployed by Tourism Department Kashmir at Main Auditorium Hall of SKIMS Soura.

Various Faculty members from SKIMS provided detailed presentations regarding BLS & First Aid Training to all the participants and also provided hands-on training on mannequins in order to meet any eventuality during the Kashmir Marathon 2024.

Prof. Ghulam Mohammad Bhat HOD Deptt of Anatomy GMC Srinagar deliberated on 'Role of Genetics in Medicine,' highlighting its diagnostic, predictive, therapeutic, and preven-

Prof. Bashir Ahmad Shah, Prof. (Dr.) Abdus Sami, Dr. Javed Ahmad Khan, Dr. Uzma Rasool, Dr. Maheen Nazir and other speakers highlighted the importance of study of genetics and its role in diagnosis and treatment

The CME provided a platform for knowledge exchange, professional growth, and networking opportunities.

Administrator Associated Hospi-

Administrator Associated Hospitals, Mohammad Ashraf Hakak, Deputy Registrar Academics Dr Mohammad Saleem Ittoo, HODs and faculty members also attended the day long CME.

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- 1483- Tomas de Torquemada appointed inquisitorgeneral of Spain
- 1556- Ex-emperor Karel departs Netherland for Spain
- 1776- Captain James Cook arrives in Cape Town with Resolution on his third trip to the Pacific Ocean



SAD DEMISE

With grief and sorrow we inform the Sad Demise of Mehraj Din Sheikh S/o Ghulam Mohammad Sheikh R/o Batamaloo Gulab Colony who left the heavenly abode on Tuesday 15th of October, May Allah grant Jannatul-Firdous to the departed soul (Ameen). His Rasm-e- Charum will be observed on Friday 18th of October at their ancestral graveyard Magarmal Bagh Srinagar at 2:00 PM.



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Defeat To Win: Stunning Turnaround Of Omar Abdullah's Political Fortunes

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: From facing defeat in the Lok Sabha polls in June to scripting history four months later as the first chief minister of the union territory of Jammu and Kashmir after an emphatic victory in the assembly elections, it has been quite a ride for Omar Abdullah.

Abdullah, 54, was sworn in as chief minister on Wednesday, marking the beginning of his second stint and the third generation of the influential Abdullah clan -- after his grandfather Sheikh Abdullah and father Faroog Abdullah -- in power.

The National Conference (NC) vice president served as chief minister of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir

from 2009-14.

In a decisive win in the recent assembly elections, the NC won 42 of the 90 seats that went to polls. It's pre-poll alliance partner Congress won six. Together, the two allies have a majority in the 95-member assembly -- five members are to be nominated by the lieutenant governor.

Five Independents and the lone AAP MLA have also extended support to the NC-Congress alliance.

In June, Abdullah endured an embarrassing defeat in the Lok Sabha elections, losing Baramulla seat to Independent candidate Abdul Rashid Sheikh, popularly known as Engineer Rashid, by more than 2 lakh votes.

While other parties were busy gearing up for the assem-



bly polls, Abdullah announced he would sit out of the contest

till the Centre restores statehood to Jammu and Kashmir.

He soon changed his stance and the NC fielded him from not one but two seats -- Budgam and Ganderbal. He won both by comfortable margins.

With his father and NC president Farooq Abdullah easing into retirement, many were of the view that this election would define the future of the political career of junior Abdullah.

Following the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution and reorganisation of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir into two union territories in August 2019, there has been an upsurge in support for the NC, with a large chunk of voters throwing their weight behind the oldest political party of the region.

Omar On Why He Chose Surinder As His Deputy

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Wednesday chose party leader Surinder Choudhary from Nowshera in Jammu as his deputy, saying he did so to give a voice to the people of the region and make his government inclusive.

"Our endeavour will be to take everyone along," the National Conference leader told reporters after being sworn in. Five ministers -- Sakina Masood (Itoo), Javed Dar, Javed Rana, Surinder Choudhary and Satish Sharma also took the oath of office.

There are three vacancies and "they will gradually be filled", Mr Abdullah sa

He said Mr Choudhary -- a former member of the PDP and the BJP who emerged a giant killer when he defeated BJP's J-K president Ravinder Raina from Nowshera by 7,819 votes -- was chosen as deputy chief minister

so people of Jammu do not feel left

out from the government. "I had said that we will not allow Jammu to feel that they do not have a voice or representatives in this government. I have chosen a deputy chief minister from Jammu so that the people of Jammu feel that this government is as much theirs as it is of the rest," he said.

In the 2014 assembly elections, Mr Raina won the Nowshera seat by defeating Mr Choudhary, who was then fighting on a PDP ticket, by a margin of over 10,000 votes.

Mr Choudhary resigned from the PDP in 2022 to join the BJP before ending his over-a-year-long association with the party to join the NC in July last year.

This is the first elected government since 2019 when Article 370 was abrogated from Jammu and Kashmir and the state was bifurcated into the union territories of Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh.

INDIA Bloc Leaders Attend Oath Ceremony Of Omar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Top INDIA bloc leaders, including the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, attended the oath ceremony of Omar Abdullah as the first chief minister of the union territory of Jammu and

Kashmir on Wednesday.

Gandhi, his sister Priyanka Gandhi, and party president Malikarjun Kharge repres Congress' national lead the oath ceremony.

Samajwadi Party c ilesh Yadav, CPI leader

CPI(M) leader Prakash Karat, AAP leader Sanjay Singh, DMK's Kanimozhi, and NCP's Supriya Sule



'Felt Incomplete': RG After Omar Sworn In As CM

enior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday congratulated National Conference (NC) vice president Omar Abdullah on his swearing-in as chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir, marking the return of an elected government to the Union Territory.

