

Kashmir Rivers At Risk: NGT Grants Final Warning To 3 Municipalities

Administrative Failures Force Activists To Seek NGT Intervention, Says Raja Muzaffar Bhat

Observer News Service

Srinagar: As the rivers of Kashmir continue to face a crisis of pollution, the National Green Tribunal (NGT) has issued a final warning to the municipal authorities of Chadoora, Budgam, and Srinagar. They must respond to serious allegations regarding the discharge of untreated sewage and improper waste disposal in the Doodh Ganga and Mamath Kull rivers.

During a recent hearing, counsel G.M. Kawoosa sought a four-week extension to prepare a comprehensive response, which the Tribunal granted. However, this extension comes with the condition that each municipality must deposit Rs 10,000 with the Registrar



SMC HAS BEEN FINED RS 41.47 CRORE, WHILE BUDGAM AND CHADOORA MUNICIPALITIES FACE FINES OF RS 3.72 CRORE AND RS 1.41 CRORE, RESPECTIVELY.

General within a week. This decision follows substantial Environmental Compensation fines previously imposed by the NGT. The Srinagar Municipal Corporation has been fined Rs 41.47 crore for discharging untreated sewage into Doodh Ganga, while Budgam and Chadoora municipalities face fines of Rs 3.72 crore and Rs 1.41 crore, respectively, for violations in waste management practices. The NGT | [More on P10](#)

Haigam Wetland Now A Wasteland: EPG

The Environmental Policy Group (EPG) has raised concern over the severe degradation of the Haigam Wetland in north Kashmir's Sopore, following a recent inspection that revealed the wetland as a barren and parched landscape with no visible birdlife, water or vegetation. Once a sanctuary for migratory birds, the wetland now resembles a wasteland, according to EPG's findings.

Trump, Harris Locked In Tight Race As US Votes



Press Trust Of India

Washington: The race between Democratic leader Kamala Harris and her Republican rival Donald Trump for the White House has been truly unprecedented as it saw drama, tragedy, political comebacks, fierce rhetoric and a historically razor-tight contest.

As the fight reaches its crescendo, many political observers billed the unpredictable race for the 47th President as the most consequential one in decades while appearing to project a grim picture for the country's future under a Trump presidency.

In her final days of campaign, Vice President Harris focused on a message of hope, unity, optimism and women rights whereas Trump remained fiercely combative in targeting his Democratic rival and even suggested that he may not accept | [More on P10](#)

Shelter Terrorists, Lose Your House: LG Warns

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha warned on Tuesday that the houses of those providing shelter to terrorists would be razed to the ground as he asked people to stand up against the perpetrators of terror.



He also said if security forces, the Union Territory administration and people come together, then terrorism could be eliminated from the region in a year.

"I have directed the forces not to harm any innocent but the culprits will not be spared. If anyone provides shelter to terrorists, then his house will be razed to the ground. There will be no compromise on it," the LG said at a function in north Kashmir's Baramulla district.

He said some people make statements that atrocities are being committed on those providing shelter to terrorists. "However, this is not an atrocity, but a demand for justice and such justice will continue," he added.

Sinha said there are some people who are trying to disrupt the peace in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Our neighbour is trying, but it does not worry us. It is the people here who are doing it on its directions (that is a cause of concern). It is not just the job of the

security forces and the administration but the people as well to identify such people," he said.

The LG said if the forces, the administration and people come together, then "it (terrorism) will not remain here for more than a year".

"But if the people give them shelter and then say we are doing injustice to them, then that is not right," he added.

Asking the people of Jammu and Kashmir to stand up against terror, Sinha asked the gathering whether anyone has the right to kill those who work to improve connectivity in the region. He was referring to the October 20 killings of a local doctor and six non-local labourers by terrorists at a tunnel-construction site | [More on P10](#)

Drug Addiction A Major Challenge For J&K's Youth

Among the many challenges facing our youth is the challenge of drug addiction, Lieutenant Governor said on Tuesday. Sinha was speaking with the youth during the Raabta-e-Awaam programme, organized by Save Youth Save Future foundation. "Drug-free J&K is a step to ensure our youth realize their true potential and with hard work shape their tomorrow," LG said. The Lieutenant Governor reiterated the commitment of the government to empower the youth of | [More on P10](#)

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Had Vajpayee Been Alive, J&K Would Not Be UT: Omar

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday said had the ruling BJP at the Centre adopted former prime minister A B Vajpayee's approach, Jammu and Kashmir would not have been in the current situation.

Speaking during obituary references in J-K Legislative Assembly, Abdullah heaped praises on the former prime minister, saying Vajpayee "always tried to improve the situation in J-K".

When Vajpayee went to Pakistan in 1999 on the maiden Delhi-Lahore bus, he had visited Minar-e-Pakistan which "was not easy to do", the chief minister said.

"Then he stood at the border and said we can change friends but not the neighbours. Vajpayee said dialogue was the only way out. He repeatedly extended the hand of friendship despite



facing setbacks," Abdullah, the Leader of the House, added.

"I have known him (Vajpayee) and worked with him as a minister in his council. When we remember Vajpayee, we remember him with reference to J&K. He always tried to improve the situation in J-K, he tried to ease the tension," he said.

"He worked to open the

cross-LoC routes which were later closed again. He wanted to bring people across closer. He tried to bring the civil society closer. Today attempts are made to keep us apart," Abdullah added.

The chief minister said had Vajpayee's approach been adopted, Jammu and Kashmir would not have been "in the situation it is in".

"After he left, his approach

'Never Knew He Was So Ill' Regret Marks Omar's Tribute To Devender Rana

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly on Tuesday paid an emotional tribute to his dear friend and former colleague, Devender Singh Rana, who recently passed away after winning elections on a BJP ticket.

Speaking during obituary references in the assembly, Abdullah said, "There are 57 obituary references today, but I must take a moment to speak about one person who has been a close associate — Devender Singh Rana. He spent nearly two decades of my 26 years in politics by my side."

Amidst the solemn tributes, Abdullah's voice was filled with emotions as he recounted their journey together.

"I became the President of the National Conference, and Devender was my media advisor. When I became Chief

I BECAME THE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE, AND DEVENDER WAS my media advisor. When I became Chief Minister in 2009, he once again stepped into the role of advisor. Through every twist and turn, his dedication never faltered."

Minister in 2009, he once again stepped into the role of advisor. Through every twist and turn, his dedication never faltered," he said.

The chief minister's eyes glistened with unshed tears as he reflected on Rana's unwavering commitment to the party.

"He never complained when I reshuffled the ministries or when he was tasked with organisational work. His loyalty to | [More on P10](#)

Art 370: Congress Caught In A Political Bind

Agencies

Srinagar: The Congress party finds itself in a bind over the contentious issue of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir. While the BJP demands clarity on Congress's position, Congress has chosen to sidestep direct support or opposition to the proposal for reinstating Article 370, which grants special autonomy to the region.

Notably, the party did not address this issue in its manifesto, nor did it bring it up during election campaigns, instead focusing on promises to restore statehood.

The removal of Article 370 in 2019 was met with strong resistance from then-Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha, Ghulam Nabi Azad, who voiced the Congress's disapproval.

Now, with Azad no longer in the party, the Congress has continued to criticize

the manner in which Article 370 was revoked, calling it undemocratic, but has refrained from advocating its return. This cautious stance allows Congress to maintain distance from an issue that polarizes the region and avoids direct confrontation on a highly charged subject.

The pressure on Congress escalated when the People's Democratic Party (PDP) MLA, Waheed ur Rehman Para, introduced a resolution in the newly formed Jammu and Kashmir Assembly's first session, urging the reinstatement of Article 370 and condemning the government's 2019 decision. BJP legislators reacted strongly, calling for Congress to clarify its stance, leading to a heated session.

Amid this backdrop, Congress leaders have acknowledged the social and economic impact of Article 370's removal | [More on P10](#)

Terrorist Killed In Bandipora Encounter

Observer News Service

Srinagar: An unidentified terrorist was killed in a gunfight that broke out between terrorists and security forces in Kaitson area of north Kashmir's Bandipora district on Tuesday.

An official said that an exchange of fire took place between security forces and terrorists in Kaitson woods of Bandipora.

In the ensuing operation, an unidentified terrorist was killed, while another is trapped, he said, adding that the operation is going on.

"Based on specific intelligence input regarding | [More on P10](#)

Geelani Remembered In Assembly

Srinagar: The name of late Syed Ali Shah Geelani figured in the obituary references in the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly on Tuesday but only two MLAs mentioned him in their speeches.

More than a dozen MLAs spoke during the obituary references in the assembly.

People's Democratic Party (PDP) MLA from Tral Rafiq Ahmad Naik and ruling National Conference (NC) MLA from Srigufwara-Bijbehara Bashir Ahmad Veeri mentioned Geelani's name in their speeches.

"Today we are here to pay tributes to great personalities who have been members of this house or held high | [More on P10](#)

Illegal Drug Trade Poses 'Significant' Risk To Public Health: HC

Junks Drug Trafficker's Plea Challenging Preventive Detention Order

M Ahmad

Srinagar: Observing that illegal trade in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances poses significant risks to public health and welfare, the High Court of J&K and Ladakh has dismissed a petition a resident of Pampore Pulwama, seeking quashing of preventive detention order passed against him by Divisional Kashmir under Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988.

"The present case relates to illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs. The grounds of the detention indicate the alleged involvement of the detenu in the trafficking of 66.58 kg of brown sugar," a bench of Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal observed after hearing counsel for the



petitioner and the government. The court was hearing the petition filed by one Mohammad Tajamul Masoodi of Pampore through his family member, challenging the Divisional Commissioner's order in March this year.

"The grounds for detention emphasize the recurring nature of these offences, which pose a significant threat to public health and societal stability," the court

said, adding, "Drug abuse not only affects individual lives but also undermines the socioeconomic fabric of communities."

The interconnectedness of these offences, the court said, indicates a broader issue that impacts national security and health.

"The global drug problem aggravates challenges faced by societies, particularly as younger generations fall victim to addiction," the court said, adding, "Traffickers exploit vulnerabilities, ensuring a continuous supply of narcotics, which further endangers public safety and well-being."

The court said that Directive Principles of State Policy, which are part of Constitutions, lays down that the State should strive to prohibit harmful substances, except for medical and scientific uses. "Recently, India has been | [More on P10](#)

Minister Warns Pvt Schools Against Fee Hike

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Education Minister Sakina Itoo Tuesday said that the government will examine and take action against the private schools who are found violating the norms.

Speaking with reporters, Sakina said that the government has already notified norms and criteria regarding charging of tuition and other charges.

She said that private schools in Jammu and Kashmir are being regulated by the government and those hiking fees in violation of norms will be taken to task.

"If, in case, any private school is working against the rules and norms framed by the government, the concerned authorities will accordingly examine and take action against those institutions," Sakina said.

Earlier, the minister had



said that it has decided to restore the academic session till 9th standard to November-December instead of March.

Sakina Itoo had said that the government will restore the academic session back to November-December upto 9th standard. However, for the students of 10th to 12th standard, the government will restore the | [More on P10](#)

PDP'S ARTICLE 370 RESOLUTION Media Coverage 'Contempt' Of Assembly: BJP MLA

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Senior BJP leader and MLA Udhampur-East R S Pathania Tuesday raised the issue of media coverage of Article 370 resolution brought by the PDP MLA Waheed-ur Rehman Para in the House yesterday stating that when the 'copy of resolution hasn't reached the Speaker, how media has given it wide coverage."

Speaking on the Obituary reference in the House, Pathania, after paying tributes to the lawmakers who have passed away in the past ten years suddenly shifted to yesterday's resolution submitted by the PDP MLA from Pulwama Waheed-ur Rehman Para on restoration of Article 370.

"Speaker Sir, I want your attention to an important subject



of yesterday's development in the House. When resolution didn't reach you, how the media has widely covered it. Isn't it the contempt of this House," Pathania asked.

Intervening, Speaker of the Assembly Abur Rahim Rather asked him to stick to the obituary references only as there was no other business listed today. Yesterday, | [More on P10](#)



NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE
 For and on behalf of President of India, Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Northern Railway, J&K invites single tender through e-tendering system from OEM i.e. M/s Cummins India Limited (DBU) Pune for the under mentioned work.
Name of Work : Annual maintenance Contract (AMC) of Cummins Engines Model GSK 50L fitted in 1600 HP DEMU DPCs at DEMU car Shed Budgam.
Estimated Cost of Work (Approximate) : Rs. 5,16,79,959.01/- (Rs. Five Crore, Sixteen lakhs Seventy Nine thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Nine and paise zero one only)
Tender Security Amount (Earnest Money Deposit) : Rs. 4,08,400/- (Rupees Four Lakh, Eight Thousand four hundred Only.)
Tender document available for sale on website : 04.11.2024
E-Tender closing Date & Time : 27.11.2024 at 15:00 Hrs.
Date and time of opening of E-Tender on IREPS website : 27.11.2024 at 15:15 Hrs.
Contract Period : 24 Months
Type of Tender : Single Tender (Single Packet System)
Validity of Tender : 60 Days from the last date of submission of tender
Website : <http://www.ireps.gov.in/>
 No.: 09-2024-DEMU_BDGM Dated: 04.11.2024 3420/2024
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PUBLIC NOTICE
 1 Tariq Ahmad Wani S/O Ali Mohammad Wani R/O Sheikhul Alam Colony Nowgam Bypass is applying for pesticides marketing license under name and style Magnite Agritech Pvt Ltd.
 . If anybody have any objection regarding this, shall report at PPO Lal Mandi Srinagar within one week.
 RSKT

Office of the Naib Tehsildar Tilgam
 Executive Magistrate 1st Class
 Application of Aadil Bashir S/o Bashir Ah Khan R/o Wanigam Bala Tehsil pattan regarding Obtaining RBA Certificate
PUBLIC NOTICE
 General Public is hereby informed through this notice that the applicant file is currently under process in the office of undersigned regarding obtaining RBA certificate. According to the village staffs report the applicants are permanent resident of village Wanigam Bala tehsil Pattan District Baramulla and have been residing here from more than 15 years and has not migrated from the said village the annual family income of the applicant from all sources is Rs 691788/-. Family details of the applicant are give below.

