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Attack On Army Convoy In Akhnoor

1 Killed; Tanks, NSG Commandos Deployed

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Terrorists opened fire at an Army convoy Monday morning, targeting an ambulance, in the Akhnoor sector of Jammu region, following which special forces and NSG commandos launched an operation killing one of the attackers, officials said.

In a first, the Army also pressed its four BMP-II infantry combat vehicles for surveillance and strengthening the cordon around the attack site near the Assan temple in Jogwan village along the Line



of Control (LoC) in Bhattal area of Khour, the officials said.

The Boyevaya Mashina Pekhoty or BMP-II is a 1980-era Soviet Union Infantry Combat Vehicle which has 30mm fully stabilised automatic cannon, 7.62 mm Machine Gun and 4 kms range anti-tank wire-guided 'Konkurs' Missile. It can carry seven troopers and three crew members.

It is also equipped with the Night Vision Device and Smoke Grenade Launchers system and has a maximum speed of 45 kms per hour. | More on P11

LG Calls For Zerotolerance **Approach**

he Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha Monday chaired a review meeting in Srinagar on Monday, on the security situation and development aspects of all the districts of Kashmir Division. The Lieutenant Governor reviewed the functioning of the security grid and directed all concerned officials to take pre-emptive action in respect of terrorist threats.

"We must safeguard peace and pace of development. At the same time strongest possible actions need to be taken against terrorists and those who are providing support, safe haven or any assistance to terrorists. Our aim is to ensure socio-economic development I More on P11

Er Rashid Back In Tihar Jail Order On Regular Bail Deferred Till Nov 13

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Baramulla Lok Sabha MP Sheikh Abdul Rashid, commonly known as 'Engineer Rashid', surrendered to Tihar authorities on Monday after his interim bail expired and a court here reserved its order on his regular bail over jurisdictional concerns.

The Awami Ittehad Party leader, who was arrested in a terror funding case, was granted interim bail on September 10. Additional Sessions Judge Chander Jit Singh granted the interim relief to Rashid to enable him to campaign for the Jammu and Kashmir assembly elections while deferring the order on his

The judge was scheduled to pass the order on his regular bail plea on Monday but he adjourned the matter. Reserving the order, the judge underscored that he would first consider the



issue of jurisdiction and whether or the designated MP/MLA court or not to transfer the case to a special court meant to try lawmakers, considering Rashid was now an MP.

"Since we are considering the jurisdiction issue whether the matter will be heard by this court of the National Agency (NIA), keep it (bail order) post that," the court said.

It will now review the jurisdiction matter on November 13. Rashid, who faces charges of terror funding, | More on P11

60 Flights Get Bomb Threats On Monday

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: More than 60 flights of Indian carriers received bomb threats on Monday, sources said.

In 15 days, over 410 domestic and international flights operated by the Indian carriers have received hoax bomb threats. Most of the threats were issued through social media.

The sources in the know said around 21 flights each of Air India and IndiGo, and about 20 flights of Vistara received the threats on

An Air India spokesperson said a number of its flights were subject to security threats received on social media on Monday.

"Following the laid down protocols, relevant authorities were immediately alerted, and all security procedures strictly adhered to, as per guidance from the regulatory authorities," the spokesperson said in a statement.

Meanwhile, against the backdrop of a spate of hoax | More on P11

Light Rain Likely In J&K

Agencies

Srinagar: A feeble and fast-moving Western Disturbance (WD) is affecting Jammu and Kashmir from Mondav evening while the weatherman here has predicted the possibility of light rains and snow in the higher reaches of northern and central districts of Kashmir for the next 24 hours.

As per the details, a feeble and fast-moving WD would affect J&K from this evening, adding that under its influence, the light rains and snow would likely occur over the higher reaches of north and Central districts of the Valley. While the occasional sunshine was witnessed throughout the day in Srinagar | More on P11

SED Faces Backlash Over Lax Inquiry Process

Agencies

Srinagar: The government has said that the departmental enquiries in School Education Department are being conducted in 'most careless manner and without out proper investigation-pursuant to which the Inquiry Officers are again asked to conduct a comprehensive enquiry.

According to the official communique, the departmental enquiries to the SED are being conducted in a most careless manner and without proper

investigation. "It has been observed that departmental enquiries are being conducted in | More on P11

UT Status Won't Shield Corrupt For Long: Omar Administers Integrity Pledge To Ministers, Officials

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah Monday said that his meetings in Delhi were very successful and that he got "assurances from the highest level on the change in the Governance Model of the J&K."

In his address to Cabinet colleagues and Administrative Secretaries at the Civil Secretariat here, Omar after taking the pledge for Corruption free J&K, said that the pledge must mean something. "Our word must count for something. The citizens of J&K through media and wider social media will see us



taking this place. Our pledge should count," Omar said.

The Chief Minister said that he has just arrived from New Delhi after having "very successful meetings there." "I got

assurances from the highest level in Delhi on the change in J&K's governance model," Omar said. Omar was in Delhi last week where he met Union Ministers Nitin Gadkari, | More on P11

PM To Launch Health Projects Worth Rs 12,850 Crore Today

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch development projects worth nearly Rs 12,850 crore on Tuesday and also extend his government's flagship health insurance scheme Avushman Bharat to all senior citizens aged 70 years and above.

Modi has chosen to unveil the major health sector push on the occasion of the ninth Ayurveda Day and the birth anniversary of Dhanvantari, considered the god of medicine.

At a separate event, he will also distribute more than 51,000 appointment letters to the youth as part of his government's 'Rozgar Mela', an official statement said.

Noting that it has been the constant endeavour of the prime minister to provide quality healthcare services in the country, another statement said Modi will inaugurate Phase II of India's first All India Institute of Ayurveda in the national capital.

It includes a Panchakarma hospital, an ayurvedic pharmacy for drug manufacturing, a sports medicine unit, a central library, an IT and start-ups incubation centre and a 500-seat auditorium among others.

He will also inaugurate three medical colleges | More on P11

Kashmiri **Student Found Dead In Punjab**

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A youth from Ganderbal. who was pursuing B.Sc. in Chandigarh College, was found dead under mysterious circumstances in Chandigarh, Punjab.

Official sources said that a student. Salik Bhat (22), son of Naseer Ahmad Bhat, a resident of Bhatpora, Safapora, who was pursuing B.Sc. in Nursing College at Chandigarh Punjab, was found unconscious at his hostel of a private university in Chandigarh.

He was immediately rushed to the hospital where he was declared dead.

The official confirmed that his family | More on P11

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Study Finds Thyroid, Liver Proteins Help Maintain Brain Health, Could Help Treat Neurodegeneration

Press Trust Of India

study has uncovered a biological process in which thyroid hormones and proteins in the liver work together to regulate cholesterol, an imbalance of which is considered common in neurodegenerative diseases

Researchers said the "previously unrecognised" process could be targeted to prevent one from developing ageing-related disorders, such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases.

The study, led by the University of Houston, US, reviewed previously published research on how thyroid hormones and liver proteins (liver X receptors) function, and found that the two were part of a single process by which the endocrine system balances cholesterol in the

brain.
Further, a decline in the function of liver proteins crucial to regulating thyroid in the brain was found to lead to ageing-related degeneration in neurons (neurodegeneration).
Therefore, the "discovery could

fundamentally change how we approach treatment for various neurodegenerative conditions", said lead author Margaret Warner, a professor at the department of biology and biochemistry, University of Houston.

"A review of the literature clearly shows that these two receptors work together to regulate cholesterol homeostasis and dysregulation of cholesterol homeostasis is a common factor in neurodegenerative diseases," the authors wrote in the study published in the journal Genomic Psychiatry.

Alzheimer's disease treatments aimed at activating liver proteins



known to regulate cholesterol and lipid (fat) metabolism could help reduce amyloid plaque formation and improve memory, the researchers proposed.

Amyloid plaques are clumps of amyloid proteins in the brain which are considered a hallmark of Alzheimer's disease and are a common target for developing drugs. The authors said their review revealed a higher prevalence of hypothyroidism -- in which thyroid is produced in insufficient levels -- in Alzheimer's disease, but cautioned that they could not discern if it was a risk factor for or a consequence of the neurodegenerative condition.

processes involving liver X receptors for treating Parkinson's disease because of their protective effect on dopamine-producing neurons. A lack of the brain chemical dopamine is considered to play a key role in causing Parkinson's disease. The process involving thyroid and liver proteins could also be target ed for treating amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, a progressive disease affecting movement neurons in the brain and spinal cord, and multiple sclerosis, which is an autoimmune condition, the authors suggested. "What's particularly intriguing is the age-dependent nature of these protective effects. Understanding why certain neurons become vulnerable to degeneration as we age could be key to developing preventive treatments," said co-author Xiaoyu Song, University of Houston

Office of the Executive Magistrate 1st Class Narbal Budgam

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Notice For General Public

I tis hereby notified that the applicant namely Abdul Qayoom Dar S/o Ghulam Ahmad Dar R/O Russu tehsil Narbal District Budgam had applied for the issuance of Death Certificate of his father namely Ghulam Ahmad Dar. The applicant intends to register the DOD of his father as 08-09-2020

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

Executive Magistrate 1st Class Narbal

omg Dated: 28-10-2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have lost my passport bearing number: P8578398, while travelling from Saida Kadal to Hazratbal Srinagar. Now I have to file an FIR in this regard in the local police station. Anyone having any objection may submit the same to the concerned police station within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. No objection shall be entertained after the said date.

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'Poor Sleep In Early Middle Age Related With Accelerated Brain Ageing'

Press Trust Of India

Prain scans have revealed higher levels of shrinkage -- a sign of brain ageing -- among people having poor sleep quality in early middle age, according to a study.

A group of 589 people aged 40 years on average responded to sleep questionnaires both at the beginning of the study and again five years later. The participants had their brains scanned 15 years after the study began.

"Our study, which used brain scans to determine participants' brain age, suggests that poor sleep is linked to nearly three years of additional brain ageing as early as middle age," Clémence Cavaillès, from the University of California San Francisco and corresponding author of the study published in the journal Neurology, said.

Poor sleep habits have been linked to poor thinking and memory in later life, putting people at higher risk for dementia, Cavaillès said.

The participants' sleep habits were categorised as such -- short sleep duration, bad sleep quality, difficulty falling asleep, dif-



ficulty staying asleep, early morning awakening and daytime sleepiness. They were thus divided into three groups according to low, middle and high levels of poor sleep habits.

Brain shrinkage revealed in the brain scans were

used for gauging brain age, with higher levels indicating a greater age, the researchers said.

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levels of poor sleep.
Those having high levels of poor sleep were found to have an average brain age of 2.6 years older than those having low levels of poor sleep habits.

"Our findings highlight the importance of addressing sleep problems earlier in life to preserve brain health, including maintaining a consistent sleep schedule, exercising, avoiding caffeine and alcohol before going to bed and using relaxation techniques," author Kristine Yaffe, from

the University of Califor-

nia San Francisco, said.

Office of the Naib-Tehsildar Pattan
Executive Magistrate 1st Class
Subject: Issuance of Registration

orders in respect of delayed Birth
Public Notice

The registar Births and deaths (EO Municipal Council Pattan/Block Development Officer Lolpora) has submitted a case file pertaining to death of Ab Rehman Shah S/o Late Mohd Yaseen Shah R/o Iqbal Colony Pattan Tehsil Pattan District Baramulla with vertified date of event (birth) as 15-10-2023 occurred at Home

In this connection, if anybody having any objection to the issuance of said registration may contact this office within seven (07) days, after which no objections shall be entertained.

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Executive Magistrate 1st Class Naib Tehsildar Pattan

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that I am applying for the registration of a Tour And Travel license under the name OVER MOUNTAIN HOLIDAY TOUR AND TRAVEL, located at KALANTRA PAYEEN, Tehsil Kreeri, District Baramulla, at the office of Assistant Director Tourism Gulmarg . If anyone has any objections regarding this matter, they may file their objection at the Department of Tourism office of the Assistant Director Tourism Gulmarg , within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. After this period, no objections will be entertained.

Danish Rasheed Pala S/O Abdul Rasheed Pala

R/O Hadu Madam, Tangmarg Baramulla.

Govt. of U.T. of Jammu & Kashmir

Office of the Executive Engineer Water Works Division Srinagar

" Tel: 0194-2452047, 2477207" email ID: xenwwd@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is hereby informed that due to some repair works of pumping units at Dalbund Nishat, the water supply from WTP Nishat will remain affected from 30-10-2024 (Afternoon) till 31-10-2024 (Afternoon).

The affected areas include:

Nishat, Brein, Kralsangri, Gupkar, Nehru Park, Mir Behri Dal, Buchwara, Dalgate, Konakhan, Khayam, Bishembar Nagar, Indra Nagar, Shivpora, Sonwar, Batwara, Lal Chowk, Poloview, M.A. Road, Residency Road, Court Road, Rajbagh (Partly), Maisuma, Gowkadal, Barbarshah, Koker Bazar, Basant Bagh, Habba Kadal, Fateh Kadal, Balgarden, Karan Nagar, Suthra Shahi, Tankipora, Zaindar Mohalla, Karfali Mohalla, Nawa Bazar, Kaka Sarai, Bohri Kadal, Babademb, Nowhatta (Partly), Khawaja Bazar, Rainawari, Miskeen Bagh

General Public is hereby notified through the medium of this notice to store sufficient supply of water to meet the demands. For any complaints/grievances regarding scarcity / shortage of water supply, general public are requested to contact the PHE Provincial Control Room which remains functional round the clock for the service of the general public.

The Contact Numbers of Provincial Control Room are as under:

1. 0194-2477207, 0194-2452047 (Landline Number)

2. 9419413914, 9419413915

(Landline Numbers) (WhatsApp Numbers)

No: WWD/Sgr/5243-52 DIPK-6873/24 Dated: 28-10-2024

Sd/--Executive Engineer Water Works Division Srinagar

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

General Administration Department

Civil Secretariat, J&K

Subject: Verification of Character & Antecedents of the applicant who has applied for Compassionate Appointment under SRO-43 of 1994.

NOTICE

The applicant namely Mr. Mohammad Asgar S/o Late Mohammad Latief, Ex-Helper, Department of Forest, Ecology & Environment R/o Banwat, Tehsil Haveli, District Poonch is hereby informed to submit his E-mail ID and contact details in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Poonch or in the Cabinet Section, General Administration Department, Civil Secretariat, Srinagar/Jammu, in person, within a period of twenty one (21) days positively, for the purpose of filling up of e-verification roll to obtain his character and antecedents from the Criminal Investigation Department, failing which he shall forfeit his right to appointment under J&K (Compassionate Appointment) Rules, 1994.

The Deputy Commissioner, Poonch is requested to facilitate the filling up of e-verification roll of the applicant and after due punching of the data, the e-verification roll may be forwarded to the Criminal Investigation Department, J&K.

The report from Criminal Investigation Department as received by the office of Deputy Commissioner, may be forwarded to General Administration Department via E-mail (jkgadsro43@gmail.com).

DIPK-6869/24 DATED: 28-10-2024

No. GAD-SRO/226/2024-09 (CC-7458296)

(Irfah Manzoor)
Under Secretary to the Government
Dated: 22,10,2024

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Government of Jammu and Kashmir

Department of Skill Development

Civil Secretariat, J&K.

Subject: Select list for the post of Lecturer-I (E&C) and Lecturer-II (Travel, Tour and Hotel Management).

Reference: I) PSC/DR/Skill/Lect Electronics and Communication/2022 dated 06.08.2024 from J&K Public Service Commission.

II) PSC/DR/Skill/Lect-II, Travel, Tour and Hotel Management / 2022 dated 06.08.2024 from J&K Public Service Commission.

NOTICE

Pursuant to the selection and recommendation by the J&K, Public Service Commission vide communication No. PSC/DR/Skill/Lect Electronics and Communication/2022 dated 06.08.2024 & PSC/DR/Skill/ Lect-II, Travel, Tour and Hotel Management/2022 dated 06.08.2024, all the selected candidates are hereby informed to submit their e-mail id and contact. No. details in the Personal Section of the Department of Skill Development, Civil Secretariat, Jammu/Srinagar in person or on official email id jksddl2@gmail.com within a period of (21) twenty one days from the date of issuance of this notice, for uploading the same on the Employee Verification System (EVS), failing which it shall be presumed that they are not willing to take up their appointment in the Department of Skill Development, and shall forfeit the right of appointment without any further notice.

