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Breast Cancer Rising Among 'Women Under 50' In J&K: Experts

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Breast cancer, a disease long associated with older age groups, has surged enormously in women aged below 50 in the last three decades, according to experts. Breast cancer is the most common type of cancer affecting women worldwide, as well as in India.

The recent data from the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) showed that breast cancer accounted for 28.2 percent of cancers in women.

Notably, in Kashmir, breast cancer is the most common cancer in women, with a higher incidence in premenopausal women. In the five years between 2019 and 2023, a total of 2024 women lost their lives to breast cancer in J&K – a worrying statistic.

The number of deaths increased steadily year-on-year: 732 in 2023; 712 in 2022; 694 in 2021; 674 in 2020; and 654 in 2019.



IN J&K WHERE BREAST CANCER IS THE MOST COMMON CANCER AMONG WOMEN a total of 2024 women lost their lives to it in past five years (2019-2023)

As per records, 9321 women tested positive for breast cancer in J&K during 2019-2023.

The yearly breakup highlights the surging incidence – 1967 new cases in 2023; 1915 in 2022; 1,864 in 2021; 1812 in 2020; and 1,763 cases diagnosed in 2019.

Celebrities like Sonali Bendre, Tahira Kashyap, and Mahima Chaudhry who battled breast cancer under 50 and overcame the deadly disease with treatments. Dr Ashish Gupta, Chief of Medical Oncology

J&K Assembly Session From November 4

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir Cabinet has decided to convene the Legislative Assembly session in Srinagar starting November 4, 2024. An official said that the decision was taken during a Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Thursday.

He said that the Cabinet also recommended that Lieutenant Governor (LG) summon the assembly and address its first session. The official said that the draft address for the Lieutenant Governor was presented to the Council of Ministers and will be further discussed before the session begins.

Notably, the Cabinet approved the appointment of Mubarak Gul as the Protem Speaker, who will administer the oath to the newly elected members of the Legislative Assembly on October 21, 2024.

Prior to the 2019 changes, the Assembly's term in Jammu & Kashmir was six years, as opposed to the current five years under the Jammu & Kashmir Reorganisation Act.

The pro tem speaker serves as a temporary head until a full-time speaker is elected by the MLAs.

The Legislative Assembly Secretariat has instructed all newly elected members to attend the ceremony.

This will mark the first time MLAs in Jammu & Kashmir take an oath of allegiance to the Constitution of India.

Previously, under Article 370 and the Constitution of Jammu & Kashmir, MLAs were sworn in under a different framework. The oath will enable them to participate in the Assembly's proceedings. (KINS)

Will Fight For All That Was Snatched: Omar

Asks People To Not Get Annoyed Or Disappointed



Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Saturday said his government will not be run on the voting pattern witnessed in the assembly elections as he wants to see the "missing smiles" back on the faces of the people in both the divisions of the Union Territory (UT). The chief minister asked the party workers not to lose their heart and said J&K is presently a UT and which cannot be such for long.

"We will get back our rights. We will fight for all that which was taken away from us and there is no need to get annoyed or disappointed," he said.

Abdullah, who assumed the charge of the new government

in Srinagar on Wednesday, was accorded a rousing reception on reaching the National Conference (NC) headquarters in the winter capital.

The BJP swept the polls in Jammu to emerge as the second largest party. In the recently held JK assembly polls, results of which were declared on October 8, the BJP won 29 of the 90 seats on which elections were held and garnered 25.64 per cent vote share.

This was the first visit of Abdullah to Jammu after becoming the chief minister with his party winning 42 seats and bagging 23.43 per cent votes. Its alliance partner Congress won six seats and CPI(M) one.

"When the election results were out, some | More on PIO



A Glimpse Into Daily Life: Cyclist Silhouetted Against The Setting Sun In Srinagar. KO Photo By Abid Bhat

Ruhullah Faces Public Scrutiny Over NC's Stand On Article 370

Says Hopeful That Resolution On Art 370 Will Be Passed In First Session Of J&K Assembly

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: Member of Parliament Agha Syed Ruhullah Mehdi finds himself at the center of a heated debate as public frustration grows regarding the National Conference's (NC) stance on Article 370. The issue sparked widespread discussions on the social networking platform X (formerly Twitter), where users questioned the party's promises and past actions.

One X user, Omaira Mir, took a sharp jab at Ruhullah, tweeting, "They've placed you there to use your influence to cover up their blunders and mislead the public with fabricated and baseless explanations. But just wait—soon, the truth about NC's actions in 2019 will come to light. Interestingly,



the removal of Article 370 was a joint plan between NC and BJP, in return for which NC was handed power to continue their dynastic rule over Kashmir."

Another user added to the debate, referring to a recent statement by NC leader Dr. Farooq Abdullah, in which he claimed that "there are more important things to address

than Article 370." The user asked Ruhullah for his opinion, further putting the MP under public pressure: "You should seek pardon from the people of Jammu and Kashmir whom you said you would part ways with NC whenever they took a stand like this. The people of J&K are waiting for your next move."

In an unusual step, Ruhullah joined Twitter Space to address the growing concerns about the National Conference's policies, particularly on Article 370, the return of Kashmiri Pandits, and reservation issues. He reiterated the party's commitment to Article 370, saying, "I have counted upon it, and the resolution on Article 370 will be the first business. If not first business, | More on PIO

LG Approves Cabinet Resolution On Statehood

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Two days after J&K cabinet approved a resolution urging the Union Government to restore the statehood of Jammu & Kashmir in its original form, the Jammu & Kashmir Government on Saturday said that Chief Minister Omar Abdullah would be visiting New Delhi in the next few days to take up the matter with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Ministers.

In an official handout, the government said that the cabinet has passed a resolution urging the Union Government to restore the statehood of Jammu and Kashmir. "The Cabinet which met under the chairmanship of Omar Abdullah, Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday passed a unanimous resolution for restoration of statehood in its original form," reads the handout.

It said that the restoration of statehood will be the beginning of a healing process, reclaiming

the constitutional rights and protecting the identity of people of Jammu and Kashmir.

The government said that the Cabinet has authorised the Chief Minister to take up the matter with the Prime Minister and Government of India for restoration of statehood. "Protection of Jammu and Kashmir's unique identity and constitutional rights of people remains the cornerstone of the newly elected government's policy," the spokesman said.

An official spokesperson said that the Chief Minister would be proceeding to New Delhi in coming days to meet the Prime Minister and Union Ministers in this regard.

The decision was made public two days after it received the nod of the council of ministers headed by Omar Abdullah. It was released after an approved record of the decision was communicated to the Lieutenant Governor.

The cabinet meeting on Thursday was | More on PIO

'No Interference With Media'

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Saturday assured media persons that his government will not interfere in their functioning, saying democracy is incomplete without an independent press. "My government will ensure that no injustice is done to the mediapersons. They are free to criticise any shortcoming in my government," he said. In a veiled attack on BJP, Omar said that a lot of attempts were made to erase the National Conference (NC) | More on PIO

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2 Behind Grenade Attacks Arrested

Observer News Service

Jammu: Jammu and Kashmir Police on Saturday claimed to have solved several grenade attack cases in Poonch with the arrest of two terrorists of the Jammu and Kashmir Ghaznavi Force (JKGF) in the district.

Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Jammu Zone, Anand Jain said the arrest of Abdul Aziz and Manwar Hussain of Hari village is a "very big achievement" for the security agencies.

In a joint operation on Friday, police along with troops of 37 Rashtriya Rifles and 38th Battalion of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) nabbed Aziz and recovered two hand grenades from his possession. During | More on PIO

Ration Enhancement On Cards For J&K

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir government Saturday said that it was serious about enhancement of ration for the people as the issue will be discussed in the cabinet meeting soon.

Talking to reporters here, Food Civil Supplies and Consumers Affairs (FCS&CS), Satish Sharma said that the government is very much concerned about the ration issue. "We are aware that people are getting less ration. We are seriously planning to enhance the ration for the people. Let it be in a phased manner. We will discuss the issue in the Cabinet and also take it up with the Centre," the Minister said.

He said that there are clear cut directions from the Chief

Minister Omar Abdullah that the government must work for the welfare of people. Sharma said that he will take the review of the department, get feedback from the officers in J&K over the issue of ration enhancement.

At present people are getting 5 kg per soul ration. If there are five people in a family, they get 25 kgs rice. Farooq Ahmed, who runs a fair price shop in Srinagar, said that those having a PHH ration card get 5 kg free ration and 10 kg at the rate of Rs 25. He said that those having an NPHH ration card, they get rice at the rate of Rs 15.50 with no free ration facility.

"There is a dearth of ration for people undoubtedly," said Farooq. He said there should be a 10 kg | More on PIO

Winter Looms For Mulwaran Fire Victims Families Urge LG, CM For Immediate Shelter

Agencies

Srinagar: With winters knocking the door and harsh days yet to come, the biggest concern for the 95 affected families in Mul village of Warwan district of Kishtwar is the construction of houses where they can save their lives in the upcoming snowy days.

The affected people are looking towards the Union Territory (UT) government and especially towards the Lieutenant Governor (LG) to come to their rescue and construct prefabricated houses for the affected families.

At present around 500 people, who lost everything in the blaze, are either living in tents, homes of other people or in accommodation provided by the district administration. But they want their own houses where



they can live along with their livestock and spend the forthcoming winters.

It was on the 14th day of October when fire engulfed the entire Mul Warwan village and raised everything to the ground, except a few houses which were in the outer circle at a distance. People could do nothing but

to save their lives by running for safety and whatever they had saved to spend the winters was burnt in the devastating blaze. The cause of the fire is still unknown.

On the immediate basis, district administration through the Red Cross society provided relief in terms of tents and Rs 10000 cash to the | More on PIO

LG, CM Condemn Killing Of Bihar Vendor

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha and chief minister Omar Abdullah Saturday condemned the killing of a migrant worker in south Kashmir's Shapian district yesterday.

In a post on X, LG Sinha, said that the security forces are determined to hunt down the culprits and bring them to justice.

"I strongly condemn the brutal killing of a vendor Ashok Chauhan in Shopian by cowardly terrorists. The entire nation stands shoulder to shoulder with his family. Our security forces are determined to hunt down the culprits and bring them to justice. My thoughts are | More on PIO



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پٹن نسبت لیگل ہیئر بحق متوفی اصرا احمد وانی
اشہار ہر خاص و عام
معاہدہ مندرجہ عنوان صدر میں درخواست سالہ بغرض حصول لیگل ہیئر سرٹیفکیٹ زیر کاروائی ہے
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کوئی مزایا عارض ہو تو وہ بعد مشورہ اخبار سراسر دن کے اندر آئے اپنے مندرجہ عراض و ادالت حذو
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In the court of Collector
Addl Deputy Commissioner Baramulla
In the case of;
Riyaz Ahmad Bhat S/o Gulam Mohammad Bhat R/o Jabgripora Srinagar At present
Rajbagh Srinagar Attorney holder of:
Hafiza Nissar 2 Umar Adil 3. Waseem Akram Bhat 4. Nisar Ahmad Bhat 5. Gowher Sultan
Petitioner
Versus
1. Ferooz Ahmad Wawa S/o Gulam Mohammad Wawa R/o Hyderpora, Srinagar
2. Nazir Ahmad Bhat S/o Gulam Ahmad Bhat R/o Singpora Pattan.
3. Mohammad Ashraf Bhat S/o Manzoor Ahmad Bhat R/o Singpora Pattan
4. Tehsilidar Pattan
5. Naib Tehsilidar Pattan, District Baramulla
Respondents
In the matter of:
Appeal against Mutation order No. 823 Dated: Nil/Hibbah Sharayee' pertaining to land measuring 6 Kanals & 4.5 Marlas & 03Kansals and another mutation bearing same No. for land measuring 18-Marlas situated at Singpora Tehsil Singpora for setting aside the same.
28.09.2024:
OIIDER
Appeal called for hearing. Announcement made. Counsel for both the parties present. Counsel for appellant invited attention of this court towards the application filed along the main appeal wherein they have prayed that pending disposal of the main appeal before this court, the impugned mutation may be stayed and official respondents be directed not to allow sale or change of nature of land for protecting the rights of the appellant/ applicant. The counsel argued strongly in favour of his application and pressed for issuance of stay orders. The counsel for respondents however objected to the averments of the counsel for appellant and averred that they have no ground to press for the stay orders.
The counsel for appellant/ applicant produced copy of order Dated: 12.02.2018 passed by Hon'ble High Court of Jammu & Kashmir in OWP No.904/2012 titled Bhat Vs State of J&K & its regarding the suit land, wherein respondents have been restrained from causing any interference with the exercise of ownership and possessory rights of the petitioner qua the land measuring 138 Kanals situate at Singpora & Devar Yakhanpora Pattan. The subject matter has also been contested on the question of change of land use as stipulated under Section 133-A of J&K Land Revenue Act, Smtv 1996 and role played by subordinate courts. The counsel argued stoutly and has made prima facie strong case for indulgence by revenue court as the cause of action emanates from conflicting roles played by sub-ordinate revenue authorities' thus tilting balance of convenience in his favour. With the stay orders already issued in the matter by the Hon'ble High Court and purely to protect the interest of all the parties involved and in the interest of its, this court is prompted to direct the Tehsilidar to maintain status quo and do not issue any revenue document/ attest any mutation till further orders/ directions from any competent forum.
List next on 16.11.2024.
No. ADCB/Reader/2024-25/729 Dated: 17/10/2024
Collector/ Addl. Deputy Commissioner Baramulla
mbp

The Kashmir Electrical Equipment Manufacturers Association (KEEMA)
Congratulatory Message
KEEMA Congratulates Omar Abdullah on Appointment as Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir
The Kashmir Electrical Equipment Manufacturers Association (KEEMA) extends its heartiest congratulations to Jenab Omar Abdullah Sahib on assuming the office of Chief Minister of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, along with his council of ministers. In a statement issued today, KEEMA President Raja Nayeem Ahmed Khan expressed optimism that the long-standing challenges facing the electrical equipment manufacturing sector, particularly those concerning the marketing and promotion of locally produced products, will be prioritized & addressed under the new leadership. KEEMA is eager to collaborate with the administration and is confident that, under the dynamic leadership of Omar Abdullah, the sector will witness substantial infrastructural development, policy reforms, and robust growth, taking the industry to new heights. The association also extends its sincere congratulations to Mr. Nasir Alwan Wani on his appointment as Advisor to the Chief Minister.
Sd-Waseem Ahmed Khateem
Secretary General IKEEMA

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6. Tehsilidar Pattan
7. Naib Tehsilidar Pattan, District Baramulla
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Office of the Naib-Tehsildar Pattan
Executive Magistrate 1st Class
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Public Notice
The registrar Births and deaths (EO Municipal Council Pattan/ Block Development Officer Lolpora) has submitted a case file pertaining to Birth of Mohammad Salim Sofi (DOB 16-09-2017) & Sira Jaan (DOB: 16-07-2021) Ds/o Imtiaz Ahamd Sofi R/o Miyan Mohalla Pattan Tehsil pattan District Baramulla with verified date of event occurred at Home
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Subject: Issuance of Registration orders in respect of delayed Birth
Public Notice
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e-NIT No/EE-PCD/PHQ/62/2024-25 Dated: - 18-10-2024
Executive Engineer PCD PHQ&K JAMMU/SRINAGAR on behalf of The President of India invites tenders by e-tendering on Percentage rate basis from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K Govt. / CPWD / Railways and other State / Central Governments for the following works.
S. No Name of Work Name of Division Estimated Cost (Rs. in lacs) Cost of document (In Rs.) Earnest Money (In Rs.) Time Allowed for completion of tender Date of opening of tender Class of Contractor
1 Construction of boundary wall at Police Post Delina Baramulla (Balance work) PCD (PHQ) J&K, Jmu/ Sgr 29.39lacs 2000/- 58780/- 90 working days 26-10-2024 "A" & "B",
1. Date of Publishing 19-10-2024 at 1400 hours.
2. The Bidding documents can be downloaded from the website http://jktenders.gov.in from 1430 hours on 19-10-2024.
3. The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website http://jktenders.gov.in from 19-10-2024 to 25-10-2024 upto 1600 Hrs. The bids received will be opened at 1100 hours on 26-10-2024 on line.
4. The complete bidding process will be on line.
5. Technical bids of bidders shall be opened on line in the office of Executive Engineer PCD PHQ J&K Jammu/ Srinagar on 26-10-2024 at 1100 Hrs.
6. The lowest bidder i. e. L1 shall be intimated to deposit the original copy of required earnest money in shape of CDR/ FDR and hard copies of all relevant documents as mentioned in clause 2 of general instructions to the bidders within five days from opening of financial bids.
7. In light of Govt. Notification issued by Finance Department Civil Secretariat Vide No. A/24(2017)-651 dated: 07-06-2018, the bidder must upload the copy of challan / receipt on account of cost of tender documents remitted in the treasury concerned for that the bidders must write an application to be addressed to treasury officer concerned requesting therein for remittance of amount as cost of tender documents towards M. H. 0055/ Revenue (others).
8. The cost of tender documents should be submitted by the bidder in shape of treasury challan / receipt and upload the same.
9. Earnest Money:- The earnest money deposit (EMD @ 2% of advertised cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer PCD PHQ J&K Jammu/ Srinagar of the successful bidder (L1) shall be released, only after defect liability period, the DLP shall be calculated from the date of successful completion of the work to the satisfaction report of Engineer in charge.
10. Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website http://jktenders.gov.in Bid documents contain qualifying criteria for bidder, specifications, bill of quantities, conditions and other details.
11. The site for the work is available. The intending bidders are strongly advised to inspect the site of work before bidding.
12. Financial Bids will be opened on line in the office of the Executive Engineer, PCD PHQ J&K Jammu/Srinagar. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
13. The bid for the work shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids. If any bidder / tenderer withdraws his bid/tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the said earnest money shall stand forfeited.
14. No Engineer of Gazetted rank or other Gazetted Officer employed in Engineering or Administrative duties in an Engineering Department of the Government is allowed to work as a Contractor for a period of two years after his retirement from Government service, without permission of the Government. This contract is liable to be cancelled if either the contractor or any of his employees is found any time to be such a person who had not obtained the permission of the Government as aforesaid before submission of the tender or engagement in the Contractor's Service.
15. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents.
16. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.
17. The interested bidder can download the NIT/bidding document from the website http://jktenders.gov.in.
18. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get (DSC) "Digital Signature Certificate" as per Information Technology Act-2000, to participate in online bidding. This certificate will be required for digitally signing the bid. Bidders can get above mentioned digital certificate from any approved vendors. The Bidders, who already possess valid (DSC) Digital Signature Certificates, need not to procure new Digital Signature Certificate.
19. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with Digital Signature. The bids cannot be uploaded without Digital Signature. No Proposal will be accepted in physical form.
20. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para 2(III).
21. Before submission of online bids, bidders must ensure that scanned copies of all the necessary documents have been attached with bid.
22. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission of bids whatsoever reasons may be.
23. All the required information for bid must be filled and submitted online.
24. Bidders can contact the undersigned for any guidance for getting DSC or any other relevant details in respect of e-tendering process.
25. Original Registration certificate of GST No. shall be uploaded on line.
26. The guidelines for submission of bid online can be downloaded from the website http://jktenders.gov.in
27. No construction material shall be supplied by Police Construction Division, PHQ. However, the brands of the material will be approved by Engineer In-charge of the concerned site in consultation with Executive Engineer, PCD PHQ J&K.
28. In case of any typographical error, if found in the rates or units etc., the same shall be corrected and paid as per sanctioned schedule of rates / LMR with contractor's Tender appreciation/depreciation.
29. Any item of work not advertised in the rate list but found necessary during execution of work should be got approved by the competent authority before proceeding further beyond the allotment and payment for the same shall be made on sanctioned schedule of rates / LMR with contractor's overall appreciation/depreciation.
30. In case of delay in completion of the work beyond scheduled period of completion (as per allotment), a penalty at the rate of 1% per week (on pro-rata basis) on the amount of allotted work shall be imposed on the contractors subject to a maximum of 10% of the contract value.
Sd/- (Er. Neeraaj Gupta) Executive Engineer PCD (PHQ) J&K Jmu/Sgr.
No. e-NIT/EE-PCD/PHQ/2024-25/4794-4801
DIPK-6463/24 Dated:19-10-2024.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir,
Office of the Executive Engineer, Mechanical & Hospital Division SKIMS/ JVC, HQ: SKIMS Soura
Tel: 0194-2402617 Ext: 2159 email: - mechanicalskims@gmail.com
Short term notice Inviting e-Tender
For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT, e-tenders in two (02) cover system, are invited on item rate basis from eligible contractors registered with J&K Govt., CPWD, Railway/State/central Government organization for the below mentioned work:
Name of Work Est. Cost (Rs. in Lacs) Cost of T/Doc. (In Rs) Time of completion Budget head AA Accorded Vide No: Earnest Money (in Rs) Position of TS
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Annual operation of DM Plant including Chemicals, repairs/Replacement of sub-Assemblies etc (Chemicals) at SKIMS, Soura. 3.16 500/- 20 Days M&R 60 SKIMS -MCH OF 2024-25 Dt:- 22.05.2024 6500/- SEMHK/TS-14/44 dated:27.09.202
The bidding document consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the Govt. website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below: -
01 Publish date 16.10.2024(18:00hrs)
02 Period of downloading of bidding document 16.10.2024(18:30 hrs)
03 Bid submission start date 16.10.2024 (18.55hrs)
04 Bid submission end date 22.10.2024(18:55 hrs)
05 Date and time of opening of bids (online) 23.10.2024(14:00 hrs)
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Mechanical and Hospital Division SKIMS/JVC
No. MHD/SKIMS/JVC/3685-92
DIPK-6413/24 Dated. 19.10.2024