In his message, Gandhi also reiterated the demand for the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood, which was revoked in 2019.

"Congratulations to CM Omar Abdullah and to the people of Jammu and Kashmir. However, government formation without statehood felt incomplete today," Rahul Gandhi posted on X (formerly Twitter). "Democracy was snatched from the people of Jammu and Kashmir, and today we renew our pledge to continue our fight until statehood is fully restored."

Abdullah replied: "Thank you very much Rahul Gandhi & thank you for joining us today. The people

of J&K look towards you for your continued support as we work to get our statehood back. Your presence today along with Priyanka Gandhi gave us a lot of encouragement & the family was really happy to get to spend some time

with both of you. Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, Congress general secretary, also took to X

to extend her congratulations to Omar

Abdullah and the members of his newly formed cabinet.

"Many congratulations to the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, Mr. Omar Abdullah ji, and all the members of his cabinet. Thank you to the people of Jammu and Kashmir for raising the voice of justice and democracy with the power of your vote. Best wishes for the future," she wrote.

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Of Resigning From NC

Srinagar: Aga Ruhullah Mehdi, Member of Parliament from Srinagar representing the National Conference (NC), firmly refuted any claims of discord within the party ranks, emphasizing that he cannot control the spread of baseless rumours

" I cannot stop rumours, there is no such thing happening", Mehdi said.

He stated that the primary challenges for the Omar Abdullah-led government will be not only to deliver effective governance but also to strive for the reinstatement of the rights seized from the people of Jammu and Kashmir on August 5, 2019.

mongers from propagating falsehoods. There is absolutely no question of any differences within the party leadership," Ruhullah said.

Addressing the forthcoming challenges for the administration, the NC MP underlined the dual responsibility of the government: ensuring governance while opposing detrimental policies. "The government must challenge the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) decisions, especially those taken on August 5, 2019, which stripped J&K of its special status. Concurrently, the administration must ensure effective governance," Ruhullah affirmed.

Ruhullah Dispels Rumours | SKIMS MC Establishes Office For Medical Education Unit

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Director SKIMS Prof. M. Ashraf Ganie chaired a Medical Education Unit (MEU) and Curriculum Committee (CC). Principal SKIMS directed for immediate establishment of office for Medical Unit and NMC & DNB Cell.

Various issues regarding improvement in modalities of medical education inline with National standards were discussed threadbare

The Principal SKIMS took a spot inspection of the identified site and asked the engineering team to start the work immediately He also instructed the Material

Management Officer for providing necessary items required for upgradation of MEU and Skill Lab.

The committee hailed the Principal for immediate action and said that the establishment and upgradation of MEU & Skill Lab will strengthen the existing academic structure of the Institution, facilitate the process-

ing of academic work.

The meeting was attended by committee members including Dr. Sheikh Sajad, Prof & Head Ophthalmology, Dr. Ruqaya Aziz Prof. & Head Biochemistry, Dr. Abdul Majid Ganie HOD Psychiatry, Dr. Ashfaq Ahmad Bhat, Prof. & Head Community Medicine, Dr. Jang Bahadur Singh.

Iqbal Institute Of Technology & Management Holds Seerat Conference

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Iqbal Institute of Technology and Management (IITM) organized a distinguished Seerat Conference on 15th October 2024, bringing together prominent scholars and intellectuals to reflect on the life and teachings of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

The event featured esteemed speakers, including Hazrat Mufti Qazi Muhammad Imran Qasmi from Darul Aloom Lal Bazar Dr. Nazir Ahmad Zargar, Associate Professor at Central University, and Prof. Ibadur Rahman, former Head of the Department of English Languages at King Khalid Universi-

ty, Saudi Arabia. Prof. Rahman is currently the Project Head of Super 30 at Al Amin Academy under the Al Amin Foundation, Assam, and Dr yousuf ul umar who serves as the Chairman of Igbal Memorial Trust.

Each speaker offered deep insights into various aspects of the Prophet's (PBUH) exemplary character, leadership, and the timeless relevance of his message for today's world. The conference was a reflection of IITM's commitment to fostering intellectual discourse on pivotal

religious and societal matters. The Secrat Conference was attended by faculty, students, and distinguished guests from across the region, creating a vibrant platform for dialogue and learning



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CUKashmir organizes NCD screening, dental health camp

Ganderbal, Oct 16: Health Centre in association with the Directorate of Students Welfare (DSW), and the Department of Biotechnology, Central University of Kashmir (CUK), in collaboration with the District NCD Division, Chief Medical Officer's Office Ganderbal, organized a one-day Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) screening and oral health awareness camp at the Nunar Campus of the varsity here on Tuesday.

The camp was inaugurated by Director Campus and Head, Department of Biotechnology,



Prof. Abid Hamid, in the presence of medical officers, Dr. Abid and Dr. Sheeba, Mr. Mohammad Yaseen Mir, District Program Coordinator (DPC), from the CMO Office, Ganderbal, Mr. Javid Ali, Medical Attendant.

A team of health professionals, including Dr. Shazia and Dr. Aaliya, Dental Surgeons, and Fayaz Ahmad, Dental Technician participated in the camp. Dr. Haamid Peerzada (Medical Officer, NCD Clinic, DH Ganderbal), Mr. Mudasir Ali, (Counsellor), Mr. Muzamil Farooq (Staff Nurse) and Dr. Naiyla Ellahi (Physiotherapist, DH Ganderbal) were also present.

Additionally, Crestcare Diagnostics Lab partnered in providing diagnostic services.