(Harjinder Singh)
Under Secretary to the Government

No. DSD-Poly/7/2023-02 (7207176) DIPK-6848/24 Dated:-28.10.2024 committed by the concerned School/parent/ Board, against my father name as Late Gh Hassain Mir Instead of Ghulam Hussain Mir Now, I have applied for correction/rectification of error in the Jammy and Kashmir Board of School Education, New

the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education. New Campus Bernina. Srinagar, if any person has any objection in this regard, may file the same in the office of the Assistant Secretary, Certificates-KD within seven days from the date of Publication of this notice, after the expiry of said period no objection will be entertained.

Name: Parveeza Hussain F/N: Ghulam Hussain Mir M/N: Saleema Bano DOB: 06-08-2009 Residence: Yagipora Magam

Mobile No: 7006599658

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Office of the Naib-Tehsildar Pattan

Executive Magistrate 1st Class

Subject: Issuance of Registration orders in respect of delayed Birth

Public Notice

The registar Births and deaths (EO Municipal Council Pattan/Block Development Officer Lolpora) has submitted a case file pertaining to Birth of Ayaan Ali Mir S/o Ghulam Mohi-ud-din Dar R/o Hanjiwera Payeen Tehsil Pattan District Baramulla with vertified date of event (birth) as 10-02-2020 occurred at Home

In this connection, if anybody having any objection to the issuance of said registration may contact this office within seven (07) days, after which no objections shall be entertained.

Executive Magistrate 1st Class Naib Tehsildar Pattan

از دفتر نائب تخصیلدار پلهالن درخواست منجانب جاوید حسن راتقر ولدغلام حسن راتقر ساکنه گوشه بگ پیش بمراد حصول EWS سرففییت تجتل اولا دان اشتهار بمرادآگای هرخاص وعام معامله مندرجه عنوان الصدر بیس درخوست سائل دفتر بنرامیس زیرکار وائی ہے اس نسبت

پٹواری حلقہ ہے رپورٹ بشمول مطلوبہ نقوالات ریکارڈ طلب کے گئے جس ہے عباں ہوتا ہے کہ سائل موضع گوشبہ کا سکونت ندار ہے سائل مزکورہ کاکل رقبہ حسہ مکان وصحن 1567.2 موجودہ ہے سائل کے کنبہ کی عبانہ آمدنی 23025 روپیپتک ہے کنبہ بذیل افراد پر شتمل ہے جاوید حسن راتھر 24 سال دکانداری سربرہ کنبہ

راو پر سس ہے او پر سس ہے سازہ بیگم 41سال گھریلوکام زوجہ مرن جاوید 21سال ملازم دختر فق جاوید 19سال زیجایم پسر بہان جاوید 17سال -- --بہان جاوید 11سال -- --رائیکیٹ زیر بحث اجرء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص یاا شخاص کوکوئی عذر یااعتراض ہوتو وہ اپتا

ر گلیٹ زیر بحث اجرء کرنے میں اگر سی حص یا انتخاص کو کوئی عذریا اعتراض ہوتو وہ اپنا مذریا اعتراضتین یوم کے اندر پیش کریں۔میعاد گزرنے کے بعد کوئی عذریا اعتراض قابل نبول نہیں ہوگاہ۔ معاقب نائے متحصل ال

از نیابت پلہالن

عنوان: درخواست منجانب بسمه احدد ختر عبدالاحد چوپان ساکنه موضع هری پورهپابهالن مختصیل پٹن بمرادا جرائی OBC سرٹفکیٹ بذمرہ چوپان

اشتهار هرخاص وعام

معاملہ مندر جو عنوان الصدر میں سائل نے ایک درخواست بغرض OBC سڑھیکے بذمرہ کمار پیش کی ہے جو کہ زیر کاروائی ہے اس بارے میں پٹواری حاقد ہے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی ہے جس سے عیاں ہے کہ سائل واقعی چو پان ذات سے تعلق رکھتا ہے اور سائل ہمری پورہ سخصیل پٹن میں رہائش پذیر ہے اور کھی بھی ترک سکونت نہیں کی ہے سائل مذکور OBC سرٹھیکے حاصل کرنے کا خوال ہے ۔سرٹھیکیٹ زیر بحث اجراء کرنے میں اگر کہ اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی عزریا عتراض ہوتو وہ بعد مشتہرا خبار سات دن کے اندراندر آھیے عذریا عتراض ودالت ھذا کو وفتری ادفات کے دوران پٹیش کریں۔ بعد گزرے میعاد کوئی عذریا عتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔ ادفات کے دوران پٹیش کریں۔ بعد گزرے میعاد کوئی عذریا عتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

Water Supply To Remain Affected In Srinagar On Oct 30-31

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Public Health Engineering (PHE) Department has issued a public notice, announcing a temporary disruption in the water supply due to essential repair work on the pumping units at Dalbund Nishat Water Treatment Plant (WTP).

"The water supply will be affected from the afternoon of October 30, 2024, until the afternoon of October 31, 2024, reads a public notice issued by the office of the Executive Engineer Water Works Division Srinagar.

It reads as, residents across various areas, including Nishat, Brein, Kralsangri, Gupkar, Nehru Park, Mir Behri Dal, Dalgate, Khayam, Sonwar, Lal Chowk, and many other localities, are advised to store enough water to cover their



needs during the disruption. "For any concerns or issues related to water shortages, residents can contact the PHE Provincial Control Room, which is operational 24/7. The contact numbers are as Landline: 0194-2477207, WhatsApp: 9419413915," 0194-2452047, 9419413914, reads the notice. Pertinently, the PHE Department appreciates the cooperation and patience of residents as they work to complete these neces-

Water Crisis Hit Srinagar's Eidgah, **Khanyar Localities**

PAMPOSH COLONY,

KRISHIBAL,

TAKANWARI,

BAKSHIPORA,

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NOWPORA, AND

ALAMDAR COLONY.

The water scarcity has

severely impacted daily

life. "We struggle to

manage basic needs like

cooking, washing, and

Authorities

unconcerned,"

SRINAGAR: Residents of Eidgah and Khanyar areas in Srinagar are struggling with acute water shortages, leaving thousands without access to drinking water.

The affected localities include the Wanganpora, Pamposh Colony, Krishibal, Takanwari, Bakshipora, Nowpora, and Alamdar Colony.

"We haven't seen water supply in our area for weeks. We are forced to fetch water from distant sources, spending hours daily," said Gulzar Ahmad, a resident of Wan-

added Naseema Akhtar, The affected a resident of Pamposh localities include the WANGANPORA,

Locals expressed frustration with the Public Health Engineering department's inaction. "Despite repeated complaints, PHE officials haven't addressed our concerns," Muhammad Yousuf, a resident of Nowpora, Khanyar, told the news agency KNT.

When contacted, a PHE official attributed the shortage to "technical issues" and assured prompt action.

ADGP CID Inaugurates Grievance Cell In Srinagar

SRINAGAR: As a step toward fostering a stronger public-police relationship, the authorities have inaugurated a dedicated Public Grievance Cell at the CID headquarters in Srinagar.

Launched by Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) CID, Nitish Kumar, this initiative seeks to create a streamlined platform for addressing "public complaints and improving accessibility to essential police services.'

The cell was established under the directives of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, will expedite the resolution of public grievances, offering timely assistance with verification processes and other citizen services.

Sharing the new cell's role, ADGP Nitesh Kumar on the sideline of the event said the initiative will bridge longstanding gaps in service delivery, enabling the public to experience quicker and more efficient handling of their

issues.

"From passport verifications to service-related inquiries, all requests will now be addressed here, simplifying processes and reinforcing trust between the community and the

police," Kumar said. Also, the details of grievance cell revealed that for public assistance, the CID grievance cell can be accessed at, Phone: 9906126468. Landline: 0194-2459935 (Srinagar), 0191-2582905 (Jammu) and Email: grievance-cidjk@jkpolice.gov.in.

Pertinently, this grievance cell represents a noteworthy advancement in public service, fostering transparency and a positive police-public interface in Jammu and Kashmir.

Run for Unity: Traffic Police Issue Advisory

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Traffic police department has issued an advisory for October 29, to ensure smooth traffic flow during the "Run for Unity" event in Srinagar.

The event, taking place from 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM, will see participants, including VIPs, running from SKICC (Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre) to the Botanical Garden.

To manage the expected congestion along the route, the Srinagar Traffic Police has designated specific parking areas for participants, including Police Golf Course, Royal Spring Golf Course, Jet Ski Point, Botanical Garden, Barista near Lalit Ghat From 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM, traffic on Boulevard Road, spanning from Lalit Ghat to Kralsangri, will be restricted. Motorists traveling to Nishat, Shalimar, and Harwan are advised to take the Dalgate-Rainawari-Hazratbal route instead.

Those traveling from Harwan, Shalimar, and Nishat to Lal Chowk should use the Foreshore-Hazratbal route.

Additionally, drivers from Gulab Bagh, Zakoora, Naseembagh, Habbak, and nearby areas are encouraged to travel via the Habak-Dargah-Khanyar route instead of Foreshore Road.

Participants are requested to park only in designated zones, as vehicles parked along the roadside will be towed. Emergency vehicles will be allowed to use the shortest available routes.

For assistance, the public can contact the Traffic Police Control Room at 103.

AIJAZ AHMAD SHAH NO MORE

With profound grief we announce the sad demise of Aijaz Ahmad Shah S/O late Ghulam

Hassan Shah of Sheikh Musa Ghat, Zaina Kadal, Srinagar (presently Alamdar Colony, Gopalpora- Chadoora) on Monday, Oct 28,

Congregational Fateha Khwani shall be

observed at our ancestral graveyard Malkha 🕏 near Nowhatta police station on Wednesday

> **Bereaved** Shah & Pandit Families

2024 after brief spell of illness.

30th October 2024 at 10.30 A.M.

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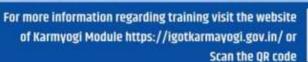
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NEWS

PM To Launch Health Projects Worth 12,850 Cr Today

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch development projects worth nearly 12,850 crore on Tuesday and also extend his government's flagship health insurance scheme Ayushman Bharat to all senior citizens aged 70 years and above.

PM Modi has chosen to unveil the major health sector push on the occasion of the ninth Ayurve-



da Day and the birth anniversary of Dhanvantari, considered the god of medicine

At a separate event, he will also distribute more than 51,000 appointment letters to the youth as part of his government's 'Rozgar Mela', an official statement said.

Noting that it has been the constant endeavour of the prime minister to provide quality healthcare services in the country, another statement said PM Modi will inaugurate Phase II of India's first All India Institute of Ayurveda in the national capital.

It includes a Panchakarma hospital, an ayurvedic pharmacy for drug manufacturing, a sports medicine unit, a central library, an IT and start-ups incubation

centre and a 500-seat auditorium among others.

He will also inaugurate three medical colleges at Mandsaur, Neemuch and Seoni in Madhya

Further, the prime minister will inaugurate facility and service extensions at various AIIMS -- Bilaspur in Himachal Pradesh, Kalyani in West Bengal, Patna in Bihar, Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh, Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh. Guwahati in Assam and in New Delhi -- which will also in clude a Jan Aushadhi Kendra.

He will also lay the foundation stones of five nursing colleges in Shivpuri, Ratlam, Khandwa, Rajgarh and Mandsaur in Madhya Pradesh, 21 critical care blocks at Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Manipur, Tamil Nadu and Rajasthan under Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM), and several facilities and service extensions at AIIMS in New Delhi and in Bilas pur, Himachal Pradesh.

Among other projects, he will inaugurate an ESIC hospital at Indore in Madhya Pradesh and lay the foundation stone for ESIC hospitals at Faridabad in Haryana, Bommasandra and Narasapur in Karnataka, Indore in Madhya Pradesh, Meerut in Uttar Pradesh, and Atchutapuram in Andhra Pradesh. These projects will bring healthcare benefits to around 55 lakh ESI beneficiaries.

In an innovative usage of drone technology to enhance service delivery and make health care more accessible, PM Modi will launch drone services at 11 tertiary healthcare institutions.



Israeli Campaign Leaves Lebanese Border Towns In Ruins, Satellite Images Show

Agencies

BEIRUT: Israel's military campaign in southern Lebanon has caused vast destruction in more than a dozen border towns and villages, reducing many of them to clusters of grev craters, according to satellite imagery provided to Reuters by Planet Labs Inc.

Many of the towns, emptied of their residents by the bombing, had been inhabited for at least two centuries. The imagery reviewed includes towns between Kfarkela in southeastern Lebanon, south past Meiss al-Jabal, and then west past a base used by U.N. peacekeepers to the small village of Labbouneh.

There are beautiful old homes, hundreds of years old. Thousands of artillery shells have hit the town, hundreds of air strikes." said Abdulmonem Choukeir, mayor of Meiss al-

Jabal, one of the villages hit by Israeli attacks.

"Who knows what will still be standing at the end?"

Reuters compared satellite images taken in October 2023 to those taken in September and October 2024. Many of the villages with striking visible damage over the course of the last month sit atop hills overlooking Israel.

After nearly a year of exchanging fire across the border, Israel intensified its strikes on southern Lebanon and beyond over the last month. Israeli troops have made ground incursions all along the mountainous frontier with Lebanon, engaging in heavy clashes with Hezbollah fighters inside some towns.

Lebanon's disaster risk management unit, which tracks both victims and attacks on specific towns, said the 14 towns reviewed by Reuters had been subject to a total of 3,809 attacks by Israel over the last year.

Israel's military did not immediately respond to Reuters questions about the scale of destruction. Israel's military spokesman Daniel Hagari said on Oct. 24 that Israel has struck more than 3,200 targets in south Lebanon.

The military says it is attacking towns in southern Lebanon because Hezbollah has turned "civilian villages into fortified combat zones," hiding weapons, explosives and vehicles there. Hezbollah denies using civilian infrastructure to launch attacks or store weapons, and residents of the towns deny the assertion.

A person familiar with Israel's military operations in Lebanon told Reuters that troops were systematically attacking towns with strategic overlook points, in-

Iraq Lodges UN Complaint Over Israel Using Its Airspace To Attack Iran

Agencies

BAGHDAD: Iraq has condemned Israel's use of its airspace to attack neighboring Iran in a protest letter sent to United Nations chief Antonio Guterres and the UN Security Council, Baghdad said Monday.

A statement from government spokesman Bassim Alawadi said the letter condemns "the Zionist entity's blatant violation of Iraq's airspace and sovereignty by using Iraqi airspace to carry out an attack on the Islamic Republic of Iran on October 26."

Alawadi said the Iraqi foreign ministry would also bring up "this violation" in talks with the United tant leaders and a Revolutionary Guards commander.

The Iranian military said that some Israeli aircraft had fired a "small number of long-range missiles... from a distance," inside the US-patrolled airspace of Iraq.

Iranian foreign ministry spokesman Esmaeil Baghaei said on Monday that Tehran was "sure that no neighboring country has given this permission to the Zionist regime" to use its airspace.

"We certainly hope that our friends in Iraq will announce the necessary reactions, including by registering their protest with the United Nations, and will not allow such incidents to happen again,' Baghaei added.



States, Israel's close ally and top arms provider.

Israel on Saturday launched air strikes on military sites in Iran, risking further regional escalation more than a year into the Gaza war and a month into the Israel-Hezbollah war in Lebanon.

The Israeli raid was in retaliation for an Iranian missile attack on October 1, itself retaliation for the killing of Iran-backed mili-

Baghdad has close ties with Tehran but also a strategic partnership with Washington, which has troops in Iraq as part of an international anti-jihadist coalition.

While the Iraqi government has sought to avoid being dragged into the escalating regional conflict, some pro-Iran factions have launched attacks on US forces in the region and claimed responsibility for drones sent to Israel.

Waqf Panel Session Erupts in Clash Again

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Members of ruling and opposition parties engaged in verbal clash as former judges and Waqf administrators of different states appeared before the Parliament's panel on the Wagf bill which met for the first time on Monday after TMC member Kalyan Banerjee's suspension for unruly conduct.

Banerjee, who broke a glass bottle and allegedly hurled it towards the chairman during the meeting last week leading to his suspension for a day, was not present at Monday's sitting.

It was trouble from the ord go, as AAP member Saniay. Singh objected to the examination of the Delhi Waqf Board administrator Ashwini Kumar, contending that the report submitted by him was not approved

by the Delhi Chief Minister. A heated exchange among ruling and opposition members ensued, leading to a walkout, for

a brief period, by Singh, Congress members Naseer Hussain and Mohammad Jawed, AIMIM member Asaduddin Owaisi. SP member Mohibbullah, DMK member Mohamed Abdulla and Mohammad Nadim-ul Haque of TMC.