S.No	Name	Parentage	Age	Occupation
01	Bashir Ahmad Khan	Gh Ahmad Khan	51	Govt Employee
02	Fahmeeda Begum	W/o Bashir Ahmad	45	H/ work
03	Aabid Bashir	S/o --	20	Student
04	Ubaid Bashir	--	15	Student
05	Aadil Bashir	--	24	--

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

Office of the Naib Tehsildar Tilgam
 Executive Magistrate 1st Class
 Application of Javaid Ahmad Lone S/o Abdul Qadir Lone R/o Resraypora Tehsil Pattan regarding obtaining Legal Heir certificate for the deceased Abdul Qadeer Lone
PUBLIC NOTICE
 General Public is hereby informed through this notice that the applicant file is currently under process in the office of undersigned regarding obtaining Legal Heir certificate. According to the report of concerned Patwari Halqa the applicant's father Abdul Qadeer Lone S/o Gh Mohd Lone R/o Resraypora Pattan passed away on 21-09-2024 Leaving behind the following legal heirs

S.No	Name	Relation with deceased	Age	Marital Status
01	Javaid Ahmad Lone	Son	50	Married
02	Fatima Qadeer	Wife	73	Widow
03	Rukhsana Qadeer	Daughter	43	Married
04	Sajad Ahmad Lone	Son	43	--
05	Nusrata Begum	Daughter	42	--

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

PUBLIC NOTICE
 I have applied for the issuance of Discharge/Provisional Certificate. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Govt Boys Higher Secondary School Magam within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.
 Sameer Ahmad Mir
 Parentage : Mohd Ramzan Mir
 Mother's Name Azi Bano
 Class 9Th
 Class Roll No: 108 Session 2009
 BMG

ازنیات پهلان
 عنوان :- درخواست نمائندگی پرویز احمد غلام محمد غلام سائیک پهلان تحصیل پلن برادراجرائی OBC سرٹیفیکٹ بھن ابرار پرویز بزمرو جگام
 اشتہار ہر خاص و عام
 معاملہ نمند درج عنوان صدر میں سائل نے ایک درخواست نمائندگی OBC سرٹیفیکٹ بزمرو جگام پیش کی ہے جو کہ زیر کاروائی ہے اس بارے میں بنیادی حلقے سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی ہے جس سے عیاں ہے کہ سائل واقعی کمار جگام سے تعلق رکھتا ہے اور سائل پهلان تحصیل پلن میں رہائش پذیر ہے اور کبھی بھی تک سکونت نہیں کی ہے سائل مذکور OBC سرٹیفیکٹ حاصل کرنے کا خواہ ہے اور کیس کی مہوارہ آمدنی 11000 روپے تک ہے۔ سرٹیفیکٹ زیر بحث اجراء کرنے میں اگر کراگ کی شخص کو کوئی مزید اعتراض ہو تو وہ عدالت مشہرہ اخبارات دن کے اندر اندر اپنے عدالتی اعتراض و دلائل کو عدالتی دفتر میں ادا کر کے پیش کریں۔ بعد گزرے میعاد کوئی عدالتی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔
 نائب تحصیلدار FKO

Communication Problems Can Be The Sign Of A Mental Health Disorder

The Conversation

Human interactions are complex and come with their share of disappointments. This can be the case, for instance, when a loved one doesn't react to our distress or joy the way we wish they had. Communication accidents happen! Psychiatry teaches us, however, that if these mishaps occur over and over with the same person, it might not be because the person lacks good intentions. It could be the result of a change in their social cognition. A growing number of studies are establishing a link between social cognition and different psychiatric conditions. Reactions that are normal for most people, such as showing concern for a person who expresses sadness, may be absent in others. For some, a situation or interaction that seems very basic might lead to a misinterpretation, which in turn could provoke behaviour that is inappropriate or inadequate. If these kinds of errors happen often, this might be due to impairment of a key cognitive skill: social cognition. Social cognition is mainly about

our ability to decode emotions and understand the beliefs and intentions of people around us. Determining whether this cognitive skill has been affected by a psychiatric illness, or by another disorder, is essential in order for the person to be able to respond appropriately to the problems they encounter, and to limit potential harmful effects. An emerging field of research as an assistant professor of psychiatry at McGill University, I conduct research on psychiatric disorders in order to study cognitive impairment, its impact and possible solutions. My work is part of a growing field of research into the relationship between social cognitive disorders and mental health disorders such as depression, bipolar disorder and schizophrenia. Varying degrees of impairment of social cognition have been observed in all these disorders. The different signs of impaired social cognition must be taken seriously. The problem not only affects an individual's understanding of the world, but disrupts communication with the people he or she meets every day. It's possible to spot these signs when interpreting a real-life situation or a fictional film. Someone



suffering from cognitive impairment may be the only one who doesn't understand the innuendo of the main character in a favourite TV series, or the double meaning of a remark made during a discussion between colleagues. An impact on everyday life A literature review I carried out with colleagues a few years ago showed there were connections between impairment of social cognition in people living with bipolar disorder, and how they functioned in everyday life. In other words, the more social cognition is impaired, the less likely the individual will be able to function well in every-

day life. Since then, our work, as well as that of other teams, has shown that social cognition impairments mediate the relationship between cognitive problems (e.g. memory) and clinical symptoms. Indeed, in disorders such as schizophrenia and certain types of bipolar disorder, memory is frequently affected. These impairments occur early in the course of the disease and are associated with loss of motivation, withdrawal and difficulty expressing emotions. Impairments of social cognition, such as difficulty identifying one's own emo-

tions and those of others, and in understanding oneself and others, are at the heart of this process. It's through understanding these that we can propose care solutions. Improving cognitive skills Several proposals have been developed to support and improve these skills. Some interventions, for example, include exercises to improve social cognition and memory. These may involve the patient correctly recognizing emotions expressed by another person, or correctly interpreting the beliefs or intentions of others, which then enables him or her to read more complex situations. Other interventions allow the patient to become aware of the way he or she thinks, by integrating social cognition. An exercise may present a story in which the characters' motivations are only gradually revealed. For example, a young girl offers chocolates to an elderly woman, who thanks her with a smile. Once the girl has left, the lady expresses disgust and throws the box in the garbage can. After a few months, the girl returns with a new box of chocolates. The questions will then focus on the girl's beliefs and the reaction she could expect from the elderly lady.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER KHANSAHIB BUDGAM

Re-advertisement Notice: No- 04- of 2024
 Dated: 02-11-2024
 Subject: Advertisement for Recruitment of Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) in Anganwadi Centres of POSHAN Project Khansahib

- Reference: 1. Government order No 222-JK (SWD) of 2022 Dated: 30.11.2022
 2. Government Order No.103-JK (SWD) of 2023 dated: 28.04.2023
 3. MD/Poshan/Estt/13247-53 dated:- 08-05-2023
 4.MD/Poshan/Estt/2024/34781 Dated:-22.10.2024
 5:-DPO/P/Bud/2090-91 Dated:-23.10.2024

Approval has been accorded, vide letter No: 103-JK (SWD) of 2023 Dated: 28.04.2023 for filling up of various vacancies of Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) in Anganwadi Centres of POSHAN Project Khansahib, as per the details given below:

Sr. No.	Name of Project	Name of Post	No. of Post
1	Poshan Project Khansahib	Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers)	03
Total		03(Three)	

Applications are invited in the Prescribed Performa in Annexure "A" from the eligible candidates for engagement as Anganwadi Worker on Honorarium basis for aforementioned posts of Anganwadi Centres. The important dates/details with regard to the posts are as under:

- a) Date of commencement for submission of application 04-11-2024
 b) Last date for submission of applications is 23 -11.2024
 c) Annexure B- Name of the Post, Location/Ward , Qualification and Criteria for selection
 d) Annexure C- Affidavit

ANNEXURE 'A'

Format of Application

- Name of POSHAN Project Khansahib
- Name of Anganwadi Centre _____
- Post applied for _____
- Name of the Candidate _____
- Father's Name _____
- Husband's Name _____
- Residence _____
- Ward .No. _____
- Address for correspondence _____
- Contact No. _____
- Date of Birth _____
- Age as on 01.01.2023 _____
- Academic Qualification: _____

Sr. No.	Examination passed	Board/University	Year of Passing	Marks Obtained	Total Marks	Percentage

14. Do the candidate belong to Retiring AWWW/AWH (YES/NO)
 15. Document Attached: _____

Signature of the Candidate _____
 Date: _____

Annexure-B

Detail of Vacant Posts (AWW) along with name and location of AWC.

Sr. No.	NAME OF ANGANWADI CENTRE	WARD NO.	NAME OF POST	NO. OF POSTS
1	Kachwari	(Ward No-04)	Sangini(AWW)	1
2	Yarikah Dag Mohalla	(Ward No-07)	Sangini (AWW)	1
3	Bandarpora-B	(Ward No-09)	Sangini (AWW)	1

Eligibility:

A. For Anganwadi Workers

- The candidate must be domicile of the UT of J&K.
- Women candidates in the age group of 18-37 years shall be eligible.
- The candidate should be a resident of the electoral ward where Anganwadi Centre is situated. Name in the voter list for the ward shall be considered as the proof of residence of the candidate. In case the name of the candidate appears in the voter list along with her parents, then she must provide certificate of being unmarried issued by the concerned Tehsildar. Where ever, there is any dispute as to residence for any reason, then a residence proof certifying the ward of residence from the concerned SDM/ACR shall be considered.
- Minimum qualification for Anganwadi Worker shall be 10+ 2 and maximum graduation. In case no 10+2 pass candidate is available in the ward, 10+2 pass candidate from the adjoining ward shall be considered which would require prior approval of Mission Director, Mission POSHAN.
- In case suitable candidate is not available for adjoining ward, candidate from the nearest ward within the Panchayat can be considered subject to the approval of the MD, Mission POSHAN.
- Weightage shall be given on the basis of marks obtained in 10+2 and selection shall be done purely on merit basis and not other criteria to be considered.
- In case of tie in merit of the eligible candidate, candidate with higher age will be preferred.
- Candidate with qualification higher than graduation shall not be considered.

B. Anganwadi Helpers

- The selection of Helper shall be restricted to the electoral ward where Anganwadi Centre is located.
- Women candidates in the age group of 18-37 years shall be eligible.
- The candidate must be domicile of the UT of J&K.
- Minimum qualification for Anganwadi Helper shall be matriculation.
- In case no matriculate candidate available in the ward, candidates with qualification not less than 8th standard shall be considered.
- The committee shall select the most destitute/needly married woman of the ward as helper from amongst those who fulfil the qualification criteria. In case no married candidate is available, unmarried candidate may be considered.

C. In case eligible candidate is available within the family of retiring AWWW/AWHs, the said candidate shall qualify for additional two percent points.

Document Verification

- The candidate who is shortlisted for Document verification will be required to appear for Document Verification along-with the original documents as well as self-attested Photostat copy of each document as per the Advertisement Notification. The candidate must be in possession of the prescribed academic qualification and other document like Domicile Certificate, on or before the last date of submission of application form.
 - Marks sheet(s)/Diploma/Degree of the qualification prescribed for the post as per Advertisement Notification.
 - Date of Birth/Matriculation Certificate.
 - Domicile Certificate.
 - Unmarried Certificate (where required)
- Candidates have to bring two passport size recent color photographs and one original Photo ID proof. Photo ID Proof can be:
 - Aadhaar Card
 - Voter ID card.
- The candidate who are supposed to furnish various certificate issued by or before the prescribed cut-off date, shall be required to produce them at the time of Document Verification or as may be sought by the Committee; in case of failure, the committee shall take necessary decision which shall be final.

ANNEXURE C

All applicants to submit affidavit stating following facts:

- All Documents submitted are correct, without any mismatch, scanning, duplicate or fallacious in nature. If found incorrect or in any of the above stated situation the candidature of deponent may be cancelled and liable to action under law.
- Maximum qualification is Graduation for vacancy of Anganwadi worker and Class X for and this is as per facts and onus of proving it to be true lies with the deponent.
- The deponent has read the HR policy no. 222-JK(SWD) of 2022 dated: 30.11.2022 and is well versed with all salient features of the policy and shall be applicable to the deponent in case of selection as Anganwadi worker/ Anganwadi Helper.

No.:-CDPO/Poshan/Ksb/2024/1349-60
 Date:-02 -11-2024

Sd/-
 Child Development Project
 Officer Khansahib

DIPK-7297/24 dated: 05-11-2024

Youth Killed, 2 Injured As Vehicle Overtakes In Lawaypora

Agencies

SRINAGAR: A youth was killed while two others suffered injuries after a vehicle they were travelling in turned turtle near the national highway at Lawaypora area of the City outskirts on Tuesday, officials said. An official said that an XUV 500 bearing registration number DL12CH-4336 overturned near Lawaypora area of the City outskirts, leaving three persons wounded.

He said they were immediately shifted to the hospital, where one among them died and the two others are receiving medical aid. He identified the deceased as Momin Masoodi, son of Gowhar Masoodi, a resident of HMT, while the two others were identified as Imad Javid, son of Javid Masoodi and Affan Aijaz Lone, son of Aijaz Ahmad Lone—all residents of Lawaypora HMT, Srinagar. Meanwhile, police have taken up the investigation—(KNO)

DEO Chairs Account Reconciliation Meeting of Contesting Candidates

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: District Election Officer (Deputy Commissioner), Srinagar Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat in presence of the two Expenditure Observers from Election Commission of India chaired the Account Reconciliation meeting for all the Contesting Candidates of recently held Assembly Polls in eight Assembly Constituencies of District Srinagar.

Beside Returning Officers, Candidates or their Authorized Election Agents of all Assembly segments of District Srinagar were also present in the meeting.

The District Election Officer at the commencement, emphasized that all the participating Candidates and Election agents must ensure submission of duly completed Election Expenditure Registers of Candidates as laid down under the ECI guidelines.

DEO informed the participants that each Expenditure

Register shall be accompanied with all supporting documents including Vouchers, Bank Statements, requisite affidavits, etc. as enshrined under the expenditure and monitoring rules of ECI.

DEO, further apprised the participants that filing of Expenditures on Account Election Expenses by each of the Contesting Candidate before the ECI is essential as the same contributes towards the transparency and objectivity in the democratic process Elections.

On the occasion, various participating candidates appreciated the efforts made by the District Election Machinery for holding the Assembly Elections in District Srinagar in a free, fair, transparent and peaceful manner. They further expressed that all the Returning Officers and team of District Election Officer facilitated them through various means during their participation in the Elections.



DECAYING PATHWAY: A deteriorating wooden bridge in Mir Behri, Dal, poses a significant risk to commuters and pedestrians. KO PHOTO, SYED MOHAMMAD BURHAN

DRY WEATHER

Water Level Drops In City Reservoirs, Affect Supply Across Many Areas

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The residents of many areas in central Kashmir's Srinagar district and surrounding neighbourhoods are grappling with a reduced water supply, causing hardship as they struggle with daily tasks and chores.

Residents from different parts of Srinagar voiced their frustration over the lack of water supply that has persisted for the past few weeks.

Affected areas such as Barzullah, Baghat, Rawalpora, Sanat Nagar, Dalgate, Khanyar, Lal Chowk, and surrounding neighbourhoods are facing a reduced water supply due to low reservoir levels caused by prolonged dry weather conditions.

Notably, sources in the Jal Shakti PHE department said that the region's water reservoirs, like Harwan and Dood Ganga, have been impacted, limiting the supply to many populated areas of Srinagar city.

Locals from Barzulla and Baghat said they are facing an acute water shortage. "Without water even the



simplest household tasks have become a struggle," said Yasin, a resident of Rawalpora.

To clarify the weather outlook, an independent weather forecaster Faizan Arif said that current forecasts indicate the dry spell will likely persist until November 10.

"A weak Western Disturbance may begin to affect Jammu and Kashmir from the evening of November 10, bringing light rainfall in the plains and possible light to moderate snow-

fall over higher elevations," he said.

"The forecast indicates the dry spell will continue in Jammu and Kashmir until November 10. Under this weak Western Disturbance, light rainfall is expected in the plains, while higher elevations in Kashmir may receive a light to moderate spell of snowfall. Snowfall is possible over Sinthan Top, Affarwat Gulmarg, Zojila Pass, Sadhna Top, Razdan Top, parts of Gurez, and other high-altitude areas," he said—(KNO)

DC Pays Surprise Visit To Children Hospital Bemina

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat Tuesday evening paid a surprise visit to Paediatric (Children) Hospital, Bemina and took stock of facilities being provided to the patients especially new born babies in the Hospital.

Deputy Commissioner inspected NICU, PICU and several wards of the hospital and interacted with attendants about medical facilities.

While interacting with the attendants, he said that patients should be provided every facility, especially to new born babies and also directed the hospital management for fur-



ther improving medicare facilities.

The DC also took stock of availability of medicines and directed to ensure proper dress code besides maintaining cleanliness in and around the hospital especially in wash rooms.

He further directed hospital Administration to work with added zeal so that patients should not face any kind of difficulty.

During the visit DC was accompanied by the Medical Superintendent of the Hospital and other concerned.