The camp offered a wide range of free health services, including

NCD screening, oral health checkups, BMI and vital sign assessments, along with free medications. Clinical blood tests were made available at either no cost or subsidized rates, ensuring affordable healthcare for all.

Over 270 students, faculty and staff members from the university benefited from these services. The collaboration between the university and the district's healthcare division played a crucial role in raising awareness about the importance of preventive healthcare, especially focusing on NCDs and oral hygiene.

CUKashmir's deptt of Tourism celebrates world food day

Ganderbal, Oct 16: Department of Tourism Studies, Central University of Kashmir (CUKashmir), organised an event "Food Tourism and Health: A Possible Synergy towards Sustainable Nutrition" to celebrate the World Food Day.

In his address Prof. (Dr.) Fayaz Ahmed Nika, Dean, School of Business Studies, emphasized the importance of becoming responsible consumers and understanding food safety.

Dr. Ashaq Hussain Najar, Coordinator and Senior Assistant Professor, delivered the welcome address and highlighted the significance of the



day.

Keynote speaker, Mr. Shabir Hussain Bhat (JKAS), Director of Rural Development, Kashmir highlighted the vital connection between tourism and local cuisines. He stated, "Food is a powerful tool in destination marketing. It offers a unique cultural experience and plays a significant role in attracting tourists to specific regions."

Dr. Nadia, Food & Safety Inspector, Ganderbal, in her address emphasized, "Promoting health through food tourism means ensuring that the food served to tourists meets safety and nutritional standards, which benefits both tourists and local communities."

Proceedings were conducted by Dr. Shahnaz Akhter, Sr. Assistant Prof., and Dr. Abid Suhail Nika, Assistant Prof proposed the vote of thanks.

CONTD. FROM **FRONT PAGE**

Democracy Restored

will hold Omar's government responsible for any unmet expectations."

'Political Manifestos Are Aspirational'
Distinguished Academician Professor
Amitabh Mattoo expressed his hopes for the
Omar-led government, despite its limited powers, to be more accountable in terms of governance and development. He emphasized the
importance of addressing fundamental issues
such as basic services, education, skill development, and infrastructure. "Basic things are no
longer a luxury in today's world. Electricity is a
basic necessity, and there is a significant electricity problem in Srinagar and the surrounding areas. I hope the Omar-led government addresses it."

He further stated that political manifestos are aspirational, and that "as long as the government remains accountable, it will mark a great beginning for the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir." Mattoo also noted that "a lot can be accomplished even without statehood," but expressed optimism about the Prime Minister's promise of restoring statehood, hoping to see it fulfilled soon.

'Restoration of Democracy After Six Years'

"From President's Rule to LG governance, people have experienced a political void. Now, they feel a sigh of relief, even though state-hood hasn't been restored. The Secretariat has opened, and elected representatives are in place," Dr. Raja Muzaffar Bhat, a senior political analyst and RTI activist, said. He said that the most significant takeaway from this is that democracy has been restored in Kashmir after six long years.

Dr Bhat also pointed out that, in recent years, bureaucratic arrogance had grown unchecked. "Although some positive reforms, like biometric attendance in government offices, have occurred, there was no real accountability," he said. "Now, at least, there is an elected body. Another crucial takeaway is the role of the Election Commission of India, which conducted free and fair elections, and we should appreciate that."

'A Mandate Against the BJP'

Veteran journalist Altaf Hussain offered a broader perspective on the elections, emphasizing that they held a unique significance for Kashmir. "These elections were not just about bread-and-butter issues," Hussain said. "The National Conference (NC) has been given a huge mandate, not only because people support its policies but also because they wanted to send a strong message against the BJP decisions of August 5, 2019, when Article 370 was revoked."

Hussain suggested that people's emotions played a major role in this election. "Many people who have never voted in their lives came out to cast their ballots. There is more hatred for the BJP than love for NC," he added. "People are intelligent—they know that the Chief Minister doesn't hold major power under this setup. However, they voted to make a strong statement against the unilateral decisions taken by the BJP."

Hussain concluded that while NC may not be best equipped to solve everyday governance issues, any party would face similar challenges in the current environment. "This was not about electing a government that would solve all their problems. It was about sending a message that the people of Kashmir vehemently oppose what happened on August 5, 2019."

While Abdullah's swearing-in as Chief Minister represents a turning point in Jammu and Kashmir's political landscape, there is a consensus that the new government's role will be largely symbolic under the Union Territory framework. Bureaucratic control is expected to remain largely in the hands of the LG, leaving the Chief Minister with limited practical power. The true test will come in how the administration navigates its role, strives to meet expectations, and handles the inevitable blame for unfulfilled promises.

Despite these limitations, political observers believe that the mere presence of a government accountable to the people will help bridge the gap between the administration and the populace, curbing bureaucratic arrogance and restoring a sense of connection between Kashmiris and their political representatives.

'Centre Will Work

Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir. I hope, the governance trajectory of the state continues to move forward and his government is able to fulfil people's aspirations. My best wishes for a fruitful tenure," Rajnath Singh said.

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ete today. "Congratulations to CM Omar Abdullah and to the people of Jammu and Kashmir. However, government formation without statehood felt incomplete today. Democracy was snatched from the people of Jammu and Kashmir, and today we renew our pledge to continue our fight until statehood is fully restored," Rahul Gandhi wrote.

AAP national convenor, Arvind Kejriwal wished him all success in his efforts to serve the people. "Congratulations to @OmarAbdullah Ji on taking oath as the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir. I wish him all success in his efforts to serve the people of Jammu and Kashmir," the post reads.