Opposition members also struck off their signatures from the attendance roster of the parliamentary committee before walking out, parliamentary sources said. Delhi Chief Minister Ati-

shi shot off a letter to Jagdambika Pal, the Chairman of the Joint Committee on the Wagf Amendment Bill, to consider the report of the Delhi Waqf Board as "null and void" as it was sent without the approval of the Delhi government.

As the opposition members persisted with their objection to a presentation by the Delhi Waqf Board, the panel Chairman decided to seek the opinion of the Lok Sabha Secretary-General on the matter.

The Jerusalem Post

'Israel Has Long Way to Go to Defeat Hezbollah'

Agencies

Beirut: The number of Israeli soldiers killed in southern Lebanon is increasing daily rather than decreasing over time, Israeli media reported on Monday.

An analysis by Seth Frantzman published in the Israeli newspaper The Jerusalem Post pointed out that, after a month into war with Lebanon, the Israeli operation has begun to "take tol

Al-Mayadeen News reported Monday.

The strikes Israel conducted to supposedly weaken Hezbollah's command and control have failed to meet their objectives, as the Lebanese group's leadership remains intact and capable of continuing its deadly opera-

tions, Frantzman indicated. Despite the fact that the assassination ofw Hezbollah commanders and Secretary-General Savved Hassan Nasrallah "should have weakened the

fight on," the writer stressed. "The challenge in southern Lebanon is that while Hezbollah has suffered blows to its command and control, the

a month of war, the rocket fire continues to average around 100-200 rockets fired by Hezbollah a day."

The report highlighted that fighting on two fronts — Gaza

Sinking into Gaza, Lebanon quagmire

n a related context, former Head of the Security and Political Bureau at the Israeli Ministry of Security, Major General (Ret.) Amos Gilad, stated that a political solution with the United States must be initiated to put an end to what is happening. This is the responsibility of the Israeli leadership, as Prime Minister Netanyahu is not discussing or making any decisions in this regard, Gilad emphasized.

group appears to be clinging on

He underlined that such a settlement i

group's command and control." the Gaza war has revealed that such movements "are capable of replacing commanders even as they suffer blows," according to Frantzman.

"Hezbollah continues to

and it is capable of continued

deadly operations." He said that although the goal behind Israel's ground incursion into Lebanon was to return 60,000 Israelis to northern settlements, "However, in

and Lebanon — along with Hezbollah's ongoing rocket launches demonstrates that despite some Israeli "successes", these do not necessarily reduce losses on the front lines or bring about a swift defeat of these groups

Israeli Cabinet Meets in Secret Location

fter Iran said it would respond to Israel's Saturday strikes in a corresponding fashion, the Israeli government moved its regular meeting to an undisclosed secret bunker, Bloomberg news reported on Monday.

Israeli officials said that, for security reasons, the cabinet wouldn't meet at its usual place in Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office in Jerusalem or in an occasion ally used secure part of the defense ministry in Tel Aviv. The actual location is being kept under wraps.

Iran said it would respond to Israel's assault on missile and air defense systems in an appropriate fashion, without being more specific.

Office of the Naib-Tehsildar Pattan

Executive Magistrate 1st Class

Subject: Issuance of Registration orders in respect of delayed Birth

Public Notice

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In this connection, if anybody having any objection to the issuance of said registration may contact this office within seven (07) days, after which no objections shall be entertained.

Executive Magistrate 1st Class Naib Tehsildar Pattan

ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

DATE EXTENSION NOTICE

The tender regarding Internal Electrification of Science Block at IUST Awantipora E-NIT Campus. issued vide IUST/EW/24/TEND/ELE/SCBLK/11, dated: 10-10-2024, is hereby extended. The important dates are as following:

Date of Publishing of Corrigendum	24-10-2024
Last Date & Time for Online bid Submission	28-10-2024, 6:00 pm
Date of Submission of Hard Copy of DD	29-10-2024,
(Cost of Document)	09:00 am to 05:00 pm
Date & Time of Opening of Technical Bid	30-10-2024, 10:00 am
No. IUST/EW/24/ELE/730.	S/d:
Dated: 24-10-2024.	Executive Engineer, IUST.

DATED: 28-10-2024

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

DIPK-NB-2017/24

Office Of The Executive Engineer Mechanical And Hospitals Division Srinagar

(Tele-fax No: 019-2496089, e-mail id: xenmhchdk@yahoo.in)

CORRIGENDUM

Subject: - 1. Supply Installation Testing and Commissioning of Two No. (G+4) 26 Passenger Bed Lift including CMC for

three years at JLNM Hospital Rainawari Srinagar :-1. This office e- NIT No: M&HDS/TS/2024-25/91/e-tendering Dated 10.10.2024

In view of representations received from the firms to the above referred e-NITs, the Critical dates of above subject work tendered vide above referred e-NIT are extended as follows:

S. No	Description	Date and Time	
1.	Last Date of Bid Submission	02.11.2024 (12:00 hrs)	
2.	Date of Bid Opening	02.11.2024 (14:00 hrs)	

DIPK-6849/24 Dated: 28.10.2024

All other Terms and Conditions of the NIT shall remain the same.

No: M&HDS/TS/5215-18

Sd/ Executive Engineer, Mechanical & Hospitals Division, Srinagar

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

Office Of The Executive Engineer JSD PHE Division Qazigund

Fresh e-NIT No. 18/PHEQ OF 2024-25 Dated: -23-10-2024

2ND Attempt

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, "Executive Engineer JSD PHE Division Qazigund" invites e-tenders on percentage rate basis from reputed and resourceful Contractors/Firms/Companies/Joint Ventures registered with JKPWD/JS/CPWD/Railways or any other state Government for below mentioned Works, approved under Amrut 2.0. The bidding process shall be completed online in two cover system with Cover 1st consisting of Qualification Criteria, Tender fee, Bid Security, General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications etc. Cover '2nd' shall consist of Financial Bid (BOQ) in the prescribed format.

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	Const. of DG Platforms at OHT Site & Tube						
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Urs Of Sheikh-Ul-Alam (RA) Commences At Chararisharief

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SRINAGAR: The annual ritual of Poshak Bandi over the grave Hazrat Sheikh Nooruddin Noorani (RA) was held at Charari Sharief on Monday.

Waqaf Board Administrator, Mohammad Ashraf said that the Poshak Bandi is done ahead of the annual Urs of Kashmir's revered Sufi saint Hazrat Sheikh Noorudin Noorani, popularly known as Sheikh-ul-Aalam (RA).

"Annual Urs of Sheikh Noorud-din Wali also known as Alamdar-e-Kashmir will be observed at Central Kashmir's Charar-e-Sharief on October 30. Thousands of devotees from different areas of Valley have participated in the holy event of cloth Changing (PoshakBandi). Also, special prayers were

held at the shrine throughout the day," he said.

The Poshak Bandi was done by the caretakers of the shrine in the presence of Waqf Board member, Peer Mohammad Hussain, Waqf Board administrator Mohammad Ashraf, Mutawali Ziyarat Younis Haji and Mirwaiz Ameer ud Din Shah.

The ritual held with religious fervour witnessed a huge rush of devotees and special prayers will be held at Charar-i-Sharief on the Urs day.

The government had earlier said that the provincial holiday on account of annual Urs will be observed on October 30 (Wednesday)

The Urs will be observed on Wednesday and Khatamat-ul-Maazamat will be performed in the shrine throughout the day—(KNO)

Congress Prepares For Major Reshuffle After Election Defeat

SRINAGAR: Following a severe setback in the recent assembly elections, the Congress Party is on the brink of a major internal reshuffle to address what went wrong and pave a new path

As part of this effort, the party's fact-finding committee has begun district-level visits to investigate the reasons behind its defeat. The committee is meeting with a wide range of party members, including candidates, leaders, district and block officials, as well as leaders from Congress's frontal organizations.

Party insiders said that senior Congress leaders, along with committee members, are working to understand the underlying factors that led to the party's defeat, despite widespread discontent over the BJP's handling of issues like unemployment, inflation, taxes, and what critics see as anti-people policies implemented by the central and local administrations. These leaders have not only shared their election experiences but have also outlined strategies to rebuild and strengthen Congress in preparation for future contests against the BJP.

"Despite the outcome, we believe the party remains resilient and could become even stronger if corrective actions are taken," said one worker, empha-

sizing that Congress remains a crucial secular and democratic force in the region. They expressed optimism about Congress's potential for a stronger showing in the future if the right steps are implemented.

Senior Congress leader Ravinder Sharma criticized what he described as the administration's partisan conduct during the elections, alleging that illegal distribution of ration, liquor, and money influenced voters. "The BJP spent unprecedented amounts on campaigning and used illegal methods to sway the results," he claimed.

Among the prominent Congress members who are holding the district and constituency interactions with Sharma at present include Bhupinder Singh, Mumtaz Khan, Rajesh Sadotra, and Rakesh Wazir from Reasi, along with Vinod Khajuria, Sumit Mangotra, and Mool Raj Bhagat in Udhampur. The fact-finding committee includes Ved Mahajan, Jahangir Mir, Naresh Gupta, and Dinanath Bhagat.

"The party's grassroots leaders voiced that the Congress has an opportunity to regain momentum if it effectively counters the BJP's messaging and restores public confidence in its vision for the region. The findings from these district visits are expected to inform the impending changes in the party's structure and strategy," a senior Congress leader said—(KNO)

BJP's J&K President Visits Family Of Slain Dr Shahnawaz

Agencies

 \mathbf{B} haratiya Janata Party's Jammu and Kashmir unit President, Ravinder Raina on Monday visited the family of slain doctor Shahnawaz, who was killed in a terrorist attack at Gagangir area of Sonamarg, Ganderbal district, on last Sunday evening. Ravinder Raina condoled with the family of the deceased doctor.

While talking to reporters, Raina praised Dr. Shahnawaz for his selfless service to humanity and strongly condemned the attack.

He assured all possible support to the victim's family and prayed for eternal peace for Dr. Shahnawaz and other martyrs.

Raina said that they all should go up against the devil ideology of those who are behind these brutal attacks in J&K, adding that those targeted civilians in Ganderbal have crossed all the limits and must be given the befitting punishment.

"Pakistan should focus on its conditions that its masses are facing due to poverty and should avoid innocent killing in JK," he said.

"Pakistan should focus on its conditions and should avoid killing innocents in Jammu Kashmir," he said adding that, "Some people don't want peace and prosperity in Kashmir and they are the enemies of Kashmir. We all have to fight unitedly against these enemies."—(KNO)

KU's North Campus Organises Harud Business Fest

Observer News Service

BARAMULLA: The Department of Management Studies, North Campus, University of Kashmir on Monday organised a oneday Business Fest 'Colour me Autumn' Harud 2024.

As per a statement issued, the festival, held annually, serves as a platform to showcase student talent and entrepreneurial abilities, while celebrating the region's rich

cultural heritage. The event was inaugurated by the Director North Campus, Prof. Sheikh Ghulam Mohammad, who welcomed the participants and lauded the organizing committee for their hard work for organising such

an event at North campus. The occasion was graced by the presence of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, University of Kashmir

- Prof. Nilofer Khan, who served as the Chief Guest. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor encouraged the students to continue developing their skills in entrepreneurship and motivated the audience with her words of wisdom.

The inaugural session was also graced by the presence of the coordinators of various departments, faculty members and the students of North campus as well as many adjoining colleges.

Dr. Ambreen Khursheed Wani, who was the event coordinator in her introductory remarks briefed the audience about the event. The event gave space to the recitation of the University Tarana, immediately followed by a soulful rendition of the traditional Kashmiri Rouf, setting the tone for a day filled with cultural performances and business-oriented activities.



FINDING PEACE IN THE LAP OF NATURE — a man offers prayers surrounded by the serene beauty of Srinagar's outskirts. KO PHOTO/MAJID PANDIT

WORLD STROKE DAY

'80 Percent Strokes Preventable Through Management Of Key Health Conditions'

SRINAGAR: On World Stroke Day, renowned neurologist Dr Sushil Razdan said that up to 80% of strokes can be prevented by effectively managing hypertension, diabetes and obesity.

Dr Razdan highlighted the critical importance of early detection and consistent management of these risk factors to significantly reduce the likelihood of experiencing a stroke.

He said that lifestyle changes-such as maintaining a balanced diet, engaging in regular exercise, and closely monitoring blood pressure and blood sugar levels-are essential for stroke prevention. "Stroke is the third leading cause of death worldwide, impacting countless lives. People die from strokes or suffer disabilities as a result. Even



those who recover need careful management," he said.

The noted neurologist explained that recent advances in stroke management include thrombosis treatments (clotbusting therapies), surgeries like thrombectomy, and new antiplatelet drugs, all of which have improved patient outcomes. However, he reiterated

that prevention is paramount. "It is believed that 80% of strokes can be prevented by managing hypertension, treating diabetes, addressing obesity, avoiding nighttime snoring, and, most importantly, quitting smoking," he added.

Dr Sushil urged people to recognise the early symptoms of stroke, which include speech disturbances, visual changes and weakness in the arms or legs. "This is crucial because we refer to this as the 'window period'—a critical 2 to 3 hours when the effects of a stroke can be reversed," he

He said that with proper management, including physiotherapy and medication, recovery after a stroke is possible. "My message is to invest in your health, which is the best investment one can make. This includes avoiding smoking, exercising regularly, managing stress, and controlling hypertension and diabetes. By following these guidelines, we can create a healthier today and tomorrow," Dr Razdan concluded—(KNO)

Deputy Secretary, Ministry Of I&B Visits Information & Broadcasting Offices

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Deputy Secretary, Broadcasting, Prem Chand on Monday visited the offices of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting at Srinagar and reviewed the functioning under Special Swachhata Campaign 4.0.

Chand visited Press Information Bureau Srinagar, Doordarshan, All India Radio and Central Bureau of Communication offices and directed the officers to institutionalize and implement in letter and spirit the Special campaign 4.0 and ensure minimum pendency in the office.

During the visit of Doordarshan Kendra, the officer planted a tree under the ambit of 'Ek Ped Maa Kai Naam' initiative started by the Prime Minister



of India. S Sanjeev, DDG DDK Srinagar, Ajay Dohare, DDG, AIR, Srinagar, Qazi Salman, Joint Director, PIB Srinagar & Head of News, DD News Srinagar also planted a tree under 'Ek Ped Maa Kai Naam' in the lawns of DDK Srinagar.

On his visit of the office of Press Information Bureau, Srinagar, Prem Chand interacted with the staff members of PIB and obtained a detailed update about various activities and steps taken by the department in view of Special Cam-

Prem Chand also visited All India Radio Srinagar and Central Bureau of Communication, Srinagar.

Besides senior officers, Deputy Director, Press Information Bureau, Srinagar, Tariq Ahmad Rather, Assistant Director. AIR Srinagar, Sunil Koul, News Editor, DD Srinagar, Sheikh Mudasir Amin, Field Publicity Officers, CBC Anantnag and Srinagar, Shahid Mohammad Lone & Naseer Ahmad Rather, News Editor, AIR Srinagar, Ishfaq Ahmad Shah, AO DDK Srinagar, Sanjay Koul were present.

Khanpur Sarai: A Mughal Relic Fading Into Oblivion

Zain Ul Aabedin

BUDGAM: A once-grand Mughal resting place, Khanpur Sarai, is slowly crumbling under the weight of neglect. Despite being a protected monument under the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), the 16th-17th century structure faces the threat of irreversible damage.

Located in the picturesque district of Budgam, the Sarai, once frequented by Mughal Emperor Jahangir, now lies in a state of disrenair. The once sprawling complex has been reduced due to encroachments by locals, who have even constructed buildings within the 100-meter protected zone.

"Before the ASI took over in 1998, locals had already started dividing the land," said Mohammad Abdullah, a local watchman. "Part of it was even used to build a mosque.

Despite the ASI's efforts to curb these encroachments, the problem persists. Locals express concern over the lack of maintenance and the increasing number of visitors who often damage the structure.

"People have constructed build-



ings within the 100-meter protected zone of the monument. The authorities have filed FIRs against the violators, but the issue requires comprehensive action," he added.

The Ancient Monuments and Archaeological sites and remains (AMASR) Act, 1958 restricts the construction activities within 100 meters of a protected monument. Any building or renovation within this restricted zone requires approval from the appropriate Authority, which is usually the national Monuments Authority.

"People from all over gather here during festivals like Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha. They sometimes set off firecrackers inside," said Mudasir Hameed, a frequent visitor.

"The crowd, coupled with the fragile state of the monument, poses a serious threat to its survival.