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HIGHWAY STATUS

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

PRAYERS

FAJR	5:44
ZUHR	12:17
ASR	3:47
Magrib	5:27
ISHA	6:51

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This Day In History

- 380 - Theodosius I makes his adventus, or first formal entry, into Constantinople
- 1542 - Battle of Solway Moss: English beat Scottish King James V
- 1587 - Battle at Auneau: Henri de Guise wins
- 1639 - 1st observation of transit of Venus by Jeremiah Horrocks and William Crabtree - helped establish size of the Solar System
- 1643 - Battle of Tuttingen: Beiers army under Gen Mercy beats France
- 1800 - Naturalists Alexander von Humboldt and Aimé Bonpland depart Caracas for Cuba where they met fellow botanist John Fraser
- 1859 - English naturalist Charles Darwin publishes "On the Origin of Species" radically changing the view of evolution and laying the foundation for evolutionary biology
- 1905 - Moshav Hertzlia forms in Israel
- 1912 - Conflict in the Balkans grows into an acute international crisis with major powers supporting either Austria or Serbia.
- 1914 - Benito Mussolini leaves Italy's socialist party.
- 1916 - Mexican and US representatives sign a protocol at Atlantic City, under which Pershing's troops will withdraw and each nation's army will guard the border. President Carranza of Mexico will refuse to accept it.
- 1944 - US bombers based on Saipan begin 1st attack on Tokyo
- 1949 - British steel & iron industry nationalised.
- 1950 - UN troops begin an assault intending to end Korean War by Christmas.
- 1950 - US infantry division conquers Chonju Korea.
- 1951 - British auto manufacturers Austin and Morris Motors merge.
- 1954 - Air Force One, 1st US Presidential airplane, christened.
- 1954 - France sends 20,000 soldiers to Algeria.
- 1955 - 1st test flight of Fokker's F-27 Friendship.
- 1958 - Mali becomes an autonomous state within French Community.
- 1965 - Marshal Mobutu Sese Seko Kuku Ngbendu becomes President of Zaïre.
- 1966 - 400 die of respiratory failure & heart attack in killer NYC smog.
- 1969 - Apollo 12 returns to Earth.
- 1974 - Gerald Ford and Leonid Brezhnev sign the SALT-2 treaty to reduce each side's number of nuclear weapons.
- 1977 - France performs nuclear test at Mururoa Island.
- 1981 - 1st air-launched cruise missile tested.
- 1989 - Elias Hrawi elected president of Lebanon.
- 1991 - Rachmon Nabiev elected president of Tadjikistan.
- 1991 - US 75th manned space mission "STS 44" Atlantis 10 launched.
- 1992 - Boeing 734 crashes into mountain in China, kills 141.
- 1993 - End of world, according to Ukrainian sect White Brotherhood.
- 2015 - Tunisia declares state of emergency after an attack on a bus in Tunis carrying presidential guards kills at least 12.
- 2015 - Turkey shoots down a Russian fighter jet after claiming it had flown into Turkish airspace.
- 2016 - International research team publishes discovery of 1,500 new viruses found in invertebrates
- 2017 - Former First Vice President Emerson Mnangagwa is sworn in as President of Zimbabwe, replacing Robert Mugabe's 30-year tenure
- 2017 - Militant gunmen attack a Sufi mosque in Bir al-Abed on the Sinai Peninsula, Egypt, killing 305 people, government retaliates bombing the area
- 2018 - Cruise boat sinks on Lake Victoria near Kampala, Uganda, killing at least 29
- 2018 - ICC Women's Cricket T20 World Cup, Antigua: Ashleigh Gardner with 33 from 26 balls and 3 for 22 leads Australia (106/2) to 4th T20 WC; beat England (105)
- 2019 47th American Music Awards: Taylor Swift wins six awards, including Artist of the Year and Artist of the Decade
- 2019 - Data leaked from Chinese high-security Muslim Uighur security camps, housing 1 million people, show systematic brainwashing in western Xinjiang region
- 2019 - Davis Cup Tennis, Madrid: Rafael Nadal beats Denis Shapovalov of Russia 6-3, 7-6 to give Spain an unassailable 2-0 lead and a 6th Cup title; first competition under new week-long format at one venue
- 2019 - Hong Kong pro-democracy candidates overwhelmingly win district council elections in strong rebuke to Hong Kong leaders
- 2019 - New Zealand cricket batsman BJ Watling scores a marathon 205 off 473 balls to lead the home side to an innings and 65 run 1st Test victory over England at Mount Maunganui
- 2020 - COVID-19 surge in the US gathers further pace with death toll of 2,200 highest since May and new cases averaging 175,000 a day
- 2020 - Scotland's parliament votes to become the first country to make period products free [1]

CONDOLENCE MEETING

On the passing of the mother of Mr Khalid Majeed, JKAS Director, Industries & Commerce Kashmir, a condolence meeting was held in the meeting hall of Directorate of Industries and Commerce, Kashmir headed by Dr Zahoor Ahmad Magray, JKAS Joint Director (Dev) in which all the officers and employees of the Directorate participated. The participants expressed their sympathies and condolences with the bereaved family and prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul.

INFO

DIRECTOR I&C BEREAVED, FCIK EXTENDS HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES

The Federation of Chambers of Industries Kashmir (FCIK) is deeply saddened to learn of the passing of the beloved mother of Mr. Khalid Majeed, the Director of Industries and Commerce Kashmir. The esteemed matriarch passed away on Monday in Jammu, leaving behind a legacy of warmth and grace.

On behalf of the entire industrial community of the Kashmir Valley, the President of FCIK has conveyed heartfelt condolences to Mr. Majeed and his family during this profoundly sorrowful time. He said that the loss of a mother is irreplaceable and in this moment of grief the industrial fraternity is united in prayers for the eternal peace and serenity of the departed soul, asking for strength and fortitude for Mr. Majeed and his family to endure this monumental loss.

Condolences have poured in from all corners of the Kashmir Valley, including prominent industrial estates of Anantnag, Anchidora, Lassipora, Bijbehara, Vessu, Chotipora Pulwama, Khunmoh, Rangreth, Burzallah, Baghi Ali Mardan Khan, Zakura, Ganderbal, Integrated Textile Park, Baramulla, Zainakote, Shalteng, Sopore, Handwara, and Kupwara, as well as from the unorganised sectors across all ten districts. This outpouring of solidarity highlights the widespread respect and affection the industrial community holds for Mr. Majeed and his family.

INFO

SAD DEMISE



With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved father Mr Syed Bashir Ahmad Andrabi S/o Late Syed Mohammad Afzal Andrabi R/o Syedpora Hazratbal at present Zakura Srinagar, Kashmir who left for heavenly abode on November 05, 2024 morning after a prolonged illness.

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

The Congregational Fataha Khawani will be held on Friday, November 08, 2024 at 2: 30 pm at the ancestral graveyard at Syedpora, Hazratbal, Srinagar.

Bereaved Family

Ladies are requested not to bring any kind of fruits, etc during the taziyat days.

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SC Upholds Madrasa Act Approving Of Religious Education, Says Secularism Not Violated

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: In a big relief to madrasas in Uttar Pradesh, the Supreme Court on Tuesday upheld the constitutional validity of the 2004 Uttar Pradesh Board of Madrasa Education Law and set aside an Allahabad High Court verdict quashing it on the ground that it was violative of the principle of secularism.

Besides the curriculum of the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), the Madrasa Act made room for

relief to teachers and students of UP madrasas as the high court had ordered closure of the seminaries and relocation of students to other schools in the state. The SC said the legislative scheme of the law was to standardise the level of education being prescribed in madrasas.

The top court on October 22 reserved its verdict on pleas challenging the Allahabad High Court judgement.

The bench heard a battery of lawyers on behalf of eight petitioners, including Anjum Kadari, besides



religious education as well.

The Allahabad High Court erred in holding that the law is violative of the principle of secularism, said a bench comprising Chief Justice of India (CJI) D Y Chandrachud and Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra.

"We have upheld the validity of the UP madrasa law and moreover a statute can be struck down only if the State lacks the legislative competence," the CJI said while pronouncing the verdict.

The order came as a big re-

Additional Solicitor General K M Natraj, who appeared for the Uttar Pradesh government, for almost two days before reserving the verdict.

On March 22, the Allahabad High Court declared the Act as "unconstitutional" and violative of the principle of secularism and asked the state government to accommodate madrasa students in the formal schooling system.

In a breather for about 17 lakh madrasa students, the SC stayed the HC order on April 5.

'Nothing Wrong': CJ On PM's Puja Visit To His Residence

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Addressing the controversy over Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to his residence for Ganapati prayers, Chief Justice of India (CJI) D Y Chandrachud on Monday said there was "nothing wrong" in it and underscored the need for a "sense of maturity in political sphere" on such issues.

Following the PM's visit to the CJI residence, opposition parties led by the Congress and a section of lawyers had raised concerns over propriety and separation of powers between the judiciary and the executive. The BJP, on the other hand, dismissed the criticism as unwarranted and said it was a "part of our culture".

Speaking at an event organised by the Indian Express, CJI Chandrachud said one has to respect that the dialogue between the judiciary and the executive takes place as a part of the robust inter-institutional mechanism and separation of powers does not mean the two will not meet.

"The separation of powers concept does not postulate that judiciary and executive are antagonist in the sense they will not meet or not engage in a reasoned dialogue. In the states, there is a protocol of chief justice and the administrative committee of the high court meeting the chief minister and on the chief minister meeting the chief justice at their residence. In most of these meetings, you are discussing basic issues like budgeting, infrastructure, technology, etc," he said.

On the prime minister's visit,

the CJI shared, "The PM visited my residence for Ganapati puja. I do feel, there is absolutely nothing wrong as these are continuing meetings between the judiciary and the executive even at the social level. We meet at the Rashtrapati Bhavan, Republic Day, etc. We are in conversation with the prime minister and the ministers. This conversation does not involve the cases which we decide but life and society in general." The CJI, who demits office on November 10, said, "There has to be a sense of maturity in the political system to understand this and trust our judges because the work we do is evaluated by our written word. Everything we decide is not kept in wraps and is open to scrutiny." He said a robust dialogue taking place between the executive and the judiciary on the administrative side had nothing to do with the judicial side.

"What the separation of powers postulates is that the judiciary should not be performing the role of the executive which is defining policies because the power to frame policy belongs to the government. Likewise the executive does not decide the cases. So long we have this in mind. Dialogue has to take place because you are dealing with the careers and the lives of people in the judiciary," he said.

The CJI said the dialogue between the judiciary and the executive had nothing to do with how cases were decided. "That has been my experience." Even his statement of having prayed to God for a solution to the Ayodhya Ram Mandir dispute had attracted considerable clamour.



US Presidential Polls

Millions Cast Votes To Decide Fate Of Trump, Harris On Poll Day

Press Trust Of India

Washington: Millions of Americans headed towards polling stations on Tuesday to elect the 47th President of the United States, capping one of the most bitter presidential campaigns in the country's history.

On Monday night, both the candidates, Republican leader Donald Trump and Democratic nominee Kamala Harris, spent a considerable amount of time in Pennsylvania, the biggest electoral college prize out of the seven swing states, to sway the remaining undecided voters.

Harris, 60, and Trump, 78, remained neck and neck in polls conducted by various media outlets, with a few projecting a slight edge for the Democratic nominee.

Besides Pennsylvania, the other battleground states that have emerged as crucial are Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada,

North Carolina and Wisconsin.

More than 82 million Americans have already cast their votes in early and mail-in voting, according to the University of Florida's Election.

In their final rallies, the two candidates concluded their campaigns with virtually opposing visions of how to take the country forward, with Harris calling for a vision to overcome "hate and divisiveness" and make a "fresh start" and Trump warning of a bleak future under a Democratic regime.

"Tonight, then, we finish, as we started with optimism, with energy, with joy," said Harris, closing her campaign in Pennsylvania.

In his concluding remarks, Trump said: "My message to you, and to all Americans tonight is very simple: we don't have to live like this." The US has 50 states and most of them vote for the same party in ev-

ery election except the swing states. Based on the volume of population, the states are assigned electoral college votes.

Overall, a total of 538 electoral college votes are up for grabs. A candidate with 270 or more electoral votes is declared winner.

The election is being billed as historic as it has been one of the tightest presidential races in the last several decades.

In the overall campaign in the last few days, Harris has been projecting the election as the one to protect the country's fundamental freedoms, safeguard constitutional values and ensure women's rights.

In his rallies, Trump has been promising to rebuild the economy and rid the US of illegal immigrants.

Meanwhile, various leading American cities have been brought under tight security as a precautionary measure to

Fate Of Elderly Residents Uncertain After Israel Destroys Homes In Lebanese Border Village



Agencies

BEIRUT: Dozens of houses and other buildings in the Lebanese border village of Mays Al-Jabal have been destroyed during Israeli incursions over the past 48 hours, residents said. The fate of several elderly villagers, including a woman, who refused to leave their homes before the attacks remains uncertain.

Meanwhile, caretaker prime minister, Najib Mikati, on Monday called on the international

community to address Israel's "continued aggression against Lebanon and its crimes of killing and destruction."

His appeal came during meetings with ambassadors from the permanent members of the UN Security Council — the US, the UK, France, Russia and China — and Sandra de Waal, the EU's envoy to Lebanon.

The death toll in the country had risen to 2,968 by Sunday evening, officials said, including dozens of children, women and the

elderly people who died in the rubble of their homes. The number of wounded has risen to 13,319. Health Minister Firas Abiad said eight hospitals in the south of the country, the Bekaa and Beirut's southern suburbs are out of service.

The people of Mays Al-Jabal appealed to the International Committee of the Red Cross for help to search for survivors who might be trapped under the rubble following the Israeli attacks. Some of the missing were said to be in their 80s and 90s and had received medical and food aid in recent months from the Red Cross, in coordination with UN Interim Force in Lebanon and the Lebanese army.

Explosions during the attacks in Mays Al-Jabal caused tremors similar to those in the towns of Kfarkela, Baida, Mhaibib, Khiam, Ayta Al-Shaab and Ramyah over the past two weeks. Israeli forces were reportedly spotted on the move in the vicinity of Mays Al-Jabal's government hospital on Monday in preparation for a fresh assault.

Russian Rocket Takes Iranian Satellites Into Orbit As Ties Grow Closer

Agencies

Moscow: A Russian rocket carrying a payload of satellites into orbit — including two from Iran — blasted off successfully, Russia's Roscosmos space agency said, in a move seen as reflecting the growing cooperation between Moscow and Tehran.

The Soyuz-2.1 spacecraft lifted off as scheduled from the Vostochny Cosmodrome launchpad in far eastern Russia and put its payload into a designated orbit nine minutes after the launch on Tuesday. Roscosmos said that two Russian Ionosfera-M satellites — designed to monitor the space weather around Earth — and 53 small satellites, including two from Iran, were placed into orbit successfully.

Among the 53 small satellites, the two Iranian satellites were identified as the Kowsar, a high-resolution imaging satellite, and Hodhod, a small communications satellite. A Russian-Chinese student satellite, Druzhba ATURK, was also placed into orbit.

The Iranian satellites are the first launched on behalf of the country's private sector, with the Kowsar manufactured by the Omidfaza company, which began designing the satellite in 2019, Iran's official IRNA news agency reported.

The Kowsar has an expected lifespan of three years and the Hodhod should operate for four years, according to the IRNA.

In 2022, a Russian rocket

launched an Iranian Earth observation satellite called Khayyam, which was built in Russia at Tehran's request. Russia put another Iranian satellite named Pars-1 into orbit in February.

The Pars-1 is a research satellite that will scan Iran's topography from orbit, Iran's state media reported at the time.

The latest satellite launch comes as Russia and Iran expand ties in various spheres, and amid mounting criticism from Ukraine and the West that Tehran has provided Moscow with drones for use in attacks on Ukrainian targets.

Moscow and Tehran are also planning to further bolster their ties with a "comprehensive strategic partnership", set to be signed during Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian's planned visit to Russia, the date for which has yet to be confirmed.

Russia's satellite launches follow a series of failed launches suffered by Iran's civilian space programme in recent years, including five failed launches in a row for the Simorgh programme, a satellite-carrying rocket.

A separate Iranian space programme run by the country's elite Revolutionary Guard Corps has seen successful launches from a military base outside of Shahroud, located east of the capital, Tehran.

Satellite images analysed by The Associated Press show that Israel may have bombed the site during its October 26 attack on Iran. Iran said at the time that the Israeli attack had caused minimal damage.

Out On Bail, Murder Accused Shoots Dead Wife, Three Children In Varanasi



Press Trust Of India

A man who was out on bail in a murder case allegedly went on killing spree, shooting dead his wife and three children, including two teens, in the Bhelpur area here, police said on Tuesday.