Deoband Chancellor Meets Mirwaiz Umer In Srinagar



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Maulana Muhammad Sufyan Qasmi, Chancellor of Darul Uloom Deoband (Waqf) and member of the All India Muslim Personal Law Board who is on a brief visit to the Kashmir along with a delegation of prominent scholars called upon Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, at his residence in Nigeen.

The two leaders held a meaningful discussion on the challenges confronting the Muslim world and the specific issues faced by Muslims in India. They emphasized the need for unity, collaboration, and proactive efforts to address these challenges.

During the meeting, Maulana Qasmi extended a formal invitation to Mirwaiz Umar Farooq to visit Darul Uloom Deoband, fostering closer cooperation between religious scholars and institutions. The Mirwaiz expressed appreciation for the invitation and stressed the importance of continued efforts to engage with scholars in finding solutions to the pressing issues faced by the Muslim community.

DC Presides Capacity Building Program On Implementation Of Project YUVA



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today inaugurated a day-long capacity building training program aimed at enhancing the skills of District level Officers for effective implementation of Project YUVA.

The training program was organized by the Department of Employment at Meeting Hall of DC Office Srinagar. Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner lauded the initiative and assured full support and co-operation from the District Administration to ensure the successful execution of Project YUVA. He emphasized the importance of such capacity-building programs in achieving the desired impact.

The training session saw the participation of 40 District-

level Officers, including Block Development Officers (BDOs) and Child Development Project Officers (CDPOs).

The program was designed to equip the Officers with the necessary knowledge and expertise to successfully execute Project YUVA's objectives.

During the training program, Deputy Director Employment Srinagar, Dr. Sheeba Inayat, gave an insightful overview of the program, outlining its significance and long-term benefits.

While experts provided an in-depth briefing on the project's goals, strategies, and expected outcomes, offering a detailed roadmap for its implementation.

This event marked a significant step toward empowering district officers to contribute effectively to the goals of Project YUVA.

Commissioner SMC Reviews Drainage Circle On Capital Expenditure



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Commissioner SMC, Dr. Owais Ahmed, chaired a thorough review of the capital expenditure (Capex) associated with the City Drainage Circle SMC. This meeting was part of a broader strategy to improve the city's drainage infrastructure.

The meeting was attended by the Engineering wing of City Drainage Circle, SMC. Dr. Owais emphasized the importance of completion of ongoing projects within the stipulated timelines while upholding the highest standards of quality. Dr. Owais urged the Drainage Circle to rule out a detailed assessment of ongoing projects and address any challenges that

may be hindering progress. Dr. Owais highlighted the role that a robust drainage system plays in preventing urban flooding and protecting public health. Dr. Owais underscored the need for enhanced cooperation among various departments to ensure seamless execution and to make optimal use of available resources.

The review reflects SMC's commitment to foster a sustainable urban environment to ensure that the drainage infrastructure meets the growing demands of the city. By prioritizing timely project completion and quality management, the SMC aims to create a more resilient Srinagar capable of effectively managing Storm Water.



TWO YOUNG LADS ON A BIKE ride using the Abdullah Bridge walkway amidst light showers on Saturday.
KO PHOTO, ABID BHAT.

PDP Secures Less Votes Than BJP In Habbakadal AC

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: National Conference candidate Shamima Firdous secured a landslide victory in the recent Habbakadal assembly constituency election, garnering 12,437 votes.

Shamima Firdous won with a margin of 9,538 votes, representing a 64.68% vote share. Ashok Kumar Bhat of the BJP finished second with 2,899 votes, while independent candidate Nazir Ahmed Gilkar secured 1,475 votes.

Eight candidates as per the news agency Kash-



mir News Trust received fewer votes than the NOTA (None of the Above) option, which garnered 148 votes. PDP candidate Arif Irshad Laigroo secured only 602 votes, less than

jay Saraf, who previously contested from the same constituency, received only 265 votes. Awami National Conference candidate Muzaffar Shah secured 276 votes.

Six candidates secured below 100 votes, with Faisal Manzoor of the National Panthers Party (Bhim) receiving the lowest 40 votes.

There were 16 candidates in the fray.

This election result highlighted the dominant performance of National Conference's Shamima Firdous in the Habbakadal constituency. [KNT]

KASHMIR MARATHON

Traffic Police Issues Advisory

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Kashmir Marathon-2024 is being organized by Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Department on Sunday, October 20, 2024, in which a large number of people from all walks of life are expected to participate.

To facilitate participants' smooth movement and avoid traffic congestion on various routes during the Marathon, the following route plan/advisory is issued to avoid any inconvenience to the participants/general public.

All the participants for the said Marathon shall park their vehicles at designated parking places which include SP College Ground, SDA Parking opposite Pick n Choose, Multilevel Parking Press Colony, Presentation Convent School, Gindun Park

Rajbagh, Institute of Hotel Management Rajbagh, Directorate of Horticulture Rajbagh, Football Ground TRC, Floriculture Park RR Road, and Cricket Ground TRC opposite JK Bank headquarters.

There will be no traffic movement on various routes in different time ranges as per the given schedule.

Residency Road: (Radio Kashmir crossing up to Polo View) - 5:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Police Station Rajbagh and Presentation Convent School: (Jawahar Nagar/Lal Mandi and from Hattrick up to Abdullah Bridge - Zero Bridge, from Rajbagh and Aramwari)- 5:00 am to 8:30 am.

MA Road: (Budshah Chowk towards Dalgate and Badyari up to Nehru Park)- 5:00 am to 9:00 am. Residency Road: (Court

Road - Clock Tower till Biscoe School crossing)- 5:00 am to 8:30 am.

Nehru Park: (Kralasangri-Nishat Foreshore road-Habbak crossing and Kashmir University up to Sir Syed Gate)- 5:00 to 1:00 pm.

Hotel Lalit: Gupkar Road and Ram Munshi Bagh- 5:00 am to 1:30 pm.

Sonwar to Ram Munshi Bagh - 5:00 am to 1:30 pm.

Motorists intending to travel from Harwan, Shalimar and Nishat and Brein side are advised to adopt Burzahama via Chandpora- Tailbal- Zakura- Habbak- Naseembagh road and vice versa to reach their respective destinations.

Likewise, motorists coming from Ganderbal/Nagbal side towards Lal Chowk are advised to adopt 90 feet Saura road and vice versa

to reach their respective destinations. Motorists intending to travel from Rambagh and other adjacent areas towards Rajbagh and other areas shall adopt the Jawahar Nagar Bund Road to reach to their respective destinations.

There will be no movement of Heavy Motor Vehicles (HMVs) after 08:00 pm on October 19, 2024, onwards on the Marathon routes viz. RR Road, Gupkar Road, Boulevard Road, Foreshore Road, etc.

Citizens are requested to plan their journey accordingly, so as to avoid any inconvenience on October 20, 2024. Emergencies shall be allowed to take the shortest route.

In case any assistance is required, citizens are requested to contact Traffic Police at the Traffic Police Control Room number 103.

- TRAFFIC POLICE : 9419993745, 01998-266686
- PCR: 0194-2452092,2455883
- PDD: 0194-2450213
- FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES : 2479488,2452222,2452155
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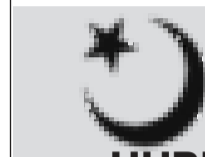
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HIGHWAY STATUS

- Sgr-Jammu highway - (Open)
- Mughal Road - (Open)
- Srinagar-Leh - (Open)



HIJRI CALENDAR
16 Rabi-ul-Sani
1446

PRAYERS

FAJR	5:18
ZUHR	12:16
ASR	4:14
Magrib	5:56
ISHA	7:15

This Day In History

- 1786 - Harvard University organizes 1st astronomical expedition in US.
- 1899 - Battle at Talana Hill, Natal: British army vs Boers
- 1902 - The Chamber of Deputies appoints a committee to consider questions on the separation of Church and State in France
- 190 - 3 US wins disputed boundary between District of Alaska & Canada
- 1904 - Bolivia and Chile sign a treaty ending the War of the Pacific; recognizing Chile's possession of the coast, providing for construction of a railway linking La Paz, Bolivia, to Arica on the coast
- 1905 - Great General Strike in Russia begins; lasts 11 days
- 1905 - Russian Tsar allows Polish people to speak Polish
- 1910 - The hull of the RMS Olympic, sister-ship to the ill-fated RMS Titanic, is launched from the Harland and Wolff shipyard in Belfast, Ireland.
- 1921 - Germany and Allies comes to an agreements over reparations payments in a meeting at Wiensbaden
- 1921 - The French and Mustafa Kemal nationalists sign a treaty at Ankara fixing the Turko-Syrian border
- 1935 - Communist forces end their Long March at Yan'an, in Shaanxi, China, bringing Mao Zedong to prominence
- 1936 - Spanish government moves to Barcelona
- 1941 - Nazi occupiers murder 500 inhabitants of Kragujevac Serbia.
- 1944 - Revolution by workers & students in Guatemala
- 1944 - Soviet and Yugoslav troops free Belgrade
- 1944 - US 1st army wins battle of Aachen
- 1944 - US forces under General Douglas MacArthur return to the Philippines with the landing of the US 6th army on Leyte
- 1950 - Chemists Archer John Porter Martin and James Lovelock give the first demonstration of gas chromatography at a meeting of the Biochemical Society. The technique is rapidly adopted by the petrochemical industry.
- 1952 - Emergency crisis proclaimed in Kenya
- 1965 - Mass arrests of communists in Indonesia
- 1971 - Senator in the US Congress Edward Kennedy calls for a withdrawal of British troops from Northern Ireland and all-party negotiations to establish a United Ireland.
- 1973 - US president Nixon fires Watergate accuser Archibald Cox
- 1975 - Supreme Court rules teachers could spank their pupils after warning
- 1982 - Nobel Prize in Economics awarded to George Stigler
- 1982 - Sri Lanka President Jayewardene re-elected
- 1986 - Tupolev-134 crashes in Southern Africa
- 1988 - Britain ends suspects' right to remain silent in crackdown on IRA
- 1989 - Pakistan win Sharjah Trophy over India & WI on round-robin
- 1990 - Antiwar protest marches begin in 20 US cities (US-Iraq)
- 1996 - Wasim Akram (257) & Saqlain Mushtaq gets cricket Test record 313 for 8th wicket, vs Zimbabwe at Sheikhupura
- 1997 - US accuses Microsoft of violating pact forcing IE browser on computers.
- 2011 - The former leader of Libya, Muammar Gaddafi, and his son Moatassem Gaddafi are killed shortly after the battle of Sirte (2011) while in the custody of NTC fighters.
- 2013 - 30 people are killed by a suicide truck bomber in Hama, Syria
- 2013 - 37 people are killed in a suicide bombing in Baghdad, Iraq
- 2013 - 78 people are killed by cattle raiders in Jonglei, Sudan
- 2014 - Joko Widodo becomes President of Indonesia

From KO Archives

Kashmiri Student Murdered In Delhi

SRINAGAR: A Kashmiri student was stabbed to death by unknown assailants in Delhi last week. According to reports Naseer Ahmad Sofi, son of Ghulam Rasool Sofi, hailing from Baramulla, was doing an X-ray tech-nicians' course in Mahipalpora. He was stabbed to death on Friday last week. The killers have not been identified so far. The victim's kin left for Delhi today to bring back the body. The incident has left parents of students studying outside the state deeply perturbed.

(Kashmir Observer, October 20, 2000)

Harris, Donald Trump & Demographics in US Elections

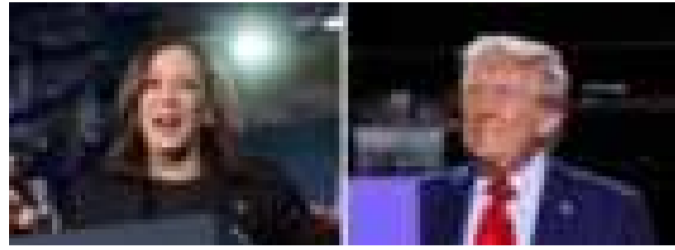
Agencies
Washington: In 2024, election day in the United States falls on November 5 — the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. Roughly 244 million US citizens over the age of 18 are eligible to cast their votes, according to the Bipartisan Policy Center think tank, though some states strip that right from people who have been convicted of felonies.

The US has seen an increase in voter participation in recent years. In 2016, only about 59% of eligible voters cast ballots in the presidential election. In 2020, that number stood at 66% — the high-

est rate for any national election since 1900, according to the Pew Research Center.

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Race is a key factor in US electoral politics. And there are large disparities between different races when it comes to how many people show up to vote: In the 2020 election, almost 71% of white voters cast ballots compared to only 58.4% of non-white voters, according to the Brennan Center for Justice law and policy institute. That election saw 62.6% of Black American voters, 53.7% of Latino American voters, and 59.7% of Asian American voters cast ballots.

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Accused In Journalist Lankesh's Murder Case Joins Shiv Sena in Maharashtra

Press Trust Of India

Mumbai: Shrikant Pangarkar, an accused in the 2017 murder of journalist Gauri Lankesh, which outraged the nation, joined Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena in Jalna ahead of assembly polls.

Lankesh was shot dead outside her home in Karnataka capital Bengaluru on September 5, 2017.

A probe by police in Karnataka with assistance from agencies in Maharashtra led to the arrest of several persons.

Pangarkar, a Jalna municipal councillor of the undivided Shiv Sena between 2001 and 2006, was arrested in August 2018 and was granted bail by the Karnataka High Court on September 4 this year.

After he was denied a ticket by the Shiv Sena in 2011, Pangarkar joined the right-wing Hindu Janjagruiti Samiti.

He joined the Shinde-led Shiv Sena on Friday in the presence of party leader and former



state minister Arjun Khotkar.

"Pangarkar is a former Shiv Sainik and has returned to the party. He has been nominated as the chief of the Jalna assembly poll campaign," Khotkar told reporters.

Khotkar also said he wants to contest the assembly poll from Jalna, but added seat sharing discussions in the Mahayuti (ruling alliance comprising Shiv Sena, BJP and Ajit Pawar-led NCP) were still underway.

The seat is held by Congress' Kailash Gorantyal.

Maharashtra assembly polls will be held on November 20, while results will be declared on November 23. The term of the current assembly ends on November 26.



Hezbollah Hits Netanyahu's Residence Near Haifa

Agencies

Beirut: In a major embarrassment for the Israeli military, a drone launched by Hezbollah from Lebanon on Saturday hit prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu's heavily guarded residence near Haifa, amid an interception failure.

Reports said drone targeted "Netanyahu's private residence in the coastal city of Caesarea, southern Haifa in the morning hours"

The Israeli military confirmed that a drone had struck the central town where the Israeli Prime Minister resides, and two additional drones were intercepted before they could reach their targets.