During the 17th century, Akbar's son, Jahangir and other Mughal emperors travelled along the ancient Mughal route from Delhi to Srinagar. They and their caravans would rest at a particular resting place known as "Saria". More than 8 Sarias were built from Rajouri to Kashmir, With some being Chingus Sarai, Alibad Sarai, Sukh Sarai, Hirpur Sarai, Rambagh Sarai and Khanpur Sarai, These Sarais served as royal inns for Mughal emperors and their caravans, and were occasionally used by military forces during invasions.

The architecture of Khanpur sarai has fascinated visitors by its vintage charm. The Khanpur Saria is rectangular in shape, with entrance gateways on both the north and south side. It is built using Lakauri bricks with lime Surkhi mortar. It maintains Symmetry in design, with each cell facing a corresponding cell on the opposite side. The gateways are flanked by the staircase on both sides, adding to its architectural significance.

Sgr's Gold Jewellers Use Ballot **Paper System To Elect New Body**

Agencies

SRINAGAR: For the first time in the last half a century, the gold jewellers in Srinagar have used the ballot paper system in elections for the union to elect the new body. The union elections were held at Bohri Kadal in Srinagar.

The jewellers said that this kind of election is being held by them after a gap of around 50 years ago, where members of the Gold Jewellers Association of Kashmir gathered to elect their new president.

Jewellers on the occasion said that they were excited as they had assembled to participate in this significant event, bringing back the spirit of electing their representative in a democratic way.

The Gold Jewellers Association said that they, under the forum of Anjuman-e-Zargaran, organized the election to select its President through a formal voting process for the first time in decades.

"The atmosphere mirrors the formality of state and national

elections, with strict protocols in place. Voters are issued slips bearing their serial numbers and shop names, which are carefully cross-checked by polling agents before they receive their ballot

paper," jewellers said. They said this formal election procedure has drawn attention due to the meticulous organization, aimed at the transparency and trustworthiness of the process. They said that the competition was head-to-head, with two candidates vying for the president's position.

According to them, over 500 jewellers were expected to vote, with all registered members eligible to cast their ballots.

According to polling agents, the procedures in place ensured complete anonymity, with ballot boxes set up to prevent disclosure of voter choices.

On the occasion, the polling agents were seen validating voter identities. "This is about trust. We want to ensure a free and fair election without any pressure," said one of the polling officials—(KNO)

DPAP Faces Uncertain Future After Crushing Election Defeat

SRINAGAR: After a significant defeat in the Jammu and Kashmir assembly elections, the Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) led by Ghulam Nabi Azad finds itself at a critical crossroads.

Despite fielding 22 candidates, DPAP failed to secure any seats, with most candidates unable to save their deposits. Azad, who has not issued any statements or visited Jammu post-defeat, remains silent, leaving many party leaders and supporters disheartened and searching for new political directions.

The party's morale has suffered considerably, with insiders reporting that some members are contemplating a return to Congress, while others are exploring alignment with alternative political forces.

Founded by Azad after his departure from Congress on

September 26, 2022, the DPAP once held regular rallies across the Chenab region, where Azad promoted assembly elections and recounted his contributions as a former Chief Minister. However, the party's poor performance in both the Lok Sabha and assembly elections has now raised doubts about its viability.

Adding to the uncertainty, Azad's close allies, GM Saruri and Jugal Kishore-Ex MLA Reasi, parted ways with DPAP midelection, opting to run as independents. Both failed to win.

Party sources, speaking anonymously, told KNO that DPAP's future seems bleak. "We are considering our options carefully, as Congress, too, has a weak presence in the region," shared one insider. "If DPAP leaders from Kashmir shift to the National Conference, it's likely that Jammu-based leaders may turn to the BJP for their political future."—(KNO)

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Surge In Violence

n the third successive militancy related incident in ten days, three militants were killed by Indian security forces in Jammu and Kashmir's Akhnoor area during a failed ambush on an Army vehicle early Monday. Earlier, militants struck in tourist hub of Gulmarg, killing two soldiers and two porters and before that in a major incident, militants killed seven employees including a doctor at the construction site of the Z-Morh tunnel linking Kashmir Valley with Ladakh. The spurt in violence that began early this year has continued to increase its foothold encompassing the entire union territory. The attacks have followed recurrently, disrupting the uneasy calm that has largely prevailed in the UT since the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019.

In recent years, security forces have achieved complete area domination and intelligence penetration in the urban areas and the countryside in the Valley, making it increasingly fraught for militants to take shelter in residential areas. But while the strategy has ushered in peace in the otherwise volatile countryside in South Kashmir, militants have moved to forests, where they are turning out to be difficult to track down for the security forces.

This is also apparent from the militancy related violence in the union territory this summer, most of which has been concentrated in the hilly terrain stretching from Poonch and Rajouri in Jammu division up to the districts in Kashmir.

The hill warfare has confronted security forces with new formidable challenges. More so, in a largely hilly and mountainous terrain of Jammu. The militants operating out of forests are difficult to locate and once located, difficult to be engaged in an encounter as has been clear in the successive gunfights this year. Most of the militancy related violence in which security personnel have been killed has taken place inside or close to forests.

On a positive note, the plains in the Valley, otherwise traditionally the hotbed of militancy, have seen a drastic drop in the militant numbers. These areas once used to be a site of recurrent encounters. This shows a considerable decline in local recruitment, a fact also acknowledged by security agencies. But a new security challenge is rearing its head. Although, the local militancy has, to a large extent, been reigned in, the influx of foreigners, especially in Jammu. has thrown the union territory into fresh turmoil. It is a new fight and may take a while before the security agencies are able to get a grip on the situation.



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Omar's Political Tightrope

The NC-Congress coalition faces the daunting task of balancing aspirations in Kashmir with expectations in Delhi



RIYAZ WANI



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statehood is granted somewhere down the line, it is expected to be more or less a truncated one just like that of Delhi. Centre, it is believed will be loathe to let go of control on the security

agencies and the allied security related matters, lest it unravel the gains made in recent years The coalition's challenge isn't

ontrary to expectations, the newly elected NC-Congress coalition has started on a positive note: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has reached out to the central government and sought to establish a working relationship, in an apparent bid to prioritize governance over politics. But how long will this honeymoon last is anybody's guess. Omar's first priority is the restoration of statehood and to this end, the cabinet led by him passed a resolution as its first order of business. The CM later handed it over to prime minister Narendra Modi during his visit to New Delhi, his first after assuming the office. The visit during which he also met home minister Amit Shah, defence minister Rajnath Singh and transport minister Nitin Gadkari, attracted more attention for his shawl gifts to the three. This showed Omar's priority is to collaborate rather than to confront the centre to ensure he receives the necessary support to

run the government. But this is unlikely to be easy, and Omar seems to be mindful of this. The NC-Congress combine and the BJP-ruled central government drastically diverge in their ideology and governing philosophy for the union territory, making confrontation far more likely than cooperation. The dynamic places the coalition government at a disadvantage, given its lack of power in the existing arrange-

just dealing with the powerful Lieutenant Governor representing the BJP government at the centre, it will also be up against the BJP as a formidable regional opposition party with the second largest number of seats. The saffron party increased its tally in the Jammu division from the 25 seats in 2014 to 29 now, making it the majority party from the region. The coalition will thus invariably be accused by the BJP of denying Jammu a credible representation.

With the BJP government at the centre and its LG effectively running the union territory, it is likely to be tough for the elected government to hold its ground, let alone take steps to fulfill its promises. In a recent interview, the senior BJP leader and its J&K pointman Ram Madhav has already put the coalition on notice saving it doesn't fully represent the entire union territory because the Jammu heartland is missing from it. Already such voices have reared their head in Jammu. Social media in the region is abuzz with the people expressing resentment at being left out of the government, even after consolidating in favour of the BJP. Going forward, the BJP is expected to further assert

Will the centre restore statehood in the near future is an open question. It is, however, believed that New Delhi may take its own sweet time, during which it will closely monitor the behaviour of the Omar-led coalition. New Delhi wouldn't take kindly to the adoption of an aggressive stance on Article 370, a reason that may explain the downplaying of the NC rhetoric on Article 370, contrary to what the party has set out in its manifesto. Although Omar has reportedly been assured of the restoration of the statehood, no timeline has been given and thus no action on the assurance is ex-

pected anytime soon. There is another catch: Even if the statehood is granted somewhere down the line, it is expected to be more or less a truncated one just like that of Delhi. Centre, it is believed will be loathe to let go of control on the security agencies and the allied security related matters, lest it unravel the gains made in recent years.

Meanwhile, the first test of the NC-led coalition relationship with the centre will come when the coalition brings a resolution on Article 370 in the first session of the Legislative Assembly, as the NC MLA and party spokesperson, Tanvir Sadiq has made it clear. While the BJP will oppose it tooth and nail, arguing that Jammu's heartland districts which gave the party 29 seats didn't vote for it, it will be interesting to see how the NC's main coalition partner, the Congress responds to it. The Congress can act neutral or oppose the resolution with an eye on the upcoming elections in Maharashtra where its position on Article 370 will have a bearing on the voters. Abrogation of Article 370 which granted J&K a special position under the constitution enjoys a near-unanimous public support in the rest of the country, making it difficult for a national party like the Congress to support its resto-

That said, it will also be interesting to see how the smaller parties in the Valley will behave. Considering these parties gunned for the NC when it initially seemed to back out of the resolution on Article 370, they will have no option but to vote for it. The NC too will need their support for any chance of the resolution being passed in the Assembly. As the Assembly session approaches, alliances will thus be tested, and the stakes will rise for all parties involved.

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Perils of Urbanisation

is currently posing substantial problems for major cities across India. The enormous population expansion in these cities is one of the biggest and most urgent problems they face. Also, the lack of buildable land has led to skyrocketing costs. High-tech satellite towns have emerged as a possible way to address these issues and promote sustainable urban settings. By decentralising urban growth and spreading people, these cities have the potential to create balanced and equitable urban development across the nation. Another trend that is popular among satellite cities is the development of mixed-use areas. This involves creating areas that have a mix of residential, commercial, and recreational spaces. This allows for a more lively and vibrant city center that can attract more people and businesses.

While satellite cities offer many advantages over living from the crowded centre of a metropolis, they have their own set of challenges too, like lack of amenities and job opportunities, rendering them as isolated suburbs. Despite these challenges, satellite cities continue to be popu lar places to live for those who want to be close to a major metropolitan area but don't want to deal with all the hustle and bustle. Overall, the future of satellite cities is looking very bright. With the continued development of smart city technology and the rise of mixed-use areas, these cities are becoming more sustainable, and attractive places to live and work.

Ranganathan Sivakumar

The Cost of Showmanship: Are Wedding Photoshoots a Display of Wealth or a Search for Memories?

Showkat Ali

In recent years, the wedding industry has seen an overwhelming trend: extravagant photoshoots in public spaces. From opulent parks to bustling streets, couples seem to prioritize the spectacle of their nuptials over the sanctity of the occasion itself. As onlookers, we must ask: are these elaborate displays a genuine quest for memories, or merely a public exhibition of wealth and status?

Weddings have always been significant milestones in people's lives, serving as a celebration of love and union. Traditionally, these events focused on family, friends, and intimate gatherings. However, the advent of social media has transformed the wedding landscape into a stage for public performance. Couples now feel pressured to capture their love story through lavish photoshoots, often at the expense of authenticity and simplicity.

The juxtaposition of wedding celebrations in serene, natural settings against a backdrop of luxury raises important questions about the values we hold dear. Are we documenting our love, or are we showcasing our financial prowess? This phenomenon is not just confined to weddings; it reflects broader societal trends where material wealth is often equated with personal worth.

Consider the myriad of wedding photoshoots taking place in urban parks, his-



torical landmarks, and even crowded marketplaces. While these locations may offer stunning visuals, they also invite scrutiny. Are the couples seeking to immortalize their love, or are they hoping to garner admiration and envy from onlookers? The lines between personal celebration and public spectacle have blurred significantly.

The silence from influential voices—religious leaders, prominent journalists, and social activists—on this topic is disheartening. Our molvis, typically vocal on matters

of morality, seem to be absent from the discussion surrounding the commercialization of sacred traditions. They have the platform to remind us of the true essence of love and commitment, yet their silence allows this trend to flourish unchecked.

Similarly, elite journalists, who often critique societal behaviors, appear to overlook the implications of these ostentatious displays. Instead of exploring the deeper meaning behind such trends, many seem more focused on the glamour, contributing

to a culture that glorifies extravagance over intimacy. The consequence of this oversight is a generation that may equate love with lavish spending rather than meaningful connections.

Activists advocating for social change also seem hesitant to engage with the implications of this trend. They might rally against economic disparities, yet fail to address how such public displays reinforce societal hierarchies. The cost of these photoshoots can often amount to a small fortune—resources that could be better allocated towards community welfare or environmental sustainability. Why, then, do we choose to invest in opulence rather than in purpose?

As we navigate this complex landscape, we must reflect on the messages we are sending to future generations. Children and young adults are absorbing these images of grandeur and associating them with love and commitment. What happens when they reach the age of marriage? Will they feel compelled to outdo their predecessors, spiraling into an endless cycle of excess? Or will they recognize the value of shared experiences and emotional connections over material displays?

Moreover, this trend raises questions about inclusivity. Not everyone can afford the extravagant photoshoots that have become commonplace. Those who cannot may feel marginalized, left to celebrate their unions in less visible or less glamor-

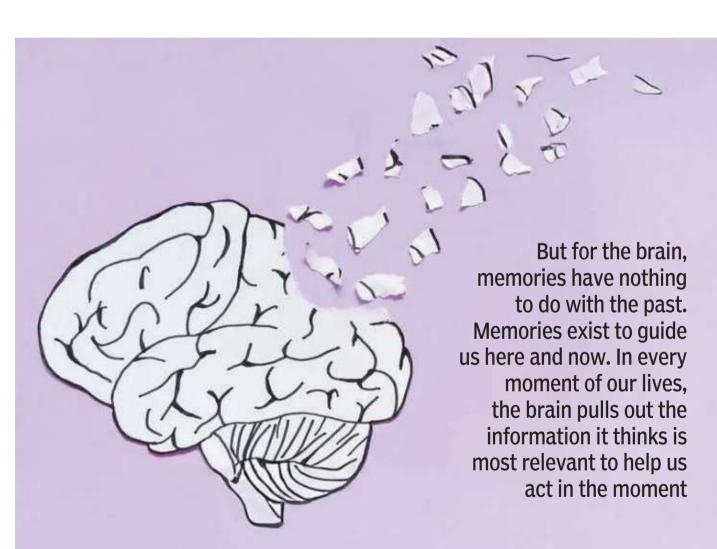
ous ways. Love should not be a privilege marked by economic disparity; it should be an experience shared by all, regardless of financial means.

Ultimately, we need a cultural shift that embraces simplicity and authenticity over extravagance. Weddings should be celebrations of love that reflect personal values, not competitions of wealth. Couples should feel empowered to create meaningful memories without the burden of societal expec-

To foster this change, we must engage in open dialogue. It is time for our community leaders—be they religious figures, journalists, or activists—to address the implications of this trend. They should guide us in reclaiming the true essence of weddings, emphasizing that love is not defined by what one spends but by the connections we forge.

In conclusion, while photoshoots are an inevitable part of modern weddings, we must remain vigilant about their underlying motivations. Let us champion authenticity over showmanship, ensuring that future generations understand the true value of love and commitment. It is time to shift our focus from public displays of wealth to genuine expressions of affection, reminding ourselves and our communities that the heart of a wedding lies in the love shared, not in the spectacle created.

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Forgetting as Important as Remembering

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very time I run around in my apartment looking for my lost keys, I curse my poor memory. The fact that I forgot where I put them is due to my brain not working as it should. That is at least what it feels like and, until recently, even memory researchers saw forgetfulness as the brain's inability to store new information. But, in 2019, Japanese researchers studying mice discovered a group of brain cells that are active when the animals sleep.1 These cells, which are also found in humans, have a strange property: They suppress activity in the brain's memory center, the hippocampus. It begs the question: Why has Mother Nature bothered to put special cells in our brains that make us remember worse? We get a clue from the Russian journalist Solomon Shere-shevsky (1886-1958), who in the history of medicine goes by the name "S." S is often considered to have had the best memory ever discovered in a human. It was enough for him to hear long strings

of numbers and letters-even poems in languages he did not speak—once to be able to recite them all perfectly. And even more impressive is that he remembered them flawlessly 15 years later! However, there was one thing his brilliant memory could not handle—forgetting. S was inundated with details to the point that he had difficulty thinking abstractly. He had no problem reproducing long passages verbatim but had difficulty grasping wholes. The gist of the text somehow got lost in all the details. Moreover, each word evoked such a tidal wave of associations that he found it difficult to function in everyday life. Despondent that his brain was unable to let the most irrelevant details fall into oblivion, he wrote them down on a piece of paper that he burned, hoping that the details would go up in smoke as the words charred—needless to say, without any effect. The curious case of S draws our attention to the difference between what we perceive as a good memory and what is a good memory to the brain. For you and me, good memory is about remembering details and being able to reproduce events exactly as they happened. But for the brain, memories have nothing to do with the past. Memories exist to guide us here and now. In every moment of our lives, the brain pulls out the information it thinks is most relevant to help us act in the moment. The brain must therefore be selective with what it stores—that is, remembers—as it would make us think too slowly if it constantly had to sift through an infinite amount of information. Further, the ability to think abstractly risks deteriorating if the brain is flooded with details, which is what happened to S. As I write these words, I'm looking for an article about S. It's buried somewhere in the pile of manuscripts strewn across my desk. I have a hard time throwing things away and therefore a hard time finding them. The brain works the same way. Strangely enough, forgetting seems to be as important as remembering.