Mamta Banerjee in a post said, "I congratulate Mr. Omar Abdullah @OmarAbdullah on his being sworn in as the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir today. This is his second stint at the helm of the public life in the State, but the juncture today is more historic. I welcome his triumphal return through the elections, which truly constitute the greatest festival of democracy. I congratulate the real architects of the festival, i. e. the people of Jammu and Kashmir, in this festive moment of theirs."

'I'm Back'

However, Omar said there are three vacancies for ministers and "they will gradually be

INDIA bloc leaders attended the event in full strength. Among those who had gathered at the Sher-i-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC) were Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and Mallikarjun Kharge, SP chief Akhilesh Yadav, Left leaders Prakash Karat and D Raja, DMK's Kanimozhi and NCP's Supriya Sule.

PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti also attended the event.

Omar Abdullah's family, including his father Farooq Abdullah, mother Molly Abdullah, his two sisters, and two sons were present on the occasion.

Abdullah was earlier unanimously elected leader of the NC Legislature Party. His first term as chief minister was from 2009 to 2014 when Jammu and Kashmir was a full-fledged state.

The National Conference won 42 out of the 90 seats in the recent elections while alliance partner Congress bagged six. Together, the two pre-poll allies hold a majority in the 95-member assembly -- five members are to be nominated by the LG.

In 2019, the erstwhile state was bifurcated into the union territories of Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh.

Surinder Choudhary is Deputy CM Surender Choudhary, the NC leader from

Nowshera in Jammu, was appointed deputy chief minister. Omar said this was done to give a voice to people of the region and make his government inclusive.

"Our endeavour will be to take everyone along," the National Conference leader told reporters after being sworn in.

"I had said that we will not allow Jammu to feel that they do not have a voice or representatives in this government. I have chosen a deputy chief minister from Jammu so that the people of Jammu feel that this government is as much theirs as it is of the rest," he added.

In the 2014 assembly elections, Raina won the Nowshera seat by defeating Choudhary - who was then fighting on a PDP ticket - by a margin of over 10,000 votes.

Choudhary resigned from the PDP in 2022 to join the BJP before ending his over a year-long association with the party to join the NC in July last year.

st year. Daunting Tasks Ahead

Going forward, the new government will need to perform a tight balancing act to survive. With the BJP controlling the Union government and the Lieutenant Governor wielding considerable authority in the Union Territory, the NC-Congress coalition will have a tough time asserting its power. The coalition has over 50 seats between them which makes for a secure majority.

The BJP which was hoping to form a government by roping in the smaller parties and the independents from Kashmir Valley doesn't have many options. And for now, the party could settle for a role in the opposition.

This is likely to compound the problems of the NC-Congress government which would have to run for approval for any of their move or decision to the LG, just like the situation has been in New Delhi, creating mutual antagonism. While this may suit the BJP which is not in power in the UT, it will, in no way, help the alliance which may not be able to fulfill many of its promises to the people.

One of the major election promise of the NC-Congress combine is the pursuit of state-hood, whose fulfilment is unlikely to come easy. It would need a constructive relationship between the LG and the elected government. This alone will generate the mutual trust and

goodwill needed for the restoration of statehood. Omar has started off by making the right noises, saying he wanted a good relationship with both the LG and the central government, which may also be reciprocated. That is, if things continue to stay amicable.

'I'm Back': Says CM Omar Omar Abdullah later drove to the Civil Secretariat and took charge as the chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir.

He was given a grand reception by officers and employees, and also accorded a ceremonial guard of honour.

Abdullah made his way to his office chambers where he was warmly greeted by his staff before formally assuming charge.

"I'm back," Abdullah posted on X with photographs of him in his office chair.

Abdullah, who had also served as chief minister between 2009 and 2014 when Jammu and Kashmir was a full-fledged state, held an introductory meeting with the administrative secretaries to set the tone for his new administration.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Kumar Choudhary, along with ministers Sakeena Masood Itoo, Javed Ahmad Rana, Javid Ahmad Dar, and Satish Sharma.

Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, Director General of Police Nalin Prabhat, and all administrative Secretaries of departments were present in the meeting.

Dulloo extended a warm welcome to the new chief minister and extended the administration's full support to the Abdullah-led government.

"We are fully dedicated to fulfilling the vision of the government and ensuring the progress of the people," Dulloo said.

Abdullah praised the officers for their role

in ensuring peaceful elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

He emphasised the immense faith the peo-

ple of the region have placed in democracy, the government, and its institutions. "We must rise to the occasion and meet the expectations that have been placed on us," the chief minister said.

Focusing on governance, the chief minister

reiterated the need for a people-first approach, highlighting that the government's primary role is to serve the citizens and address their concerns.

He acknowledged that a gap has emerged

between the people and the government over the years, but expressed his commitment to reduce this distance.

"Our administration's approach will be people-friendly. We have entered the Civil Secretariat with a positive mindset, focused on delivering the best for the people of Jammu and Kashmir," he said.

Abdullah emphasised that bridging the gap between citizens and the government is a top priority.

"Democratic governments are preferred all over India for this very reason, and we will work tirelessly to bring people closer to the government and its institutions," he added.

Abdullah also expressed his willingness to collaborate closely with the officers, pledging his full cooperation and expecting the same in return

Nasir Aslam Wani

of Abdullah and served as the minister of state during his first tenure between 2009 and 2014 and held charge of multiple ministries.

"Nasir Aslam Wani is hereby appointed as advisor to Chief Minister, J&K," an order issued by General Administration Department reads. It said the terms and conditions of Wani's

appointment shall be notified separately.

Wani, who lost the assembly elections from the Kupwara seat, is the NC provincial president of Kashmir.