Israeli media provided sketchy details on the extent of damage and possible casualties following a ban by the military.

One report quoting the Israeli military said the drone kept hovering overhead for an hour before striking the building, describing the event as "a tough morning."

The military said it had intercepted two additional drones launched on Saturday, which set off air-raid sirens at a military base in Gilot, just north of Tel Aviv. But that did not trigger sirens in Caesarea, the coastal location of Mr. Netanyahu's home. The military said the incident

was "under review."

One report said, "Netanyahu wasn't present, and no injuries were reported."

Israel's Army Radio said the drone that exploded in Caesarea was of the same type that struck a Golan Brigade camp, killing four soldiers and wounding scores others, saying it is difficult to intercept.

Meanwhile, in a statement online, the Iranian military confirmed Hezbollah's involvement in the attack, stating that Lebanese brothers targeted Netanyahu's residence in a drone attack. They also shared visuals from the area surrounding Netanyahu's home.

The episode came nearly a week after a major Hezbollah strike killed four Israeli soldiers and wounded dozens of others at a military base in northern Israel.

The Hezbollah drone attack that killed four soldiers nearly a week ago occurred at a military training base near Binyamina, just outside Caesarea.

Lebanon's al-Mayadeen news channel reported that a Hezbollah drone struck the building in Caesarea accurately and eyewitnesses confirmed that the explosion was huge.

In a separate development, sirens blared in military bases in the Gilot settlement in northern

Tel Aviv after the drone entered Israeli airspace.

Hezbollah also targeted with drones and missiles a number of strategic Israeli military sites in Haifa and other areas in northern Israel as part of a new phase of retaliatory operations in solidarity with the people of the besieged Gaza Strip and Lebanon.

Israeli emergency services said one person was killed by shrapnel near the port city of Acre after a barrage of rockets were fired from Lebanon into the north.

Five people were injured in Kiryat Ata, in the Haifa district, mostly from shrapnel injuries, said a spokesperson for emergency service provider Magen David Adom.

Israel's vulnerability to drones was also illustrated in June, when Hezbollah broadcast footage of sensitive installations in Haifa, Israel's third-largest city, that it captured from a drone that hovered over the northern city seemingly without being detected.

And in July, Israel was stunned when a drone launched by the Houthi militia in Yemen slammed into an apartment building near a United States Embassy branch office in a popular beachfront neighborhood of Tel Aviv, killing one and injuring eight others.

Sinwar's picture with Ayatollah Khamenei released

Agencies

Tehran: A new picture has surfaced in social media showing Yahya Sinwar, the assassinated leader of the Palestinian resistance movement Hamas in a meeting with the Leader of Iran's Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei over 12 years ago.

The picture shows Sinwar apparently on a trip to Iran on February 12, 2012, accompanying a Palestinian delegation headed by Hamas' former political head

leased from the meeting, a passionate Haniyeh is seen introducing Sinwar as an outstanding commander of the resistance movement to Ayatollah Khamenei.

Sinwar, known for his unrelenting strategies on the battlefield against Israel and the mastermind of the resistance movements' Oct. 7 operation against Israel, was targeted in a strike near the Rafah border crossing in the Gaza Strip on Wednesday.

Iran's Leader issued a mes-



Ismail Haniyeh, who was also assassinated in an Israeli strike in the Iranian capital Tehran on July 31.

In a video footage also re-

sage on his assassination, saying Hamas is alive and will remain so, despite the martyrdom of the prominent figures of the Resistance Front.

Vistara's Delhi-London Flight Diverted To Frankfurt After Bomb Threat



Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: A London-bound Vistara flight from Delhi was diverted to Frankfurt on Friday following a bomb threat.

In a statement early Saturday morning, an airline spokesperson said the flight landed safely at the Frankfurt airport and mandatory checks are being conducted. The flight will continue to its destination once cleared by the security agencies.

"Vistara flight UK17 operating from Delhi to London on October 18, 2024 received a security threat on social media. In line with the protocol, all relevant authorities were immediately informed and as a precautionary measure, the pilots decided to divert the flight to Frankfurt," the spokesperson said.

According to an official in the know, the flight had received a bomb threat.

Meanwhile, Akasa Air said its flight QP 1366 scheduled to fly from Bengaluru to Mumbai on Friday received a security alert shortly before departure.

"Hence as per safety and security procedures, all passengers had to be deplaned as the local authorities followed necessary procedures. We request your understanding as our team on ground did everything possible to reduce inconvenience," the airline said in a post on X.

In the past few days, nearly 40 flights operated by the Indian carriers have received bomb threats which later turned out to be hoaxes.

Xi Jinping Asks Troops To Prepare For War As Battle Drills Intensify Around Taiwan

Agencies

Beijing: Chinese President Xi Jinping called this week for troops to strengthen their preparedness for war, state media reported today, just days after Beijing staged large-scale military drills around Taiwan.

Xi made his comments while visiting a brigade of the People's Liberation Army Rocket Force on Thursday, according to state-run broadcaster CCTV.

Xi said the military should "comprehensively strengthen training and preparation for war, (and) ensure troops have solid combat capabilities", state media CCTV reported.

Soldiers must "enhance their strategic deterrent and combat capability," Xi said.

China, which claims Taiwan as part of its territory, has stepped up its shows of force around the



self-ruled island in recent years.

On Monday, Beijing had deployed fighter jets, drones, warships and coast guard vessels to encircle Taiwan — its fourth round of large-scale war games around the democratic island in just over two years.

China's communist leaders have insisted they will not rule out using force to bring Taiwan under Beijing's control.

Xi on Thursday said the Chinese military must "strongly safeguard the country's strategic security and core interests", according to the CCTV report.

The dispute between China and Taiwan dates back to a civil war in which the nationalist forces of Chiang Kai-shek were defeated by Mao Zedong's communist fighters and fled to the island in 1949.

'This Is How A Hero Dies,' Say Gazans Of Sinwar's Battlefield Death

REUTERS

CAIRO: For one Gazan father, Yahya Sinwar's death in battle trying to beat back a drone with a stick was "how heroes die." For others, it was an example for future generations even as some lamented the ruinous cost of the war he sparked with Israel.

Sinwar, the architect of Hamas' deadly Oct. 7, 2023, attack on Israel that triggered the war in Gaza, was killed on Wednesday in a gunfight with Israeli forces after a year-long manhunt, and his death was announced on Thursday.

A video of some of his final minutes, showing him masked and wounded in a shell-smashed apartment trying to hurl a stick at a drone filming him inspired pride among Palestinians.

"He died a hero, attacking not fleeing, clutching his rifle, and engaging against the occupation army at the



front line," a Hamas statement mourning Sinwar's death said.

In the statement, Hamas vowed his death would only strengthen the movement, adding that it wouldn't

compromise on conditions to reach a ceasefire deal with Israel.

"He died wearing a military vest, fighting with a rifle and grenades, and when he was wounded and was bleed-

ing he fought with a stick. This is how heroes die," said Adel Rajab, 60, a father of two in Gaza.

"I have watched the video 30 times since last night, there is no better way to die," said Ali, a 30-year-old taxi driver in Gaza. "I will make this video a daily duty to watch for my sons, and my grandsons in the future," said the father of two.

The attack Sinwar planned on Israeli communities a year ago killed around 1,200 people, mostly civilians, with another 253 dragged back to Gaza as hostages, according to Israeli tallies.

Israel's subsequent war has devastated Gaza, killing more than 42,000 Palestinians, with another 10,000 uncounted dead thought to lie under the rubble, say Gaza health authorities.

Sinwar's own words in previous speeches, saying he would rather die at Israel's hands than from a heart attack or car accident, have been repeatedly shared by Palestinians online.

"The best gift the enemy and the occupation can offer me is to assassinate me and that I go as a martyr at their hands," he had said.

Recruiting tool

Now some Palestinians are wondering whether Israel will regret allowing the fulfilment of that wish to be broadcast as a potential recruiting tool for an organization it has sworn to destroy.

"They said he was hiding inside the tunnels. They said he was keeping Israeli prisoners next to him to save his life. Yesterday we saw that he was hunting down Israeli soldiers in Rafah, where the occupation has been operating since May," said Rasha, a displaced 42-year-old mother of four children.

"This is how leaders go, with a rifle in the hand. I supported Sinwar as a leader and today I am proud of him as a martyr," she added.

A poll in September showed a majority of Gazans thought the Oct. 7 attack was the wrong decision and a

growing number of Palestinians have questioned Sinwar's willingness to launch a war that has caused them so much suffering.

Rajab, who praised Sinwar's death as heroic, said he had not supported the Oct. 7 attacks, believing Palestinians were not prepared for all-out war with Israel. But he said the manner of his death "made me proud as a Palestinian."

In both Gaza and the West Bank, where Hamas also has significant support and where fighting between Israeli occupying forces and Palestinians has increased over the past year, people wondered whether Sinwar's death would hasten the war's end.

In Hebron, a flashpoint West Bank city, Ala'a Hashalmooni said killing Sinwar would not mean a more conciliatory leader. "What I can figure out is that whoever dies, there is someone who replaces him (who) is more stubborn," he said.

FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS-2024

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

LIST OF FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS ORIGINATING/TERMINATING IN NORTHERN RAILWAY

Spl. Train No.	Station From	Dept. Time	Station to	Arr. Time	Frequency / Day	Period
02252	New Delhi	08:25	Patna Jn	20:00	Tri-weekly	Wednesday, Friday, Sunday
02251	Patna Jn	07:30	New Delhi	19:00	Tri-weekly	Thursday, Saturday, Monday
02270	Lucknow	14:15	Chhapra	21:30	6 Days a week	Except Tuesday
02269	Chhapra	23:00	Lucknow	06:30	6 Days a week	Except Tuesday
02248	New Delhi	08:25	Patna Jn	20:30	Tri-weekly	Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
02247	Patna Jn	07:30	New Delhi	19:35	Tri-weekly	Wednesday, Friday, Sunday
04052	New Delhi	14:20	Jaynagar	15:40	Date Wise	Sat, Tue, Fri, Mon
04051	Jaynagar	18:00	New Delhi	18:50	Date Wise	Sun, Wed, Sat, Tue
04054	New Delhi	14:20	Barauni Jn	11:00	Date Wise	Sun, Wed, Sat, Tue
04053	Barauni Jn	12:30	New Delhi	09:10	Date Wise	Mon, Thu, Sun, Wed
02250	New Delhi	23:55	Patna Jn	16:40	Weekly	Thursday
02249	Patna Jn	17:50	New Delhi	11:00	Weekly	Friday
04075	New Delhi	23:45	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	11:40	Bi-weekly	Wednesday, Sunday
04076	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	21:20	New Delhi	09:30	Bi-weekly	Thursday, Monday
04498	Anand Vihar Terminal	19:30	Ballia	13:30	Weekly	Sunday
04497	Ballia	18:40	Anand Vihar Terminal	14:25	Weekly	Monday
04022	Anand Vihar Terminal	11:40	Sitamarhi	15:45	Bi-weekly	Wednesday, Friday
04021	Sitamarhi	18:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	18:05	Bi-weekly	Thursday, Saturday
04032	Anand Vihar Terminal	05:15	Saharsa Jn	10:30	5 days a week	Mon, Tue, Thu, Sat, Sun
04031	Saharsa Jn	13:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	16:10	5 days a week	Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri, Sun
04624	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	23:45	Varanasi Jn	23:55	Weekly	Sunday
04623	Varanasi Jn	05:30	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	11:25	Weekly	Tuesday
04080	Delhi Jn	19:30	Varanasi Jn	09:45	Tri-weekly	Monday, Thursday, Saturday
04079	Varanasi Jn	18:25	Delhi Jn	08:50	Tri-weekly	Tuesday, Friday, Sunday
04530	Bhatinda Jn	20:50	Varanasi Jn	17:30	Bi-weekly	Monday, Friday
04529	Varanasi Jn	20:40	Bhatinda Jn	17:00	Bi-weekly	Tuesday, Saturday
04096	Anand Vihar Terminal	09:00	Ayodhya Cantt	22:00	Tri-weekly	Monday, Wednesday, Friday
04095	Ayodhya Cantt	09:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	22:30	Tri-weekly	Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
04518	Chandigarh	23:15	Gorakhpur	18:20	Weekly	Thursday
04519	Gorakhpur	22:05	Chandigarh	14:10	Weekly	Friday
04060	Anand Vihar Terminal	10:30	Jaynagar	15:15	Bi-weekly	Tuesday, Friday
04059	Jaynagar	17:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	19:55	Bi-weekly	Wednesday, Saturday
04068	Delhi Jn	19:30	Darbhanga Jn	16:30	Bi-weekly	Tuesday, Friday
04067	Darbhanga Jn	18:00	Delhi Jn	16:35	Bi-weekly	Wednesday, Saturday
04044	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:15	Gorakhpur	14:00	Bi-weekly	Saturday, Tuesday
04043	Gorakhpur	17:25	Anand Vihar Terminal	10:40	Bi-weekly	Sunday, Wednesday
04217	Varanasi Jn	06:25	Lucknow Jn	11:45	Daily	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun
04218	Lucknow Jn	16:30	Varanasi Jn	21:50	Daily	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun
04010	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:45	Jogbani	05:20	Weekly	Tuesday
04009	Jogbani	09:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	16:05	Weekly	Thursday
04678	Firozpur Cantt Jn	13:25	Patna Jn	17:00	Weekly	Wednesday
04677	Patna Jn	18:45	Firozpur Cantt Jn	22:40	Weekly	Thursday
04211	Varanasi Jn	14:50	Chandigarh	07:45	Weekly	Saturday
04212	Chandigarh	09:30	Varanasi Jn	01:20	Weekly	Sunday
04553	Saharanpur	04:40	Ambala Cant Jn	06:45	Daily	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun
04554	Ambala Cant Jn	20:20	Saharanpur	22:30	Daily	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun
04682	Jammu Tawi	23:20	Kolkata	13:00	Weekly	Tuesday
04681	Kolkata	23:45	Jammu Tawi	12:30	Weekly	Thursday
04078	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:55	Patna Jn	16:25	Weekly	Monday
04077	Patna Jn	17:50	Anand Vihar Terminal	11:00	Weekly	Tuesday
04646	Jammu Tawi	05:45	Barauni Jn	12:10	Weekly	Thursday
04645	Barauni Jn	15:15	Jammu Tawi	22:30	Weekly	Friday
04038	Delhi Jn	19:10	Azamgarh	11:30	Weekly	Sunday
04037	Azamgarh	13:30	Delhi Jn	06:10	Weekly	Monday
04312	Haridwar Jn	12:30	Howrah Jn	17:10	Weekly	Thursday
04311	Howrah Jn	19:00	Haridwar Jn	23:30	Weekly	Friday
04314	Haridwar Jn	12:30	Muzaffarpur Jn	07:30	Weekly	Friday
04313	Muzaffarpur Jn	09:00	Haridwar Jn	05:30	Weekly	Saturday
04058	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:15	Muzaffarpur Jn	21:15	Bi-weekly	Monday, Thursday
04057	Muzaffarpur Jn	23:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:30	Bi-weekly	Tuesday, Friday
04062	Anand Vihar Terminal	09:00	Barauni Jn	06:30	Weekly	Sunday
04061	Barauni Jn	08:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	10:10	Weekly	Monday
02246	Hazrat Nizamuddin	23:55	Patna Jn	16:40	Bi-weekly	Monday, Wednesday
02245	Patna Jn	17:50	Hazrat Nizamuddin	10:50	Bi-weekly	Tuesday, Thursday
04526	Sirhind Jn	11:25	Saharsa Jn	17:00	Weekly	Monday
04525	Saharsa Jn	19:15	Ambala Cantt Jn	22:20	Weekly	Tuesday
04006	Delhi Jn	23:05	Jaynagar	23:45	Bi-weekly	Tuesday, Friday
04005	Jaynagar	01:30	Delhi Jn	01:30	Bi-weekly	Thursday, Sunday
04048	Anand Vihar Terminal	15:20	Katihar Jn	15:00	Bi-weekly	Tuesday, Friday
04047	Katihar Jn	18:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	17:50	Bi-weekly	Wednesday, Saturday
04070	New Delhi	00:20	Rajgir	21:00	Bi-weekly	Saturday, Tuesday
04069	Rajgir	22:50	New Delhi	23:10	Bi-weekly	Sunday, Wednesday
02262	New Delhi	00:20	Darbhanga Jn	21:15	Bi-weekly	Wednesday, Sunday
02261	Darbhanga Jn	23:20	New Delhi	20:15	Bi-weekly	Wednesday, Sunday
04226	Lucknow Jn	15:40	Tatanagar Jn	09:10	Date Wise	Sunday
04225	Tatanagar Jn	11:00	Lucknow Jn	04:55	Date Wise	Monday