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Celebrate Diwali with Thoughtful Green Gifting Options!

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This Diwali, add a new dimension to your festivities with gifts that spread joy while nurturing the planet. As the Indian gifting market continues to soar, with corporate gifting growing by 200% annually, there's a noticeable shift towards more responsible and eco-sensitive choices. This Festival of Lights, you too can express your appreciation for your colleagues and employees by making meaningful gestures that underline your commitment to a greener world.

Here are five unique corporate gifting ideas that will make this Diwali celebration extra special!

Light Up Lives, Grow a Forest: Thoughtful Diwali Gifting Ideas

The climate clock is ticking as the world approaches the 1.5 °C barrier. In such a scenario, trees can work as our allies, releasing oxygen into the environment and absorbing carbon dioxide. By gifting a tree to a colleague or an employee this Diwali, you can help mitigate pollution as a mature tree can absorb up to 20 Kg of CO2 in a year Click on Grow-Trees.com and choose a specific project to support tribal communities, enhance wildlife habitats, increase green cover across urban heat islands, enrich biodiversity and prevent soil erosion. Grow-Trees.com not only offers an opportunity to plant trees in various locations across India but also issues a dedicated eTreeCertificate to acknowledge your contribution to reforestation efforts. Grow-Trees lets you track the location of the Project.

Eco-sensitive products

This festive season, help your colleagues and employees to reduce their dependence on single-use plastics and non-biodegradable products by gifting eco-friendly lifestyle products such as reusable water bottles, stainless steel straws, bamboo toothbrushes, pens and mobile holders, upcycled laptop bags, wooden puzzles and sustainable grooming kits etc. These gifts encourage a corporate culture of responsible gifting, mitigate plastic waste and promote zero-waste alternatives.

Gift hampers with organic treats

Luxurious and environmentally-sensitive hampers filled with caffeine-free teas, artisanal chocolates and breads, preservative-free jams, healthy snacks, vegan cookies and cupcakes, granola bars, curated pantry products like natural honey, fruit squash with jaggery are a great festive gift. Another option could be to give gift vouchers to employees and peers in order to support brands that promote organic foods.

Green lighting and beyond

Lanterns made of handmade paper, coconut shells, ceramic and clay diyas, cork tea light holders, soya candle jars, and solar-powered lights all make for lovely earth-friendly Diwali gifts. You can also gift incense made from repurposed temple flowers to help reduce floral waste while offering employees a fragrant addition to their Diwali celebrations. This thoughtful gift adds to the festivities atmosphere while promoting a green celebration. Plantable crackers and chemical-free rangoli sets are some other gift options.

Upcycled goodies

Cork coasters, cork table clocks, plantable seed paper calendar kits and diaries, lamps made from upcycled bottles, and wallets made from repurposed materials such as old tyres, fabric scraps, or reclaimed leather are all unique gifting options that are both stylish and functional. This Diwali, choose a gift with a larger purpose that not only reflects the joy of Diwali but also underlines a shared commitment to a greener future.

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FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS-2024

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

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02252	New Delhi VANDE BHARAT	08:25	Patna Jn	20:00	Tri-weekly	Wednesday, Friday, Sunday	30.10.24 to 06.11
02251	Patna Jn FESTIVAL SPECIAL Lucknow VANDE BHARAT	07:30 14:15	New Delhi	19:00 21:30		Thursday, Saturday, Monday Except Tuesday	31.10.24 to 07.11
02270	Chhapra VANDE BHARAT FESTIVAL SPECIAL	23:00	Chhapra Lucknow	06:30	6 Days a week	Except Tuesday Except Tuesday	Upto 08.11.24 Upto 08.11.24
02248	New Delhi TEJAS FESTIVAL	08:25	Patna Jn	20:30	Tri waakh	Tues, Thurs & Saturday	29.10.24 to 05.1
02247	Patna Jn SPECIAL	07:30	New Delhi	19:35	Tri-weekly	Wed, Fri & Sunday	30.10.24 to 06.1
04052	New Delhi	14:20	Jaynagar	15:40		Sat, Tue, Fri, Mon	29.10.24, 01 04.11.24
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04051	Jaynagar	18:00	New Delhi	18:50		Sun, Wed, Sat, Tue	05.11.24
04054	New Delhi	14:20	Barauni Jn	11:00	Date	Sun, Wed, Sat, Tue	30.10.24, 02 & 05.11.24
04053	Barauni Jn	12:30	New Delhi	09:10	Wise	Mon, Thu, Sun, Wed	31.10.24, 03 06.11.24
02250	New Delhi	23:55	Patna Jn	16:40		Thursday	on 31.10.24
02249	Patna Jn	17:50	New Delhi	11:00	Weekly	Friday	on 01.11.24
04075	New Delhi	23:45	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	11:40	Bi-weekly	Wednesday, Sunday	Upto 17.11.2
04076	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	21:20	New Delhi	09:30	2	Thursday, Monday	Upto 18.11.2
04498	Anand Vihar Terminal	19:30	Ballia	13:30	Weekly	Sunday	Upto 24.11.2
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04032	Anand Vihar Terminal	05:15	Saharsa Jn	10:30	5 days	Mon, Tue, Thu, Sat, Sun	Upto 30.11.2
04031	Saharsa Jn	13:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	16:10	a week	Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri, Sun	Upto 01.12.2
04624	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	23:45	Varanasi Jn	23:55	Weekly	Sunday	Upto 17.11.2
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04518	Chandigarh	23:15	Gorakhpur	18:20	Weekly	Thursday	Upto 14.11.2
04517	Gorakhpur	22:05	Chandigarh	14:10	VVCCKIY	Friday	Upto 15.11.2
04060	Anand Vihar Terminal	10:30	Jaynagar	15:15	Bi-weekly	Tuesday, Friday	Upto 15.11.2
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04068	Delhi Jn	19:30	Darbhanga Jn	16:30	Bi-weekly	Tuesday, Friday	Upto 15.11.2
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04044	Gorakhpur	17:25	Anand Vihar Terminal	10:40	Bi-weekly	Saturday, Tuesday Sunday, Wednesday	Upto 26.11.2 Upto 27.11.2
04217	Varanasi Jn	06:25	Lucknow Jn	11:45	Daily	Mon, Tue, Wed,	Upto 22.11.2
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04553	Saharanpur	04:40	Ambala Cant Jn	06:45	D-II	Mon, Tue, Wed,	Upto 30.11.2
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04681	Kolkata	23:45	Jammu Tawi	12:30	,	Thursday	Upto 14.11.2
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04311	Howrah Jn	19:00	Haridwar Jn	23:30	Weekly	Friday	Upto 15.11.2
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02245	Patna Jn	17:50	Hazrat Nizamuddin	10:50	Bi-weekly	Tuesday, Thursday	Upto 28.11.2
04526	Sirhind Jn	11:25	Saharsa Jn	17:00	Weekly	Monday	Upto 18.11.2
04525	Saharsa Jn	19:15	Ambala Cantt Jn	22:20	,	Tuesday	Upto 19.11.2
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05111	Chhapra Jn.	14:00	New Delhi	11:50	Weekly	Monday	Upto 11.11.2
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05023	Gorakhpur	21:15	Anand Vihar Terminal	13:15	Weekly	Sunday	Upto 24.11.2
05024	Anand Vihar Terminal	15:15	Gorakhpur	04:45		Monday	Upto 25.11.2
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05302	Anand Vihar Terminal	00:25	Mau Jn	17:45		Friday	Upto 29.11.2
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1	09189	Mumbai Central (via Lucknow)	10:30	Katihar Jn	07:30	Weekly	Saturday	Upto 28.12.24
	09190 09111	Katihar Jn (via Lucknow) Vadodara Jn (via Lucknow)	00:15 19:00	Mumbai Central Gorakhpur	18:40 23:30	Weekly	Tuesday Monday	Upto 31.12.24 Upto 30.12.24
1	09041 09042	Udhna Jn (Surat) (via Lucknow) Chhapra (via Lucknow)	11:15 23:00	Chhapra Udhna Jn (Surat)	19:00 07:30	Weekly	Sunday Monday	Upto 29.12.24 Upto 30.12.24
	04815	Jodhpur Jn (via Lucknow)	17:30	Mau Jn	23:20	Weekly	Sunday	Upto 24.11.24
1	04816 04823	Mau Jn (via Lucknow) Jodhpur Jn (via Lucknow)	04:00 17:30	Jodhpur Jn Mau Jn	08:55 23:20	Weekly	Tuesday Saturday	Upto 26.11.24 Upto 30.11.24
1 F	04824 04137	Mau Jn (via Lucknow) Gwalior Jn (via Lucknow)	04:00 07:10	Jodhpur Jn Barauni Jn	08:55 08:00		Monday Sunday, Wednesday	Upto 02.12.24 Upto 29.12.24
1	04138	Barauni Jn (via Lucknow)	09:30	Gwalior Jn	10:20	Bi-weekly	Monday, Thursday	Upto 30.12.24
1	09145 09146	Mumbai Central (via Lucknow) Barauni Jn (via Lucknow)	10:30 01:00	Barauni Jn Mumbai Central	04:00 18:40	Weekly	Monday Thursday	Upto 11.11.24 Upto 14.11.24
}	09043 09044	Bandra Terminus (via Lucknow) Gorakhpur (via Lucknow)	00:05 13:00	Gorakhpur Bandra Terminus	09:30 22:30	Bi-weekly	Sunday, Tuesday Monday, Wednesday	Upto 31.12.24 Upto 01.01.25
1	07651	Jalna (via Varanasi Jn)	23:30	Chhapra	05:30	Weekly	Wednesday	Upto 25.12.24
1 -	07652 05069	Chhapra (via Varanasi Jn) Chhapra (via Varanasi Jn)	22:15 13:15	Jalna Panvel	04:00 22:00	Weekly	Friday Saturday	Upto 27.12.24 Upto 30.11.24
╢	05070	Panvel (via Varanasi Jn)	23:20	Chhapra	11:35	vveekiy	Sunday	Upto 01.12.24
1	05325 05326	Gorakhpur (via Lucknow) Lokmanyatilak (via Lucknow)	21:15 10:25	Lokmanyatilak Gorakhpur	07:25 18:00	Bi-weekly	Tuesday, Thursday Thursday, Saturday	Upto 28.11.24 Upto 30.11.24
╁	01123 01124	Lokmanyatilak (via Lucknow) Gorakhpur (via Lucknow)	12:15 21:15	Gorakhpur Lokmanyatilak	18:55 07:25	Bi-weekly	Friday, Sunday Saturday, Monday	Upto 03.11.24 Upto 04.11.24
}	01431	Pune (via Lucknow)	16:15	Gorakhpur	20:40	Weekly	Friday	Upto 01.11.24
1	01432 01079	Gorakhpur (via Lucknow) C. Shivaji Maharaj Terminus	23:25	Pune Gorakhpur (via Lucknow)	06:25 10:00		Saturday Mon, Tue, Wed,	Upto 02.11.24 Upto 11.11.24
╢	01080	Gorakhpur (via Lucknow)	14:30	C. Shivaji Maharaj Terminus	00:40	Daily	Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun	Upto 13.11.24
1	01415 01416	Pune (via Lucknow) Gorakhpur (via Lucknow)	06:50 17:30	Pune Pune	16:00 03:15	Daily	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun	Upto 11.11.24 Upto 12.11.24
╁	01207 01208	Nagpur (via Barabanki) Samastipur Jn (via Barabanki)	10:40 07:00	Samastipur Jn Nagpur	23:45 21:30	Weekly	Wednesday Thursday	30.10.24 to 13.11.24 31.10.24 to 14.11.24
1	05636	Guwahati (via Lucknow)	18:15	Shri Ganganagar	03:30	Weekly	Wednesday	Upto 27.11.24
1	05637 05537	Shri Ganganagar (via Lucknow) Darbhanga Jn	13:20 13:15	Guwahati Daurai (via Shahjahanpur)	00:25 22:30	,	Sunday Saturday	Upto 01.12.24 09.11.24 to 28.12.24
╁	05538	Daurai (via Shahjahanpur)	23:45	Darbhanga Jn	06:50	Weekly	Sunday	10.11.24 to 29.12.24
1	04195 04196	Agra Cantt (via Lucknow) Forbesganj Jn (via Lucknow)	05:00 18:40	Forbesganj Jn Agra Cantt	15:15 07:10	Weekly	Friday Saturday	Upto 22.11.24 Upto 23.11.24
╁	09061 09062	Udhna Jn (Surat) Ghazipur City (via Lucknow)	22:00 09:30	Ghazipur City (via Lucknow) Udhna Jn (Surat)	06:30 18:00	Weekly	Wednesday Friday	Upto 06.11.24 Upto 08.11.24
1	04829	Jodhpur Jn (via Delhi)	16:15	Gorakhpur	20:50	Weekly	Thursday	Upto 28.11.24
1	04830 01025	Gorakhpur (via Delhi) Dadar (via Varanasi Jn)	23:25 14:05	Jodhpur Jn Ballia	04:00 01:45		Friday Monday, Wednesday, Friday	Upto 29.11.24 Upto 30.12.24
╢	01026	Ballia (via Varanasi Jn)	15:15	Dadar	03:35 02:45	Tri-weekly	Wednesday, Friday, Sunday	Upto 01.01.25
	01027 01028	Dadar (via Varanasi Jn)						
╁	09013 09014	Gorakhpur (via Varanasi Jn)	14:05 14:25	Gorakhpur Dadar	03:30	4 Days a week	Tue, Thu, Sat, Sun Thu, Sat, Mon, Tue	Upto 31.12.24 Upto 02.01.25
		Gorakhpur (via Varanasi Jn) Udhna Jn (Surat) Chhapra (via Varanasi Jn)		·				Upto 31.12.24
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CM Omar Pushes For Fiscal Reforms, Initiatives For Enhanced Funding From Gol

Reviews functioning of Finance Department, assesses department's fiscal progress

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR- Chief Minister Omar Abdullah Monday chaired a meeting at Civil Secretariat here to review the functioning and progress of Finance Department.

The meeting was attended by Advisor to chief minister, Nasir Aslam Wani; Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo; Additional Chief Secretary to CM, Dheeraj Gupta, Principal Secretary Finance and the heads of various divisions of Finance Department.

Principal Secretary Finance Department made a detailed presentation highlighting the budgetary trends, fiscal challenges and the ongoing reforms.

The Chief Minister appreciated the focus on Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSSs) and improved revenue realization while noting that the receipt of CSS funds from Gol under different CSS during the current year is Rs. 10300crore as compared to Rs. 6386 crore and Rs. 5997 crore during 2022-23 and 2021-22 respectively.

The Chief Minister emphasized that increased harnessing of CSS should be the top priority given the favourable sharing

"This should be ensured by

He also stressed the need for Administrative Departments to follow up issues pertaining to CSS with the respective Central Ministries

close monitoring by the Ad-

ministrative Secretaries/ HoDs,

stepping up execution speed,

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tral and UT shares," he main-

The Chief Minister noted the measures to constrain nonpriority expenditure, increase tax revenue to create space for higher capital expenditure.

He stressed the need to expedite capital expenditure by all the Departments.

The Chief Minister noted that the Departments need to achieve revenue realization against the targets

He advised the Finance Department to release UT share on priority. Although GST collections have improved, he observed that there is scope for further improvement to achieve the targets fixed.

The Chief Minister commended that the Government is on the right path of development and focusing on maintaining prudence in financial

India, Spain Ink Multiple MoUs In Vadodara; Focus On Railways, **Customs, And Cultural Exchange**



Press Trust Of India

VADODARA- India and Spain signed several memorandums understanding (MOUs) during the bilateral meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Spanish President Pedro Sanchez in Gujarat's Vadodara city on Monday.