The accused Rajendra Gupta fled after committing the crime, they added.

The incident took place in the Bhaidami area Monday late night when the victims — Rajendra's wife Neetu Gupta (45), their sons Navendra (25) and Subendra (15), and daughter Gaurangi (16) — were fast asleep, DCP Gaurav Banswal said.

The family's tenants came to know of the incident

on Tuesday afternoon and informed the police.

Banswal said the police control room was alerted about the incident, following which a team rushed to the spot where Rajendra's mother told the police that the couple were having a dispute.

Prima facie, Rajendra, who had a murder case pending against him since 1997 was out on bail, is the main suspect and is absconding, the officer said. The police have recovered empty shells of pistol from the house and attempts are on to trace Rajendra, he added.

The police said they are trying to ascertain the motive behind the killings and a probe is underway.

NEWS MAKERS

'We're Over Their Heads': Iran's Navy Chief Says US Warships 'Under Close Watch'

“The United States aircraft carrier as well as 16-strong destroyers and frigates that are present in the region are being constantly surveilled by our reconnaissance drones

The commander of the Iranian Navy has hailed the force's comprehensive surveillance over the American warships that sail across regional waters.

"The United States aircraft carrier as well as 16-strong destroyers and frigates that are present in the region are being constantly surveilled by our reconnaissance drones," Rear Admiral Shahram Irani said on Monday.

"We are over their heads," he added, referring to the warships in question. The Iranian surveillance aircraft were visible even to the naked eye, the commander said, describing the visibility as a means of the Islamic Republic's "saying to the Americans that



this region is not your place and we maintain all of your movements under observation."

The IRGC Navy can supply various types of heavy vessels enabling it to have a presence

in international waters, says a senior commander.

"This is a very important fact that we enjoy the capability to surveil the enemy even at sea," Irani said, noting that this matter had turned into "a cause for concern for the Americans."

The commander commended the Navy for its having managed to provide security for both Iranian vessels and those of the countries that have reached out to the force for protection, asking it to escort their ships.

"The Navy escorts oil and commercial cargoes from Venezuela's coastline to the Americas, Europe, and Africa, confronting whatever violation that could take place against our ships," Irani noted.

He cited the case of Iranian naval forces' recent recapture and confiscation of an oil embargo and the vessel bearing it that had been impounded by the United States, although the vessel had been renamed by the Americans.

The Navy of the Islamic Republic of Iran has announced the seizure of an American oil tanker with a court order in the Sea of Oman.

The commander further asserted that the Islamic Republic's Navy was after "putting the strength of [the country's] Islamic establishment on display far across the [international] oceans."

The force was trying to have its endeavors serve as a "point of strength for the Islamic Republic's establishment," he noted.

Govt Official Grabs Rs 7L Funds Meant For Mid-Day Meals

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The anti-corruption bureau (ACB) has filed a case against a government official for allegedly grabbing an amount of over Rs seven lakh released by the government under the mid-day meal scheme in north Kashmir's Kupwara district.

The anti-graft body filed a case against Abdul Rashid Dar, then in-charge of the scheme in Zone Mawar of Langate in Kupwara for misappropriation & embezzlement of MDM funds, an official spokesperson said.

The case, he said, was filed after a preliminary enquiry was conducted by the ACB to look into the allegation that the accused public servant in league with officers of the Zone illegally & fraudulently credited lakhs of rupees meant for MDM to his own account in J&K Bank Qalamabad and misappropriated same.

The probe, the spokesperson said, also revealed that during the year 2017 to 2019, an amount of Rs 73,66,335 was allotted by the government

through Chief Education Officer (CEO) Kupwara vide different orders to the then ZEO's of Education Zone Mawar Langate under Mid-day meal scheme.

"On receipt of funds the then MDM in-charge Zone Mawar Abdul Rashid Dar dishonestly and fraudulently managed to transfer an excess amount of Rs 7,07,495 into official accounts of 14 schools covered under MDM Scheme in Education Zone Mawar District Kupwara," he said.

The accused, he added, managed the release of excess payment in favour of schools by resorting to escalation of amount in different advices and later on received the amount back from MDM in-charges of schools in cash on pretext of depositing it back into the official account but instead misappropriated & embezzled same.

"That accordingly on the culmination of preliminary enquiry a case FIR No 14-2024 U/S 5(1)(c), 5(1)(d) r/w section 5(2) of JK PC Act Svt. 2006 was registered at P/S ACB Baramulla against the accused and investigations were set into motion.

Open Garbage Disposal, Littering Banned In Shopian

Business Establishments To Face Fine, Temporary Closure For Violating Norms

Observer News Service

SHOPIAN: The authorities in South Kashmir's Shopian district imposed a ban on disposal of waste and litter and warned to slap hefty fines and closure of shops and businesses establishments temporarily if the rules are violated.

In an effort to curb health related ailments occurring due to contaminated surroundings and put a check on environmental pollution, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Mohammad Shahid Saleem Dar Tuesday issued a public notice, banning the irresponsible disposal of waste and litter by shopkeepers and business establishments, of-

ficials said.

"It was observed shopkeepers have been contributing to severe health and environmental hazards by disposing-off garbage and polluting water bodies along roadsides, public spaces and connecting roads," reads the notice.

The advisory is in line with adherence to the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016, and the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2019 and the rulings of the National Green Tribunal. All shopkeepers and business establishments have been advised to place two dustbins in front of their premises for the organized collection and segregation of waste for proper disposal.

Kashmir Tourism Players Call For Peace, Condemn Terror Attacks

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Tourism players in Kashmir on Tuesday condemned the terror incidents in the valley, calling them unacceptable, and said the industry is committed to supporting the government in restoring peace.

Addressing a joint press conference of several business leaders associated with the sector here, tourism players said they want peace in the Kashmir valley.

"It is not acceptable to Kashmiris. We request those who are behind these, do not do this. It will not be acceptable that people get killed and the economy gets destroyed here," Jammu Kashmir Hoteliers Club chairman Mushtaq Chaya said.

He said lakhs of people are dependent on tourism for their sustenance and such incidents aim to derail peace and impact tourism.

"It is unacceptable to Kash-

miris. We want peace only. We condemn these incidents," Chaya added.

On Sunday, a grenade attack near the Tourist Reception Center (TRC) left 11 persons injured. Before that, non-locals were targeted in a spate of attacks since the formation of the elected government in J-K.

Addressing the presser, another tourism player, Manzoor Ahmad Wangnoo, said the government needs to look for the root cause of such incidents, and then find its solution.

"We have to address issues like unemployment and drug abuse," he added.

Rauf Trambo, president of the Travel Agents Association of Kashmir (TAAK), said the society as a whole and the industry in particular strongly condemns such incidents, and assured full support to the government to curb them.

"We are at the beck and call of the government. We assure

our full support to the government to curb such incidents. We request the security agencies to get proactive to curb such elements," Trambo said.

Asked about National Conference (NC) president Farooq Abdullah's recent remarks that there were apprehensions that such attacks were taking place to destabilise Omar Abdullah-led government, Chaya said there should be investigations.

"He (Farooq Abdullah) is our tallest leader. He is right. These (attacks) did not take place for 2-3 years, but are happening now when the new government has taken over. There should be investigations," he said.

Acknowledging that there has been some impact of the attacks on tourist arrivals, Chaya said they want to send out a message to tourists that Kashmir is a safe place and that they can travel to any place anytime.

Army Commander Reviews Operational Preparedness In Rajouri

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Army's northern commander Lt Gen M V Suchindra Kumar on Tuesday visited Rajouri to review the operational preparedness of the forces in the border district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said.

Lt Gen Kumar's visit to Dera Ki Gali in Rajouri comes a day after he visited the Akhnoor sector where three hardcore terrorists were killed in a two-day-long operation on October 28 and 29.

The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, northern command was accompanied by General Officer Commanding of Jammu-based 16 Corps, also known as White Knight Corps, Lt Gen Navin Sachdeva, they said.

The Army Commander commended the troops for their exemplary professionalism and exhorted all ranks to uphold the highest standards of operational readiness, the Army's northern command posted on X.

Maj Gen Bal Takes Is GOC Of Delta Force

JAMMU: Major General A P S Bal took charge as General Officer Commanding (GOC) of Counter-Insurgency Force 'Delta' in the Chenab Valley region of Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday, officials said. He succeeds Major General Upkar Chander.

"Major General APS Bal, SM (Sena Medal) assumed the command as GOC CIF (Delta)," the Army's Jammu-based White Knight Corps said in a post on X.

He honoured bravehearts by laying a wreath at the war memorial here and extended his best wishes to all ranks, encouraging them to uphold the highest standards of operational preparedness at all times, it said.



Omar's Sons Watch Assembly Proceedings For First Time



Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah's two sons Zahir and Zamir watched the legislative assembly proceedings for the first time on Tuesday.

In their 20s, both Zahir and Zamir Abdullah — Omar's sons with his estranged wife Payal Nath — are lawyers by profession.

They arrived at the legislative assembly complex here and watched the proceedings during obituary references. The fourth generation Abdullahs sat beside Nasir Aslam Wani," the advisor to the chief minister.

Both Zahir and Zamir actively took part in the campaign for the assembly elections in the family's bastion Ganderbal from where their father contested and won.

They had joined him in electioneering even during the par-

liamentary polls which Abdullah lost from north Kashmir's Baramulla Lok Sabha constituency.

In the assembly polls, the duo was actively seen canvassing for their father, meeting and interacting with party workers in the Ganderbal assembly segment.

The Abdullah scions also gave public speeches when they addressed a party workers' gathering in the central Kashmir district. They listened to the workers and assured them they would themselves see to it that their genuine concerns are addressed.

They recently also attended the party's youth meeting at the NC headquarters in Jammu. They visited the party's students' union office and interacted with youth activists.

However, both of them have said they have no plans of joining politics as they are too young and want to learn first.

MLAs Asked To Switch Off Cellphones During Proceedings

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Assembly Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather on Tuesday asked all the MLAs to keep their mobile phones switched off during House proceedings to uphold the sanctity of the legislature.

The speaker's direction came after some MLAs were seen filming the House proceedings with their mobile phones on the second day of the session, the first of the newly-elected Jammu and Kashmir Assembly. "Some members were seen

doing videography. It is requested that you switch off your mobile phones. We have to uphold the dignity and sanctity of the House," Rather said after the obituary references in the House.

The National Conference leader also warned that he would ensure that the rules of the Assembly are followed by the members.

"I request you to cooperate. If any member does not cooperate, I will be forced to take action," he said.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER, HAJIN

ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE: NO. 01 OF 2024
DATED:- 04-11-2024

Subject:- Advertisement for Recruitment of Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) and Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) in Anganwadi Centres of POSHAN Project Hajin

Ref: 1. Government order No 222-JK(SWD) of 2022 Dated:30.11.2022
Ref: 2. Government Order No.103-JK(SWD) of 2023 dated: 28.04.2023 (Phase 3rd).

In pursuance to Govt. Order No: 103-JK (SWD) of 2023 Dated: 28.04.2023 and approval conveyed by Mission Director Poshan J&K vide NO. SMD/ICDS/Recruitment/2022-23/7945-48 Dated:-11-03-2024 for filling up of various vacancies of Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) and Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) in Anganwadi Centres of POSHAN Project Hajin as per the details given below (Phase III):

Sr. No.	Name of Project	Name of Post	No. of Post
01	Hajin	AWW	01
		AWH	10
Total			11

Applications are invited in the Prescribed Performa in Annexure "A" from the eligible candidates for engagement as Anganwadi Worker and Anganwadi Helpers on Honorarium basis for aforementioned posts of Anganwadi Centres. The applications along with required documents shall be submitted in the office of CDPO Hajin within 14 days after the publication of the notice.

The important details with regard to the posts are as under:

(a) Application form
a) Annexure B- Name of the Post, Location/Ward, Qualification and Criteria for selection
b) Annexure C- Affidavit

ANNEXURE 'A'
FORMAT OF APPLICATION

- Name of POSHAN Project _____
- Name of Anganwadi Centre _____
- Post applied for _____
- Name of the Candidate _____
- Father's Name _____
- Husband's Name _____
- Residence _____ L. _____
- Ward .No. _____
- Address for correspondence _____
- Contact No. _____
- Date of Birth _____
- Age as on 01.01.2024 _____
- Academic Qualification: _____

S.No.	Examination passed	Board/University	Year of Passing	Marks Obtained	Total Marks	Percentage

14. Do the candidate belong to Retiring AWW/AWH (YES/NO)
15. Document Attached: _____

Date: _____ Signature of the candidate _____

ANNEXURE 'B'
Detail of Vacant Posts (AWW/AWH) along with name and location of AWC.

S.No	Name of Panchayat	NAME OF ANGANWADI CENTRE	WARD NO.	NAME OF POST	NO. OF POSTS
01	Ajas (A)	Chimpazpora	01	AWW	01
02	Ajas (A)	Puttu Mohalla (A)	06	AWH	01
03	Ajas (D)	Wani Mohalla	05	AWH	01
04	Ajas (E)	Tangbhitto	02	AWH	01
05	Rakhi Hajin	Butgund	01	AWH	01
06	Shahgund (B)	Band Mohalla (A)	02	AWH	01
07	Andergam	Andergam (A)	07	AWH	01
08	Andergam	Gundbal	05	AWH	01
09	Andergam	Andergam (G)	01	AWH	01
10	Hamray	Hamray (A)	02	AWH	01
11	Sultanpora (D)	Sultanpora (B)	05	AWH	01
Total				AWW	01

ELIGIBILITY:

A. For Anganwadi Workers

- The candidate must be domicile of the UT of J&K.
- Women candidates in the age group of 18-37 years shall be eligible.
- The candidate should be a resident of the electoral ward where Anganwadi Centre is situated. Name in the voter list for the ward shall be considered as the proof of residence of the candidate. In case the name of the candidate appears in the voter list along with her parents, then she must provide certificate of being unmarried issued by the concerned Tehsildar. Where ever, there is any dispute as to residence for any reason, then a residence proof certifying the ward of residence from the concerned SDM/ACR shall be considered.
- Minimum qualification for Anganwadi Worker shall be 10+2 and maximum graduation. In case no 10+2 pass candidate is available in the ward, 10+2 pass candidate from the adjoining ward shall be considered which would require prior approval of Mission Director, Mission POSHAN.
- In case suitable candidate is not available for adjoining ward, candidate from the nearest ward within the ward can be considered subject to the approval of the MD, Mission POSHAN.
- Weightage shall be given on the basis of marks obtained in 10+2 and selection shall be done purely on merit basis and no other criteria to be considered.
- In case of tie in merit of the eligible candidate, candidate with higher age will be preferred.
- Candidate with qualification higher than graduation shall not be considered.

B. Anganwadi Helpers

- The selection of Helper shall be restricted to the electoral ward where Anganwadi Centre is located.
- Women candidates in the age group of 18-37 years shall be eligible.
- The candidate must be domicile of the UT of J&K.
- Minimum qualification for Anganwadi Helper shall be matriculation.
- In case no matriculate candidate available in the ward, candidates with qualification not less than 8th standard shall be considered.
- The committee shall select the most destitute/needy married woman of the ward as helper from amongst those who fulfil the qualification criteria. In case no married candidate is available, unmarried candidate may be considered.

C. In case eligible candidate is available within the family of retiring AWWs/AWHs, the said candidates shall qualify for additional two percent points.

D. Document Verification

- The candidate who is shortlisted for Document verification will be required to appear for Document Verification along-with the original documents as well as self-attested Photostat copy of each document as per the Advertisement Notification. The candidate must be in possession of the prescribed academic qualification and other document like Domicile Certificate, on or before the last date of submission of application form.
- Marks sheet(s)/Diploma/Degree of the qualification prescribed for the post as per Advertisement Notification.
- Date of Birth/Matriculate Certificate.
- Domicile Certificate.
- Unmarried Certificate (where required)

2) Candidates have to bring two passport size recent colour photographs and one original Photo ID proof. Photo ID Proof can be:

- Aadhaar Card
- Voter ID card.