Handoo Made

Additionally, Reyaz Ahmad Wani, who was serving as Additional Secretary in the J&K Services Selection Board, has been transferred to take on the role of OSD (Officer on Special Duty) and Private Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister. Wani's new position is expected to facilitate closer collaboration with the Chief Minister.

Sajad Urges CM

and call upon the government to restore the

rights of the people," the PC chief said.

He said his party offers the government its support on the resolution.

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Lone said if the Abdullah-led government failed to bring the resolution, it would be "tantamount to betrayal".

He said it would be the first assembly after

tion is brought, it will be written in history.

The MLA-elect from Handwara said the whole election was fought on the plank of

the abrogation of Article 370 and if the resolu-

Article 370, and the NC secured a heavy chunk of seats based on the issue.

"Now, it is the time to actually implement what they have promised," he said, adding the parties should not play politics on emotional issues.

Lone also said that statehood should immediately be restored

Know CM's 5

from the Nowshera seat in Jammu. Choudhary, who is the Deputy Chief Minister under Omar Abdullah, is a former member of the Legislative Council

Before joining the NC, Choudhary was with the PDP, which he left in March 2022 to join the BJP. He quit the BJP and joined the NC in July 2023.

Choudhary -- a former member of the PDP and the BJP who emerged a giant killer when he defeated BJP's J-K president Ravinder Raina from Nowshera by 7,819 votes -- was chosen as deputy chief minister so people of Jammu do not feel left out from the government.

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Sakeena Itoo: A Woman Voice

Sakina Itoo is a senior NC leader who has previously also served as a minister in the erstwhile state. She won from the DH Pora assembly segment in South Kashmir's Kulgam district, polling 36,623 votes and defeating Gulzar Ahmed Dar of the PDP by over 17,000 votes.

Sakina's father, Wali Masood Itoo, was also an NC leader who served as the speaker of the Jammu and Kashmir legislative assembly. Wali Masood Itoo was assassinated by militants in the 1990s.Sakina Itoo, a seasoned politician and former Cabinet Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, made a resounding return to the legislative assembly by winning the DH Pora seat.

Having served as the youngest member of the erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly at the age of 26 in 1996, Sakina has held various ministerial portfolios over the years, including Social Welfare, Education, Tourism, Public Works, and others. Her political career is marked by numerous accolades, including the prestigious "Best MLA Award" in 2012 for her exceptional work in her constituency. Her win in 2024 solidifies her stature as one of the most influential women politicians in Jammu and Kashmir.

In 2002, she lost to the PDP's Abdul Aziz Zargar after she abandoned her election campaign following four assassination attempts on her. Six years later (the J&K Assembly term used to be six years earlier) she won by defeating Zargar and was inducted into the Cabinet. In 2014, Sakina lost again, to the PDP's Abdul Majeed Padder, but wrested it back in the recent elections.

Javed Ahmed Rana - Represents STs

Javed Ahmed Rana won the assembly polls from Mendhar's seat in Jammu, which was reserved for Scheduled Tribes. He has previously served as a member of both the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council in the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir.

Rana polled 32,176 votes, nearly 14,000 more than the BJP's Murtaza Ahmed Khan, who finished second in the elections.

Rana was born in Kalaban village in Poonch district. He has a BA degree, after which he graduated in law at the University of Jammu in 1989

Satish Sharma: Independent MLA

Satish Sharma won the Chhamb seat in Jammu as an independent MLA. He was one of the many independent candidates who pledged their support to the NC-Congress alliance after the October 8 results.

Sharma defeated BJP leader Rajeev Sharma by 6,929 votes in the Chhamb seat. Sharma is the son of the former Lok Sabha Member of Parliament Madan Lal Sharma. The Late Madan Lal was a veteran Congress leader who twice won the Jammu-Poonch Lok Sabha seat.

Javed Ahmed Dar – North Kashmir's Face In Omar's Cabinet

Javed Dar is a senior NC leader who was a minister under the first Omar Abdullah-led dispensation during the Congress-NC coalition government.

Dar won from Rafiabad constituency in North Kashmir polling 28,783 votes. He defeated Yawar Ahmad Mir from the Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party.

HC Dismisses PIL

issue of detention of citizens as raised in this petition is already pending adjudication before this Court, therefore, in our considered opinion, this PIL is not maintainable as being a parallel litigation," the Division Bench said and accordingly rejected the PIL being not maintainable. "However, the leftover persons who have not challenged the detention orders passed against them under the Jammu and Kashmir Public Safety Act shall be at liberty to question the same," the court added.

'Good Neighbourliness'

Pakistan for the hospitality and courtesies," he

said.
In his remarks at the conclave, Jaishankar said cooperation must be based on mutual respect and sovereign equality and that the SCO member nations can benefit immensely if the grouping moves ahead collectively with mutual trust.

He, especially stressed on adhering to the SCO charter, highlighting its underlying essence of strengthening mutual trust, friendship and good neighbourliness.

"It should recognise territorial integrity and sovereignty. It must be built on genuine partnerships, not unilateral agendas. It cannot progress if we cherry-pick global practices, especially of trade and transit," he said, in remarks seen as an indirect reference to China's assertive behaviour.

"But most of all, our endeavours will progress only when our commitment to the Charter remains firm. It is axiomatic that development and growth requires peace and stability. And as the Charter spelt out, this means being firm and uncompromising in countering the 'three evils'"

India has been severely critical of China's Belt and Road initiative as the project includes the so-called China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) that passes through Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.

Jaishankar said there is a need to introspect if "good neighbourliness" is missing somewhere and there is a lack of trust.

"If we fast-forward from the inception of the charter to the situation today, these goals and these tasks are even more crucial. It is, therefore, essential that we have an honest conversation." he said.