During the bilateral talks held at the iconic Laxmi Vilas Palace here, both leaders also discussed the situation in Ukraine and in West Asia, said Tanmaya Lal, secretary (west), Ministry of External Affairs.

'With respect to Ukraine, both sides exchanged their views on how they see the situation. PM Modi reiterated India's position that any such conflict can only be resolved by dialogue and diplomacy. This is not the time for war, this cannot be resolved on the battleground. It is necessary that direct discussion takes place between both the parties," Lal told reporters.

India reiterated its position that it really looks for a free, open, inclusive, prosperous peaceful Indo-Pacific, he said, adding more on the region will be covered in the joint statement to be issued

India and Spain, during the bilateral talks, signed agreements on cooperation in key sectors like infrastructure, railways as well as culture and tourism, he said.

An MoU on rail transport was signed for cooperation in planning, design, development, commissioning and operation of infrastructure, stations, railways facilities and equipment of long distance passenger and freight networks as well as urban and regional railway systems, an official release said.

"During the meeting, it was agreed that 2026 will be celebrated as 'India-Spain Year of Culture, Tourism and AI'.

Moreover, a cultural exchange program for 2024-28 was also signed to promote bilateral exchanges in music, dance, theatre, literature, museums and festivals," the release said.

"An agreement on cooperation and mutual assistance in Customs related matters was signed during the meeting. It will facilitate exchange of information for prevention, detection, investigation and combating of Customs offences," the release added.

It has been decided Spain will open a consulate in Karnataka capital Bengaluru, the release said, adding that India's consulate general in Barcelona was operationalized in August this year.

The Spanish delegation included two ministers and 15 CEOs of leading companies there, said Lal.

The bilateral talks were followed by a banquet lunch at the grand palace hosted by

J&K Bank's Profitability Linked to Local Support: FCIK

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Valley's apex industrial chamber, the Federation of Chambers of Industries Kashmir (FCIK) has called on J&K Bank to prioritize the cultivation of long-term loyalty among its local customers, recognizing that their profitability depends on this relationship and is vital for Bank's sustainable growth and resilience.

Attributing the bank's profitability solely to the depositors and borrowers from the J&K region, FCIK has warned that the bank must not risk losing their support and loyalty anytime in the future.

Providing details, FCIK highlighted that of the total deposits amounting to 137918 Crores, an impressive 123000 Crores originated from J&K region accounting to 89%.

"The Current Account Savings Account (CASA) ratio has given J&K Bank a competitive advantage over its counterparts, with 48.60% of its deposits (nearly half) stemming from "no-cost" or "low-cost" current and savings accounts" stated FCIK, adding that despite receiving no interest from the bank, the current account holders were being charged for every little service.

FCIK has also highlighted the cost of deposits for the bank which throughout remained as lowest amoung Indian scheduled commercial banks and stood at 4.4% in financial year 2023-24. In the previous years, such cost of deposits stood at 3.8%, 3.65% and 4.10% for the financial years 2022-23, 2021-22 and 2020-21 respectively.

FCIK stated that this deposit profile has been crucial in sustaining J&K Bank's margins and



profitability, attributing this success entirely to the unwavering support of local depositors.

FCIK also credited J&K Bank's success to its majority government ownership and its role as the agency bank for the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. This relationship has allowed the bank to consistently attract retail deposits, as all transactions related to the UTJKL government, including employee salaries, are routed through J&K Bank.

With loans and advances amounting to 96,139 crores, FCIK has emphasized J&K Bank's dependence on local borrowers as around 66000 Crores of these portfolios accounting to 68.5% are held by borrowers in the region.

"Of the 66000 Crores in loans in the region, a significant portion around 23000 Crores or 24% of overall portfolio consisted of retail loans granted to local employees in the region which are all secured and backed by government guarantees", stated FCIK, adding that in addition the advances to Government from time to time also included in the portfolio happened to be fully secured.

While recognizing that J&K Bank has been the sole provider of financial support to local businesses after other banks disappeared from the scene after eruption of turmoil in 1989, FCIK expressed regret that the terms of these advances and loans have often been significantly unfavorable to borrowers.

Gold Declines Rs 400 To ₹81,100 Per 10 Gm; Silver Remains Flat

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Gold prices fell Rs 400 to Rs 81,100 per 10 grams in the national capital on Monday amid weak trends in the overseas markets, according to the All India Sarafa Association.

The precious metal of 99.9 per cent and 99.5 per cent purity had revisited its all-time of Rs 81,500 and Rs 81,100 per 10 grams, respectively, on Sat-

However, silver remained flat at Rs 99,500 per kg.

Meanwhile, gold of 99.5 per cent purity declined Rs 400 to Rs 80,700 per 10 grams on Monday.

Ease in demand by jewellers and stockists in the local markets amid sluggish trend in the global markets led to a decline in gold prices, traders said.

Meanwhile, in futures trade on the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX), gold contracts for December delivery decreased Rs 312, or 0.4 per cent, to Rs 78,220 per 10 grams.

"Gold prices experienced a decline at the beginning of the week, and weakened by Comex, as profit booking emerged amid signs of de-escalation in the Israel-Iran conflict," Jateen Trivedi, VP Research Analyst --Commodity and Currency, LKP Securities, said.

Silver contracts for Decem-



ber delivery plunged Rs 585, or 0.6 per cent, to Rs 96,549 per kg on the exchange.

According to Motilal Oswal Financial Services Ltd, silver will outperform gold in the medium to long term. Silver will reach the target of Rs 1.25 lakh per kg on the MCX and USD 40 per ounce on Comex in the next 12-15 months.

Globally, Comex gold futures declined 0.38 per cent to USD 2,744 per ounce.

Gold edges lower on Monday amid reports of fall in demand from the world's largest gold consumer -- China -- in the first three quarters of 2024, compared to the same period a year ago, traders said.

"Gold prices resumed trading on a weaker note on Monday due to a declining safe haven demand," Saumil Gandhi, Senior Analyst of Commodities at HDFC Securities, said.

Investors found relief in the less severe attack on Iran than expected, as Israel refrained from targeting Iran's nuclear and oil facilities, Gandhi said.

'Delhi-NCR Housing Prices Surge 57% In July-September' **Press Trust Of India**

NEW DELHI: Average housing prices across top eight cities rose in a range of 7 per cent to 57 per cent during the July-September period, with Delhi-NCR witnessing maximum appreciation and Hyderabad the lowest, according to PropTiger.

Real estate consultant PropTiger data showed that the average housing prices in Delhi-NCR grew 57 per cent to Rs 8,017 per square feet during July-September from Rs 5.105 per square feet in the year-ago period.

In Hyderabad, there was a modest appreciation of 7 per cent in the average housing prices to Rs 7,050 per square feet from Rs 6,580 per square

PropTiger attributed this price appreciation to rising demand, especially for highend properties.

"The fact that the Reserve Bank has maintained a status quo on the repo rate at 6.5 per cent in the past 10 policy meetings is adding further pressure on pricing. In the absence of a rate cut, developers as well as buvers continue to pay a comparatively high interest on loans, which ultimately impacts housing



Ahmedabad increased 21 per cent to Rs 4,736 per square feet in July-September from Rs 3,900 per square feet

in the year-ago period. Bengaluru saw a 15 per cent increase in prices to Rs 7,512 from Rs 6,550 per square feet.

Housing prices in Chennai grew 22 per cent to Rs 7,179 from Rs 5,885 per square feet, while in Kolkata the rates rose 22 per cent to Rs 5,844 against Rs 4,797 per square feet.

Mumbai witnessed a 21 per cent increase in prices to Rs 12,590 over Rs 10,406 per square feet.

Pune saw an 18 per cent rise in the average prices to Rs 6,953 per square feet during July-September this year from

affordability," the report said. Rs 5,892 per square feet in the

Commenting on the price trend, Harinder Dhillon, Senior Vice President Sales of BPTP, said the "consistent rise in property values underscores the resilience and growth potential of the Indian residential real estate

He said the rates have increased in key markets of Delhi-NCR like Gurugram and Faridabad, where demand for quality residential projects has propelled prices upwards.

"As these regions evolve with enhanced infrastructure, connectivity, and lifestyle amenities, they offer compelling investment opportunities for homebuyers and investors

Economic Performance Satisfactory, Demand Conditions Bear Watching: Finmin Report

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The performance of the Indian economy has been satisfactory during the first half of the ongoing fiscal year but concerns remain with regard to demand conditions going forward, the finance ministry said in a report.

The outlook for the Indian economy is good, underpinned by a stable external sector, positive agricultural outlook, expected improvements in demand supported by the festival season, and the likelihood of an increase in government spending, which will boost investment activity, it said.

However, at the margin, demand conditions in the economy bear watching, the September edition of Monthly Economic Review released by the Department of Economic Affairs on Monday said.

Urban demand appears to moderate due to softening consumer sentiments, limited footfall due to above-normal rainfall, and seasonal periods during which people tend to refrain from new purchases. Further, risks to growth arise

from escalating geopolitical

conflicts, deepening geoeco-

nomic fragmentation and el-

evated valuations in financial

markets in some advanced

Their spillover effects on India could cause negative wealth ef-

economies, it said.

fects, impacting household sentiments and altering spending intentions on durable goods, it said. After two months of low infla-

rose in September, primarily driven by the effects of erratic monsoon on a few vegetable supplies. Barring a sharp rise in prices

of a few vegetables, inflation appears well contained, it said.

In the medium term, it said. favourable factors, such as rejuvenated reservoir levels, healthy Kharif crop sowing brightening the agriculture output prospects, and ample food grain stocks, would help contain price pressures.

Sentiment towards India among international direct and portfolio investors is positive, it said, adding that sustaining the growth momentum is essential to turn these positive sentiments into actual direct and portfolio investments in the country.

How Do US Presidential Elections Affect The Economy And The Stock Market?

The Conversation

SYDNEY: With the US presidential election on a knife edge and less than a week away, financial markets are watching with bated breath.

There's no shortage of reasons to be nervous. Both sides have outlined radically different visions of America's economic future, with major implications for the rest of the world. All of this stands against the

backdrop of simmering tensions with China and an ongoing crisis in the Middle East. The price of gold – a common way for investors to hedge against uncertainty - has soared to record heights.

Many have been speculating about what might be in store for the stock market and the economy – both in the United States and here in Australia. Obviously, that depends on far

more than just who is sitting in the Oval Office. However, looking at history still tells an interesting - and perhaps surprising – story. Elephants, donkeys, bulls and bears In the United States, both sides of the political divide are subject to some oversimplifying stereotypes.

Democrats are often seen as the party of proactive government spending, favouring policies that redistribute wealth through taxation. Republicans, on the other hand, have a reputation as the business-friendly party of small government, favouring more passive policies with lower tax rates.

So, it might surprise you to learn that if we zoom out and look at a big chunk of the past century, the US economy and its stock markets have actually performed better under Democratic presidencies, on two key measures.

Research by Lubos Pastor and Pietro Veronesi from the University of Chicago examined the period between 1927 and 2015.

They found average growth in gross domestic product (GDP) was 4.86 per cent under Democratic presidents. Under Republican presidencies, it averaged 1.7

Over the same period, the US share market's "equity risk premium" was also 10.9 per cent

higher under Democratic presidents than Republicans. In the years from 1999 to 2015, it was even higher under democratic presidents – 17.4 per cent. This is the excess rate of return

that can be earned by investing in

shares above the "risk-free rate"

(such as the interest rate on a savings account). Why is it worth looking at the risk premium instead of total share market returns? Because it helps separate out the effect of

The return on assets like shares is comprised of the risk-free rate from banks plus this risk premium. Risk-free rates are largely determined by central banks, which in most countries are independent from the government.

interest rates.

What might be driving this effect? Whether this performance reflects good luck or good policies is much harder to answer. If the effect was arising from superior policy decisions, it would imply voters have been repeatedly fail-

ing to reward good government. Pastor and Veronesi argue something different – that when



the economy is weak and stock prices are low, voters are more risk-averse. That can lead them to prefer the wealth redistribution policies of the Democrats.

The last three transitions from Republican to Democratic presidencies support this theory. Bill Clinton was elected shortly after the 1990-91 recession, Barack Obama at the peak of the global financial crisis, and Joe Biden during the pandemic.

As the economy recovers from a crisis, stock prices often increase. Pastor and Veronesi's thesis suggests that the election – and the



good performance - of Democratic presidents comes down to the timing of voters' heightened risk

aversion. Highly interlinked economies Historically, monthly stock returns in Australia and the US have been highly correlated - my calculations show this is even more so in election years.

Correlation famously doesn't say anything about causation, just that when we see change in one, we typically see a similar change in the other. That means some of the effects we described earlier can be felt here (and around the

world), as well.

Expanding their long-term analysis internationally, Pastor and Veronesi found that the average equity risk premium of Australian stocks was also higher under Democratic presidencies in the US – by 11.3 per cent! Similar higher returns were also observed in the United Kingdom – 7.3 per cent. And they were even larger in Canada, France, and Germany - all about 13 per cent.

Two factors may help explain why what happens in the US is so wide-reaching. Stocks in these markets are globally owned. US presidential elections may reflect the cycle of global risk aversion, which in turn affects local stock markets.

These economies and financial markets are also highly integrated with the US in areas such as trade, making their economic cycles highly correlated.

A stock market boom? Will a win by the Democrats in November usher in a stock market boom? It's unlikely, for two reasons.

First, a win by the Democrats

would be a continuation, not

president. It would not represent policy changes favoured by more risk-averse voters Second, it would be a Democrat-

a transition from a Republican

ic win in a booming economy. The US economy has been going strong since the end of the pandemic. It added 254,000 jobs in September, the strongest job growth

in six months. It also grew at an annualised pace of 3 per cent in the second quarter of 2024, above its average of below 2 per cent over the past decade. Other research suggests some important caveats, too. On aver-

age, the short-term market reaction to an election does not favour the Democrats or the Republicans. However, a surprise win by a Republican – that is, one contrary to prediction markets - is associ-

ated with 2-3 per cent higher returns around election days. One possible reason for this is that unlike voters, equity fund managers are more likely to be Republican-leaning. A surprise

win by their favoured candidate can boost stock prices when the winner is declared.

Australia's Test Stars To Skip Pakistan T20Is For India Tests

ustralia's T20 captain Mitchell Marsh and his Test teammates will skip the three-match series against Pakistan in November as they prepare for the blockbuster clash against India in the longest format of the game.

None of Australia's Test regulars were included in the squad for the matches in Brisbane, Sydney and Hobart when it was announced on Monday, leaving them free to prepare for the start of the first Test against India in Perth on November 22.

Cricket Australia said some T20 players could join the Test squad after the final T20 at Bellerive Oval on November 18, but head selector George Bailey later said that was just a contingency plan in case of

"We've been really clear that we are prioritising the preparation for individuals around the Test summer," Bailey told reporters in a video call



that if (something) does shift, that we can get someone across to Perth."

That will be a blow for the likes of Josh Inglis and Glenn Maxwell, who might have held out some hope of a Test call-up

"We were just being clear to fill the batting spot left open by the season-ending injury to Cameron Green.

Steve Smith will drop down the order to replace the allrounder at No 4 in the Test side, leaving a vacancy in the opening partnership alongside Usman Khawaja.

Bailey, however, said the selectors did not see Inglis as a potential Test opener.

"I don't think that he's someone that we'd be looking to place at the top of the order, but there's no doubt that his form is

really fantastic at the moment,'

"He would firmly come into the mix purely as a batter .. and I think if the right opportunity opened up throughout the summer ... in the spots where we think he's most capable of performing, then I think he'd be firmly in that conversation."

Seamers Xavier Bartlett, Nathan Ellis and Spencer Johnson all return to the T20 squad after injuries sustained before or during the white-ball tour of England and Scotland in Sep-

Bailey said the captain of the team would be announced closer to the opening match of the series at the Gabba on November 14.

Australia squad: Sean Abbott, Xavier Bartlett, Cooper Connolly, Tim David, Nathan Ellis, Jake Fraser-McGurk, Aaron Hardie, Josh Inglis, Spencer Johnson, Glenn Maxwell, Matthew Short, Marcus Stoinis, Adam Zamp.

Kashmir's Aynan Batool Shines In Inter Division Cricket



Observer News Service

ANANTNAG: Department of Youth Services and Sports Anantnag is hosting the Divisional Level Cricket Tournament for Under-19 Girls. with the inaugural ceremony taking place on Monday.