3) The candidate who are supposed to furnish various certificate issued by or before the prescribed cut-off date, shall be required to produce them at the time of Document Verification or as may be sought by the Committee; in case of failure, the committee shall take necessary decision which shall be final.

ANNEXURE C

All applicants to submit affidavit stating following facts:

- All Documents submitted are correct, without any mismatch, scanning, duplicate or fallacious in nature. If found incorrect or in any of the above stated situation the candidature of deponent may be cancelled and liable to action under law.
- Maximum qualification is Graduation for vacancy of Anganwadi workers and this is as per facts and onus of proving it to be true lies with the deponent.
- The deponent has read the HR policy no. 222-JK(SWD) of 2022 dated: 30.11.2022 and is well versed with all salient features of the policy and shall be applicable to the deponent in case of selection as Anganwadi worker/ Anganwadi Helper.

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NC Must Deliver on Its Promise of Reviewing New Reservation Policy



J&K'S NEW RESERVATION POLICY

Ummar Jamal

The National Conference's in its assembly election manifesto among other things promised people of J&K that if elected to power they will review the new reservation policy in Jammu and Kashmir. As per its election manifesto, the party promised to allocate reservations in proportion to population demographics, a move seen as essential by many of the region's youth who feel that the current system is misaligned with the principle of equitable opportunities. Now that the party has assumed power with a resounding mandate, the onus is on them to fulfill this pledge, not merely as an electoral promise but as a matter of justice and fairness.

Pausing all recruitments until review of New reservation policy

Recently, Sakeena Itoo, the Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare, and Education, announced the approval of advertisements for 575 lecturer positions in various streams within the School Education Department of Jammu and Kashmir. While this development is welcome move, I believe it is essential to pause all recruitments until a comprehensive review of the new reservation policy is conducted and the previous reservation policy is restored.

Continuing recruitment under the new reservation framework would significantly disadvantage students of open merit, who will find their opportunities limited due to the changes the reservation quotas. The new policy has raised concerns about fairness and merit. Rushing forward with recruitments would undermine the interests of deserving candidates. Therefore, I strongly advocate for a halt to all recruitments until this vital review is completed, safeguarding the integrity of the selection process and the future of our students.

Balancing affirmative action and merit

The essence of reservations in India, as enshrined in the Constitution, was to rectify historical injustices and uplift marginalized communities. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, one of the primary architects of the Constitution, emphasized that reservations should ensure fair opportunities for backward classes without undermining meritocracy. On November 30, 1948, during the Constituent Assembly debates, Dr. Ambedkar warned future governments about excessive reservation quotas, suggesting that while affirmative action is necessary, it must not compromise equality of opportunity.

The latest developments in Jammu and Kashmir's reservation policy have brought these concerns to the forefront. The recent decision to increase the Scheduled Tribe (ST) quota by 10% and the Other Backward Classes (OBC) quota by 4%, raising the total reservation to 70%, has been met with skepticism. The move, which also introduced four new tribes to the ST category, has led many to question whether this increase aligns with the foundational principles of India's reservation system. A reservation policy which fails to maintain proportionality risks becoming arbitrary and unfair, particularly when it affects the prospects of those outside reserved categories.

The addition of 10% reservation for the Pahari community and three other tribes has raised concerns about the criteria used for reservation allocation. The lack of clear evidence regarding widespread disadvantage among the Paharis and the other three tribes makes the rationale for this increase questionable. Reservation policies should ideally be based on objective indicators of backwardness and economic need, and the absence of such criteria weakens the le-

gitimacy of this recent decision.

Another key issue is the cumulative effect of reservations on the open merit category. With 70% of seats now reserved, the open merit pool—comprising about 69% of the population—has been limited to just 30% of available positions. This effectively reduces opportunities for a significant portion of the population that does not benefit from reservations. Given that the right to equality is a fundamental right under Article 14 of the Constitution, any policy that excessively restricts access to jobs or educational opportunities based on caste or community rather than individual merit raises concerns about fairness.

50 percent cap

Prior to these recent changes, Jammu and Kashmir's reservation framework was already complex. It included quotas for various communities and groups, such as Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs), OBCs, residents along the Line of Actual Control (LAC), Residents of Backward Areas (RBA), Economically Weaker Sections (EWS), Ex-servicemen, and Persons with Disabilities (PWD). Even with existing reservations totaling 56%, the decision to increase reservations further disrupts the equilibrium, exceeding the 50% cap imposed by the

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Going forward, the new government must restore the old reservation policy. Rather than allowing broad-stroke increases in quotas to continue, they should consider socioeconomic surveys, data analysis, and public consultations to determine which communities genuinely require affirmative support

Supreme Court of India in the landmark Indra Sawhney v. Union of India case of 1992.

The Supreme Court's ruling in the Indra Sawhney the Supreme Court established a judicially mandated ceiling of 50% for reservations, which could only be exceeded in exceptional circumstances, such as for extremely marginalized and remote communities. By raising Jammu and Kashmir's quota to 70%, the recent policy shift has ignored this limit, potentially breaching constitutional guidelines. Additionally, the judiciary has reiterated the need to carefully evaluate any decision that surpasses this 50% ceiling. The absence of convincing evidence to justify the recent expansion calls into question the policy's alignment with constitutional principles.

In other states, attempts to surpass the 50% cap have been met with legal challenges and, in several cases, struck down by the courts. For instance, the Maratha reservation in Maharashtra and similar reservation laws in Chhattisgarh, Orissa, and Rajasthan faced judicial scrutiny. The courts have consistently underscored the need to adhere to the principles of equality and merit, even when implementing affirmative action policies.

The judiciary's interpretation of reservations underscores the necessity of prudence when expanding quotas. Courts have argued that policies should be rooted in clear, demonstrable evidence of systemic disadvantage. Without this, the rationale behind any significant increase in reservations is open to question. The decision to allocate a 10% quota for four new tribes, without adequate proof of widespread socio-economic disadvantage, risks being perceived as preferential rather than equitable.

Merit over politicization

The new reservation policy has ignited debates about the politicization of reservations. Over the years, reservations have increasingly become a tool for garnering political support, sometimes at the expense of merit and fairness. This trend has led to the distortion of the reservation system, which was originally designed to address historical inequities and create opportunities for disadvantaged groups. The recent increase in Jammu and Kashmir's reservation quota, some argue, may be yet another example of using reservations to fulfill political objectives rather than social justice.

It is crucial to recognize that reservations, when implemented judiciously, can significantly empower marginalized groups. They provide a path for historically disadvantaged communities to access better educational and employment opportunities, thereby helping to mitigate socio-economic disparities. However, the effectiveness of reservation policies depends on their ability to target the genuinely disadvantaged and uplift them meaningfully. When reservation policies become disproportionately large, they risk undermining the very principles of inclusivity and equality they seek to uphold.

Tail piece

The current reservation scenario in Jammu and Kashmir reflects a need to revisit the balance between reservation and meritocracy. The foundational intent of affirmative action was never to supplant merit but to complement it by creating equitable opportunities. Yet, as reservation quotas increase, open merit candidates find themselves with fewer opportunities, which can breed disillusionment among youth.

Going forward, the new government must restore the old reservation policy. Rather than allowing broad-stroke increases in quotas to continue, they should consider socioeconomic surveys, data analysis, and public consultations to determine which communities genuinely require affirmative support. This would help to maintain a balance that respects both the ideals of social justice and the right to equal opportunity.

As Dr. Ambedkar envisioned, reservations should work to uplift marginalized communities without compromising on merit. A well-balanced approach that respects constitutional limits and prioritizes genuine need is essential to maintain public trust and achieve the true purpose of affirmative action.

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KO VIEW

Harking Back To Vajpayee

On the second day of the ongoing Assembly session on Tuesday, Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah praised former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee as a visionary, saying that today's political landscape might have been different if Vajpayee's approach towards J&K had been followed. He highlighted Vajpayee's focus on "Insaniyat, Jamhooriyat, and Kashmiriyat" to bridge divides and promote peace, highlighting his efforts for peace in Kashmir and with Pakistan. The CM expressed regret that the former prime minister's vision was not upheld, especially after the 2019 revocation of Article 370, which reorganized Jammu and Kashmir.

The efforts of Vajpayee towards ushering in peace in South Asia have always been a part of the political discourse in J&K. With regard to Pakistan his motto was that while we can change friends, we can't do the same with neighbours. This became a rationale for him for instituting one of the most durable dialogue processes with the then Pakistan president Pervez Musharraf that nearly pulled off a solution to the Kashmir issue.

True, in recent years, Kashmir has witnessed some peace. Militancy and recurring unrest have ebbed. But before this, J&K had also witnessed peace during Vajpayee's time. It was a result of a policy of reconciliation and engagement towards Kashmir and Pakistan pursued by the former prime minister from 2002 onwards to 2007. Ironically, the policy begun by Vajpayee, a BJP leader, was taken forward by the Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, a Congress leader, through the latter's first term. The policy had greatly reduced militancy in the Valley and helped build a momentum towards the resolution of the issues in Kashmir.

However, there is a lot that has happened since then. The dynamics that had made the engagement possible then no longer obtain. After withdrawal of J&K's special status in August 2019, the complexion of the Kashmir issue has changed beyond recognition. Several new factors are at play in the regional geo-politics and in the relations between the two countries that have made it increasingly difficult to go back to the Vajpayee-Musharraf formula. New Delhi has also taken Kashmir off the table in future discussions with Pakistan, considering the issue settled once and for all. The only issues that New Delhi wants to discuss now are terrorism and the return of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. The refrain in India is that it desires normal neighbourly relations with Islamabad in an environment free of terror, hostility, and violence.

But Pakistan wants to only discuss Kashmir and also seeks a reversal of the withdrawal of Article 370 which is not going to happen. The positions of the two countries have thus become too irreconcilable to make it easy for them to re-engage. But it is still possible that the prime minister Narendra Modi and his Pakistani counterpart Shehbaz Sharif will engage and break ice. In the interest of regional peace, the two neighbours need to transcend their differences and talk to each other. This alone will change the situation in the region for the better. But for that to happen, Pakistan has to also observe some ground rules. A true dialogue can only take place in an environment where there is no risk of it being upstaged by violence as has happened in the past.



Did you know? Understanding Wealth Creation vs. Returns: A Simple Guide

Irshad Mushtaq

When people talk about doubling their money by buying and selling stocks, they're talking about returns. However, there's a big difference between earning returns and creating lasting wealth. Let's break it down.

Returns vs. Wealth Creation

Returns: This is what you get when you sell something for more than you paid. For example, buying a stock for 10 rupees and selling it for 50 rupees is a return on your investment. Many people experience good returns but don't become wealthy.

Wealth Creation: This involves saving and investing money wisely over time to grow it significantly. It's about multiplying your money to reach higher levels, like turning thousands into lakhs and then into crores. Wealth creation requires a long-term mindset.

How to Create Wealth

1. Invest Regularly: Continually saving and investing can be more powerful than seeking quick returns.

2. Diversify: Use mutual funds to invest in a variety of assets - be it in fixed deposits, gold, real estate, or directly in shares.

3. Adopt the Right Mindset: Consider yourself a business owner by investing in quality shares, ETFs and mutual funds. When you buy shares in a mutual fund, you become a co-owner of the companies in that fund. This ownership gives you a stake in their success without having to manage the business yourself.

The Role of Mutual Funds

Mutual funds are a simple tool to help you create wealth without needing to get deeply involved in managing businesses. They offer a way to invest in a diversified portfolio, minimizing risk and potentially maximizing returns.

Conclusion

Instead of a trader's mindset, adopt an owner's mindset. Think long-term, like a company owner, not just a trader seeking quick profits. By understanding the distinction between making returns and creating wealth, you can start on the path to financial stability and growth.

Invest wisely, think long-term, and let your money work for you. Many confuse returns with wealth creation! While returns are about quick gains, true wealth creation is a long-term journey of wise saving & investing. Think like an owner, not a trader! Invest regularly, diversify, and embrace quality shares, ETFs and mutual funds for financial growth.

Learn from the insights of @Irshad Mushtaq, Writer, Investor, Entrepreneur & Founder of M I Securities! Connect for valuable financial advice at misecurities@bp.sharekhan.com

TRUMP OR HARRIS

Could Jill Stein Determine Who Wins?

The Democrats and Trump alike think Stein could eat into the Harris vote. But what do the polls and historical evidence suggest?

Sarah Shamim

In an advertisement for the Democrats in the United States in October, an image of left-wing environmentalist politician Jill Stein morphs into the face of Republican candidate and former President Donald Trump within the blink of an eye.

"A vote for Stein is really a vote for Trump," a cautionary voiceover in the advertisement, titled "Crucial", says. The video segues into Trump at a Pennsylvania rally this year, saying: "Jill Stein? I like her very much. You know why? She takes 100 percent from them."

On October 28, the Democratic National Committee announced that it would spend about \$500,000 in a last-minute effort to persuade voters in swing states against voting for third-party candidates such as Stein, the Green Party's nominee for the presidential election, and the unaffiliated candidate, Cornel West.

Both Trump and the Democrats have implied that Stein could dent the vote for Democratic candidate and Vice President Kamala Harris, paving the way for a Trump win.

But what do the polls say? How much impact could Stein, a third-party candidate, have on the outcome?

Who is Jill Stein and what are her key positions?

Stein, 74, is the US Green Party nominee for the presidential election. She announced her candidacy via a video message on X on November 9, 2023. She previously ran for the 2012 and 2016 elections.

Born in Chicago and raised in Illinois, Stein graduated from Harvard College in 1973 and from Harvard Medical School in 1979. Her campaign website describes her as a practising physician.

The Green Party is a left-wing federation of Green state parties in the US, advocating for environmentalism and social justice.

Her positions on some of the key issues in this election are:

Israel's war on Gaza

Stein has called for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza, an end to the blockade of the Palestinian enclave, the provision of humanitarian aid and the release of Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails alongside Israeli captives being held in Gaza. According to her campaign website, she wants to "stop US support and arms sales to human rights abusers". She wants to "end the longstanding US practice of vetoing UN Security



Council resolutions to hold Israel accountable to international law". She also says she wants to disband NATO and "replace it with a modern, inclusive security framework that respects the security interests of all nations and people".

Russia-Ukraine war

The Green Party wants to "stop fuelling" the Russia-Ukraine war and work on negotiating a peaceful end to it.

Climate change

Stein's party wants to advance the Green New Deal proposal to transition to clean energy and achieve zero emissions. The party says it takes an "eco-socialist approach" towards the environment, centring and compensating Black people, Indigenous people and the poor. Stein wants to declare a climate emergency and ensure the release of \$650bn annually to boost renewable energy and clean transport.

The economy

A Stein administration would seek to create an economy that "works for working people, not just the wealthy and powerful". Stein wants to introduce an economic bill of rights, abolishing private schools and guaranteeing free child-care and a lifelong free public education for all from preschool to graduate school. Additionally, she wants to cancel student debt for 43 million

people in the US. She also wants to reduce taxes on incomes below the real median income of \$75,000 per household, and increase taxes on "the ultra-wealthy and giant corporations".

How is Stein faring in the polls?

Overall, Stein was polling at about 1 percent nationally, according to The New York Times polling released in the first week of October.

However, discontent is brewing among many Arab-American and Muslim voters towards both the leading candidates – Harris and Trump – because of their unwavering support for Israel in its war in Gaza.

The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), a US-based Muslim civil rights and advocacy organisation, revealed on Friday that 42.3 percent of Muslim voters prefer Stein compared with 41 percent of Muslim voters who prefer Harris.

The poll of 1,449 verified Muslim American voters was conducted between October 1 and 31. It showed just 9.8 percent of Muslim voters were in support of Trump.

On February 27 this year, CAIR estimated that there were about 2.5 million registered Muslim American voters. That is approximately 1.6 percent of some 160 million registered voters in the US.

How is Stein polling in the swing states?

Between October 30 and 31, Brazil-based

analytics and data intelligence website AtlasIntel polled samples of voters in the seven swing states.