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03575	Asansol Jn	10:15	Anand Vihar Terminal	08:05	Weekly	Friday
03576	Anand Vihar Terminal	10:15	Asansol Jn	10:20	Weekly	Saturday
03435	Malda Town	09:30	Anand Vihar Terminal	14:10	Weekly	Monday
03436	Anand Vihar Terminal	15:45	Malda Town	23:30	Weekly	Tuesday
03255	Patna Jn	22:20	Anand Vihar Terminal	15:00	Bi-weekly	Sunday, Thursday
03256	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:20	Patna Jn	17:20	Bi-weekly	Monday, Friday
02391	Patna Jn	22:20	Anand Vihar Terminal	15:00	Weekly	Saturday
02392	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:20	Patna Jn	17:20	Weekly	Sunday
03257	Danapur	07:30	Anand Vihar Terminal	00:30	Weekly	Sunday
03258	Anand Vihar Terminal	05:00	Danapur	20:45	Weekly	Monday
05219	Muzaffarpur Jn	13:30	Anand Vihar Terminal	06:00	Daily	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun
05220	Anand Vihar Terminal	08:00	Muzaffarpur Jn	00:45	Daily	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun
05109	Chhapra	17:45	Anand Vihar Terminal	11:50	Weekly	Wednesday
05110	Anand Vihar Terminal	12:55	Chhapra	06:45	Weekly	Thursday
05023	Gorakhpur	21:15	Anand Vihar Terminal	13:15	Weekly	Sunday
05024	Anand Vihar Terminal	15:15	Gorakhpur	04:45	Weekly	Monday
05301	Mau Jn	04:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	20:30	Weekly	Thursday
05302	Anand Vihar Terminal	00:25	Mau Jn	17:45	Weekly	Friday
05005	Gorakhpur	14:40	Amritsar Jn	09:30	Weekly	Wednesday
05006	Amritsar Jn	12:45	Gorakhpur	08:50	Weekly	Thursday
05049	Chhapra	09:55	Amritsar Jn	09:30	Weekly	Friday
05050	Amritsar Jn	12:45	Chhapra	14:00	Weekly	Saturday
02525	Kamakhya	22:45	Anand Vihar Terminal	08:50	Weekly	Friday
02526	Anand Vihar Terminal	17:20	Kamakhya	03:40	Weekly	Sunday
05671	Guwahati	15:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	08:50	Weekly	Wednesday
05672	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:45	Guwahati	14:15	Weekly	Friday
05734	Katihar Jn	11:40	Amritsar Jn	00:10	Weekly	Thursday
05733	Amritsar Jn	04:25	Katihar Jn	15:00	Weekly	Saturday
03413	Malda Town	07:10	New Delhi	07:30	Bi-weekly	Thursday, Sunday
03414	New Delhi	10:30	Malda Town	07:55	Bi-weekly	Friday, Monday
03483	Bhagalpur	11:00	New Delhi	07:10	Bi-weekly	Saturday, Tuesday
03484	New Delhi	10:30	Bhagalpur	04:10	Bi-weekly	Sunday, Wednesday
05565	Saharsa Jn	19:30	Sirhind Jn	00:05	Weekly	Thursday
05566	Sirhind Jn	02:00	Saharsa Jn	09:45	Weekly	Saturday
03107	Sealdah	00:10	Lucknow Jn	00:10	Weekly	Saturday
03108	Lucknow Jn	01:40	Sealdah	23:50	Weekly	Sunday
09075	Mumbai Central (Via Bareilly)	11:00	Kathgodam	14:30	Weekly	Wednesday
09076	Kathgodam (Via Bareilly)	17:30	Mumbai Central	20:55	Weekly	Thursday

09657	Daurai (via Barabanki Jn)	15:00	Barhni	13:25	Weekly	Saturday
09658	Barhni (via Barabanki Jn)	19:15	Daurai	19:20	Weekly	Sunday
03423	Bhagalpur	13:55	Haridwar Jn	17:55	Weekly	Monday
03424	Haridwar Jn	19:55	Bhagalpur	21:20	Weekly	Tuesday
05736	Katihar Jn	21:00	Amritsar Jn	09:45	Weekly	Wednesday
05735	Amritsar Jn	13:25	Katihar Jn	23:45	Weekly	Friday
05047	Banaras	22:00	Ghaziabad	11:45	Weekly	Tuesday
05048	Ghaziabad	12:35	Banaras	05:35	Weekly	Wednesday
02397	Gaya Jn	14:15	Anand Vihar Terminal	07:10	6 Days a week	Except Saturday
02398	Anand Vihar Terminal	08:20	Gaya Jn	00:30	6 Days a week	Except Sunday
05283	Muzaffarpur Jn	06:30	Anand Vihar Terminal	05:00	Daily	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun
05284	Anand Vihar Terminal	07:00	Muzaffarpur Jn	04:50	Daily	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun
02393	Patna Jn	20:10	New Delhi	12:10	6 Days a week	Except Thursday
02394	New Delhi	13:20	Patna Jn	07:00	6 Days a week	Except Friday
04123	Prayagraj Jn	14:30	Hazrat Nizamuddin	11:10	Bi-weekly	Sunday, Wednesday
04124	Hazrat Nizamuddin	15:50	Prayagraj Jn	09:00	Bi-weekly	Monday, Thursday
05193	Chhapra	14:00	Martyr Captain Tushar Mahajan	22:10	Weekly	Saturday
05194	Martyr Captain Tushar Mahajan	00:05	Chhapra	08:00	Weekly	Monday
02417	Prayagraj Jn	21:30	Delhi Jn	08:55	Weekly	Friday
02418	Delhi Jn	09:30	Prayagraj Jn	19:45	Weekly	Saturday
04145	Prayagraj Jn	21:30	Delhi Jn	08:55	Weekly	Thursday
04146	Delhi Jn	09:30	Prayagraj Jn	19:45	Weekly	Friday
02421	Subedarganj	21:35	Delhi Jn	08:55	Weekly	Sunday
02422	Delhi Jn	09:30	Subedarganj	19:40	Weekly	Monday
03309	Dhanbad Jn	10:10	Jammu Tawi	22:40	Weekly	Tuesday
03310	Jammu Tawi	23:25	Dhanbad Jn	14:00	Weekly	Wednesday
09195	Vadodara Jn (via Varanasi Jn)	19:00	Mau Jn	20:45	Weekly	Saturday
09196	Mau Jn (via Varanasi Jn)	23:15	Vadodara Jn	00:45	Weekly	Sunday
09417	Ahmedabad Jn (via Varanasi Jn)	09:10	Danapur	20:30	Weekly	Monday
09418	Danapur (via Varanasi Jn)	23:50	Ahmedabad Jn	11:10	Weekly	Tuesday
09405	Sabarmati (via Lucknow)	18:10	Patna Jn	02:00	Weekly	Tuesday
09406	Patna Jn (via Lucknow)	05:00	Sabarmati	13:30	Weekly	Thursday
09525	Hapa (via Varanasi Jn)	00:40	Naharlagun	16:00	Weekly	Wednesday
09526	Naharlagun (via Varanasi Jn)	10:00	Hapa	00:30	Weekly	Saturday
09183	Mumbai Central (via Lucknow)	22:50	Banaras	10:30	Weekly	Wednesday
09184	Banaras (via Lucknow)	14:30	Mumbai Central	04:20	Weekly	Friday
09189	Mumbai Central (via Lucknow)	10:30	Katihar Jn	07:30	Weekly	Saturday
09190	Katihar Jn (via Lucknow)	00:15	Mumbai Central	18:40	Weekly	Tuesday
09111	Vadodara Jn (via Lucknow)	19:00	Gorakhpur	23:30	Weekly	Monday
09041	Udhna Jn (Surat) (via Lucknow)	11:15	Chhapra	19:00	Weekly	Sunday

Children Under Threat

Digital gadgets are threatening children in more ways than you think

Dr Asia Maqbool

In recent years, digital gadgets have become an integral part of everyday life, influencing various aspects of early childhood development. Devices like smartphones, tablets and computers are now widely accessible to children, offering both opportunities and challenges in their growth. While these gadgets provide interactive learning platforms, educational apps, and instant access to information, their overuse can impact a child's cognitive, emotional, and social development. The early years are crucial for brain development, and the exposure to screens during this period can affect attention spans, creativity, and physical activity. Additionally, the rise of digital media has shifted how children engage with their surroundings, often replacing traditional play and face-to-face interactions with virtual experiences. In the modern age, the relevance of digital gadgets cannot be ignored, as they play a significant role in shaping future learning and communication skills. However, the need to strike a balance between beneficial digital use and healthy development remains critical. As parents and educators grapple with these changes, understanding the potential impacts and developing strategies to integrate technology responsibly into children's lives has become essential for fostering well-rounded growth.

The influence of digital gadgets on cognitive development in early childhood presents both positive and negative effects. On the positive side, learning apps and interactive tools can foster intellectual growth, especially when they are designed with educational purposes in mind. Many apps use engaging, game-like structures to teach foundational skills such as literacy, numeracy, and problem-solving. These tools offer personalized learning experiences, helping children develop critical thinking, memory retention, and even language acquisition at their own pace. They also introduce children to the use of technology from an early age, which is increasingly important in the digital world they will grow up in. However, despite these benefits, excessive screen time can have detrimental effect on cognitive development, particularly in terms of attention and focus. Prolonged exposure to digital devices has been linked to shorter attention spans and difficulties in concentrating on tasks that required sustained mental effort. This is partly because the fast-paced, constantly changing stimuli provided by gadgets do not reflect the slower, more deliberate pace of real-world learning and problem solving. Overstimulation from digital media may also reduce a child's ability to engage in imaginative play, which is critical for cognitive flexibility and creativity. Furthermore, passive consumption of content, such as watching videos, does not engage the brain in the same way that interactive activities do, potentially hindering deeper learning and retention. The addictive nature of digital gadgets can lead to habitual use, replacing essential offline activities that contribute to cognitive growth such as reading books, playing with physical objects, and social interaction. Striking a balance between harnessing the benefits of digital tools and limiting the negative effects of excessive screen time is key to supporting healthy cognitive development in young children.

The use of digital gadgets during early childhood has notable implications for emotional and social development, particularly concerning social skills, interaction, emotional regulation, and behavioral issues. On one hand, digital devices can offer opportunities for social learning through interactive games and virtual communication platforms, which may enhance social skills like collaboration and sharing in controlled settings. However, frequent use of digital gadgets can also impede face-to-face interactions, reducing the opportunities for children to develop critical social skills such as empathy, reading non-verbal cues, and effective communication, children who spend significant time on screens may have fewer chances to engage in meaningful peer interactions, which are essential for developing social competence. This overreliance on virtual interactions can contribute to social isolation and difficulty forming real-world connections.

In terms of emotional regulation, digital gadgets can affect a child's ability to manage emotions. The fast-paced and often overstimulating content on these devices can



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lead to increased irritability, frustration, and difficulty calming down, especially when gadgets are used as a tool for distraction rather than a learning medium. Overtime, this reliance on digital content to regulate emotions may hinder the development of self-soothing techniques and emotional reliance. Behavioral concerns such as impulsivity, hyperactivity, and aggression have also been linked to excessive screen time, particularly when children are exposed to inappropriate content or violent media. Additionally, the instant gratification provided by digital gadgets can lead to difficulties with patience and delayed gratification, which are crucial aspects of emotional maturity.

The physical health effects of digital gadgets on young children are concerning, particularly in terms of eye-strain, sleep patterns, and obesity risks. Prolonged screen use can lead to digital eye strain, causing symptoms like dry eyes, headaches, and blurred vision, especially in children whose eyes are still developing. In addition, the blue light emitted by screens interferes with melatonin production, making it harder for children to fall asleep and negatively affecting their sleep quality. Poor sleep can in turn, impact their cognitive and physical development. Another key concern is the risk of obesity, as excessive screen time often replaces active play. Children who spend long hours with gadgets are more likely to lead sedentary lives, which limits their physical activity and increases the risk of unhealthy weight gain. Sedentary behaviors, combined with poor dietary habits, can contribute to long-term health problems like obesity, type 2-diabetes, and cardiovascular issues, encouraging regular breaks from screens, limiting daily screen time and promoting active play are critical to countering these effects, ensuring a balance between the use of digital gadgets and physical activities is essential for supporting children's overall physical health and well-being.

Parents and educators face significant challenges in balancing screen time with the development needs of young children. As digital gadgets become increasingly integrated into daily life, managing the amount of time children spend on screens is a growing concern. While devices can provide educational value, excessive use can hinder critical development aspects, such as physical activity, face-to-face interactions, and creative play. Parents often struggle

with finding the right balance, especially when digital tools serve as convenient distractions or learning aids. Educators face a similar challenge in integrating technology into the classroom in way that support learning without fostering overreliance on screens.

Monitoring and regulating the content children are exposed to is another challenge. With the vast array of digital media available, ensuring children engage with age-appropriate, educational, and safe content is difficult. Inappropriate or violent content can impact children's emotional and behavioral development, leading to aggression or fear. Additionally, many apps and websites include advertisements or in-app purchases, which can confuse young users and promote unhealthy consumer habits. For parents, constant supervision is needed, while educators must carefully select digital resources to align with learning goals. Both groups must stay informed about the latest tools and trends to create a safe, balanced digital environment for children.

To effectively address the challenges posed by digital gadgets on early childhood development, parental guidance and moderation are crucial. Parents play a vital role in setting boundaries that ensure children's screen time remains balanced with other essential activities. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends limiting screen time to one hour per day for children aged 2-5, focusing on high-quality educational content. Parents should establish clear rules, such as screen-free mealtimes and bedtime routines, to prevent gadgets from interfering with family interactions and healthy sleep patterns. Additionally, parents can act as role models by demonstrating mindful technology use, which encourages children to develop healthy habits.

Incorporating educational and age-appropriate content into children's digital experiences is another important remedy. Not all screen time is created equal and carefully selecting apps, games, and videos that are developmentally appropriate can have positive effects on learning. Educational platforms that promote literacy, numeracy, problem-solving, and creativity can turn screen time into a constructive learning tool. Parents and educators should research and choose digital content that aligns with a child's developmental stage, avoiding overstimulating or inappropriate material. Furthermore, engaging

with children during screen time-by asking questions or participating-can enhances learning outcomes and foster deeper connections.

Equally important is promoting screen-free activities that nurture children's social, emotional, and physical development. Excessive reliance on digital gadgets often comes at the expense of traditional play, which is essential for developing motor skills, creativity, and social interactions. Outdoor activities, physical play, and arts and crafts can provide children with rich experiences that foster curiosity and problem-solving in ways that screens cannot. Parents and educators should create opportunities for children to engage in screen-free activities regularly, ensuring that they develop a well-rounded set of skills. Encouraging family-based or group activities, such as reading together, playing games, or participating in sports, can strengthen bonds while providing healthy alternatives to screen time.

Overall, the key to mitigating the negative effects of digital gadgets on early childhood development lies in a balanced approach. By setting limits, choosing quality content, and promoting screen-free activities, parents and educators can guide children toward a healthy relationship with technology. This not only supports cognitive, emotional, and physical growth but also helps children develop the skills they need to navigate a digital world responsibly. Technology can be a powerful tool for learning and development when used mindfully and in moderation, ensuring that children benefit from its advantages without sacrificing other important areas of growth.

Educators, policymakers, and pediatricians play a vital role in shaping policies and guidelines that address the impact of digital gadgets on early childhood development. Educators must integrate technology in a way that supports learning objectives while ensuring that screen time is balanced with hands-on, social, and physical activities. Schools and early childhood programs should adopt guidelines that promote healthy technology use, providing students with opportunities to engage with digital tools in educational settings while limiting excessive exposure. Policymakers can further support these efforts by developing regulations that encourage age-appropriate digital content, restrict harmful advertising targeting children, and promote equitable access to digital literacy resources. Pediatricians, who play an essential advisory role for parents, can offer evidence-based recommendations on screen time and its impact on child health. By working together, these stakeholders can help establish a balanced, informed approach to technology use in early childhood.

Digital literacy for parents and guardians is crucial in helping them navigate the complexities of technology's role in child development. Parents need guidance on how to evaluate digital content, set appropriate screen time limits, and monitor their children's use of devices. Workshops, online resources, and community programs can equip parents with the skills to make informed decisions about digital tools, ensuring that technology use supports learning and development rather than undermining it. Additionally, raising awareness about the potential risks of excessive screen time and the benefits of alternative activities can empower parents to create a healthier, more balanced digital environment at home. Digital literacy for guardians is key to fostering responsible technology use and protecting children's well-being.

In conclusion, while digital gadgets have become an integral part of modern childhood, their impact on early development requires careful management. Parents, educator's policymakers, and pediatricians must collaborate to ensure technology is used in a balanced and constructive way that promotes cognitive, social, emotional, and physical growth. By setting screen time limits, choosing educational and age-appropriate content, and encouraging screen-free activities, children can benefit from the advantages of technology without suffering its negative consequences. Additionally, increasing digital literacy for parents and guardians will enable them to guide their children toward healthy technology habits. A thoughtful approach to digital gadgets use is essential for fostering well-rounded development in young children.

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Buying local, often an alternative decision resisted due to quality and genuineness, has been driven by shifting consumer priorities and evolving global trends. From carbon footprints and emissions to ethical practices and global concerns, buying local has never been as relevant as it is today.

International brands, with their extensive marketing campaigns and branding efforts, have stature and grandeur that draw consumers to opt for them. This plays into and influences consumer choice, emphasizing the need for us to evaluate our purchasing patterns critically and understand the value of going local.

A household example in Kashmir is the canned Del Monte apple juice. This neon-green concoction with only 21% reconstituted apple juice is widely consumed, while there are numerous local juice brands manufactured and packaged to high standards.

Despite being responsible for 78% of the country's annual apple output, it is unfortunate to observe the preference for the international brand, which sells locals an inferior product made from their own produce. A shift towards consumers endorsing local products would change these market dynamics and foster innovation and development of local alternatives. Imagine a Kashmiri apple energy drink, Kashmiri apple cider vinegar, and the many other possibilities that could emerge.

Aside from apples, Kashmiri trout fish is another renowned local specialty known for

its freshness and flavor. It is a safer and fresher alternative to imported frozen and tinned fish varieties. Despite its widespread use in restaurants, sea fish can be contaminated with mercury from oil spills, making it a less optimal option compared to fresh river trout fish.

Local enterprise Wular Fish empowers widowed women by providing them with opportunities to earn a livelihood through authentic fish preparation methods using local spices and traditional techniques. This offers consumers a healthier, fresher option and saves them the time of lengthy preparation, all while preserving their local cuisine.

Opting for local options offers individuals wholesome, less processed, and lower carbon emission alternatives. Historically, international brands have been favored for their perceived reliability and quality, but reports indicate that multinationals don't uphold their standards and take advantage of relaxed criteria in developing countries like India. Reuters' recent investigation into Nestlé's baby food found the product in the Indian market had added sugar compared to the product in the EU market, which did not.

Why You Should Buy Local

Aleeza Ahmed

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The current international market product landscape, coupled with movements like “boycott, divest, sanction,” has led consumers to scrutinize business policies and practices, especially with multinationals working in regions with lax regulatory oversight.

Beyond the product itself, purchasing decisions are now significantly influenced by the environmental and social impacts of

the company, due to widespread access to information and heightened awareness of corporate social responsibility (CSR), underscoring the influence these large entities hold over consumer choices.

Local brands have gained traction in response to the scrutiny faced by international businesses. While international brands' values and exploitative practices come under investigation, local businesses often establish and define their brands based on those very fundamental values and practices.