"If trust is lacking or cooperation inadequate, if the friendship has fallen short and good neighbourliness is missing somewhere, there are surely reasons to introspect and causes to address," he said.

"Equally, it is only when we reaffirm our

commitment most sincerely to the Charter that we can fully realise the benefits of cooperation and integration that it envisages," he added.

Jaishankar said the SCO's objective was to

strengthen mutual trust, friendship and good neighbourliness. "It is to develop multifaceted cooperation, especially of a regional nature. It is to be a positive force in terms of balanced growth, integra-

tion and conflict prevention," he said.

"The Charter was equally clear what the key challenges were. And these were primarily three, that the SCO was committed to combating; one, terrorism; two, separatism; and three,

extremism," he said.

In another post on 'X', the external affairs minister identified eight takeaways from the Indian perspective at the conclave that included the inclusion of digital public infrastructure (DPI) and digital in the SCO framework and a decision to develop a dialogue on the idea of 'One Earth, One Family,

One Future'.

Other key takeaways listed by the minister included upholding fair and balanced connectivity projects in accordance with international law and reemphasizing rules-based, non-discriminatory, open, fair, inclusive and transparent multilateral trading systems with WTO at

ts core. Jaishankar also described the challenge of

debt as a serious concern.

The external affairs minister, delving into global issues, said the global institutions need to keep pace with the changes and underlined

the need for 'reformed multilateralism'.

Jaishankar also emphasised the need for comprehensive reform of the UN Security Council, both in the permanent and non-permanent categories, to make the global body more representative, inclusive, transparent and efficient.

"The SCO must be in the lead of advocating such change, not hold back on a matter of such importance," he said.

Jaishankar also referred to various global challenges.
"We meet at a difficult time in world affairs.

Two major conflicts are underway, each with its own global repercussions. The Covid pandemic has left many in the developing world deeply devastated," he said.

"Disruptions of various kinds – ranging from

extreme climate events to supply chain uncertainties and financial volatility – are impacting growth and development," he said.

He also added: "Technology holds great

He also added: "Technology holds great promise, as well as raising a new host of concerns."

Day 1 Of First Test Between India-NZ **Called Off Due To Rain**



Press Trust of India

BENGALURU: Unrelenting rain wiped out play on day one of the opening Test between India and New Zealand here on Wednesday.

The play was called off at 2.34 PM as heavy rain lashed the M Chinnaswamy Stadium after relenting for about half an hour earlier.The match officials came out to inspect the pitch around 2 PM after outfield and first layer of covers were removed around 1.50 PM.

But there were large damp areas on either side of the pitch as hessians were brought out in a last-ditch attempt to get some game time.

However, it was a futile effort as extensive damage was already done by rains of varying intensity from early morning.

Thomas Tuchel

Hired As England

Football Manager

LONDON: Thomas Tuchel was hired

as England football manager on

Wednesday and will take on the

challenge of ending the national

team's decades-long wait for a

managed Paris Saint-Germain, Chel-

sea and Bayern Munich, will begin

his tenure in January ahead of the

2026 World Cup in the United States.

across Europe and is England's third

foreign coach, after the late Sven-

nection to the game in this country,

and it has given me some incredible

moments already," Tuchel said. "To

have the chance to represent Eng-

land is a huge privilege, and the op-

portunity to work with this special

and talented group of players is very

exciting." The 51-year-old Tuchel succeeds one of England's most successful coaches in Southgate, who

led the country to back-to-back Eu-

ropean Championship finals and a

Southgate stepped down after

eight years following defeat to Spain

in the final of Euro 2024 in July. Eng-

land's only major trophy was the

several candidates before deciding

on Tuchel. Tuchel fits the FA's remit

of hiring a coach who has delivered

at the highest level and also knows

The FA said it had interviewed

World Cup semifinals.

World Cup in 1966.

the English game.

Portugal at the Euros.

ing groups in December.

Goran Eriksson and Fabio Capello.

Tuchel has won major trophies

"I have long felt a personal con-

The German, who previously

Southern Super Stars Lift 2024 Legend League Cricket Title In Srinagar **Observer News Service**

SRINAGAR: The Southern Super Stars defeated Konak Suryas Odisha with one ball left in the Super Over to lift the 2024 Legends League Cricket title on Wednesday at Bakshi Stadium here. Yusuf Pathan made a blistering 85 from 38 balls (6 fours, 8 sixes) to lead Konak Suryas to a Super Over showdown that went down close to midnight local time.

Earlier, playing in front of a jam-packed crowd, Konak Suryas won the toss and decided to bowl first. Southern batter Hamilton Masakadza stabilized the inning with two formidable partnerships with Martin Guptill (27 off 25 balls) and Pawan Negi (33 off 24 balls) to help the team post a challenging 164/6 in 20 overs.

Masakadza played a brilliant knock in the final, scoring 83 off 58 balls, which included eight fours and five sixes. Apart from these three batters, no other Super Star managed to reach double figures. For Konak Survas, Sri Lanka international Dilshan Munaweera was the pick of the bowlers, taking 4 wickets for 9 nine runs in 3 overs.

Chasing 165 in the final match of the 2024 Legends League Cricket, the Konak Suryas batters fell in a heap. The Odisha team was reduced to 37/3 after 5.2 overs and 91/6 after 14.1 overs. As the top-order collapse threatened to knock the Suryas out of the tournament, former India international Yusuf Pathan came to the rescue.

Pathan was in the mood to rain



the penultimate over from Pawan Negi to get the Suryas within reach of the target, needing 7 runs in the final over.