- **Arizona:** 1.1 percent of voters preferred Stein; 50.8 percent preferred Trump; and 45.9 Harris
- **Georgia:** 2 percent for Stein; 48.8 percent for Trump; and 47.2 percent for Harris
- **Michigan:** 1.7 percent for Stein; 49.2 percent for Trump; and 48.3 percent for Harris
- **Nevada:** 1.2 percent of voters chose "Others"; 50.5 percent chose Trump; and 46.9 percent chose Harris; Stein did not figure on the ballot
- **North Carolina:** 0.7 percent for Stein; 50.7 percent for Trump; and 46.7 percent for Harris
- **Pennsylvania:** 1 percent for Stein; 48.5 percent for Trump; and 47.4 percent for Harris
- **Wisconsin:** 0.8 percent for Stein; 48.5 percent for Trump; and 48.2 percent for Harris

Could Stein swing this election?

As the margins between Harris and Trump are so slim, some experts believe that votes for Stein could indeed swing the election.

"The vote right now is so close that a small amount of tipping in one direction or another could swing it," Bernard Tamas, professor of political science at Valdosta State University, told The Guardian newspaper.

The Guardian also quoted Nura Sediq, an assistant professor in American politics at Michigan State University, who said: "Muslims are split. They're not all voting third party, but let's imagine a third are: then you've got up to 50,000 votes that had traditionally gone to the Democrats moving away. So if the margin is as slim as it was last time, it may affect the Democratic party."

On Friday, the European Green family, including Green parties all over Europe, released a joint statement calling on Stein to withdraw from the race and endorse Harris. "We are clear that Kamala Harris is the only candidate who can block Donald Trump and his anti-democratic, authoritarian policies from the White House," the statement read.

However, Kyle Kopko, an adjunct professor of political science at Elizabethtown College in Pennsylvania told Al Jazeera that while Stein can, in theory, swing the election, in practise it depends on how close the election results are.

It will have to be an "extraordinarily close election" for her to swing the vote, Kopko said.

Have votes for Stein swung elections before?

Stein contested the 2016 election and won

132,000 votes across battleground states Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania. Together, the three states are worth 44 Electoral votes.

In these three states, Democrat Hilary Clinton lost by a combined 77,000 votes. Despite winning the popular vote, therefore, Clinton lost the Electoral College vote to Trump, who won 304 votes compared with Clinton's 227.

The Republican leader beat Clinton in Michigan with a 0.3 percentage point margin of victory, in Pennsylvania with a 0.7 point margin of victory and in Wisconsin with a 0.7 point margin. These narrow victories earned him 44 Electoral votes combined from the three states.

In November 2016, an analysis cited by Vox suggested that if every Stein voter had voted for Clinton instead, she could have won Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania, and therefore, the election.

Kopko said this might be misleading, however. If Stein had not been on the ballot, it is unlikely that every Stein voter would have voted for Clinton. "Some voters would be disillusioned and not vote at all, or find another third party candidate to vote for," he said.

Have other third-party candidates affected election results?

In the 2000 US presidential election, Green Party candidates Ralph Nader and Winona LaDuke contested the election on the party's ticket and ended up winning 2.7 percent of the popular vote. Nader made inroads in swing states Florida and New Hampshire, and it is believed that this allowed the states to switch from the Democrats to the Republicans.

This fed speculation that the Green Party ticket ate away the vote share for Democrat Al Gore to bolster a Republican George Bush win. The Green Party denied this.

Gore won more than half a million votes and conceded only after a monthlong legal battle.

The two-party political system has made it difficult for third parties to make a dent in election results.

Only four third-party candidates have been able to win Electoral College votes since 1920. They are – Robert La Follette, who won 13 Electoral votes in 1924; Strom Thurmond, who won 39 in 1948; George Wallace, who won 45 in 1968; and John Hospers, who won one Electoral vote cast by a faithless elector in 1972.

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Careful With the Young!

Dr. Mushtaq Rather

In the current day and age, stress is continuously mounting on the younger generation to perform exceedingly well and live upto the expectations of their parents, relatives, teachers, peers. The mantra of either perform or perish is seriously casting a shadow on the wellbeing of the younger generation. In this cut throat competition, the only alternative for the younger generation is to emerge victorious, no matter how far his/her health, be it their physical or mental health domain is stretched. How can we justify our unjustified and undesirable expectations from the younger generation? We have rendered younger generation vulnerable and susceptible to self harming incidents like suicides and drug abuse ruining their career and life.

We need to pause and seriously ponder over it. We are pushing our younger generation towards materialistic values and are least bothered about inculcating philanthropic attitude among them and the result is in front of all of us. Our societal norms and regulations are in shambles. Who will take a stand and rectify it, when the cornerstone of every upbringing relies on acquiring materialistic goals?

Additionally, the younger generation prefers to lead a sedentary life and seems to be least concerned about participating in outdoor activities. In this technologically driven era where children are most of the time found glued to the screens of their digital gadgets, the motivation and access to sports grounds for varied sports activities is diminishing with each passing day. This will even further exacerbate due to the disruptive incorporation of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the technological landscape. This has catastrophic consequences on their overall wellbeing: be it their physical, mental or psycho-social well being.

Rigidity and undesired expectations from parents

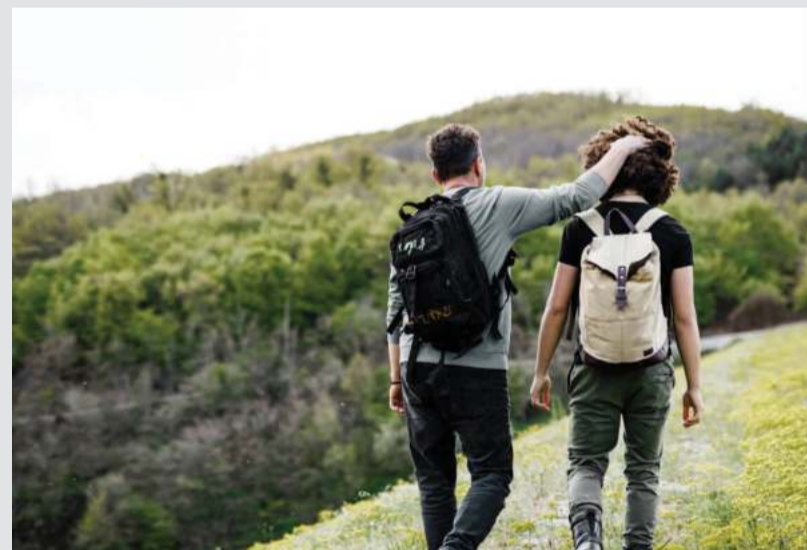
There is no wrong on the part of the parent to dream that their children excel in their careers. However in deciding the career progression of their child, as parents it is rather obligatory to entertain and accommodate the insights of their wards while laying out career options for them. However, the ground reality is disappointing. Parents don't take their children onboard in exploring diverse career options. As career sensitive parents, we need to be empathetic and compassionate towards our children and provide them a degree of breathing space instead of dictating terms to the younger lot. The dictatorial approach has caused more harm than good and has seriously altered the mental stability leading to mental chaos, stress and trauma.

Recently a young boy from Mattan area of south Kashmir who was on rolls in a coaching institute at Kota Rajasthan died by suicide. The reason behind this self inflicting harm is believed to be lack of congenial family atmosphere where the child was unable to express himself and was left with no choice but to take his life. Had there been any space for expressing divergent views and choices, his life and the lives of other innumerable children like him could have been saved.

As parents we need to keep two things in mind while deciding the career path for our children: is the child interested in pursuing that career and does the child have the inherent potential to execute the career option decided for him/her?

Mental health Issues of adolescents

Adolescence is the period of profound transformation. It marks the transition from childhood to adulthood and is laden with challenges –including those related to the perception of one's body and body image issues. Society's expectations regarding the "ideal" behaviour and body types can significantly affect physical and mental health.



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The weight of academic expectations, peer pressure and concerns about the future also takes a toll on mental health at this stage of life. Adolescents in India are particularly vulnerable to mental health problems like anxiety disorders and depression. Official reports have cited that among Indians aged between 13-17 years, the prevalence of severe mental illness is 7.3% and the situation is even more alarming in our UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

Social media and Moral-rupty among younger generation

Virtual communication through social networking sites has no doubt ensured the user to go beyond the geographical boundaries in establishing virtual societies, but in the reality it has led to social isolation as the people mostly the younger generation are glued to their electronic gadgets in chat-

ting and texting with their virtual friends and pay little heed to establish bonds in the real life. As a result the real social sphere of people is shrinking with each passing day. In the bygone era when there was no social media and internet, the younger generation used to contribute constructively in participating varied community services on a voluntary basis, where they used to interact with the young and the old to imbibe life-long skills and foster the social milieu. In the current circumstances of socialization via virtual platforms the neighborly bond which people enjoyed during yesteryears is waning with each passing day. Moreover, the autonomy and the independence enjoyed by the younger generation in operating social media platforms has given them the absolute right without checks and balances in accessing the content as per their taste and choice. The unfiltered and filthy content too has crept deep into the younger generation as they are unable to differentiate between the right content and the filthy content. This has seriously dented morality as our society is at the brink of collapse in terms of moral values.

Conclusion

The younger generation has a central role in realization of vision driven vibrant futuristic society. There must be calibrated efforts on the part of every concerned stakeholder to find amicable and viable solutions to the issues encountered by the younger generation. Rather than adopting the dictatorial and unidirectional approach, we need to come to the level of the younger generation to mitigate their sufferings. The lava accumulating in the younger generation if left unattended without giving any vent to express will erupt with serious ramifications.

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Most People Unaware Obesity Can Raise 20% Lifetime Risk Of Pancreatic Cancer

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Even as pancreatic cancer rates are rising among people under age 50, a new study has showed that most people are unaware that obesity can increase the lifetime risk of pancreatic cancer by 20 per cent.

The study, led by researchers from the Ohio State University's Wexner Medical Center, showed that most people continue to believe that pancreatic disease affects only the elderly – and that there is nothing they can do to reduce their risk.

"Pancreatic cancer rates, however, have been rising by about 1 per cent annually, and we are seeing this disease in people who are in their 40s much more

regularly. This is a concerning trend, and one for which research is needed to learn why," said Zobeida Cruz-Monserrate, from the varsity.

For the study, the team surveyed from October 4 – October 7 among a sample of 1,004 respondents in the US who were asked about risk factors for pancreatic cancer.

The results showed that more than half (53 per cent) of adults under age 50 said they would not recognise the early signs or symptoms of the disease, and more than one-third (37 per cent) believe there is nothing they can do to change their risk of pancreatic cancer.

More than one-third (33 per cent) also believe only older adults are at risk.

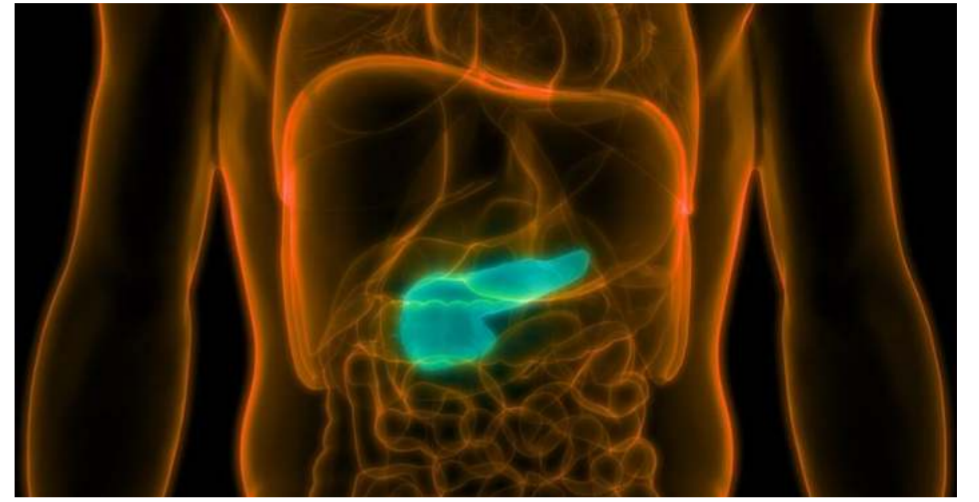
Cruz-Monserrate said reducing the risk of pancreatic cancer could start with maintaining a healthy weight. Obesity alone in-

creases a person's lifetime risk for pancreatic cancer by 20 per cent.

On the other hand, the American Cancer Society (ACS) estimates that just 10 per cent of pancreatic cancers are linked to heredity risk (genetic markers passed down through families), including the BRCA genes, Lynch syndrome, and others.

"You can't change your genes, but you can change your lifestyle. For most people, obesity is within someone's power to change. It also increases a person's risk for type 2 diabetes, other cancers, and cardiovascular disease," said Cruz-Monserrate.

Other modifiable lifestyle factors believed to reduce your lifetime risk for pancreatic cancer include limiting or eliminating alcohol consumption, regular moderate exercise, and a plant-based diet with limited red or processed meat.



Study Finds Techniques To Protect Neurons From Harmful Impact Of High-Fat Diet On Multiple Sclerosis Progression

ANI

The study, led by Patrizia Casaccia, founding director of the Advanced Science Research Centre at the CUNY Graduate Center's (CUNY ASRC) Neuroscience Initiative and Einstein Professor of Biology and Biochemistry at the CUNY Graduate Centre, investigated how enzymes known as ceramide synthase 5 and 6 are responsible for the toxic effect of a palm oil-rich diet on neurons in the central nervous system, which leads to an increase in the severity of MS symptoms.

MS is an inflammatory autoimmune disease marked by extensive damage to the insulating myelin sheath that protects nerves throughout the body. Current treatments focus on controlling the immune system's response, but the precise mechanisms contributing to neurodegeneration in MS remain poorly understood. Previous work from the Casaccia lab and others had reported on the toxic effect of a high-fat diet on the severity of MS symptoms. In their study, researchers ex-

plored potential mechanisms by which a diet rich in palm oil may hijack neuronal health.

Using the experimental autoimmune encephalomyelitis (EAE) model of inflammatory demyelination, the research team found that diets high in palm oil led to a more severe disease course in mice.

"We reasoned that inside neuronal cells, palm oil is converted into a toxic substance called C16 ceramide by specific enzymes called CerS5 and CerS6," said principal investigator Casaccia. "This ceramide is responsible for inflicting mitochondrial damage, which deprives neurons of the energy they need to counteract inflammation in the brain. We therefore asked whether inactivation of these enzymes would confer neuroprotection."

The researchers found that when they genetically deleted the enzymes CerS6 and CerS5 in neurons they could prevent neurodegeneration in the experimental model of MS.

"This held true even when mice were fed a diet rich in palmitic acid," said the paper's co-first author Damien Marechal, a research associate with the

Casaccia Lab. "This new information points to a specific metabolic pathway through which dietary fats can worsen MS symptoms."

The paper's findings have significant implications for individuals diagnosed with MS as well as for clinicians treating patients and neuroscientists researching the disease. The work reinforces that lifestyle choices, such as diet, can have a profound impact on the course of the disease. The study's results build on previous concepts about careful dietary choices in managing the symptoms of MS. The findings also identify potential molecules that could help slow diet-induced symptom severity.

"Our research provides a molecular explanation for how to protect neurons from the palm-oil-dependent creation of molecules that harm them," said Casaccia. "We hope this information can empower patients to make informed dietary decisions that could positively impact the course of the disease, while identifying strategies to counteract the effect of cerS5 and cerS6 in a neuron-specific fashion."



Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya National Institute for Persons with Physical Disabilities (Divyangjan)

Under Department of Empowerment of PwDs (Divyangjan)

Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment

4, Vishnu Digamber Marg, New Delhi – 110002

WALK IN INTERACTION

A walk in Interview for the following post on contractual basis is scheduled to be held on 14.11.2024 at 09.30 AM onwards in the premises of Composite Regional Centre, Samba, UT of Jammu & Kashmir, 11-A / D, Second Extension, Gandhi Nagar, Green Belt, Jammu-180004.