For example, Eco Kash is a local Kashmiri sustainable clothing brand that responsibly sourced materials while preserving, promoting, and reviving indigenous handicrafts. The enterprise operates under fair trade principles, actively involving community members and artisans in product creation. This commitment ensures that consumers receive high-quality, authentic products while supporting endangered local crafts and heritage in a sustainable manner.

With growing consumer support, this will foster an environment conducive to entrepreneurship and preserving local products and

heritage. This is crucial in regions like Kashmir which lack private sectors and job opportunities.

Buying local, beyond economic benefits, more importantly preserves autonomy, resources, and cultural identity. Recently, luxury ethnic wear designer Mahish Malhotra named his latest collection the “Kashmir collection”, which neither incorporates Kashmiri handicrafts nor involves local artisans and designers. This caused a reaction on social media: “There is no Kashmiri design or art inspiration even remotely,” expressed @woman-withmovingcamera, a netizen on Instagram.

Buying local preserves dying crafts and, most importantly, ensures that native products and resources receive their rightful recognition. In the larger picture, it counters the exploitation of local heritage for commercial gain, which international brands have the power to do. The absence of local brands and consumer support for local brands can result in significant outcomes, such as the ‘mainstream erasure and replacement of culture,’ which the netizen further added.

Choosing to buy local isn't just about supporting the economy—it's about ethical consumption, cultural preservation, and empowering local communities against a backdrop of worldwide market pressures, demands, and challenges.

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The Essence of Time

NARAYANAN KIZHUMUNDAYUR

Time, often considered the most precious and elusive resource, is a concept that permeates every aspect of life. It flows continuously, indifferent to human desires or efforts, yet it governs the course of our existence. From the ticking of a clock to the changing of seasons, time is both a constant and a reminder of life's transience. Understanding the essence of time not only offers insight into its value but also encourages us to reflect on how we manage it, how we perceive it, and how it shapes our personal and collective experiences.

At its core, time is a measurement—a way to quantify change. The movement of the sun, the phases of the moon, and the rhythm of nature serve as natural markers of time's passage. For millennia, civilizations have devised calendars and clocks to organize life around these markers. However, time is more

than just a tool for scheduling; it is also a framework for understanding the world. It allows us to track progress, recall memories, and anticipate the future. Time is the thread that connects our past, present, and future, weaving the narrative of our lives.

One of the most profound aspects of time is its irreversibility. Once a moment has passed, it can never be regained. This fleeting nature gives time its significance and value. Unlike material possessions, which can be replaced or recreated, lost time is gone forever. This makes time both priceless and vulnerable. How we choose to spend it becomes one of the most important decisions we make every day. For some, time is a commodity to be managed efficiently; for others, it is a fluid experience to be savoured.

Different cultures and philosophies have their own unique perceptions of time. In the West, time is often viewed linearly, with an emphasis on progress and future goals. In contrast, many

Eastern traditions, such as Hinduism and Buddhism, see time as cyclical, focusing on the interconnectedness of all events and the eternal nature of existence. These differing views influence how societies prioritize work, leisure, and relationships. Regardless of the cultural lens, time remains a universal constant, affecting every individual and community.

In our modern, fast-paced world, the value of time has become more pronounced than ever. With technology enabling instant communication and rapid access to information, the pace of life has quickened, making time feel scarce. We constantly find ourselves racing against the clock, trying to fit more into every hour, every day. Paradoxically, this hurried lifestyle often leaves us with a sense of dissatisfaction, as if we are always chasing time but never truly experiencing it.

This brings us to an essential truth about time: the importance of presence. While we cannot control the passage of

time, we can control how we engage with the present moment. Living mindfully, fully immersed in the "now," allows us to extract the most meaning from each experience. It is in these moments of presence that time seems to slow down, and we feel truly alive. Whether through meditation, creative expression, or simply enjoying a conversation with a loved one, being present transforms time from a ticking clock into a profound experience.

Ultimately, the essence of time lies in its dual nature—it is both finite and infinite. While the minutes and

hours of our lives are limited, time as a concept is boundless, stretching beyond our individual lives into the vast continuum of history and the future. By recognizing time's impermanence, we are reminded to live with intention, to prioritize what truly matters, and to cherish the moments that make life meaningful.

In essence, time is not something we own or control. It is a gift, one that we must respect and use wisely. It is the backdrop of our existence, shaping who we are and who we will become. Understanding its value allows us to navigate life with greater awareness, purpose, and appreciation.

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My Autumn Fascination

Mushtaq Hurra

Relish and rejoice the days when summer morphs into autumn because the pleasant dip in mercury bids adieu to the sweltering and scorching heat of the summer. Autumn almost arrives with enticement to conjure the atmosphere with a plethora of romantic vibes. Human heart experiences mixed feelings and emotions, making the season a mojo. Dulcet melodies produced by the delicate vibrations in tymbals of the mellifluous cicadas, impregnate the surroundings with the symphonious songs which liberate our ears from the fuss of cacophonous gadgets and gizmos.

The euphonious choruses of these tiny musicians resonate through the atmosphere in such a way, as if the musical maestros across the globe have come together to perform in concerts. The musical ambience adds saccharinity and solace to our eardrums. Though we can't deny the fact that autumn symbolises cruelty and callousness also, because it sends greens and grains to grim gallows gradually, yet its hypnotizing mellows paint viridescent vegetations to wheatish yellow, presumably, if the rising golden sun daubs everything to the blonde hues of fire which add curiosity, confidence and joy to our veins.

Aromatic fragrance of the red-ripe apples and Mushkbadji species of paddy, grown in a few high altitude areas of Kashmir valley, scents the environs so redolently that it induces congenial hangover to our souls. The season lets us enjoy the fragrant petrichor when it rains after prolonged dry summers. The season enunciates glad tidings for formidably toiling farmers to harvest their laborious exertions, carried out in their fields and orchards. Green husk of walnuts rupture easily to let the brainy kernels confined



in a shell cranium of sclerenchyma to come out, and entice human eyes to enable our taste-buds to experience the antioxidant rich delicacy of the unique dry fruit of Kashmir valley. Cone-shaped paddy bales give industrial look to paddy fields, making us believe that architecture and craft is not confined to books of engineering only.

Colours of the autumn bring forth some of my old and forgotten childhood feats and rendezvous with it. The reminiscences scratch my nostalgic chords,

and take me on a ride down my memory lane. Though many years have passed since then, but, I vividly remember a pastime that would still provoke me to venture out for the adventure. With the onset of autumn season, many seasoned fowlers would lay traps to hunt birds. Oriental turtle dove (Trael poot) was their prime prey. Shotguns were used by the fowlers from well-off families to hunt the bird. And interestingly, a certain social eminence was wrongly etched to its possession. Many fowlers

would carry their shotguns with a sense of arrogance and conceit, as if they had been authorised to empty their firearms on anyone they wished, and would walk like aristocrats among innocent villagers.

Prey birds (Trael Poot) would often sit in flocks on high-tension power lines, passing through paddy fields. These birds would also hide in the canopy of a dense poplar thicket. Campaigned fowlers would never miss their targets, but a novice would rarely fetch dividends

from his manoeuvre, using the shotgun. Since the bird resembles ring-doves, so a fowler should have a hawk's eye to recognise it among other birds, sitting together in flocks.

Many young boys who had no access to shotguns, would make use of noose traps to hunt the bird. The noose traps were skillfully prepared from horsetail hair. The indigenously made trap was laid near cone shaped paddy bales, because the site had abundant paddy seed layers, and therefore, would entice and tempt the birds to come down and peck there. The noose traps were placed overnight, preferably before the sunset. Many amateurs would yield good rewards on certain occasion. But, these noose trap hunts were susceptible to attacks from foxes and dogs. So, the fowlers would visit their already set destinations of noose traps before the sunrise. The fowlers were well-acquainted about the legitimate procedure of slaughter. So, carrying a knife was almost imperative for a fowler.

Though the bird - Oriental turtle dove (Trael Poot) would weigh insignificantly paltry in comparison to a mallard, heron or poultry birds like chicken, but, the sight of a Trael Poot caught up in the trap, would send euphoric sensations through the spine of the fowler. Even many younger boys used to rear these birds in the indigenously made wicker cages. The adventure would often end up in a disaster, because the birds taken prisoners would either flee away accidentally or become the prey of a cat. The tradition of bird catching continues to lure people to hunt them during the autumn days. Even today, many ambitious fowlers are seen roaming in paddy fields, looking for the birds of prey.

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'Starch-Digesting Gene Likely Evolved Much Before Farming Did'

Press Trust Of India

Genes that help humans digest carbohydrates could have started evolving more than 800,000 years ago, long before the advent of farming, a new study has found.

Analysing the genomes of 68 ancient humans, including a 45,000-year-old sample from Siberia, researchers at the University at Buffalo, US, found that pre-agricultural hunter-gatherers already had about four to eight copies of the amylase, or 'AMY1', gene — known to help break down starchy foods such as bread and pasta.

Gene duplication, whereby a gene copies itself and grows in number, is considered a major driver of evolution.

The results showed that the early duplication of the gene helped human adapt to starchy foods and set the stage for the wide genetic variation that still exists today, influencing how humans digest starchy foods effectively, the team said.

"The idea is that the more amylase genes you have, the more amylase you can produce and the more starch you can digest effectively," Omer Gokcumen, a professor in the department of biological sciences, University of Buffalo, and corresponding author of the study published in the journal Science, said.

The initial copies of the amylase gene was like "the first ripple in a pond, creating a genetic opportunity that later shaped our species", the researchers explained.

As humans spread across different environments, the gene's copies provided an advantage for adapting to new diets, particularly those rich in starch, they said.

The team also found that the amylase gene duplications occurred in Neanderthals and Denisovans — both close and extinct relatives of the modern humankind.

"This suggests that the (amylase) gene may have first duplicated more than 800,000 years ago, well before humans split from Neanderthals and much further back than previously thought," lead author Kwondo Kim, The Jackson Laboratory for Genomic Medi-



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The study also showed how agriculture affected evolution of the amylase genes.

While early hunter-gatherers had multiple gene copies, European farmers saw a surge in the amylase gene copies over the past 4,000 years, likely due to their starch-rich diets, the researchers said.

Those having more copies of the amylase gene were likely digesting starch more efficiently and having more offspring, Gokcumen said.

"Their lineages ultimately fared better over a long evolutionary timeframe than those with lower numbers, propagating the number of the (gene's) copies," Gokcumen said.

Scholarships This Week

Kashmir Observer in association with Buddy4Study.com presents scholarships available for the meritorious students of Jammu and Kashmir

Scholarship Name 1
BYPL SASHAKT Scholarship
2024-25

Description: An initiative by BSES Yamuna Power Limited (BYPL) to provide financial assistance to meritorious students coming from underprivileged sections of the society to help them pursue their higher education. This scholarship intends to support students at a juncture in their lives where they are deciding whether to continue pursuing higher education or enter the workforce. By offering financial assistance, it empowers them to make informed decisions about their future without the added burden of financial constraints.

Eligibility: Open for Indian nationals residing in Delhi only.

Applicants must be studying in the final-year of the undergraduate programme (any stream) in any government institute in Delhi.

Applicants must have secured more than 55% marks in their last appeared examination.

Annual family income of the applicants must not be more than INR 6,00,000 from all sources.

Prizes & Rewards: Up to INR 30,000

Last Date to Apply: 14-11-2024

Application mode: Online applications only

Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/BYPL5

Scholarship Name 2: DXC
Progressing Minds Scholarship
2024-25

Description: A CSR initiative by DXC Technology that aims to support the educational/sports



expenses of students who belong to marginalized groups.

Eligibility: Women and transgender students pursuing graduation any year in STEM-related fields are eligible.

Female athletes aged between 13 to 25 years and who have represented the state/country at the state/national/international level in the last 2/3 years can also apply.

For students pursuing graduation, they must have obtained a minimum of 60% marks in their previous class/semester.

Applicants' annual family income must be less than or equal to 4,00,000 (5,00,000 for sportspersons).

Prizes & Rewards: For Graduation in STEM - 50,000

For Sportspersons - 1,25,000

Last Date to Apply: 31-10-2024

Application mode: Online applications only

Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/DXCS4

Scholarship Name 3: SBIF Asha
Scholarship Program 2024

Description: The SBIF Asha Scholarship Program 2024, one of India's largest scholarship pro-

grams, is an initiative of the SBI Foundation. This scholarship aims to provide financial assistance to meritorious students from low-income families across India, ensuring the continuity of their education.

Eligibility: Open to school students from Class 6 to 12 and undergraduate & postgraduate students from the top 100 NIRF universities/colleges, undergraduate students from IITs, and students pursuing MBA/PGDM courses from IIMs. Applicants must have scored a minimum of 75% marks in the previous academic year. Their gross annual family income must be up to INR 6 lakh (Up to INR 3 lakh for Class 6-12 students).

Prizes & Rewards: Classes 6 to 12: INR 15,000 each

UG Students: Up to INR 50,000

PG Students: Up to INR 70,000

UG Students from IITs: Up to INR 2,00,000

MBA Students from IIMs: Up to INR 7,50,000

Last Date to Apply: 31-10-2024

Application mode: Online applications only

Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/SBIF57

Job Opportunity

Sales Representative

Manhas Trading Corporation, a reputable company in the biscuits and cookies industry, is seeking a dynamic and results-oriented Sales Representative for the regions of Srinagar, Budgam, and Ganderbal.

JOB ASPIRANTS MUST HAVE:

- Prior experience in FMCG sales (preferred but not essential)
- A valid driving license (mandatory)
- Excellent communication and negotiation skills
- Self-motivation and a strong desire to succeed in a competitive market
- The ability to work independently and manage multiple clients across different districts

WALK-IN INTERVIEW:

Date: Monday, 21st of October 2024
Time: 2:00 PM

VENUE: Manhas Trading Corporation, 90 Feet Road, Bemina

Interested candidates may contact us at: Phone: +91-9419007520, +91-9596090007

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I have lost my DOB 10th pass, Qualification 12th & Passport Bearing N2236591 somewhere. 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 Police Station Tangmarg within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Javid Ahmad Chopan
S/o Ab Ahmad Chopan
R/o Hasiutnoo Tangmarg bmg

PUBLIC NOTICE

The DOB of my daughter daughters has been wrongly written in their school records

Name	Wrong DOB	Correct DOB
Snobar Zainab	13-09-2017	15-05-2017
Barjas Zainab	08-8-2013	29-06-2024

while her correct DOB is 15-05-2017 which needs to be corrected. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the concerned office within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Shabir Ahmad Tantray
F/O Sonber Zainab & Barjas Zainab
R/O Mushulla Beerwah msl

In the court of Collector
Addl Deputy Commissioner Baramulla

In the case of:
Riyaz Ahmad Bhat S/o Ghulam Mohammad Bhat R/o Jabgripura Srinagar At present Rajbagh Srinagar Attorney holder of:
1. Manzoor Ahmad Bhat
2. Nissar Ahmad Bhat 3 Ajaz Ahmad Ahangar
4. Ajaz Ahmad Ahangar 5. Waseem Akram 6. Gowher Sultan
7. Umar Adil Petitioner

Versus

2. Farooq Ahmad Wawa S/o Ghulam Mohammad Wawa R/o Hyderpora, Srinagar
3. Waheed Abdullah S/o Mohammad Abdullah Baba R/o Qamarwari, Srinagar
4. Ghulam Mohammad S/o Abdul Rehman Malik R/o Panznara, Srinagar
5. Manzoor Ahmad S/o Abdul Rehman Dar R/o Singhpora pattan
6. Nazir Ahmad Bhat S/o Ghulam Ahmad Bhat R/o Singhpora Pattan.
7. Tehsildar Pattan
1. Naib Tehsildar Pattan District Baramulla "Respondents"

In the matter of:
Appeal against Mutation order No. 1039 "Hibbah Sharyee" pertaining to land measuring 19 Kanals & 2.5 Marlas situated at Devar Yakhmanpora Tehsil Singhpora for setting aside the same.

ORDER

28.09.2024: Appeal called for hearing. Announcement made. Counsel for both the parties present.
Counsel for appellant invited attention of this court towards the application filed along the main appeal wherein they have prayed that pending disposal of the main appeal before this court, the impugned mutation may be stayed and official respondents be directed not to allow sale or change of nature of land for protecting the rights of the appellant/ applicant. The counsel argued strongly in favour of his applicant and pressed for issuance of stay orders.
The counsel for respondents however objected to the averments of the counsel for appellant and averred that they have no ground to press for the stay orders.
The counsel for appellant/ applicant produced copy of order Dated: 12.02.2018 passed by Hon'ble High Court of Jammu & Kashmir in OWP No.904/2012 titled Bhat Vs State of J&K Ors regarding the suit land, wherein respondents have been restrained from causing any interference with the exercise of ownership and possessory rights of the petitioner qua the land measuring 19 Kanals situated at Singhpora & Devar Yakhmanpora Pattan. The subject matter has also been contested on the question of change of land use as stipulated under Section 133-A of J&K Land Revenue Act, Smtv 1996 and role played by subordinate courts.
The counsel argued stoutly and has made prima facie strong case for indulgence by revenue court as the cause of action emanates from conflicting roles played by sub-ordinate revenue authorities thus tilting balance of convenience in his favour. With the stay orders already issued in the matter by the Hon'ble High Court and purely to protect the interest of all the parties involved and in the interest of IIs, this court is prompted to direct the Tehsildar to maintain status quo and do not issue any revenue document/ attest any mutation till further orders/ directions from any competent forum.
List next on 16.11.2024
No. ADCB/Reader/2024-25/730
Dated:17/10/2024
mbp Collector/ Addl. Deputy Commissioner Baramulla

UT of Jammu & Kashmir
**Office of the Executive Engineer, JSD (PHE) QC&PD,
Zainakote, Srinagar Kashmir.**
No.: PHE/QCPD/18 of 2024-25/ e-Tender
Dated:-16-10-2024

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir (UT), e-tenders in two cover system i.e. Qualifying/Technical bid and Financial bid are invited from vehicle owners/Registered Firms for Hiring of Light Motor Passenger Vehicle (Fuel Type HSD/Petrol only).