Former Sri Lanka spinner Chaturanga de Silva bowled the 20th over and did well to bring the game to the final regular delivery of the tournament. With 2 runs needed to win from the last ball, Yusuf Pathan was run out while attempting a second run, leaving the score tied and the fixture heading to a super over. After 20 overs, Konak Suryas Odisha made 164/9.

In the Super Over, Southern Super

Irfan Pathan. Yusuf hit a six in the over but was adjudged LBW on the fifth ball. Richard Levi stepped in and hit a four on the final delivery to give the Southern Super Stars a target of 14 runs to chase in their super over.

For the Super Stars, former New Zealand batter Martin Guptill and Pawan Negi opened the batting. Dinesh Pathania bowled the Super Over for Odisha and was smacked for two sixes in the first two balls by Guptill. Pathania made a comeback of sorts, bowling out the Kiwi batter. However, Chirag Gandhi and Pawan Negi managed to score the remaining two runs to hand the Southern Super Stars the 2024 LLC T20 Trophy.

It may be recalled that even the training sessions of both teams were down big hits after getting dropped Stars' Afghan international pacer washed away by heavy downpour on on 1 but found no help from the Hamid Hassan bowled to Konak Tuesday. Play on day two is schednon-strikers end. He hit 28 runs off Suryas Odisha's Yusuf Pathan and uled at 9.15 am and toss at 8.45 am.

Press Trust of India

DUBAI: Australia will start as overwhelming favourites in their quest for an unprecedented eighth final appearance when they take on South Africa in the semi-final of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup here on Thursday.

Earlier, even the toss, which was

scheduled at 9 AM, could not take

place as rain came down relent-

lessly over the city from morning.

There was a smattering of spectators at the stadium despite the

But the only moment of excite-

ment for them was the sighting of

star batter Virat Kohli and opener

Yashasvi Jaiswal, who went for an indoor net session along with as-

They might have to wait further

for action even on the second day

as the current forecast is for more

rain on Thursday at least till noon.

sistant coach Abhishek Nayar.

inclement weather.

the semi-finals of the global T20 tournament in all its nine editions held so far since 2009 in England. The six-time champions take on the Proteas women in a last-four clash in what seems to be a repeat of the summit showdown during the 2023 edition in South Africa, which the Southern Stars won by 19 runs.

Going by pure statistic, South Africa are no match for Australia who have won nine out of the 10 WT20I games, with the former's only win coming in January this year. The head-to-head record at Women's T20 World Cup is even more intimidating as Australia

have won all the seven encounters. The best part about the current Australian team is the core which has remained intact for years now



with only Meg Lanning retiring from international cricket.

Women's T20 WC Semi-Final:

Australia Favourites v South Africa

All the 10 others, who played in the 2023 final are here with the likes of Alyssa Healy, Beth Mooney, Ellyse Perry, Megan Schutt, Ashleigh Gardner being the pillars of the team.

On a slow Dubai track, the depth in batting has been Australia's biggest strength, with Phoebe Litchfield and Annabel Sutherland capable of muscling the balls to the fence.

For South Africa, one of their

biggest assets has been slow leftarm orthodox Nonkululeko Mlaba, who has so far taken 10 wickets in four group league games.

Skipper Laura Wolvaardt, her opening partner Taznim Brits and the seasoned Marizanne Kapp are all match-winners in their own rights but they have always come up short against Healy and company.

Hopefully, the Proteas women would be eighth time lucky against familiar foes in their bid to win the maiden global T20 trophy.

First Aid Training



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In view of Kashmir Marathon 2024, scheduled to be held on October 20, Skill Development Center (SDC) SKIMS Soura on Wednesday imparted Basic Life Support and First Aid Training to 200 volunteers and officials deployed by Tourism Department

Various Faculty members from SKIMS provided detailed presentations regarding BLS & First Aid Training to all the participants, and also provided hands on training on mannequins in order to meet

Director SKIMS, Prof. M. Ashraf Ganie applauded the efforts of Skill Development Center SKIMS and other faculty members for imparting such useful training to volunteers and officials of various departments whose services shall be utilized during

Kashmir Marathon: SDC SKIMS Imparts BLS &

Kashmir at Main Auditorium Hall of SKIMS Soura.

any eventuality during Kashmir Marathon 2024.

Champions Trophy without India not an option, say ECB chiefs

The ECB's senior leadership have conceded that cricket's need to "protect broadcast rights" will see no changes to participating teams at next year's Champions Trophy regardless of whether India decide to travel to Pakistan. The tournament is due to be staged in Lahore, Karachi and Rawalpindi but India have not played an international match in Pakistan since 2008.

As manager of Chelsea, Tuchel beat Pep Guardiola's Manchester City Richard Gould and Richard to win the Champions League within Thompson, the ECB's chief months of taking the job. He also won executive and chair, said on the UEFA Super Cup and Club World Wednesday that there are "lots Cup with the Premier League club. of different alternatives and contingencies available" in the He has won league titles with PSG in France and Bayern in Germany. He event that India do not travel takes on the England job after leaving to Pakistan, raising the possi-Bayern at the end of last season. bility of a hybrid model being Tuchel will be joined by his forused. But they clarified that the mer Chelsea assistant Anthony Bar-Champions Trophy going ahead ry, who most recently worked with without India's involvement is

not an option. Tuchel will take up his role after The BCCI did not send a team the draw for the World Cup qualifyto Pakistan last year for the Asia Cup due to strained relations



between the two countries and their governments, prompting the tournament to be shifted to a hybrid model with India's matches staged in Sri Lanka. Last year, Pakistan travelled to India and participated fully in the 2023 World Cup, where they narrowly missed out on the semi-finals.