Sr. No.	Name of post	No. of Posts	Consolidated Remuneration per month
1.	Assistant Professor (PMR) (Consultant)	01	₹75,000/-
2.	Assistant Professor (Speech Pathology) (Consultant)	01	₹75,000/-
3.	Assistant Professor (Clinical Psychology) (Consultant)	01	₹75,000/-
4.	Lecturer (Occupational Therapy) (Consultant)	01	₹60,000/-
5.	Clinical Assistant (Speech Therapist) (Consultant)	01	₹50,000/-

For more detail regarding Age, Qualifications, experience & timing etc., please visit at www.pdunippd.in

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Dy. Director (Admn.)
(PDUNIPPD)

Before the Hon'ble Court of Principal District Judge at Pulwama
Before the Hon'ble Court of Munsiff at Pampore

In the case of: 01 Murtiza Noor 02. Shafiq Mujtaba (sons) & 03.Arshee Noor (daughter) of Khurshheed Ahmad Sayeed@ Andrabli Residents of : Dusoo, Tehsil: Pampore & District: Pulwama.

(Caveators/Applicants)

Vs
Public At Large
(Caveatee/ Non- Applicant)

In the matter of:
Caveat Application on behalf of the Caveators for providing an opportunity of being heard in their favour before passing any order or direction against them in ex-parte in any suit or application presented by the Non-applicant in respect of land measuring 01 Kanal 04 Marlas falling under Survey No. 129, Khawat No.466 & Khata No.668 situated at Dusoo Tehsil Pampore District Pulwama along with all the ongoing improvements by way of fencing and construction etc.

Date: 06-11-2024.
FKO

Caveators through counsel
Mushtaq A. Khanday & Associate Advocate

NAME CHANGE

I intend to rectify the name in my Electricity Connection from **ADNAN JAVID S/O JAVID AHMAD R/O NAID KADAL MAKHDOOM MANDAW to JAVID YOUSUF S/O MOHAMMAD YOUSUF Bearing Consumer ID 0204030000226**. In this regard, if any person/quarter should have any kind of objection he/she may file to the Sub-Division office HAWAL within a week at the most, after that no objection will be entertained.

MEDIA LINE ADS

Government of Jammu and Kashmir
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD(R&B) DIVISION ANANTNAG

Email: xenrbkhanabal@gmail.com Phone and Fax: 01932-222221

CANCELLATION

Subject: Cancellation of work at S. No 01 of NIT 59 "Upgradation/Repair of various rooms at District court complex Anantnag."

Ref: NIT NO 59 OF R&B/Anantnag/2024-25 /E-TENDERING/7642-51 DATED 31-10-2024.

Due to Administrative reasons, the subject cited work which was put to tenders vide this office above referred NIT is hereby Cancelled.

No. 7678-86
DIPK-7327/24 Dated: 05-11-2024

Executive Engineer,
R&B Division Anantnag.

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY SRINAGAR
Dated: 27.09.2024
Present: Ms. Nusrat Ali Hakak

In the case of:
The Jammu and Kashmir Bank Limited
B/Ur: Balgarden Srinagar
Through its Branch Head Mr. Munshi Wajid Ali
Address:- The Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd, a banking company incorporated under the J&K Companies Regulation No. XI of 1977 (Samvat), having its registered office at Corporate Headquarters Maulana Azad Road, Srinagar, &K and having its branch office situated at Balgarden Srinagar through its Branch Head Munshi Wajid Ali.

...Applicant

1. M/S Elina Pharmaceuticals Distributors
New Secretariat Srinagar
Through its prop. The Non-applicant No. 2.
2. Abdul Rouf Khan
S/o: Fateh Mohammad Khan,
R/o: Khan Manzil Ompora Bud gam
3. Zahid Sidiq S/o: Mohammad Sidiq Khanday
R/o: Meej Pampore Kashmir
4. Khurshheed Ahmed Malla, S/o: Bashir Ahmed Malla
R/o: Peer Bagh, Srinagar.
5. Zahoor Ahmed Kashoo,
S/o: Mohammad Yousuf Kashoo R/o: Nawab Bazar Srinagar.
6. Adil Ahmed Warm S/o: Ali Mohammad Wani R/o: New Barzulla Srinagar.
... (Non Applicants)

VS
In the matter of Substitute service through Publication / Advertisement
Whereas, applicant Bank has filed application before this authority in terms of Section 12-A of Act and Commercial Courts.
Whereas, number of notices were issued against non-applicants on many occasions but services could not be effective due to insufficient / incomplete address.
Whereas, it has been shown to the satisfaction of the undersigned that service of non-applicants could not be effective in ordinary mode.
Therefore, the non-applicants through the medium of this notice are directed to appear in person or their attorney by or before the next date of hearing i.e. 30.11.2024

Sd/-
Secretary (Sub Judge)
District Legal Services Authority Srinagar

Office of the Superintendent District Jail Anantnag
Kheribal Mattan Anantnag
Email: dianantnag@gmail.com Fax No: 01932-237004

Auction Notice for Walnuts

It is notified for the information of General Public that the District Jail Anantnag intends to conduct the spot auction for the fresh seasonal walnut crop (harvested & dried) in Public Auction on 07.11.2024 at 11.30 Hrs in the Jail Premises. The minimum bid per Kilogram shall start at Rupees one Hundred Fifty only (Rs: 151 / Kg). Each bidder shall deposit rs1500/- EMD in the form of CDR pledged in favour of Superintendent District Jail Anantnag, in advance. The successful bidder shall have to deposit the full bidding amount in cash at the time of completion of auction formalities by this Jail. The detailed notice along with the terms and conditions can be obtained on any working day from the Accounts Section the District Jail Anantnag. Interested persons may also call 9018405876 in office hours.
This is in continuation to Notice: DJA/Acctts/2024-25/1022-23 dt:24.10.2024 that received insufficient response.

Terms & Conditions:
1. The interested parties may inspect the above mentioned items at the Jail premises on all working days between 11.00 AM to 4.00PM.
2. Those who are interested to participate in Auction should deposit rs1500/- EMD in the form of CDR pledged in favour of Superintendent District Jail Anantnag, up to one hour before commencement of auction on 07.11.2024.
3. The Successful bidder shall deposit 1/10th of the total bid amount on-spot either in cash or DD favouring Superintendent District Jail Anantnag.
4. The entire Walnut crop should be treated as one item for Auction and No sorting and screening will be allowed.
5. The auctioned Walnuts will be allowed to be lifted by successful bidder only after the submission of remaining bid amount on the same day, failing which his EMD shall be forfeited.
6. Applicable taxes if any shall be borne by the successful bidder over and above the highest bid amount.
7. After fulfilling due formalities, the successful bidder shall lift the auctioned scrap within 3 days of auction proceedings.
8. Superintendent District Jail Anantnag reserves the right to accept or reject the auction offer without assigning any reason, if necessary.
9. The cost of the outward carriage shall be borne by the successful bidder.

Sd/-
Superintendent District Jail Anantnag

No: DJA/Acctts/2024-25/1054-55
DIPK-7310/24 Dated: 05.11.2024

Government of Jammu and Kashmir
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT SHEEP HUSBANDRY OFFICER KUPWARA

Subject: Expression of interest in establishing 20 Ewes Sheep unit under Integrated Sheep Development Scheme (ISDS) with 50% Subsidy.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Given the fact that few applicants of CD Block Kralpora, Reddi Chowkibal, Kalaroos, Drugmulla, Qadirabad & Handwara who were selected under Integrated Sheep Development Scheme (ISDS) with 50% Subsidy for establishment of 20 ewe's sheep units, could not establish their units on time.
As such through this notice unemployed youth of below mentioned CD blocks are hereby informed to express the interest in establishing 20 Ewes Sheep units through application addressed to District Sheep Husbandry Officer Kupwara by or before 7th November (before 3:30 PM).

S No	Name of CD Block	Category	No of units
1	Kralpora	General	01
2	Reddi Chowkibal	General	01
3	Kalaroos	General	01
04	Drugmulla	ST	01
05	Qadirabad	ST	01
06	Handwara	ST	01
Total	06		

Note: The terms and condition will remain same as per earlier advertisement published by this office vide No. DSHOK/Tech/2023-24/836-850 Dated: 13-06-2023

No. DSHOK/tech/2023-24/1787
DIPK-7315/24
Dated: 05/11/2024

Sd/=
District Sheep Husbandry Officer
Kupwara

FCIK Calls For Policy Overhaul To Revitalize Poultry In J&K



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR- The Federation of Chambers of Industries Kashmir (FCIK) has urged the government to revamp its policies governing the poultry industry to rejuvenate local farming in Jammu & Kashmir. Emphasizing the need to unlock the region's production potential, FCIK proposed the formation of a specialized committee, in collaboration with the Chamber, to thoroughly assess the industry's challenges and recommend actionable solutions for its revival.

The FCIK highlighted that the poultry industry had thrived during the first regime of Omar Abdullah's government meeting around 85% of the local demand for chicken through domestic production. The sector also generated significant employment opportunities, benefiting tens of thousands directly and indirectly.

However, FCIK expressed concern over the sharp decline in local poultry production, which has dropped by nearly 300%. Currently, the industry meets only 25% of local demand, with thousands of workers losing their jobs due to this downturn.

The Chamber attributed the

decline to unfavorable policy changes following the reorganization of the state, which disproportionately benefited external suppliers at the expense of local farmers.

Previously, under the government policy aimed at boosting local production, a tax of ₹9 per kilogram of imported chicken was levied at the Lakhanpur checkpoint. This tax not only generated revenue but also created a level playing field for local farmers.

"The withdrawal of toll and abolition of the Lakhanpur toll post in 2020 has severely impacted the local poultry industry, causing production to plummet by 300%, now meeting just 25% of local demand," the FCIK noted with concern.

The Chamber cautioned about the adverse effects of unrestricted imports of live and dressed chicken which not only undermine local producers but also raise concerns over the quality and hygiene of unchecked chicken meat supplied to local hotels and restaurants.

A delegation from the Kashmir Valley Poultry Farmers Association (KVPPFA), led by President Ghulam Mohammad Bhat, recently met with the FCIK Advisory Committee to discuss the dire state of the industry.

Chief Secretary Assesses Measures Taken For Promotion Of Pashmina Trade



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR- Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, Tuesday chaired a meeting of stakeholders to promote the Pashmina trade here in J&K.

The meeting, besides Commissioner Secretary Industries & Commerce, was attended by Director Handicrafts & Handloom Kashmir; other concerned officers and private players belonging into this trade.

At the outset of the meeting, the Chief Secretary enquired about different measures taken by the Department to promote this significant sector of handicrafts here in J&K. He observed that this craft has a very high potential and if tapped optimally can bring employment and substantial revenue to both the craftsmen and those associated with the trade.

Dulloo also underscored the need for taking steps to restrict the marketing of counterfeit items on the name of Pashmina. He stressed on marking genuine Pashmina

products with GI tags so that there is no difficulty in identification of the same. He asked for employing modern technology for achieving the desired results along with augmenting the testing capacity of labs for slashing the waiting time considerably.

In his presentation the Director, Handicrafts & Handloom, Kashmir, Mehmood Shah enumerated different achievements of the Department registered during the past weeks in reviving Pashmina sector and giving it a big push to grow here.

It was revealed that the Department had succeeded in getting the sanction of Rs 5 Cr for establishment of Common Facility Centre (CFC) for Pashmina artisans here at Srinagar. In addition to that Rs 2 Cr had been secured for establishment of Pashmina Bank for round the year availability of raw material and 51 lakhs for the establishment of wool bank for creating a hub for efficient and quality wool processing in the valley.

Moreover it was given out that the Departmental committees has worked out the rates for procurement of Pashmina and Wool also which is going to enable the process of procurement for its further processing and manufacture of finished goods at the hands of artisans here.

Furthermore the Department featured several measures in progress that are going to rejuvenate this sector much beyond its present status. It was added that the Department has framed an action plan to be submitted for large scale development of this sector in J&K.

It was added that the plan includes establishment of more Raw Material Banks, de-hairing centres and Advanced Testing Labs of Higher Capacity besides using QR codes for identification of Genuine Products, better marketing and packaging avenues and participation in national and international trade fairs providing direct benefit to the craftsmen associated with this trade.



Fresh Demand For Kashmiri Apples Brings Relief To Growers

'40% of produce yet to reach markets; production down by 30% this year'

Agencies

SRINAGAR- Fruit growers in the valley are experiencing renewed optimism as fresh demand for Kashmiri apples surges across Indian markets, bringing much-needed relief and joy to the region's apple-growing community.

Several growers said that after a sluggish demand during the peak harvesting season, demand for apples has picked up across the country, which allowed them to secure better prices and lifted the spirits of many growers.

Mohammad Yaqoob, a fruit grower from Shopian, said that during the peak season, apple boxes were selling at around Rs 600 to 800, but are now fetching between Rs 1,000 and 1,200. "Those who sold their produce earlier faced losses, but currently, growers are seeing good returns," he said.

Growers across Kashmir had been anxious this season as a combination of heatwaves and an extended dry spell impacted both fruit quality and overall yield. However, the current high demand for Kashmiri apples, known for their unique flavour and crispness, is creating a favourable market situa-

tion, offsetting the lower production for many growers.

Javid Ahmad, another fruit grower, said that while the majority of growers have already sold their produce, many are now sending their apples to market and receiving good returns. He added that flooding the market all at once lowers demand, and growers should time their sales based on market demand rather than personal preference.

Bashir Ahmad Bashir, president of the Kashmir Valley Fruit Growers and Dealers Association and the New Kashmir Fruit Association said that production this year is down by around 30% due to erratic weather conditions in spring, including untimely heavy rains in April, followed by a prolonged dry spell and hailstorms in recent months.

He said that although demand is currently high across Indian markets, around 40% of the apple produce, including that in cold storage units, is yet to reach markets and is expected to yield handsome returns.

"Last year, production was also lower, but prices remained good throughout the season. This year, however, demand was initially low but has now picked up," Bashir added.

Gold Rises ₹200 To ₹81,300 Per 10 Grams; Silver Jumps ₹1,800

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI- Gold prices rose Rs 200 to Rs 81,300 per 10 grams in the national capital on Tuesday amid fresh buying by local jewellers and strong global trends, according to the All India Sarafa Association.

The precious metal of 99.9 per cent purity retreated from a record high in the national capital on Monday, declining Rs 1,300 to Rs 81,100 per 10 grams.

Silver jumped Rs 1,800 to Rs 96,700 per kg on Tuesday. In the previous session, it had closed at Rs 94,900 per kg.

Gold of 99.5 per cent purity appreciated by Rs 200 to Rs 80,900 per 10 grams against the previous close of Rs 80,700 per 10 grams on Monday.

Traders attributed the rise in yellow metal prices to a pick-up in demand by local jewellers and retailers in the domestic markets.

Meanwhile, in futures trade on the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX), gold contracts for December delivery slipped Rs 18 or 0.02 per cent to trade at Rs 78,404 per 10 grams. During the day, the precious metal hit a high of Rs 78,580 per 10 grams and a low of Rs 78,191 per 10 grams. "Gold prices are currently facing minor resistance near the Rs 78,500 level, with a similar hurdle in the



international market at around USD 2,745-2,750 per ounce. This resistance is holding firm, as the upcoming US election adds a layer of caution for investors.

"Additionally, the US Federal Reserve's interest rate cut decision on November 7 is expected to keep gold prices volatile throughout the week," Jateen Trivedi, VP Research Analyst - Commodity and Currency at LKP Securities, said.

However, silver contracts for December delivery rose Rs 239 or 0.25 per cent to trade at Rs 94,523 per kg.

In the international markets, Comex gold futures rose USD 1.50 per ounce or 0.05 per cent at USD 2,747.70 per ounce.

According to Kaynat Chainwala, AVP-Commodity Research, Kotak Securities, comex gold surged on Monday, supported by safe-haven demand following recent polling data that suggested a tight US presidential race, with no clear frontrunner between Kamala Harris and Donald Trump ahead of Tuesday's vote.