S. No	Name of the work	Tender document Fee (Rs)	Earnest Money (Rs)	Tender validity
1	1. Hiring of Light Motor Passenger Commercial vehicle(Cab) along with driver on monthly basis for Technical Officer to Chief Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Department Srinagar (Innova or Scorpio)			
	2. Hiring of Light Motor Passenger Commercial vehicle along with driver on monthly basis for Chief Accounts Officer Jal Shakti PHE Department Srinagar(Innova or Scorpio)			
	3. Hiring of Light Motor Passenger Commercial vehicle without driver on monthly basis for Superintending Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Mechanical Circle South Srinagar.(sedan)	100/-	24600/-	90 days
Type of fuel :- HSD/Petrol.				

The NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of Quantities (BOQ), set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be viewed /downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in as per the schedule of dates given below:

Schedule of Tender.	
1	Date of Inviting Tender 16-10-2024 2:30 PM
2	Clarification Period 16-10-2024 2:30 PM to 21-10-2024 (01.00PM)
4	Documents Downloading Period 16-10-2024 3:00 PM to 27-10-2024... (04.00PM)
6	On Line Document Submission Period 28-10-2024 01:00PM
8	Date of opening of Cover Ist. 29-10-2024 03:00 PM
9	Tender Document Receiving Authority Executive Engineer PHE QC&PD, Zainakote Srinagar.
11	Document Fee (Non- Refundable) Rs.300/- In the shape of treasury/E-Challan favoring to Executive Engineer PHE QC&PD Srinagar payable at Srinagar. A/c No:005010100005110 IFSC: JAKAACHINAR
12	Earnest Money Rs24600/- In shape of CDR/FDR payable to Executive Engineer PHE QC&PD, Zainakote Srinagar.
13	Bid Opening Authority Executive Engineer PHE QC&P Division Srinagar.

A. The Cover-1 shall contain:

1. Scanned copies of the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in the shape of CDR/FDR. The firm is at liberty to quote for one, two or all the tendered items and the EMD amount for each vehicle is Rs.8400.00
2. Scanned copy of Tender Document fee in the shape of Treasury receipt / e-Challan / e-Receipt (Head 025 – Revenue & Miscellaneous) or E-Transfer to A/c No:005010100005110 IFSC: JAKAACHINAR.(The bidder shall upload the same bank receipt already deposited against the e Nit No:-23 of 2023 dated 19-07-2023)
3. Scanned Copy of GST Registration Certificate.
4. Scanned copies of PAN card
5. The firm/bidder has to upload previous experience of one year during last three financial years alongwith supply order issued by any Govt. Department/PSU and satisfactorily completion without any complaint.
6. Self-Attested copy of documents showing 1) Comprehensive Insurance, 2) Commercial registration certificate, 3) Pollution Under Control Certificate of the vehicle and 4) valid Driving License.
7. The bidders shall also have to submit in the shape of notarized legal affidavit that the bidder:-
 - i. Has not been black listed by the Government or any other organization for failure to any dues.
 - ii. Has not been adjudged by any court of law of the land as insolvent or was/were not facing any/ under any arbitration proceedings in any court of law for any offence involving moral turpitude or any criminal activities etc.
 - iii. Was and is not detained under any provisions of preventive law of the land.
 - iv. The vehicle should be in excellent condition and the maintenance/upkeep of the vehicle shall be the whole responsibility of the firm/registered owner of the vehicle during the contract period.
 - v. In the event of any mishap/accident/challan(minor or major),it shall be the sole responsibility of the firm/registered owner of the vehicle during the contract period.
 - vi. The vehicle should conform to the Pollution norms prescribed, if any, by the Transport Department of J&K during the contract period.
 - vii. The vehicle provided to the department should have comprehensive insurance during the contract period.

B. Cover Second (2nd)
The cover-II shall contain Price bid, as per BOQ uploaded by this department. Financial bid will not be accepted in physical form.

Sd/-

**NO: PHE/QCPD/2975-78
DIPK-6454/24
dated:19-10-2024**

**Executive Engineer,
PHE QC&PD,
HMT Srinagar**

Hajj-2025: HCoI Likely To Extend Date For Advance Payment

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The Haj Committee of India (HCoI) would likely extend the dates for the submission of the 'initial' advance Haj payment and necessary documents for Haj 2025 (Hijri 1446), giving more time to pilgrims.

Currently, provisionally selected pilgrims are required to deposit the Advance Haj amount by October 21, 2024, and submit their documents by October 23, 2024.

A senior officer at Jammu and Kashmir Hajj Committee said that although the last date for the submission of advance Haj amount is ending on 21 Oct, there were chances that dates may extend.

"Of total provisionally selected pilgrims for Hajj 2025, there is still 30 percent pendency for those who are yet to submit the advance amount. There may be chances that dates may be extended," the official said.

The senior officer, however, urged upon the selected pilgrims to deposit the advance

amount by 21 Oct, to avoid cancellation.

As per the official circular issued, all provisionally selected pilgrims must initially deposit Rs 1,30,300, which includes the advance Haj amount of Rs 1,28,000, a non-refundable processing fee of Rs 300, and miscellaneous dues of Rs 2,000.

Outlining the procedure, the circular states that payments can be made through online methods or bank branches, and documentation must include the Haj Application Form, medical certificates, passport copy with declaration and undertaking.

The circular states that the payment can be made through various online methods, including credit/debit cards, net banking, and UPI, via the official website (<https://hajcommittee.gov.in>) or the "Haj Suvidha App".

"Additionally, pilgrims may deposit the amount at any branch of SBI or UBI using a pay-in slip referencing their unique cover number", states the circular. —(KNO)

Govt Set To Regulate Prices Of Mutton, Livestock Products

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir government is mulling to once again regulate the prices of mutton and other livestock after a gap of more than a year.

The centre had in June 2023 barred the Jammu and Kashmir government from regulating the prices of mutton and other livestock products.

The decision by the centre came at a time when the mutton dealers were allegedly selling the mutton and livestock products at exorbitant rates.

However, during the period over one year, there has been

no mechanism in place to regulate the prices of such products in the markets, thereby leaving the common masses to the wall.

Sources within the department informed that the government would likely regulate the prices of mutton and other livestock products in Jammu and Kashmir, which is set to ease the burden on the people.

The newly inducted minister for Food Civil Supplies and Consumers Affairs (FCS&CS) department, Satish Sharma while replying to a query has told the media persons that he has not taken a review of the

department at present, but every decision will be taken according to the aspirations of the people in Jammu and Kashmir.

Meanwhile, Director FCS&CS, Abdul Rashid War could not be contacted for the comments. However, an official within the department said that they have been receiving complaints in this regard.

"Some discussions are going on over it and it is expected that the department would regulate the prices of mutton and other livestock products again," he said—(KNO)

KPDCL Advises Domestic Consumers To Adopt Solar Panel



Agencies

SRINAGAR: Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL) has once again urged its domestic consumers to adopt the Grid-connected Roof-Top Solar (RTS) plants under the heavily-subsidized PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Scheme, launched by the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy earlier this year.

It has also advised consumers with long-standing power dues to immediately apply under Government's Amnesty Scheme to claim waiver on late payment surcharge, after paying principal amount in one go or instalments.

Sharing details, a KPDCL spokesperson today stated that 152 solar roof tops with total installed capacity of 600.59 kW stand already installed across Kashmir valley, with Srinagar topping the list. "Over 1,000 consumers have selected empanelled Solar PV Vendors and we are hopeful for spike in figures of installation of RTS plants," the spokesman hoped.

KPDCL has received 3,116 formal applications on the National Portal and with scheme gaining popularity, the figure is likely to rise. "Central subsidy of 119 beneficiary consumers stands already redeemed with 46 consumers having received subsidy into their accounts in DBT mode," he added.

Beneficiaries of solar rooftops up to 3 kWp are eligible for subsidy of Rs.94,800/- thereby making PM Surya Ghar Scheme subsidized up to 60% of the project cost of Rs.1.59 lakh. "They be-

come eligible after KPDCL Technical Teams issue inspection and commissioning reports which are uploaded on the Designated Portal," he stated.

Under PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana, UT Government is providing additional subsidy of Rs. 3,000 for 1 kWp, Rs. 6,000 for 2 kWp & Rs.9,000 for 3 kWp plant, which takes maximum ceiling of subsidy from Rs.85,800/- earlier to Rs.94,800/- for a plant up to 3 kWp under the Scheme. "Government has sanctioned Rs.27.07 crore for 44,000 beneficiaries of Kashmir Division as UT share of subsidy, which shall be spread over financial years 2025-26 & 2026-27, till 31.03.2027," he added.

Highlighting the benefits under UT Government's Power Amnesty Scheme, the spokesman once again urged domestic consumers with huge outstanding to come forward and settle their opening balances. "Beyond March 31, 2025, the Power Amnesty Scheme shall not be available to domestic consumers," he informed.

So far, 1.07 lakh beneficiaries have settled their claims by paying principal amount to KPDCL to the tune of Rs.156.38 crore, he said, adding that the Government has forfeited its claim over Rs.56.00 crore on account of late payment surcharge.

The spokesman further urged the remaining 43,000 domestic consumers with huge electricity arrears to approach their Electric Subdivisions for availing the benefits under the Scheme, which relaxation shall cease to exist after March 31, 2025—(KNO)

Power Outage Draws Criticism From Sopore Residents

Agencies

SOPORE: The unscheduled power outage, which has become a persistent issue, has drawn severe criticism from north Kashmir's Sopore residents, who claim that the irregular power cuts are disrupting daily life, thereby affecting the commercial activities.

Residents demanded immediate intervention from the authorities. "We are suffering due to these erratic power cuts. There is no proper schedule and it's especially difficult for students preparing for exams," they said.

Tariq Ahmed, a businessman, said that their businesses are badly impacted. "Without reliable electricity, it's impossible

to function smoothly, especially with modern payment systems and refrigeration needs," he said.

Meanwhile, in response to the growing discontent, MLA-elect Irshad Rasool Kar acknowledged the gravity of the situation. He said, "The issue of unscheduled power cuts is long-standing, mainly due to water shortages and declining water levels."

Kar assured the public that the matter would be taken up with the Chief Minister to find sustainable solutions.

"Ensuring continuous electricity for the industrial and business sectors will be a priority. We will work to ensure that power cuts are minimized, especially in the warmer months when demand peaks," he said—(KNO)

NC Committed To Lessen People's Hardships: Sakina Itoo

Agencies

KULGAM: The people of Jammu and Kashmir have faced numerous hardships over the past decade, and the government led by Omar Abdullah is dedicated to lessen these struggles, said the Minister for Health, Medical Education, Education and Social Welfare, Sakina Itoo.

Itoo said the last ten years have been particularly challenging for the people of J&K, who have suffered a lot. However, she expressed optimism that with the election of a new government, efforts will be made to lift the population out of their difficulties.

"The National Conference (NC) government is committed to implementing measures that will uplift socio-economic conditions, enhance access to quality healthcare and education and ensure comprehensive social welfare," Itoo said.

When asked about the current status of statehood, the minister reassured that it will be restored soon. "It is a genuine demand of the people," she said. "Our demands are for public welfare. Whatever was done after 2019 must be reversed; statehood is our right. J&K was once a full state, but it was downgraded to a Union Territory. We are hopeful for its restoration."

Regarding the recent resolution for statehood, as opposed to Articles 370 and 35A, Sakina said that patience is needed as the government has only recently been formed. "Commitments made will be fulfilled in



due time," she assured.

Itoo said the government will address the issue of vacancies within the health department and the need for infrastructure upgrades. "Having been a doctor myself, I am eager to work for the welfare of the people. We aim to fill vacancies for doctors and paramedics, upgrade health facilities and improve access to services like X-rays throughout J&K," she said.

Addressing the liabilities created by the previous Lieutenant Governor-led government across various departments, Itoo said that substantial liabilities have emerged, particularly in the social welfare and health sectors. "Honorariums are not being disbursed on time, and similar issues exist in other schemes," she said, adding, "We will review these matters and address them with the relevant authorities."

Commenting on the incom-

plete Sub-District Hospital (SDH) building in her native area, the health minister acknowledged the poor condition of hospitals across J&K, where multiple patients are often accommodated on a single bed. "We are committed to upgrading health infrastructure, especially in remote areas that have been underserved," she added.

"There are challenges ahead, but we will work diligently to overcome them so that the people of J&K no longer have to suffer," Sakina said, adding, "We will do everything within our power and will communicate any limitations to the public."

Itoo expressed gratitude to the people of the D H Pora constituency for their support, saying, "They made me feel the absence of my father less acutely. I want to thank the people of J&K for giving a full mandate to the NC, which was crucial at this time. I assure them that all commitments made will be honoured."—(KNO)

Sopore Traders Submit Key Demands To Irshad Kar

Agencies

SOPORE: The business community of Sopore submitted a comprehensive memorandum to the newly elected MLA, Irshad Rasool Kar, highlighting critical issues affecting the region, even as the legislator assured 70% of the grievances will be addressed within a year.

The charter of demands was presented to the MLA-elect by the president of adhoc traders federation, who was accompanied by the members of the

business community. The delegation highlighted the pressing issues including, infrastructure, healthcare, water supply, tourism and power.

Acknowledging the urgent need to upgrade Sopore's healthcare facilities, Kar said Sopore Hospital requires significant upgradation, and I will pursue it at the earliest. He mentioned plans to enhance the infrastructure of the nursing college and proposed establishing a polytechnic college to meet the growing educational needs of the area. (KNO)

GOVERNMENT OF J&K (UT)
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER IRRIGATION DIVISION KULGAM CORRIGENDUM
Subject: - e-Nit No. 7 of 2024-25.
Reference: Endorsed vide this office No. KID/3907-16 dated 16/10/2024.
Due to typical error in the hard copy of above mentioned e-NIT, the bid opening date please be treated as 25/10/2024 at 11:00 AM instead of 25/08/2024 at 11:00 AM.
All other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.
No. KID/3951-60 Yours Faithfully
Dated: 18/10/2024 Executive Engineer
DIPK-6438-24 Irrigation Division
DT: 19/10/2024 Kulgam

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PUBLIC WORKS (R&B) DIVISION AWANTIPORA
Email: rbddivisionawantipora@gmail.com
NO:T-1/EEA/5473-76 Dated: 18/10/2024
EXTENSION CORRIGENDUM
Subject:- 1. Macadamization of Interior roads of Bunpora Samboora.
2. Macadamization of link road from Jama Masjid to Ziyarat Sharief at Parigam.
Reference:- 1. This office e-NIT NO. Fresh-52/EEA/RNB of 2024-25/5026-36 Dated 10/10/2024
It is notified for the information of all concerned that due to insufficient bidders participated for the above mentioned works. Hence the above mentioned works/Tenders are hereby extended/modified and fixed as under:

1	Bid Submission End Date	21-10-2024 up to 4.00 P.M
2	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	22-10-2024 at 11.00 AM

All other terms & Conditions shall remain same as per above mentioned NITs
Sd/- Tech. Officer DIPK-6477-24 DT: 19/10/2024 Executive Engineer R&B Division Awantipora.

J&K SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD
(A J&K GOVERNMENT UNDERTAKING)
O/O DIVISIONAL MANAGER, INDUSTRIAL ESTATE ZAINAKOTE
Mail Id: dmestatessicopzkt@gmail.com
NO: SICOP/DM/IE-Zkt/24-25/89 Dated:- 19/10/2024
Notice inviting Objections from Financial Institution/Banks/General Public
Whereas, land measuring 04 kanals was leased out in favour of M/s Chinar Kashmir Textiles Pvt.Ltd, I.E Ganderbal and lease deed was executed on 29/10/1986 through its Managing Director namely Aijaz Ahmad Khan S/o Ghulam Mohammad Khan R/o Near Petrol Pump Soura Srinagar for activity of Spinning of wool worsted yarn and weaving cloth for which the unit is formally registered with DIC under No:KSI/00956/07/09/PMT/SSI dated: 01/06/1988.
Whereas, the authorized Director of the company i.e Mr. Bashir Ahmad Khan inducts two more partners namely Abdul Heigh Sofi and "Abdul Sami" by virtue of Partnership deed executed on 4th September 2018. Whereas, the said partnership came to an end by virtue deed of dissolution of Directors of M/s Chinar Kashmir Textiles Pvt.Ltd. leaving Abdul Heigh Sofi and "Abdul Sami" as the partners of the unit.
Whereas, General Manager DIC vide No:DICS/Dev/IE-98/2024/528-30 dated:12/07/2024 has sought NOC for change in constitution from "Private Limited Company with Directors as Mr.Mohammad Shafi Khan 02, Bashir Ahmad Khan 03, Yasir Rashid Khan" to partnership concern of "Abdul Heigh Sofi" and "Abdul Sami" both sons of Mohd Ramzan Sofi R/o Eidgah Srinagar as partnership concern of the unit.
Before issuance of NOC for change in constitution of the unit, objections if any, are invited from financial Institutions/Banks/General Public regarding to above. Objections should reach the office of the undersigned within the period of 7 days from the date of publication of this notice.
DIPK-NB-1856-24 Divisional Manager (Estates)
DT: 19/10/2024 SICOP, I.E Zainakote

THE JAMMU & KASHMIR BOARD OF SCHOOL EDUCATION
NEW CAMPUS, BEMINA, SRINAGAR
PUBLIC NOTICE

I have passed/appeared in SSE/HSE-I/HSE-II (Class 10th) under Roll No. 217221 Session: April-May Year: 1991 through The Jammu & Kashmir Board of School Education. The error has been committed against my Parentage as Mohd Elias instead of Mohd Ilyas Wani
Now I have applied for correction in The Jammu & Kashmir Board of School Education, New Campus, Bemina, Srinagar. If any person has any objection in this regard may file the same in the office of the Assistant Secretary, Certificates Kashmir Division within seven days from the date of publication of this notice, after the expiry of said period, no objection will be entertained.
This is published for the information of the general public. The correction particulars be recorded as under:-
Name: Aijaz Ahmad Wani
Father's Name: Mohd. Ilyas Wani
Mother's Name: Jalla Begum
Date of Birth: 25-11-1974
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Mobile No: 7006541453

Spring Buds Educational Institute Ompora
PRESS RELEASE
The annual Cross Country Run held on (19-10-2024) was a resounding success, drawing participants and spectators alike for a day filled with athletic spirit and community engagement. The event featured over (300) runners (Both boys and Girls) from various age groups, showcasing determination and sportsmanship on the challenging course.
We were honoured to have Mr Saif Uddin Bhat, M.L.A. as our chief guest for the day. DSP HQ Durgam Mr Saad, Mr Mohammad Shafi Qureshi Chairman S&E Ompora, Shahnawaz shafi principal S&E. The chief guest emphasized the importance of physical fitness and perseverance, inspiring both young and seasoned athletes alike. During the opening ceremony, he stated, "Events like these not only promote health and wellness but also strengthen our community bonds." The event was flagged off by the worthy Chief Guest Mr Saif Uddin Bhat.
The 4 km run took place from New Approach Railway road to Spring Buds Educational Institute Ompora where participants navigated through scenic routes while being cheered on by enthusiastic supporters. The event aimed to encourage healthy lifestyles and foster a sense of camaraderie among participants.
Winners were awarded medals and certificates in various categories, and all participants received a participation certificate, ensuring that everyone left with a sense of achievement.
We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mr Saif Uddin Bhat, M.L.A. along with some other intellectuals for their presence and encouragement, as well as to all volunteers and staff members of SBEI who made this event successful.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir
OFFICE OF THE RETURNING OFFICER, 16-GUREZ
(SUB DIVISIONAL MAGISTRATE GUREZ)
"Greater participation for a Stronger Democracy" **ELECTION URGENT**
Mail: sdmgurez1979@gmail.com Ph/fax: 01957-255281
Subject: - Procedure for preparation of Scrutiny & Summary report in respect of Accounts of Election Expenses of candidates regarding.
NOTICE
As per ECI guidelines the account reconciliation meeting has to be convened on the 26th day of the declaration of result.
Therefore, all the contested candidates of political parties of 16- Gurez are requested to attend the account reconciliation meeting on the 26th day of the declaration of result i.e. 2nd November 2024, 11:00 A.M at Dak Banglow Dawar Gurez.
No: R0/G/Elec/2024/1423 Mukhtar Ahmad, JKAS
Date: 07/10/2024 DT: 19/10/2024 Returning officer
16-Gurez, Assembly Constituency

Justice Tashi hands over compensation cheques in MACT cases

374 MACT and Matrimonial cases resolved amicably in Special Lok Adalat

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 19: Continuing with the resolve to provide quick, affordable and hassle free resolution of disputes as mandated under Constitution of India, J&K Legal Services Authority today organised a Special Lok Adalat throughout the UT of J&K under the patronage of Justice Tashi Rabstan, Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh (Patron-in-Chief, J&K Legal Services Authority) and dynamic mentorship of Justice Atul Sreedharan, Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh (Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority) as well as under the able guidance of Justice Rajnesh Oswal, Chairperson, High Court Legal Services Committee, with special emphasis on amicable settlement of MACT and Matrimonial Cases that were pending disposal before various courts in UT of J&K.