In the first match, Kashmir Division secured victory in the Inter-Division UT Level U-19 Girls Cricket Tournament at Sports Stadium Wanpora, Qazigund. In a well-fought match, Kashmir Division defeated Jammu Division by 13 runs, gaining a 1-0 lead in the tournament.

Organised by the DYSS and hosted by DYSSO Anantnag, the tournament was inaugurated by SHO Qazigund, Muzamil Showkat, along with officials from DYSS Anantnag.

Batting first, Kashmir Division set a competitive target of 110 runs in their allotted overs, with standout performances from Aynan Batool, who scored 48 runs, and Laiba Rafiq, who contributed 26.

While chasing the target, Jammu Division displayed resilience but fell short, managing 96/6 in alloted overs. For Kashmir, Shahista, Aneesha, Tanzeela, Naveema and Shaheena each took a wicket, helping seal their team's victory.

'Run for Stroke' Awareness Program **Organized At GMC Srinagar**

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Department of Neurology at Government Medical College Srinagar today organized a "Run for Stroke" event to promote awareness and action against stroke. Led by Prof. Dr. Iffat Has-

san, Principal/ Dean of GMC Srinagar, the event was attended by Dr. Bashir Sanai HOD Neurology, Director Health Services Dr. Jahangeer Bakshi.



Dr. Sheikh Hilal Assistant Professor, BMO Hazratbal Dr. Fara, doctors/ consultants & staff of Neurology department besides officers /officials of GMC Srinagar.

The event, which started

at Nishat foreshore road and culminated at Hazratbal saw enthusiastic participation from local residents, highlighting GMC Srinagar's commitment to community health and education.

Aaqib, Saqlain In Fray To Replace Kirsten As Pakistan White Ball Coach

Press Trust of India

KARACHI: Current senior selector Aaqib Javed and former spinner Saqlain Mushtaq are in fray to replace Gary Kirsten as Pakistan's new white ball coach after the former Proteas batter stepped down due to his differences with country's cricket board.

Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), on Monday, officially confirmed that Kirsten had resigned and as an interim arrangement it has asked the red ball coach, Jason Gillispie to manage the team for the white ball series in Australia from November 4. But Gillespie has intimated that he would look at it as a one-off arrangement.

"The problem is both Kirsten and Gillispie were not happy with their sudden demotion in powers with the selectors given powers to call all the shots," one source said.

He said since Gillispie was in the middle of the England series he reluctantly accepted the changes but has publicly made it clear he is no happy at not being involved in the selection process.

"The situation now is that PCR has to appoint a new white ball coach given the number of white ball commitments of the national team coming up and leading up to the Champions Trophy early next year," the source said.

"One option is to let assistant coach Azhar Mahmood continue as interim head coach but Aaqib or Saqlain could also land the job."

Saqlain has remained head coach of the Pakistan team before but was replaced by Mickey Arthur early last year when Najam Sethi was in power in the board.

The source did say they are some other candidates under consideration and the board chairman, Mohsin Nagvi would soon have talks with shortlisted candidates.



PCB has made no official comment on why Kirsten resigned nor has the former South African player said anything but board insiders say the dispute arose over several issues between Kirsten and PCB.

"Look we had high hopes from Kirsten when we entered into a twoyear contract with him. The idea was he could help PCB to revolutionise the white ball team," one source aware of

the happenings said.

He said PCB got the feeling that
Kirsten never seemed fully committed to his job.

"He did not have a single camp in Pakistan for any of the white ball teams. He was not present at the white ball camps of the Shaheens throughout the summer. And it all culminated with him missing the majority of the Champions Cup.'

Another complaint against Kirsten is that although his contract stated clearly he would just take 30 day-vacation in a year, he didn't even spend 30 days in Pakistan after joining.

PCB was also put off with Kirsten's insistence on having more foreign coaches on his team and the dispute between them blew up once the board decided to strip the coaches of selection powers.

PCB had also sidelined and pushed foreign coaches, Mickey Arthur, Grant Bradburn, etc. to resign after last vear's World Cup.

Short TAKES

Laxman Head Coach For South Africa T20Is



Agencies

VVS Laxman will step in as head coach of the Indian team for the T20 Internationals against South Africa starting next month.

According to Cricbuzz, Laxman -- who heads the National Cricket Academy in Bengaluru -- will travel with the Suryakumar Yadav-led team for the four match T20I series starting in Durban on November 8.

India will play the other three T20Is in Gqeberha, Centurion and Johannesburg on November 10, 13 and 15 respectively.

Since Head Coach Gautam Gambhir will travel to Australia with the Rohit Sharma-led Test team on November 10, he will not be available to coach the T20I team for the series that will go on till November 15. The T20I series has come under criticism from Sunil

Gavaskar, who termed it a 'needless' series. In his column for Sportstar magazine, Gavaskar wrote: 'Next month, there's a needless four match T20 series in South Africa before the tour to Australia. There will also be an 'A' team touring Australia next month, so effectively about 50 to 60 players will

not be available for their state teams in the premier

'Virat Kohli Shines Against Big Teams'

national tournament, the Ranji Trophy.'



Agencies

Jirat Kohli's recent form has worried the pundits and spectators alike as India prepares to face Australia in the crucial Border-Gavaskar Trophy series next month.

Despite his illustrious career and reputation for performing under pressure, the batting stalwart has struggled to find his rhythm in the ongoing Test series against New Zealand.

While former cricketer Sunil Joshi remains confident in Kohli's ability to regain form, former selector M S K Prasad has expressed some concern. Prasad highlighted the importance of Kohli's aggressive batting style, which was instrumental in India's 2018 series victory in Australia. With Cheteshwar Pujara's absence, India will rely on Kohli to provide the necessary impetus against the Aussie bowling attack.

'If you look at the way he performed in 2018, he balanced aggression with Pujara's caution. We're missing that combination,' Prasad explained.

Joshi, speaking to Star Sports remains optimistic: 'I am a hundred percent confident in how Virat will start this tour. He may not have found his rhythm here, but Virat Kohli shines against big teams and in big moments.

Manchester United Sack Manager Erik Ten Hag

Agencies

MANCHESTER: Manchester United fired Erik ten Hag on Monday after a troubled start to the season left the 20-time English champions in 14th place in the Premier League and the club's new leadership unimpressed with the pace of change under the Dutchman.

Ten Hag, who was hired in 2022, paid the price for leading United to just three wins in nine league games in the opening months of the campaign. There have been four defeats, the 2-1 loss at West Ham on Sunday being his last game in charge.

United finished in eighth place last season, its lowest in the Premier League era, and appears to have little hope of challenging for the title this campaign. It already leaves the storied team in danger of missing



out on qualification for the lucrative Champions League once again.

"We are grateful to Erik for everything he has done during his time with us and wish him well for the future," said United, which added that Ruud van Nistelrooy, one of Ten Hag's assistants, would be taking over as interim head coach while a permanent head coach is

Ten Hag joined from Ajax and was tasked with the responsibility of bringing the good times back to a club that has been in decline since former manager Alex Ferguson retired in 2013. Despite winning the League Cup and the FA Cup in Ten Hag's first seasons at Old Trafford, United was showing no sign of improving on its worst league campaign in 34 years.

Ten Hag only held onto his job following an unexpected victory over fierce rival Manchester City in the FA Cup final in May and an extensive end-of-year review by United. He was then handed a one-year extension to his contract to 2026.

His departure comes amid a period of major change at United under new minority owner Jim Ratcliffe.

The British billionaire has taken over control of United's soccer operations, with a new CEO, sporting director and technical director all installed in recent months.

Ten Hag was United's fifth permanent manager since Ferguson's departure, following David Moyes, Louis van Gaal, Jose Mourinho and Ole Gunnar Solskjaer.

United's next game is at home to Leicester in the English League Cup on Wednesday. (AP)

Real Madrid Will Not Travel To Paris For Ballon d'Or Awards: Report



Agencies

MADRID: Real Madrid have cancelled their delegation's plans to attend the Ballon d'Or ceremony in Paris on Monday at the last minute as the club understand that their Brazil forward Vinicius Ir will not win the award, soccer sources told Reuters.

24-year-Bookmakers had old Vinicius Jr, the Champions League player of the year, as the heavy odds-on favourite to claim his first Ballon d'Or, which is

presented to the best player in the world, ahead of Manchester City's Spain midfielder Rodri, 28, and Real's England international Jude Bellingham.

Vinicius Jr helped Real to a Champions League-LaLiga double last term along with 21-year-old Bellingham, who was named La-Liga MVP after scoring a career best 19 goals in a sparkling debut campaign and helping England

reach the Euro 2024 final. Rodri, who City manager Pep Guardiola has called "the best

midfielder in the world", was instrumental in helping his team win an unprecedented fourth consecutive Premier League trophy last season and was named best player at this year's European Championship after Spain lifted a record-extending fourth title.

Real and France Football, which organises the Ballon d'Or awards, were not immediately available to comment.

The awards are based on voting by a panel of journalists from the top 100 FIFA-ranked countries.

DAA IUST administers **Integrity Pledge** to Officers and Staff



Awantipora: Prof A H Moon, Dean Academic Affairs, Islamic University of Science and Technology administered the integrity pledge today to mark the beginning of Vigilance Awareness Week at IUST. The pledge taking was attended by all the officers including Prof A. Wahid, Registrar; Mr Sameer Wazir, Finance Officer; Dr Ruman Bashir, CoE, Deans of schools, HoDs, Principals of Colleges and others.

Prof Moon stressed on the importance of accountability and transparency in organizations. He said that IUST has a zero tolerance policy for corruption and thanked all stakeholders for their contribution in this regard.

IUST is organizing a series of events to spread awareness against corruption, particularly focusing on young students who are the torchbearers of the future, which includes awareness about legal provisions, reporting mechanisms, and knowing their rights among others. DVO IUST coordinated the programme.

CUKashmir VC kick-starts vigilance awareness week

Integrity is cornerstone of prosperous nation: Prof. A Ravinder Nath

Ganderbal, Oct 28: Central University of Kashmir(CUKashmir) Vice-Chancellor, Prof. A Ravinder Nath, Monday said that integrity is the cornerstone of a prosperous nation, particularly within the domain of public service.

"The concept of integrity transcends mere honesty; it encompasses transparency, accountability, and a commitment to ethical decision-making," Prof. A Ravinder Nath said, which kick-starting the Vigilance Awareness Week-2024, on the theme "Culture of Integrity for Nation's Prosperity," organised by the Office of the Chief Vigilance officer in collaboration with the University Legal Cell. Dean Academic Affairs, Prof. Shahid

Rasool, Dean School of Languages, Prof. Sandhya Tiwari, Principal PTS, Manigam, Mr. Zubair Ahmad Khan, former IGP, Kashmir and Member, JKPSC, Mr. Syed Ahfadul Mujtaba, Sr. Prosecuting Officer, PTS, Ganderbal, Mr. Farooq Ahmad Mir, Advocate J&K High Court, Mr. Umar Rashid Wani, faculty members, administrative officials, scholars and students were present on the occasion.

CUKashmir Vice Chancellor, said that integrity in governance is especially significant because public officials are custodians of the public good. "They manage resources, make policy decisions, and have the power to impact citizens' lives directly. Therefore, when officials act with integrity, they reinforce public confidence and demonstrate a commitment to the social contract between government and citizens. On the other hand, a lack of integrity erodes public trust, undermines authority, and breeds resentment among citizens, weakening the societal fabric."

In his address, Mr. Syed Ahfadul Mujtaba, said that for a country to thrive, its officials—who are entrusted with power and responsibility-must exhibit the highest standards of integrity. "Without integrity in public office, trust erodes, governance weakens, and the foundation of



a nation's prosperity is compromised," he added. He further said that International organizations, such as the World Bank and International Monetary Fund, assess a nation's governance before offering any financial assistance.

In his speech, Mr. Zubair Ahmad Khan, said, the programmes like these promote a culture of integrity as they focus on the importance of ethical decision-making, the responsibilities of public office, and the impact of integrity on governance and society. "Integrating ethics into training for public officials can foster a mindset that

prioritizes integrity from the outset."

Dean Academic Affairs, Prof. Shahid Rasool, said that upholding integrity requires courage, especially in environments where corruption may be normalized, but officials who stand by their ethical values contribute significantly to national prosperity. "Media plays a crucial role in educating the public about their rights and the responsibilities of public officials. When citizens are informed and active, they can hold their leaders accountable and

demand transparency.'

Addressing the participants, Dean School of Languages, Prof. Sandhya Tiwari, highlighted the importance of vigilance and proactive measures in safeguarding institutional integrity. She said transparency, accountability, and ethical values are cornerstones for national growth and

institutional integrity.
In their speech, Mr. Farooq Ahmad Mir, and Mr. Umar Rashid Wani, said, the judiciary and independent anti-corruption agencies play a pivotal role in enforcing integrity among public officials. "Judiciary and independent bodies are essential for holding officials accountable."

The programme concluded with a pledge, wherein the participants committed to adhering to ethical practices, promoting transparency, and standing against corruption in every form. CUKashmir Legal Advisor, Dr. Mudasir

Bhat conducted the programme proceedings and Asst Prof. Deptt of Kashmiri, Dr. Samreena Geelani, proposed the vote of

IUST organizes workshop on Quality Assurance



Awantipora: One-day workshop on quality assurance was organized by Directorate of Quality Assurance, IUST which was presided over by Vice Chancellor, Prof Shakil Ahmad Romshoo and was attended by Prof Shahjahan, former Dean Academic Affairs, Tata Institute of Social Science, Mumbai, Prof M. A Zargar, Registrar, CUK, Prof A Wahid, Registrar IUST, Deans of Schools, officers, faculty and scholars. In his address, Prof. Romshoo emphasized on robust quality assurance system to drive excellence in academics and research and said that quality has to pervade all spheres of working and can be accomplished by internalizing bottom up and participatory approach whereby all the stakeholders contribute to the policy formulation and its implementation He said that in this regard important decision-making bodies at IUST have representation across domains such as Industry, Students, community etc, and said that in the rapidly changing technological and educational landscapes, universities have to invest in faulty development, adopt innovative pedagogies and be able to deliver the best learning outcomes lest the moment is missed and the opportunities lost. Further, he said that research has to have societal relevance and earnest attempts have to be taken

to localize SDGs in different

developmental projects and research areas.

Prof. Shahajan, identified different quality parameters at Institutional level such as quality teachers, infrastructure, learning environment and importance of inculcating problem solving approach aiming the students and need for transition from monodisciplinary to transdisciplinary approach. He said there is a need to bring in diversity in existing Ontological, Epistemological and Axiological perspectives for better outcomes.

Prof Zargar gave an outlook of administrative working and importance of leadership in the growth of Institutions. Dr Peer Bilal, Director DIQA welcomed the guests and talked about the quality measures espoused by the Directorate. Dr Faroog Hussain, presented the vote of thanks. The programme was coordinated by Mr Nayeem Ahmad and Mr Tahir Ismail.

DIQA also organized a programme on effective teaching pedagogies which was presided over by Dean Academic Affairs, Prof A H Moon, who in his address said that teaching- learning approach has undergone a change and the transition to experiential learning, formative assessments, nurturing of analytical and critical abilities, focus on innovative and focus on entrepreneurial spirit have become imperative to fit with requirements of the knowledge economy.

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1 Killed; Tanks

Helicopters were also pressed into action to locate the hiding terrorists in the jungles of the

The officials said the terrorists, believed to be three in number who infiltrated into India from across the border the night before, opened fire on the Army convoy around 6:30 am, targeting an ambulance. Both of its occupants, including the driver, were unharmed.

As the troops retaliated, the attackers fled towards the forest area nearby and were later located inside a basement, the officials said, adding there was an exchange of fire until 11 am when the guns fell silent.

The situation intensified around 2:45 pm again, leading to explosive sounds and heavy gunfire as the Army's special forces and National Security Guards (NSG) commandos engaged the terrorists.

"The body of one terrorist along with weapon has been recovered. Operations are under progress," the Army's Jammu-based White knight Corps said in an update Monday

evening. As the troops were closing in on the trapped terrorists, an Army dog was fatally hit by a bullet during the encounter. "We salute the supreme sacrifice of our true hero -- a valiant

Indian Army dog, Phantom," it said. The operation was suspended as the darkness fell and the Army illuminated the area. Officials said the operation will resume with the first light of the day on Tuesday.