Pakistan has not hosted a major ICC event since co-hosting the men's 50-over World Cup in 1996 and the PCB have said they are "fully committed" to staging a "world-class" event.

The final decision over whether or not India travel to Pakistan will rest on whether or not the Indian government grants the team permission to do so.

"It would not be in cricket's interests for India not to be playing in the Champions Trophy," Thompson said. "It's interesting, with Jay Shah - the former secretary of the BCCI and now chair of the ICC -[who] is going to have a big role to play in that. There's geopolitics, and then there's cricketing geopolitics. I think they'll find a way. They have to find a way. "There are always security concerns in this part of the world when those two countries play each other. That will probably drive the key decisions. But I know relationships between the two countries are as amicable as they can be at the moment: we saw it play out at the [men's T20] World Cup in New York.'

Gould and Thompson are in Pakistan ahead of upcoming ICC meetings in Dubai, and have been meeting PCB officials in Multan during England's second Test match. Gould said that cricket's dependence on broadcast rights as a revenue stream ensured both India and Pakistan would feature. "If you play the Champions Trophy without India, or Pakistan, the broadcast rights aren't there, and we need

to protect them," he said. "They [Pakistan] are the host nation. We've seen the developments going on, and we're all waiting to understand whether India are going to travel. That's the key. We think there are some discussions and relationships where they need to be. I know Pakistan are expecting India to travel. There are lots of different alternatives and contingencies available if that doesn't happen.

"There are a variety of different options available if those circumstances come along. But also, when was the last time Pakistan hosted any kind of ICC trophy? This is a big moment for the country, and hopefully we can have the fullest possible competition in Pakistan. If that's not possible, we know there are options available."

Thompson predicted that the exact nature of India's participation would "go to the wire". He said: "That's between India and Pakistan, and I think they will find a way where India will participate in the Champions Trophy... These things tend to go to the wire, as history has shown us, so I think that in those [last] six months, they'll find a way.'

Divisional U-19 Cricket Tournament Kicks Off In Anantnag

Observer News Service

ANANTNAG: An Inter Division UT Level Cricket Tournament for Under-19 boys began on Wednesday at BHSS Ground in Bijbehara, Anantnag. The tournament was formally inaugurated by Principal BHSS Bijbehara Nasreena Akhter along with officials of YSS Anantnag. The tournament is organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports and is hosted by DYSSO Anantnag on Bijbehara venue.

In the tournament, Jammu Division team and Kashmir Division team are participating.

The tournament is based on three league matches and the best performers of the tournament will be selected for the J&K Cricket Team for upcoming School National Games. The Inter Division tourney will conclude on October 18.

In the opening match, Jammu Division defeated Kashmir Division by 2 wickets. Ashotosh from Jammu Division scored brilliant unbeaten 44 runs and was adjudged player of the match.

YSS Holds Fit India Freedom Run In Verinag

Observer News Service

ANNANTNAG: The Department of Youth Services and Sports organised a Fit India Swachhta Freedom Run on Wednesday in Zone Verinag at the Zonal Headquarters. The event aimed to foster a sense of fitness, cleanliness and environmental awareness among the youth.

The program commenced with a ceremonial run from Feeder Road Verinag and culminated at Mughal Garden Verinag. Participants, including students from several local schools, covered a notable distance. A total of 165 students, both boys and girls, took part in the run.

'The event radiated energy and excitement as the participants showcased sportsmanship, unity, and a collective commitment to the dual goals of fitness and cleanliness," the department said in a press release.

Under-17 Divisional Cricket Tourney Begins In Kathua

Observer News Service

KATHUA: The Department of Youth Services and Sports' Inter-Division UT Level Cricket Tournament for Under-17 Boys began on Wednesday at Kathua Sports Ground in Kathua, Jammu.

This tournament is part of the annual sports calendar issued by the Directorate of Youth Services and Sports, J&K, and is being conducted under the Director General of Youth Services and Sports. The inaugural ceremony was graced by the presence of Chief Education Officer Kathua as the chief guest.

DYSSO Kathua Sunil Singh Sambyal welcomed the dignitaries and players from both divisions, highlighting the importance of such tournaments in providing a platform for youth to showcase their sporting skills and foster a competitive spirit. Following the inaugural addresses, the excitement shifted to the field, where the opening match commenced

Divisional Volleyball Tournament For Girls Begins In Samba

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SAMBA: The Inter Divisional UT Level Volleyball Tournament for Under-17 and Under-19 girls began on Wednesday at Rani Suchet Singh Sports Stadium in Samba, Jammu. The tournaments are being held under the supervision of DYSSO

The Chief Guest, Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Kumar Sharma, along with Guest of Honour ADC Jagdish Singh and other officials graced the A pledge was also taken to take maximum in-

spiration for sports and abstain from drugs.

The tournament witnessed the participation of over 24 student-athletes from both the Jammu Division and Kashmir Division.

DC Ganderbal Reviews Great Lakes Trek Permissions & Maintenance

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GANDERBAL: Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal Shyambir convened a crucial meeting on Wednesday to discuss issues related to the Great Lakes Trek, its permissions, maintenance and associated matters.

The meeting, held in the V.C. Room of the DC Office, Ganderbal, was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal Gulzar Ahmad; CEO Sonamarg Development Authority, SDM Kangan, SDPO Kangan, Manager JKTDC Sonamarg, Tourist Officer SDA Sonamarg, and other concerned officials. The meeting focused on key challenges affecting the Great Lakes Trek and Thajwas Glacier, including the establishment of a designated base camp, trek route maintenance, and improving safety measures.

The DC stressed the importance of coordination between the security forces, civil administration and the Tourism Department to ensure smooth and safe trekking experiences in the







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