Chief Justice Tashi Rabstan during his visit to a remote district, Kupwara also inspected the ongoing proceedings of amicable settlement during the Special Lok Adalat and interacted with the litigants besides, handing over cheques of settlement amount to the beneficiaries in claim cases that were successfully resolved during the Lok



Adalat. Chief Justice Tashi emphasized the importance of such initiatives to provide quick and cost-effective justice, particularly in cases like motor accident claims and matrimonial disputes in which the claimants need relief as early as possible to save them from vagaries of life. He reiterated his commitment in ensuring that justice remains accessible to all the sections of society, especially those living in far flung areas through the mechanism of Lok Adalat, which facilitates dispute resolution outside the traditional court processes.

In another program, Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul, Judge,

High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Administrative Judge for District Anantnag, inaugurated the Special Lok Adalat at District Court Complex, Anantnag and also handed over cheques of the settlement amount to the beneficiaries in MACT cases. Justice Koul said that Lok Adalat is an efficient mode not only in reducing the pendency of cases but also providing a medium for extending immediate relief to the litigants and beneficiaries especially in accident and family related disputes. He further remarked that quick and timely resolution of a dispute is crucial for economic development of a nation.

As per the data received from

various District Legal Services Authorities, UT of J&K, a total of 892 cases were taken up in the Special Lok Adalat, out of which 374 cases were amicably settled involving a total amount of Rs. 8,38,36,218/- giving a huge relief to the litigants.

Member Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority while talking to media persons informed that the next special lok Adalat shall be held on Saturday, November 16, 2024 focusing on the settlement of Revenue cases. He urged the Advocates in general and the litigants in particular to take maximum benefit of such Special Lok Adalats which are being organized by the J&K Legal Services Authority.

Appreciating the efforts of all the Judicial Officers, Secretaries DLSA's, Advocates, staff of the district and tehsil courts as well as Legal Services Institutions besides litigants for their whole hearted participation in the Special Lok Adalat and facilitating settlement of cases in such a large number, he also acknowledged the role of Para Legal Volunteers and the media, both print and electronic in creating and spreading awareness amongst the masses about such initiatives of Legal Services Authority.

Jal Jeevan Mission JK, Piramal Foundation host two-day Training Workshop on 'Water Quality'

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 19: In a significant stride towards ensuring access to safe and quality water across Jammu and Kashmir, Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), JK, in collaboration with the Piramal Foundation, organized a two-day multi-department workshop on 'Water Quality' at the IMPARD Campus, Srinagar.

More than 70 participants attended this multi-department residential two-day workshop. The participants included engineers and chemists of Jal Jeevan Mission Directorate from various districts of Jammu and Kashmir, Block Development Officers from Rural Development Department, and officers from Agriculture and Horticulture Departments.

The event featured a mix of technical sessions, group discussions, and field activities, offering a comprehensive understanding of water treatment processes and innovative solutions.

Mission Director, Jal Jeevan Mission (JK), Dr. G N Itoo addressing the gathering, underscored the importance of proactive problem-solving when it comes to water quality.

In his remarks, Dr. Itoo emphasized, "As we face the growing challenges of climate change and societal shifts, our

resolve to find practical solutions remains unwavering. At Jal Jeevan Mission, we are committed to ensuring that every individual, regardless of circumstance, has access to safe and quality water, a resource that is essential for life and dignity."

He urged JJM engineers to perform their duties with zeal and dedication, highlighting the crucial role they play in safeguarding public health and supporting community well-being.

The workshop aimed to equip participants with the knowledge and tools necessary to address the critical issue of water quality with special focus on ammoniacal nitrogen contamination. The workshop featured in-depth discussions on the source and health impacts of water contaminants, as well as treatment and mitigation strategies for dealing with contaminants, with a particular focus on Ammoniacal Nitrate (AN) contamination.

Bhavna Trivedi, a subject-matter expert, highlighted the ongoing nature of the task ahead, stating, "Every day marks a new beginning, and with it, the ongoing challenge of improving water quality – a task that requires unwavering commitment and collective

action to ensure a healthier, more sustainable future for all."

In addition to the technical discussions, a field visit was organized to a local Water Treatment Plant, where participants gained hands-on experience and a deeper understanding of water treatment techniques and dose calculations. This practical exposure helped bridge the gap between theory and real-world application.

On the second day that focused on the treatment and mitigation technologies of ammoniacal nitrogen, national and international technology providers presented their innovative solutions. Yu-Jen Huang, Director – Ever Clear, a company based out of Taiwan presented BioNET Technology and Dr Akanksha Agarwal, Founding Director – AgroMorph, presented a chemical-free and low cost nature based solution.

The day ended with group work where the participants worked out solutions for water quality related problems generally encountered in the region.

Bhavna Badola, Program Director at the Piramal Foundation, summarized the workshop emphasizing the necessity of collaboration in solving India's water challenges.

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Breast Cancer Rising

at Unique Hospital Cancer Centre, who is spearheading the Cancer Mukht Bharat Campaign in India, said "Cancer is no longer the disease of older adults. It is increasingly seen among women in the younger age group, majorly under 50."

The early onset of breast cancer is majorly due to genes, lifestyle factors such as poor nutrition, consumption of highly ultra-processed foods and a completely sedentary lifestyle coupled with environment pollutants, he said.

According to a recent study by Cancer Mukht Bharat Foundation, cancer is affecting about 20 per cent of young people below the age of 40 in India and breast cancer cases account for 15 per cent of younger adults.

The risk factors for early onset include genetic predisposition to BRCA1 and BRCA2 gene mutations, obesity, excess sugar and processed food consumption, consistently high blood glucose and becoming insulin resistant, Dr Gupta said.

The early detection and timely treatment of breast cancer significantly impact the lifespan of affected individuals. Making screening procedures better and more accessible is crucial, he said.

Gupta, an American board-certified Medical Oncologist said, "Early detection programmes, including breast cancer awareness and cost-effective screening, is a must to fight the rising cases of breast cancer in India".

He also assured that people should not panic once diagnosed with the disease as there are many advanced treatments available currently that improve survival rates.

Dr Vineet Nakra, Senior Radiation Oncologist at Max Hospital-New Delhi and Director of Lenus Oncology Institute, said, "Breast cancer is on the rise in younger women due to a gradual change in lifestyle choices including late childbearing, reduced breastfeeding and poor diet choices among urban population."

"With an increased focus on breast preservation and its importance cosmetically in the younger population, radiation therapy plays an essential role after a cancer diagnosis," he said.

"Treatment for breast cancer includes surgery, chemotherapy, hormone therapy, targeted drug therapy, and immunotherapy. The treatment may vary depending on the stage and type of breast cancer," Dr Nakra stated. (inputs from PTI)

Will Fight For

people started spreading rumours that Jammu will be punished because they have not voted NC-Congress coalition candidates. But I make it clear on day one that this government will be for all, irrespective of whether anyone had voted for it or not," Abdullah said amid thunderous applause from the jam-packed gathering.

He said the NC was under no compulsion to appoint a deputy chief minister like the previous coalition governments headed by Mufti Mohammad Sayeed, Ghulam Nabi Azad and himself to give representation to both the regions.

"The Congress has so far not taken any decision to join the new cabinet. We took a decision and appointed a deputy chief minister (Surinder Choudhary) from our own party.

"It was an answer to those who during election campaigning used to say that NC is a party of Muslims and a Kashmiri-based dynastic party that cannot tolerate leaders from Jammu. Now we have a deputy CM who is a Hindu and has nothing to do with my family," the chief minister said.

Without naming the BJP, he said the delimitation and reservation were done in a way to benefit one party but "all tactics including use of government machinery can never help you win elections".

"Easy work is done by reaching here

(forming the government). Now the difficult work starts as we have to fulfil the aspirations of the people, pull them out of their difficulties and bridge the gap between the government and the people," he said.

Referring to the welcome speech of senior party leader and former minister Ajay Kumar Sadotra, Abdullah said he was compelled to ask why the anger of the people against the Lt Governor-led administration could not be seen in the polling booths.

"The people of Kashmir, Chenab valley and Pir Panjal region showed their anger by voting for us... We also heard that the people in Jammu are angry over stopping of 'Darbar Move', installation of smart meters, high electricity bills, water shortage and growing unemployment but the anger could not be seen at the polling booths. What is the reason for this?"

"We have to understand it and if they are not upset (with BJP), we don't need to do much because everything is alright for them. But if they are angry and despite their anger, they voted for one side, we have to look for the reasons," he said.

However, the chief minister said whatever the reasons, he knows that his government will not run on the voting pattern.

"Elections are over and the people gave their mandate. The government is formed and now it is our turn to reach out to the people and address their issues... After 2018 (when the PDP-BJP government collapsed), people faced a lot of problems and are disappointed," he said.

Abdullah assured the people that they would be heard by his government and "your voices won't be lost in the darkness anymore".

He asked the party workers not to "misuse the government" for their own benefit.

"This is not for us as we are servants and not the owners. The real owners are the people and we have to work for them 24 hours to mitigate their problems and bring back smiles on their faces which we could not see for the last six to eight years," Abdullah said.

'No Interference

in the past 10 years but the party only emerged stronger due to its dedicated cadre base. National Conference won 42 out of the 90 seats in Jammu and Kashmir to emerge as the single-largest party in the Assembly elections held recently after a decade, the first after the erstwhile state was bifurcated into two Union Territories following the revocation of special status under Article 370 in August 2019.

"Attempts were made not just to weaken but completely erase the party over the past eight to 10 years. Which schemes have not been used against us? Our colleagues were threatened or lured but most of them stood with the party and thwarted the conspiracies," Abdullah said while addressing party workers at the NC headquarters here.

On his first visit to Jammu after taking oath as the chief minister on Wednesday, Abdullah was accorded a rousing reception by party leaders and workers who raised slogans praising him and the NC.

Without identifying the 'conspirators' but apparently referring to the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Abdullah said the NC leadership fought against these powers and barring a couple of leaders, nobody left the party.

"Those who left thought that the National Conference would be finished by their decision to quit the party. But it has been proved that NC is a party of workers, not leaders," the chief minister said, referring to former NC provincial president Devender Singh Rana and ex-minister S S Slathia who joined the BJP in October 2021.

Stating that the party derives its strength first from the almighty and then from its workers, Abdullah said, "Our very strong cadre base has weathered the storm."

Thanking the voters and the party workers

for NC's triumph in the Assembly polls, the chief minister said five of the seven Independent MLAs extended their support to NC without setting any precondition.

"Not a single Independent MLA asked anything for themselves. As everyone waited patiently for this day, we have to now ensure that all the Assembly segments are developed equally and people's issues are addressed to their satisfaction," he said.

Claiming that decisions related to development projects will not be made without taking the people into confidence, Abdullah said, "The link with people should not be lost. It is our duty to bridge the gap between the government and the public."

The chief minister also announced that he will hold meetings with the party cadres on the sidelines of government functions to get their feedback, rather than depending solely on government officials.

Stating that he was tired of doing continuous politics because of the back-to-back Lok Sabha and Assembly elections, Abdullah said he now wants to concentrate more on addressing the issues facing the people of J&K.

Referring to some of his colleagues telling him that there was something good about his loss in the Lok Sabha polls, Abdullah said, "I was thinking what can be good in a defeat... But after becoming the chief minister, I am getting a lot of messages from people who never tried to inquire about my wellbeing in the past five years."

Ruhullah Faces

I am hopeful that a resolution will be passed in the first session of J&K Assembly. The National Conference is committed to the cause, and I have spoken to the leaders both pre- and post-election. I feel there is no reason to be worried."

Though not part of the Jammu and Kashmir legislative assembly, Ruhullah assured the public that, as a Member of Parliament, he would continue to push NC leaders to deliver on their promises. He also expressed empathy towards Kashmiri Pandits, stating, "I feel for what I say, and they should return to their homeland. We have started to have initial deliberations with our Kashmiri Pandit friends and seek everyone's help in their return. We are incomplete without them and want to do something seriously for them."

On a critical note, Ruhullah lambasted the BJP's efforts over the past decade, casting doubt on their sincerity in resolving the issue of Kashmiri pandits. He also addressed concerns about reservation policies, stating that he would send a letter to the chief minister, affirming the NC's commitment to solving the reservation issue.

As the debate continues, all eyes remain on Ruhullah, who faces mounting pressure to clarify the party's position on the restoration of article 370.

LG Approves

attended by deputy chief minister Surinder Choudhary and ministers Sakina Itoo, Javed Rana, Javed Dar and Satish Sharma.

After emerging victorious, Omar Abdullah had said that the cabinet in its first meeting would pass a resolution seeking restoration of statehood. In its manifesto, NC had promised to pass a resolution in the Jammu and Kashmir assembly, in its first list of business after elections, against the Centre's decision to strip the region of its statehood and special status.

In August 2019, the Union Government enacted the Jammu & Kashmir Reorganisation Act to bifurcate the erstwhile state into two Union Territories. On October 31, 2019, J&K lost its statehood with its conversion into a Union Territory.

2 Behind Grenade

investigation, one more grenade was recovered from his house and his accomplice Hussain was also arrested along with a pistol, one magazine and nine rounds, the ADGP told reporters in Poonch.

"They are part of a larger conspiracy and tried to create terror in Poonch district by carrying out grenade attacks at various locations, including a temple, a gurdwara, an Army camp and a hospital, to harm brotherhood," he said.

Jain said with the arrest of the two terrorists, who had links across the border, all five cases of grenade attacks that took place in the district since November last year have been solved.

"The busting of the JKGF module is a very big achievement for all security agencies," he said, adding that the terrorists are being questioned.

The questioning of the terrorists so far has revealed that they received four consignments of arms, ammunition and Rs 1.5 lakh from their handlers across the border, police said.

They were trained in handling pistols and also fired a few rounds for practice in the forest area, they said.

According to police, Aziz was involved in throwing grenades at the Shiv temple in Surankote on November 15 last year; Gurdwara Mahant Sahib in Poonch on March 26; Army sentry post in Kamsar, Poonch in June; and a school ground near CRPF sentry post on August 14.

Hussain had lobbed a grenade near district hospital quarters on July 18, police said.

The two terrorists also pasted anti-national posters at different locations in Surankote, including government high school in Hari, Dhundak, Sanai, Eidgah-Hari and other adjoining areas. These posters were printed at Hussain's house and pasted in August last year on the directions of their handler to create fear among the public, police said.

On September 12, another member of this module, Mohd Shabir, a resident of Daryala, was arrested with a large quantity of explosives. Aziz had supplied the explosives to him, they said.

ADGP Jain said the operations against terrorists, including foreign mercenaries, will continue.

"We are also working to destroy the support base of the terrorists and will ensure attachment of properties of the upper ground workers," he said.

Jain lauded the security forces for ensuring the peaceful conduct of the Budha Amarnath Yatra and Lok Sabha and assembly elections.

Ration Enhancement

ration per person at subsidised rates. About non availability of Sugar, he said that supply reaches ration depot once in three months that too in less quantity. "We hardly get Sugar supply. Same is the case with Atta. We distribute one kg atta along with the rice to the families who really need it. Some deny taking Atta and instead want rice. We somehow manage things," he said.

Bilal Ahmed, who manages a ration depot in a Srinagar locality, said that people are not satisfied with the ration distribution system in Kashmir. "Those getting free ration are feeling relieved only because they get some ration free but the quantity is also less for them. Similarly, NPHH ration card holders also complain of getting less ration per month," he said. He said that any move to increase the ration per soul or per family will be a major breather for the people of J&K. (KNO)

Winter Looms

affected families. This village is home to around 500 souls and the source of income for the population is agriculture and labour work.