Four BMP-II infantry combat vehicles crossed the Tawi River and were strategically positioned near the site of the gunfight. Additional forces were sent to the area

Officials said that besides an AK assault rifle, several improvised explosive devices (IEDs) were recovered from the killed terrorist, whose identity and group affiliation was not immedi-

ately known. Jammu Zone Additional Director General of Police Anand Jain and senior army and paramilitary officers are at the scene to oversee the

operation. Earlier, the Nagrota-based XVI corps of the Army or the White Knight Corps, said that the terrorists fired upon the convoy but could not

harm any soldier. "Swift retaliation by own troops ensured foiling of the attempt and no injuries. The area has been cordoned off, and a search operation to neutralise the terrorists is ongoing," it said in a post on X.

A police spokesperson indicated that the terrorists were observed near Assan Mandir in the Akhnoor district and had fired multiple rounds at the army ambulance, which was hit by nearly a dozen bullets.

The latest encounter in the Jammu region comes amid a surge in terrorist activities in Kashmir where seven attacks have occurred in the past two weeks, resulting in 13 fatalities, including two soldiers.

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and promote a sense of security among the people," the Lieutenant Governor said.

He also stressed that stringent action must be taken against those spreading anti-national propaganda, threatening the public safety and law & order. The Lieutenant Governor called for a zero-tolerance approach and greater vigilance and coordination between the security

agencies to crush the terror ecosystem. Lieutenant Governor

Narco-Terrorism issue should be dealt with immediately and dismantling of the entire narco-terror network should receive the highest priority.

Stressing the need for accelerated development, the Lieutenant Government directed the Deputy Commissioners to monitor the functioning of schemes for welfare of farmers, rural and urban development, self-employment and saturation of key initiatives under central sector schemes. He also directed the officials to focus on enhanced road and telecom connectivity in far-flung areas.

The Lieutenant Governor commended the J&K Police and administrative apparatus for peaceful conduct of elections and Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra.

In an official statement, Chief Secretary, Shri Atal Dulloo; DGP, Shri Nalin Prabhat; Principal Secretary Home Chandraker Bharti ADCP (Law & Order) Vijay Kumar; ADGP, CID, Shri Nitish Kumar; Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor, Mandeep Bhandari; Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, Vijay Bidhuri; IG, Kashmir, Vidhi Kumar Birdi; DIGs, DCs and SSPs of all the districts of Kashmir Division attended the meeting.

Er Rashid Back

arrived in New Delhi from Srinagar in the morning to fulfil his surrender.

Before entering the prison complex, the MP, who had attempted to hold a beef party in 2015, told media persons, "The solution to every problem is talks. If India wants to become 'Vishwaguru' by 2047, they need to talk. We request Pakistan too, to stop the killings and come for talks. The only way of resolving an issue is to talk.

"For the people of Kashmir, I want to say that wherever I stay, my heart will always be with them. I am ready to be sacrificed for the people of my Kashmir. We are peace-loving people,' Rashid added.

Earlier in the day, the MP said that he committed no crime and stood firmly with his

"Whether I get bail or have to go to jail, it will not make any difference because I am morally and emotionally strong," he added.

Rashid was elected from Baramulla in north Kashmir during the parliamentary election held earlier this year.

Previously, Rashid's interim bail had been extended until October 28 due to his father's poor health, a request that was not opposed by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) after document verification.

During earlier hearings, the NIA had accused Rashid of promoting the Hizbul Mujahideen terror group, labelling him as a "poster boy" for the organisation.

The federal agency argued that he used various public platforms to disseminate separatist and secessionist ideologies while allegedly providing support and cover to members of terrorist groups.

It also claimed that Rashid received funding from foreign sources, including from Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and the UK, aimed at instigating anti-national activities in Jammu and Kashmir.

The NIA described Rashid as part of a "wellcalibrated strategy devised by the Pakistan establishment and secessionists" that seeks to portray terrorist actions and killings as a legitimate political struggle.

Rashid has been in Tihar Jail since 2019 following his arrest by the NIA under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act in connection with

the 2017 terror funding case.

The election to the 90-member Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly was conducted in three phases between September 18 and October 1, with the pre-poll alliance of the National Conference, Congress, and the CPM emerging victorious with 49 seats. The results were announced on October 8.

60 Flights

bomb threats to airlines, the IT Ministry has asked social media platforms to observe due diligence obligations and promptly remove or disable access to misinformation within the strict timelines prescribed under IT rules.

Also, the civil aviation ministry is looking to take legislative actions to tackle the menace of the hoax bomb threats to airlines.

On Sunday, Civil Aviation Minister K ammohan Naidu said the Centre is mulling steps to ban perpetrators, who resort to hoax bomb threats, from flying

Light Rain

and elsewhere, the shallow fog was witnessed in the morning hours today as well.

Director Meteorological department (MeT), Dr Mukhtar Ahmad said that the weather would likely remain cloudy tomorrow, but the light rain and snow over the higher reaches of north and central districts of Kashmir may occur as well.

He added that the weather conditions would remain cloudy from October 30 to November

In its advisory, the MeT has advised the farmers to continue harvesting, safe storage of harvested crops and other farm operations.

"There is a possibility of mist and shallow fog over plains of Kashmir during morning hours from 1st November onwards," it reads.(KNO)

UT Status Won't

Amit Shah and also the Prime Minister Narendera Modi. Sources said that he presented the copies of resolution seeking restoration of Statehood passed in the first cabinet meeting in Srinagar, to Home Minister Shah and PM Modi. The resolution demands restoration of "Full Statehood to J&K."

On August 5, 2019, the BJP led government in Centre sliced erstwhile State of J&K into two UTs—J&K and Ladakh. The Centre also rolled back Article 370.

Omar said that the word of government must stand for something significant. "Our conduct will be closely watched by the people. If we claim one thing and do another, our word won't count for anything then," he said.

He said that the present phase was temporary, referring to the fact that J&K was a UT. "Some people may try to exploit temporary loopholes and pitch one against another. Let me tell you that rest assured, this phase is temporary. Those who may use this phase as a shield for themselves won't enjoy the same for long," he said.

Omar reiterated his commitment for zero tolerance against corruption. "It will start from me. If I do anything wrong and expect my cabinet colleagues to do only right, that's not possible. Same would apply to my cabinet colleagues, if they do anything wrong and expect their subordinates to right, perhaps that's not possible," he said.

Earlier, Omar Abdullah administered the integrity pledge to ministers and officials in the secretariat, reinforcing the commitment of the Union Territory government to integrity and

transparency in public service.

The pledge ceremony took place in the Civil Secretariat here and was attended by several ministers and Administrative Secretaries along with departmental officers.

The officers stationed at Jammu joined through video conference from the Civil Secretariat there, while Divisional Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners, Heads of Departments, and hundreds of schools participated from their district headquarters, ensuring widespread engagement across the region, an official spokesperson said.

The departments also organised similar pledge-taking ceremonies for their employees, further demonstrating their commitment to uphold integrity at all levels of public service.

"As we mark Vigilance Awareness Week from October 28 to November 3, I take great pride in reaffirming our unwavering commit ment to a corruption-free Jammu and Kashmir. Eradicating corruption is more than a priority; it is a mission that drives us to introduce bold reforms, strengthen oversight, and empower citizens," Abdullah said.

"Our goal is to build a governance model where every resource is utilized for the public good," he added.

He emphasised the relevance of this year's theme -- 'Culture of Integrity for Nation's Prosperity's

"Integrity is the cornerstone of any successful nation, and its impact on growth, welfare and progress is undeniable. Upon stepping into office, our newly elected government has made a firm pledge to create a governance system rooted in integrity, fairness, and honesty," the chief minister said.

"Our mission is simple yet profound: to serve with honour and ensure that every decision benefits the people we represent," he added.

He urged all participants to engage actively in the initiatives organised during this week.

SED Faces

a most careless manner and without proper investigation pursuant to which the inquiry Officers are again asked to conduct a comprehensive enquiry," it reads.

It also said that "Because of the matter, no action, either punitive or ameliorative, was

"The set procedure as per the standing instructions of General Administration Department for conducting enquiries by the inquiry officer to whom the inquiry is entrusted upon is not being followed in letter and spirit, which defeats the very purpose of investigation and deciding the matter within the prescribed timelines, resulting into protracted delay In concluding the enquiry cases which provides undue advantage to the delinquent public servant," it reads.

The communique said, "The matter has been viewed seriously and it has been found that the inquiry Officers are leaving many loose ends in the inquiry reports and the enquiries are conducted in a careless manner."

"Accordingly, it is emphasized that the official responsibilities must be discharged with all seriousness and alacrity and there is no scope of any perfunctoriness," it reads

The document further reads that the job of enquiry is a serious one and shall be performed with utmost seriousness.

"In case, any carelessness on official responsibilities is found, the displeasure shall be conveyed by HoDs and Administrative Department and same shall be recorded in the service book of the Investigating Officers," it reads. (KNO) PM To Launch

at Mandsaur, Neemuch and Seoni in Madhya

Further, the prime minister will inaugurate facility and service extensions at various AIIMS -- Bilaspur in Himachal Pradesh, Kalyani in West Bengal, Patna in Bihar, Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh, Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh, Guwahati in Assam and in New Delhi -- which will also

include a Jan Aushadhi Kendra. He will also lay the foundation stones of five nursing colleges in Shivpuri, Ratlam, Khandwa, Rajgarh and Mandsaur in Madhya Pradesh, 21 critical care blocks at Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Manipur, Tamil Nadu and Rajasthan under Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM), and several facilities and service extensions at AIIMS in New Delhi and in Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh.

Among other projects, he will inaugurate an ESIC hospital at Indore in Madhya Pradesh and lay the foundation stone for ESIC hospitals at Faridabad in Haryana, Bommasandra and Narasapur in Karnataka, Indore in Madhya Pradesh, Meerut in Uttar Pradesh, and Atchutapuram in Andhra Pradesh. These projects will bring healthcare benefits to around 55 lakh ESI beneficiaries.

In an innovative usage of drone technology to enhance service delivery and make healthcare more accessible. Modi will launch drone services at 11 tertiary healthcare institutions.

These are AIIMS Rishikesh in Uttarakhand, AIIMS Bibinagar in Telangana, AIIMS Guwahati in Assam, AIIMS Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh, AIIMS Jodhpur in Rajasthan, AIIMS Patna in Bihar, AIIMS Bilaspur in Himachal Pradesh, AIIMS Raebareli in Uttar Pradesh, AIIMS Raipur in Chhattisgarh, AIIMS Mangalagiri in Andhra Pradesh and RIMS Imphal in Manipur.

He will launch a helicopter emergency medical service from AIIMS Rishikesh, which will help deliver medical care speedily.

The prime minister will also launch the U-WIN portal that seeks to benefit pregnant women and infants by fully digitalizing the vaccination process.

Among many other projects whose foundation stones will be laid are one central research institute in yoga and naturopathy each at Khordha in Odisha and Raipur in Chhattisgarh and four centres of excellence at NIPER Ahmedabad in Gujarat for medical devices, NIPER Hyderabad in Telangana for bulk drugs, NIPER Guwahati in Assam for phytopharmaceuticals, and NIPER Mohali in Punjab for anti-bacterial anti-viral drug discovery and development.

In a major boost to the Make in India initiative in the healthcare sector, the prime minister will inaugurate five projects under the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for medical devices and bulk drugs at Vapi in Gujarat, Hyderabad in Telangana, Bengaluru in Karnataka, Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh and Nalagarh in Himachal Pradesh, the statement said.

These units will manufacture high-end medical devices, such as body implants and critical care equipment, along with important bulk drugs.

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members received a call after which they left for Chandigarh from the central Kashmir's district for mortal remains.

The cause of the death is not known yet with officials saying that the reasons will be known only after the completion of medico-legal formalities.

'Shocked At Arrogance': Why Raymond Chairman Is Upset With Lamborghini

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"It is shocking that the India Head of Lamborghini @agarwal_sharad has not even bothered to make a phone call to enquire what the problem with an old loyal customer is. Is the brand arrogance getting to another level?" he tweeted.

Earlier this month, Singhania had tweeted about taking his new Lamborghini Revuelto for a test drive and ended up stranded on the trans-harbour link due to a complete electrical failure.

"It's a brand-new car'. Are there reliability concerns? This is the third one I've heard of experiencing issues within 15 days of delivery," he had stated.

Lamborghini Revuelto is priced 8.89 crore in India.



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Ratan Tata, the late Chairman Emeritus of Tata Sons, felt that his half-brother Noel Tata needed greater exposure and experience in handling difficult assignments to succeed him as the head of the principal investment holding firm and promoter of Tata companies, according to a recently released book.

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Ratan Tata had decided to stay away from a selection committee to find his successor despite many wanting him to be a part of it -- a decision he would later regret, according to a biography of the late veteran industrialist and philanthropist --Ratan Tata A Life -- authored by Thomas Mathew and published by HarperCollins Publishers.

One of the reasons for Ratan Tata to stay away from the committee was that there were many aspirants from within the Tata Group, and he "wanted to give the contenders the comfort and confidence of knowing that a collective body of equals would recommend one of them based on a unanimous decision, or if not by a majority, and not on account of

the Chairman's preference". The second reason was more personal as there was the "overwhelming view that his halfbrother Noel Tata was the 'default candidate' to succeed him" amid a push from the Parsis in the company and the traditionalists in the community as they consid-

ered him to be one of them. However, according to the book, for Ratan Tata, only "the talent and the values of the person mattered", with religion, community or the region contenders came from were hardly relevant.

Ratan Tata was even open for the selection committee to consider foreigners if they had the right qualifications. The late Chairman Emeritus was also clear that he should not be seen as steering the selection committee or 'pushing it in one direction or the other'.

Even in the event of Noel not being selected, Ratan Tata did not want to be seen as 'anti-Noel', wrote the author.

"Perhaps, if Noel had had the experience of handling difficult assignments, he could have established his credentials more forcefully," the book quoted Ratan Tata as saying.

More importantly, Noel could have had the opportunity to demonstrate the 'courage and enterprise' that JRD had identified as a prerequisite to be appointed as the Tata group chairman.

"For Noel to compete successfully for the top post 'he should have greater exposure than he has had," said Ratan Tata. "Partly, his not having it has been his own choice." Citing an interview with 'the Times', the book noted that Ratan Tata had stated that he 'rose up through the business' and added that even if he had a son, he would have done something to not have his son automatically become his successor.

Census likely from early 2025, future cycles to be changed; no decision on caste yet: Sources

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The much-delayed decadal census exercise and the work to update the National Population Register (NPR) are likely to begin early 2025 and the data will be declared by 2026, thus changing future census cycles completely, official sources said.

However, no decision has been taken yet on whether caste census will also be carried out along with the general census.

The country's population count has been conducted every 10 years since 1951, but the census work in 2021 could not be carried out due to the COVID-19 pandemic. So far, no formal announcement has been made on its next schedule.

"In all probability, the work for the census and the NPR will begin early next year and the population data will be announced by 2026. With this, the census cycle is likely to be changed. So, it will be 2025-2035 and then 2035-2045 and so on in future," sources privy to the thinking of the government said.

The Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner had prepared 31 questions to be asked to the citizens during the census exercise. These questions include whether the head of the household belongs to Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe and other family members as asked in the previous census.

Opposition Congress and the RJD are among the political parties which have been demanding a caste census so that the total OBC population in the country is known.

The government has not yet taken any decision on caste census," a source said.

It is to be seen whether the government will go ahead with the delimitation exercise, which is due in 2026, after the census data is published. Several political leaders from

Southern states have expressed

their apprehensions over the

possibility of their states losing out on Lok Sabha seats and thereby their political clout as they have been successful in population control, unlike the Northern states.

They feel that the southern states may get less number of Parliamentary seats than the existing number of constituencies if the delimitation is carried out with the new data.

On the other hand, the Article 82 of the Constitution states: "Provided also that until the relevant figures for the first census taken after the year 2026 have been published, it shall not be necessary to readjust the allocation of seats in the House of the People to the States as readjusted on the basis of the 1971 census".

It means if census is conducted in 2025 and data published in 2026, delimitation exercise cannot be carried out based on 2025 census data. If it happens, then the Article 82 has to be amended.

"All these factors will have to look into before any decision is taken on delimitation," a sources said.

The 31 questions to be asked to each family under the census exercise include the total number of persons normally residing in the household, whether the head of the household is a woman, the number of dwelling rooms exclusively in possession of the household, the number of married couple(s) living in the household among others.

The questions also include whether a family has telephone, internet connection, mobile or smartphone, bicycle, scooter or motorcycle or moped, and whether they own a car, jeep or a van.

The citizens will also be asked what is the cereal they consume in the household, the main source of drinking water, main source of lighting, access to latrine, type of latrine, waste water outlet, availability of bathing facility, availability of kitchen and LPG/PNG connection, main fuel used for cooking, availability of radio, transistor, television etc.

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