The only road connectivity to the area is from Margan Top area from Daksum side of district Anantnag, which remains shut for six

months of winter.

At the time of any medical or any other emergency, Warwan and Marwah areas are dependent on the chopper service provided by the administration and not many can afford it.

On the fateful day, most of the people were out for work and women folk and elders were in their homes when the fire engulfed the village. People were able to react immediately and left the area to save lives.

As most of the houses were made of wood, it didn't take much time for the fire to raze everything to the ground.

People were left helpless to douse the fire as there were no fire tenders available in the entire region. Even tap water wasn't also available due to the absence of pipes which the Jal Shakti department hasn't provided to the people.

"Had there been fire tenders or water available through pipes, people would have been able to save something. They were looking towards their houses being razed to the ground with helpless eyes and all their belongings vanished within no time," Sheikh Zafarullah, District Development Council member from Marwah, told KNO.

In 2016, a devastating fire consumed everything in three villages Sukhni, Margi and Chudraman and the state government had assured to provide fire tenders for the area to stop any mishap in the future. But after eight years of the massive fire, things couldn't move forward and this time another village has been brought to ashes.

This time Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, during his visit to the area, assured people to open a fire service centre there but so far things are as it is.

Since this incident, people and non government organizations of different areas of Jammu and Kashmir have reached the area to provide relief in terms of ration, quilts, blankets, mattresses, clothes and other items and are distributing the same to affected families.

To ensure everything is distributed judiciously, locals of the area have formed a committee headed by Mufti Shahnwaz, who is coordinating with the NGOs and people coming from outside. But what the people require immediately is material to construct prefabricated houses which can save their lives during the harsh winters ahead.

"These houses need to be constructed immediately otherwise there will be lots of difficulty for the affected people. They are looking towards the government to provide the help alongside the NGOs but neither administration nor the UT government has taken a step towards it. Even the already announced amount of 1.29 lakh per family hasn't been released," Zafarullah said.

"We will require a huge effort to rehabilitate the people and everybody will have to play their role. The minor support provided by the administration is not going to serve the purpose," he added. (KNO)

LG, CM Condemn

with his family members and friends in this time of grief. I have directed the Jammu Kashmir Police & District Administration to extend all the support," he said.

Meanwhile, chief minister Omar Abdullah also condemned the migrant workers killing, stating that these attacks are abhorrent and must be condemned in the strongest possible terms.

"Very sorry to hear about the death of Ashok Chouhan at the hands of militants in South Kashmir. These attacks are abhorrent & must be condemned in the strongest possible terms. I send my condolences to the family & loved ones of the deceased," he said.

Bullet-riddler body of a migrant worker, identified as Ashok Chauhan of Bihar, was found in Waduna area of Zainapora in south Kashmir's Shopian district on Friday.

Kashmir Marathon Today: 2000 Athletes To Traverse 42 KM Stretch

Agencies

SRINAGAR: For the first time, Srinagar is set to host a mega international marathon on Sunday that will see 2000 athletes participate, including 59 foreign international runners. The athletes will run the 42 kms full marathon and 21 kms half marathon today.

Addressing a press conference here, Director Tourism Raja Yaqoob Farooq said:

"Representations are from 29 UTs and 13 foreign countries. There are 59 foreign international athletes participating in the Half and Full marathons on Sunday," he said.

He said that there are 30 to 35 participants from Kashmir as well.

A foreign Athlete from Denmark said she is in Kashmir for the first time.

"I love the surroundings of Srinagar. People and food are



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amazing. It would be a great experience to run here," she said.

Sunita, who is representing a team of 45 elite Indian athletes said, the hospitality in Kashmir is amazing.

The Director Tourism said that the Marathon will be flagged off by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah at 6:15 AM

from Polo View.

With excitement on their faces, the athletes said it would be their first time running in a place surrounded by mountains.

Jistin from New Zealand, who lives in South Africa, said: "I live in Durban, South Africa and it's going to be a good temperature to run in Kashmir.

I am here along with my fellow athletes. I'm looking forward to people coming and cheering for us," Jistin said. "I have run in China, Greenland, Iceland and other parts of the world, but I think seeing people on the course will be amazing. In other places, local people are not seen on the course, so this

will be a great feeling."

Another athlete Cecilia from Denmark, said she has run in China, Denmark, Berlin and other countries. "The people here are very friendly, and it's nice to see such an atmosphere. The race course is going to be fun with so many people around," she said. (KNO)

NZ Need 107 To Win As India Make 462 In 2nd Innings



Press Trust of India

BENGALURU: Sarfaraz Khan struck a majestic 150 while Rishabh Pant made a brisk 99 as India were all out for 462 in their second innings, setting New Zealand a target of 107 on day four of the opening Test here on Saturday.

Sarfaraz's maiden hundred and Pant's innings offered hope for India, but their dismissals led to a swift decline for the hosts. Resuming at 438 for six after tea, India lost their final four wickets — Ravindra Jadeja, Ravichandra Ashwin, Jasprit Bumrah, and Mohammed Siraj — in quick succession, ending their innings in 99.3 overs.

At tea, India were at 438 for six, holding an 82-run lead. Due to rain, there was a nearly two-hour delay, including a 40-minute lunch break, while India had previously trailed New Zealand by 12 runs in their second innings.

India were all out for just 46 in their first innings, while New Zealand responded with 402.

Brief scores: India 46 and 462 all out in 99.3 overs (Rohit Sharma 52, Virat Kohli 70, Sarfaraz Khan 150, Rishabh Pant 99; Ajaz Patel 2/100, William O'Rourke 3/92, Matt Henry 3/102) vs New Zealand 402.

DG YSS Visits GCOPE To Review Sports Infrastructure

Observer News Service

GANDERBAL: Rajinder Singh Tara, the Director General of Youth Services & Sports, conducted an official visit to the Government College of Physical Education (GCOPE) in Gadoora here on Saturday. He was accompanied by the Executive Engineer of the J&K Sports Council, the District Youth Services and Sports Officer Ganderbal and other senior officials from the YSS.

During this important visit, Tara took a comprehensive review of the college's sports infrastructure and assessed the progress of various ongoing developmental projects. Notably, he inspected the ongoing works on the 400-meter standard athletics track, where he was informed that the project is nearing completion and is expected to be ready within the next 15 days.

Additionally, DG YSS visited the newly initiated construction site of the Hockey Synthetic Track, where work has commenced just a few days prior. He also reviewed the development of a modern football turf, receiving assur-



ances from the Executive Engineer of the construction agency that work on both fields is progressing at full pace.

The Director General took particular interest in the newly completed Badminton Indoor Hall, expressing satisfaction with the facility's completion.

Furthermore, DG YSS toured the boys' hostel and also reviewed renovation works being carried out on a portion of the College's main building, which had been affected by a fire incident last year.

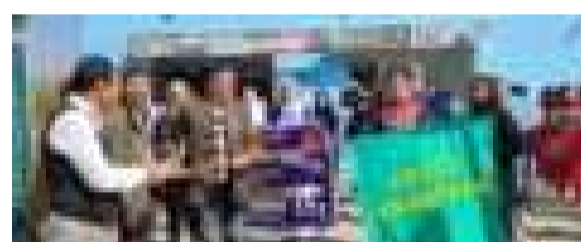
Emphasising the importance of timely project completion, DG urged the construction agency to expedite ongoing works, reiterating the necessity of adhering to the stipulated time frame.

DYSS Anantnag Holds Trekking For Girls In Kokernag

Observer News Service

ANANTNAG: The District Youth Services & Sports Office Anantnag is organising Trekking camp for girls from Friday to Monday at Kokernag. On the first day, 60 girl trekkers from all the 12 zones of th district participated in the program, which commenced from Bindoo Kokernag to Calcium Springs through the forest route and Nursery.

The trekkers were



flagged off by ADC Anantnag, who was accompanied by DYSSO Anantnag Raja Yaqoob Ali. Interacting with the trekkers, ADC Anantnag

shared the importance and key points of trekking. He also passed instructions for the successful completion of the camp.

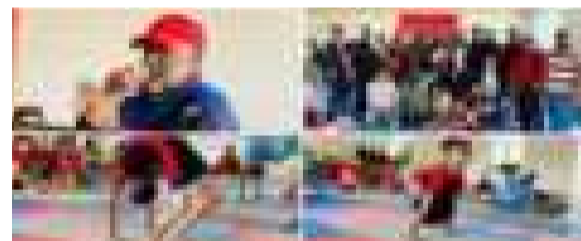
UT Level Yoga Competition: Baramulla Wins U-17 Boys Title

Observer News Service

BARAMULLA: The ongoing UT-level Inter-District Yoga Competition for all age group boys and girls at Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS) Baramulla witnessed the conclusion of the Under-17 Boys competition on Saturday.

A total of 15 districts from across Jammu & Kashmir participated in this prestigious event.

In a remarkable display of skill and dedication, the yoga athletes from District Baramulla emerged as the winners of the competition, showcasing their excellence in various categories. District Jammu se-



cured the runner-up position, with both teams receiving trophies for their commendable performances.

The competition, organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports and hosted by DYSSO Baramulla, has brought together top talent from across the region, fostering sportsmanship and holistic development among the youth.

Speaking on the occasion, District Youth Services and Sports Officer (DYSSO) Baramulla, congratulated the winning teams and expressed pride in the achievements of Baramulla's athletes. He also highlighted the importance of yoga in promoting physical and mental well-being among the youth.

Women's T20 WC: NZ, South Africa Clash In Final Today



Press Trust of India

DUBAI: New Zealand's golden generation, led by inspirational Sophie Devine, will have one last chance to lay hands on a global ICC trophy when it meets a gritty South Africa in the summit clash of the T20 World Cup which is set to throw a new champion, here on Sunday.

New Zealand's women's team had won the ODI World Cup back in 2000 but none of the current squad members were part of that historic title triumph.

Before this event began, New Zealand were in the trenches having lost 10 matches on the trot in the format but under Devine this bunch, comprising of the venerable Suzie Bates and the assuring Amelia Kerr, has done wonders, bringing the side in contention for the ultimate prize.

It is most probably the last time the Black Shirts will have Devine, Bates and Lea Tahuu playing of the national side in a global tournament.

They won't leave any stone unturned to ensure that they have a World Cup trophy in their cabinet.

South Africa on the other side will be equally determined to complete the unfinished business as they had lost the 2023 World Cup final to Australia at home. They have an opportunity to erase painful memories as they had lost by a mere 19 runs in the close contest. Time: 7:30 pm IST.

ARCO, Kashmir Avengers Draw 1-1 In Srinagar Premier League

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In the 2024 Srinagar Premier League match on Saturday at Synthetic Turf TRC, ARCO FC and Kashmir Avengers FC played a 1-1 draw.

The Avengers scored the first goal of the contest in the 32nd minute, as Shoaib found the back of the net. The team took a 1-0 lead into the half time.

The second half of the game saw Kashmir Avengers look to protect their lead, but ARCO made a strong comeback late in the second half. With eight minutes left on the clock, ARCO's Itifaq Azad levelled the scores in the 82nd minute.

Per the fixtures calendar released by DFA Srinagar, SCFA will lock horns with Novelty FC at 4:15 PM on Sunday.



Students of Spring Buds Educational Institute Ompora, Budgam, take part in the school's annual cross country run on Saturday. The four kilometre-long run saw the participation of over 500 runners, both boys and girls. The run started at New Approach Railway Road and culminated at Spring Buds Educational Institute.

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Sugar Content In Baby Foods Among Issues Under Parliamentary Panel Scanner



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Sugar content in packaged baby foods, safeguarding consumer rights in the banking sector and rising prices of medicines are some of the issues that have come under the scanner of the parliamentary panels.

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, chaired by DMK leader Kanimozhi, has decided to examine issues such as ensuring availability of essential commodities with a specific reference to petroleum and petroleum products and control measures to curb wastage of foodgrains in FCI godowns.

The Parliamentary Committee on Chemicals and Fertilisers, chaired by Trinamool Congress leader Kirti Azad, has decided to examine issues such as price rise of medicines, self-sufficiency in production and availability of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (API), and performance of regulatory authorities for stringent control of spurious and fake medicines.

The committee will also examine the issue of setting up of plastic waste management centres and steps taken to minimise the use of plastic in the country and disinvestment of fertiliser PSUs.

The Committee on Consumer Affairs will examine the subject of regulation of packed commodities with specific reference to sugar content in baby products and other food products.

The committee has also decided to examine subjects such as storage of foodgrains: existing infrastructure and future strategy; transportation of foodgrains: optimising movement through railways and modernisation of Public Distribution System.

Listen to the latest songs, only on JioSaavn.com. It will also examine ethanol and biofuel production from sugar, sugarcane and grains, safeguarding consumer rights in banking sector; role of Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) in upholding quality and standards and expanding the role of National Test House (NTH) in testing and calibration of products.

The world is at a dangerous moment as conflicts spread, UN rights chief says

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UNITED NATIONS: The UN human rights chief warned Thursday that the world is at an especially dangerous moment in history, with disregard and disrespect for international law "reaching a deafening crescendo."

Volker Türk said conflicts are spreading and intensifying and humanitarian and human rights laws are being "trampled amid broad impunity."

He was sharply critical of Israeli authorities for allowing Palestinians in Gaza to reach "catastrophic levels of hunger" but also cited human rights violations in Ukraine, Sudan, Haiti and Myanmar — and said he could name many other conflicts.

The UN high commissioner for human rights spoke about this critical moment "for human life, for human rights and for the stability and prosperity" of countries to reporters Thursday and in a briefing to the General Assembly's human rights committee on Wednesday.

Türk said the reason the world is in such a crisis of conflicts and violations of international law is because the international structures that were painstakingly built after World War II and the Holocaust to protect human rights and prevent atrocities are starting to erode.

"Then, we have to be very worried because the erosion leads to more erosion," and if civilian casualties are at the edge of being accepted in conflicts, "and you sort of get used to the fact that war is the answer to everything, I fear for the world — and I fear for human rights in particular," he said.

Türk was especially critical of the humanitarian situation in Gaza, reiterating his warning to Israel that starvation of civilians in war is prohibited by international humanitarian law "and constitutes a war crime."

Israeli UN Ambassador Danny Danon insisted Wednesday at an emergency meeting of the UN Security Council on Gaza that his country's humanitarian efforts remain "as comprehensive as ever." He criticized the council for focusing on the humanitarian situation in Gaza while



Israeli civilians "are being targeted daily by those who seek our destruction."

Danon said Israel has delivered over 1 million tons of aid, including 700,000 tons of food, to Gaza since it launched its military operation after Hamas' attacks in southern Israel on Oct. 7, 2023. He stressed that the real issue is Hamas, which he said "has hijacked the aid, seizing it for their own purposes."

Türk said the reality on the ground is that only a trickle of aid is getting into Gaza. He cited reports that Israeli forces are preventing aid from reaching the north, where Israel is conducting a ground offensive.

The UN rights chief also said Israeli evacuation orders appear aimed at cutting off the north and cited "serious concerns about a large-scale forcible transfer of civilians," which would amount to a war crime.

With Israel and Hezbollah militants in Lebanon taking military action against each other on another front, he said, "the risk of a full-fledged regional war remains very high — one that could engulf the lives and the human rights of mil-

lions of people." Elsewhere, Türk said, wars and extreme violence are devastating lives.

"In Ukraine, nearly 1,000 days since Russia's full-scale invasion, we continue to see terrible devastation, characterized by recurring human rights violations and war crimes," he said.

In Sudan, he said, the more than year-long war between rival government and paramilitary forces competing for power has forced "a staggering 10 million people to flee their homes" and left more than 25 million people facing acute hunger.

In Haiti, Türk said his office has documented more than 3,950 killings, 1,835 injuries and 1,150 kidnappings as a result of gang violence so far this year.

And in Myanmar, he said, "air and artillery strikes on civilians, mass arrests and reports of extrajudicial killings in blatant breach of human rights and humanitarian law continue unabated, amidst stifling impunity."

Wars can only end when human rights are respected, Türk stressed, and restoring that respect "is more essential now than ever."

In 1st Case Under Gujarat Black Magic Law, Man Arrested For 'Supernatural Powers' Claim



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Gujarat police have arrested a 29-year-old man for allegedly performing some rituals inside a crematorium and sharing a video of it on social media claiming that he possessed supernatural powers, an official said on Friday.

With this, the police have registered the first case under the new Gujarat Prevention and Eradication of Human Sacrifice and Other Inhuman, Evil, and Aghori Practices and Black Magic Act, the official said.

The police arrested the accused, Ashwin Makwana, on October 15 after a video of him performing rituals at a crematorium in Dhoraji town of Rajkot district went viral on social media.

Inspector RJ Godham, a complainant in the first information report (FIR), confirmed that this was the first FIR registered in the state under the newly enacted law against black magic and other such activities.

"This new law came into effect on September 2 through a gazette notification, and when we tried to upload the FIR on our eGujCop platform on October 15, we learnt that no code was assigned to that Act. This proves that no FIRs were registered under it before this. A code was generated later, and we became the first police station to file an FIR under it," Godham said.

On August 21, the Gujarat assembly passed the bill to curb the menace of black magic and other superstitious and inhuman practices. It became an Act after the governor gave his assent.

In the video, a person is seen performing rituals inside a crematorium run by the municipality in the Kumbharwada area. After some time, he circles a pyre and sleeps on it while reciting some lines.

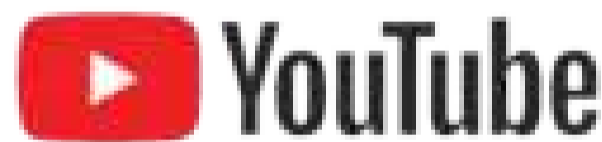
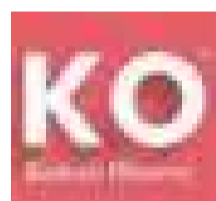
"During our investigation, we learnt that the person in the video was Ashwin Makwana, a sanitation worker. He uploaded the video on his Instagram account but deleted it after it went viral on WhatsApp. A local court has granted him bail," the official said.

He said the accused claimed that he always believed in tantric rituals and black magic, but this was the first time he performed such rituals in public and shot a video.

Makwana wanted to create an impression that he possessed supernatural powers and knew black magic. He also wanted to teach a lesson to those who had made fun of his claims in the past, the official said.

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