Upcoming Wedding Season Will Generate ₹6 Lakh Crore Business: Traders' Body

IANS

NEW DELHI: The upcoming wedding season in India which will extend from November 12 till December 16 is likely to generate business worth nearly ₹6 lakh crore from 48 lakh weddings which constitutes a 41 per cent increase over the corresponding figure of ₹4.25 lakh crore recorded for 35 lakh weddings last year, according to a study carried out by the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT).

From 11 auspicious dates the previous year, this year's season would have 18 dates which is expected to fuel the business growth, with Delhi alone expected to see ₹1.5 lakh crore business across 4.5 lakh weddings this year, estimates compiled by CAIT show.

CAIT estimates 10 lakh weddings involving spending of ₹3 lakh per wedding, 10 lakh weddings with ₹6 lakh per wedding, 10 lakh weddings with ₹10 lakh per wedding, 10 lakh weddings with ₹15 lakh per wedding, 7 lakh weddings with ₹25 lakh per wedding, 50,000 weddings with ₹50 lakh per wedding, and 50,000 weddings with ₹1 crore or more per wedding.



CAIT's Veda and Spiritual Committee convenor Acharya Durgesh Tare said the auspicious wedding dates for this season are November 12, 13, 17, 18, 22, 23, 25, 26, 28, and 29 and December 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, and 16. Following this period, there will be a pause of about a month before the season resumes from mid-January to March 2025.

"The study has also highlighted a shift in consumer purchasing behaviour, with people increasingly opting for Indian products over foreign goods, reflecting the success of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Vocal for Local' and 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' (Self-Reliant India) vision," said CAIT's Secretary General Praveen Khandelwal.

Khandelwal said wedding expenses are divided between goods and services, with main expenditure areas in goods including jewellery (15 per cent), clothing (10 per cent), electronics and appliances (5 per cent), dry fruits, sweets, and snacks (5 per cent), groceries and vegetables (5 per cent), gift items (4 per cent), and other goods (6 per cent).

In the services sector, expenditures will likely go toward banquet halls, hotels, and venues (5 per cent), catering services (10 per cent), event management, tent decoration floral decorations, transportation and cab services (3 per cent), photography and videography (2 per cent), and other services such as music and lighting.

Media Delegation From Hyderabad Visits Indian Institute Of Integrated Medicine-CSIR

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR- A media delegation from Hyderabad visited CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrated Medicine (IIIM) and CSIR IIIM fields at Bonera, Pulwama dist on Tuesday. Dr. Shahid Rasool, Senior Scientist & other scientists of IIIM-CSIR welcomed the media delegation and shared the vision of the Institute.

While interacting with delegation, Dr. Shahid Rasool said IIIM is to discover new drugs and therapeutic approaches from Natural Products, both of plant and microbial origin, enabled by biotechnology, to develop technologies, drugs and products of high value for the national and international markets.

The cultivation of different Tulip varieties was successfully initiated at CSIR IIIM fields at Bonera, Pulwama dist, under CSIR Floriculture Mission. The cultivation of the highly valued ornamental crop marks a significant achievement as it is the first time that CSIR IIIM's Field Station in Bonera has undertaken the cultivation of multiple Tulip cultivars. Under the initiative, eight distinct varieties of Tulips are enchantingly blooming in the



sprawling Field Station, adorning the landscape with their vibrant hues, he said.

The initiative aims to develop and standardize agro-technologies for mass-producing quality tulip bulbs in open field conditions, leveraging the favourable agro-climatic conditions of the Kashmir valley to enhance income generation for farmers through cut flower as well as bulb production for sustainable production of planting material, thus empowering farmers for import substitution.

Dr. Shahid Rasool, Senior Scientist, CSIR Floriculture Mission, said that the cultivation and scientific production of cut and loose flowers in Jammu and Kashmir will benefit farmers and stakeholders associated with the floriculture industry. The Tulips are not being commercially grown by the farmers in the

region and are presently being imported from the Netherlands. He highlighted that the favourable climatic and soil conditions of Kashmir Valley make the region suitable for Tulip cultivation and offer huge economic opportunities establishing the region as a centre for high-quality flower production.

He said that Purple Revolution Of Jammu And Kashmir A Game Changer: lavender cultivation under the Aroma Mission has now turned into a game changer, bringing about economic prosperity besides transforming Doda's landscape. Floriculture Mission has doubled the cultivated area for farmers. So far, more than 2800 people have been trained in 8 verticals like the Societal outreach programme in the cultivation of Medicinal and Aromatic crops for better income and livelihood to rural poor and

Stock Markets Stage Spirited Recovery On Value Buying In Banking, Metal Shares

Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI- Benchmark Sensex recovered its early losses to close higher by 694 points on Tuesday on late buying in banking, steel and oil & gas shares amid firm trends in global equities ahead of the US presidential elections. Bouncing back from Monday's sharp fall, the BSE Sensex jumped 694.39 points or 0.88 per cent to settle at 79,476.63. During the day, it soared 740.89 points or 0.94 per cent to 79,523.13.

The NSE Nifty climbed 217.95 points or 0.91 per cent to settle at 24,213.30 as 39 of its constituents advanced and 11 declined.

Stock markets opened on a weak note and traded in a range with a negative bias in the first half as investors turned cautious ahead of the US presidential elections. Sensex hit a low of 78,296.70 while Nifty touched 23,842.75. Value buying in the afternoon session helped indices recover losses and closed in the green.

"Markets witnessed a remarkable turnaround towards the closing hours as value buying in banking stocks along with gains in metals and oil & gas stocks aided broad market recovery."

"Optimism across Asian and European indices ahead of the US election outcome boosted local traders' confidence, although medium-term outlook still looks hazy due to scepticism over further rate cut by

the Fed and subdued corporate earnings," Prashanth Tapse, Senior VP (Research), Mehta Equities Ltd, said.

From the 30-share Sensex pack, JSW Steel surged nearly 5 per cent while Tata Steel jumped nearly 4 per cent. Axis Bank, IndusInd Bank, HDFC Bank, State Bank of India, Kotak Mahindra Bank and UltraTech Cement were also among the big gainers.

Adani Ports, ITC, Bharti Airtel and Asian Paints were among the laggards.

"The domestic market experienced a sharp recovery, reclaiming most of the previous day's losses amid uncertainty surrounding the likely downgrade in Q2 GDP forecast and closely contested U.S. presidential election," Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services said.

However, the recent rebound in domestic manufacturing activity data, along with the expected revival of consumption in the second half of FY25, are likely to support market sentiment, Nair added. The BSE midcap gauge climbed 0.48 per cent and smallcap index went up by 0.41 per cent.

Govt To Wikipedia: Why It Should Not Be Treated As Publisher Instead Of Intermediary

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI, NOV 5 (PTI) The Centre has written to Wikipedia noting numerous complaints of bias and inaccuracies in information provided by it, and asked why it should not be treated as a publisher instead of an intermediary, sources said on Tuesday.

The communication from the Information and Broadcasting ministry said there is a view that a small group exercises editorial control on its pages.

Wikipedia advertises itself as a free online encyclopedia where volunteers can create or edit pages on personalities, issues or various subjects.

The popular online source of information is embroiled in legal cases in India over alleged inaccurate and defamatory content provided by it.

Kashmir Rivers At Risk:

bench, led by Chairperson Justice Prakash Shrivastava, Judicial Member Justice Arun Kumar Tyagi, and Expert Member Dr. A. Senthil Vel, emphasized that this would be the last opportunity for the municipalities to provide a thorough response that includes details on waste generation and treatment facilities.

The Tribunal expressed frustration over the lack of comprehensive information, noting that, despite three years of hearings and more than ten proceedings, the municipal bodies have failed to submit adequate data regarding sewage and waste management.

"We find that though there is a gross violation by the Local Bodies Chandura, Budgam and Srinagar but no separate response by them has been filed disclosing the full particulars relating to the generation of sewage and solid waste within the Local Body and the extent of facility which is available to treated and further plan to reach the target of 100% treatment," the order, a copy of which lies with Kashmir Observer, reads.

"Though this matter has been pending for the last 3 years and has been taken up at least 10 times but full particulars have not come on record till now."

The case was brought to the NGT's attention by environmental activist Raja Muzaffer Bhat, who highlighted the unchecked discharge of untreated sewage and poor solid waste disposal practices in Kashmir. This has allegedly violated the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, among other regulations. Bhat's allegations point to widespread pollution in the Doodh Ganga and Mamath Kull rivers, prompting the Tribunal to intervene.

In its recent order, the NGT referenced a report from the Jammu & Kashmir Pollution Control Committee (JKPCC), which detailed the ongoing violations and criticized local bodies for their inadequate responses to previous notices. The Tribunal has made it clear that it expects municipalities to provide comprehensive updates in their forthcoming responses, including detailed plans for achieving 100% waste and sewage treatment.

Additionally, the NGT has instructed the J&KPCC to submit a follow-up report on the actions taken to address these issues by February 11, 2025, in preparation for the next scheduled hearing on February 18, 2025.

"The Municipal Institutions have to enforce and implement several environmental laws and rules like MSW Rules 2016, Water Prevention and Control of Pollution Act 1974 but ironically they are themselves involved in violating these rules and legislations," activist Dr Raja Muzaffer Bhat said.

He added that there has been an administrative failure with regards to waste management in the last 5 years and "people like me are forced to move to National Green Tribunal NGT."

Bhat expressed concern that the authorities seem to be managing these institutions by imposing penalties, using the collected fines for the

restoration of water bodies like the Doodh Ganga.

Shelter Terrorists

in the Gagangir area of Ganderbal district.

"If people do not stand up against such elements, this scenario will never change. I think those who only issue statements for formality are worse than them (terrorists)," the LG said.

His remarks came amidst a spike in terror-related incidents in the valley.

Haigam Wetland

led by members of its Governing Council, the EPG team was dismayed to find no trace of migratory birds or any signs of wetland ecosystem health, contradicting the Wildlife Department's recent claims of bird arrivals in Kashmir's wetlands. "There wasn't a single bird in sight—no water, no vegetation, nothing to attract or sustain birdlife," an EPG representative said.

Describing the site as "a dry and parched wasteland", EPG members accused the Wildlife Department of spreading "baseless propaganda" regarding bird arrivals.

The EPG further said that Haigam, Lolipora and Hari Taar wetland areas, which previously supported rich bird habitats, have been rendered unsuitable for any form of wildlife due to the absence of water and vegetation. "We could drive for miles through Haigam Wetland without encountering water or vegetation," said Er Aijaz Rasool, a Governing Council member. "It's painfully clear there's no truth to the Wildlife Department's narrative."

In light of the degradation's impact on biodiversity and local communities that rely on the wetland for their livelihoods, the EPG has called for a transparent investigation. The group urged the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) to scrutinize the Wildlife Department's actions and hold officials accountable for their claims.

"There is an urgent need to restore this critical ecosystem," the EPG said, adding that it has severe consequences for migratory birds and local residents who depend on a healthy wetland.

The Haigam Wetland, a Ramsar site spanning 7.25 square kilometres and 1,400 hectares, was once rich with reed beds and served as a winter haven for migratory birds like the White-Headed Duck, Shoveler, Red-Crested Pochard, and Mallard.(KNO)

Drug Addiction

J&K and provide them necessary opportunities and facilities to unlock their potential for a better tomorrow. He assured the talented youth that their empowerment is amongst the foremost priorities of the government.

"Our youth as fearless forces of creativity and torch-bearers of positive change are building a bright and vibrant J&K. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, efforts have been made to fulfil the hopes, aspirations and dreams of the youth of Jammu Kashmir," the LG said.

Emphasising the significant role of the younger generation in nation building, the LG called upon the youth to work with team spirit while following the ideals and values of the

founding fathers of the country for peace and progress of J&K.

"The combined power of the youth ignited by desire and determination to carve a new destiny for the society will be the most powerful strength in the journey of 'Viksit Bharat' and a joyous, peaceful, prosperous Jammu Kashmir," he said.

Sharing key reforms and initiatives of the Government in the past few years, the LG highlighted the need to channelise the energy of the youth towards achieving the common goal of development and peace.

When the energy of the youth and their dynamic actions are channelised for development, cultural and social activities, then they not only work towards realizing the true potential of the region but also their consciousness, creativity, innovation and their courage impacts various developmental sectors, the LG said.

The LG also urged the youth to carry the message of Peace and contribute in counter-radicalization and prevention of drug addiction.

Among the many challenges facing our youth is the challenge of drug addiction. Drug-free J&K is a step to ensure our youth realize their true potential and with hard work shape their tomorrow, he said.

The LG commended the Save Youth Save Future foundation for working tirelessly for Youth empowerment. "I am confident the young generation will fulfil the dream of modern J&K and help the society to achieve developmental aspirations," he said.

During the interactive session, the Young Panelists from diverse backgrounds shared their views on the present scenario and transformational journey of Jammu Kashmir.

Had Vajpayee Been

former governor, ex-MLAs and ex-MLCs are in the list. This will perhaps be the last time we will be paying tributes to people from Ladakh as they are no more a part of us," he added.

Abdullah also said there were 45 people in the list with whom he has worked or were known to him, and went on to mention a few.

Paying tributes to Pranab Mukherjee, Abdullah said there was a lot to learn from the former president's life.

"Mukherjee did not have Godfathers and was not parachuted into politics. He worked hard," he said, adding that he did justice with all the posts he held.

The Leader of the House also paid tributes to former Lok Sabha Speaker Somnath Chatterjee and others, including his former colleague and BJP leader Devendra Singh Rana who passed away last week.

Speaking of Rana, he said, "If there is one colleague I was sad about losing, it was Rana. In the election heat, we said bitter things. But, I did not know he was so ill. Had I known, I would have tried to improve our relations."

He also recalled his close political association with the deceased Nagrota MLA over 20 years and hailed him for fulfilling all his responsibilities, both in National Conference and the BJP, with dedication.

The chief minister said all the 56 persons named in the obituary list

have done something in serving the people and "we should go through their biographies so that we can learn from them".

After his speech, the House observed a two-minute silence as a mark of respect to the departed souls.

Trump, Harris

the election outcome in case of a defeat.

Overall, it has been a roller-coaster ride for both 60-year-old Harris and 78-year-old Trump.

Trump received his party's nomination in March and formally at the Republican National Convention (RNC) in July – in a historic comeback after remaining in political wilderness for months following several court cases.

In effect, he became the first former president to get the nomination for the top office on the planet after being convicted of a felony.

"Trump has made one of the biggest political comebacks since Richard Nixon in terms of the political struggles that he has had in the last four years," Communication Strategist Anang Mittal said.

Just days ahead of the RNC, Trump was shot at during a rally in Pennsylvania. He suffered an upper ear injury. Minutes later, a bleeding Trump raised his fist in defiance, images that drew a lot of emotional support from his die-hard supporters.

For Harris too, it has been a dramatic ride after Biden ended his re-election campaign in July, nearly weeks after he came under severe scrutiny following his incoherent performance at a televised debate with Trump.

While dropping out from the race, Biden, 81, endorsed Harris to succeed him as the Democratic candidate.

Finally, in August, the Democratic National Convention formally nominated Harris as the party's candidate for the presidential election.

The presidential election will be a chance to "move past the bitterness, cynicism and divisive battles of the past", she said in a powerful speech at the Convention.

If Harris wins the race, she will become the first woman, first Black woman and first person of South Asian descent to become the US President.

In the overall campaign, Harris has been projecting the election as the one to protect the country's fundamental freedoms, safeguard constitutional values and ensure women's rights.

On his part, Trump has maintained his signature aggressive rhetoric promising to rebuild the economy and rid the US from illegal immigrants.

However, there has been strong criticism of the Republican leader's road-map to repair the economy.

Terrorist Killed

the presence of terrorists in the general area of Kaitsan forest, a joint operation was launched by Indian Army, Jammu and Kashmir Police and CRPF in the general area of Chuntawadi Kaitsan, Bandipora. Contact was established and firefight ensued," Chinar Corps - Indian Army wrote on X.

Operation is in progress, it reads. Earlier on November 01, a brief exchange of fire took place between terrorists and security forces at Panar

forest area; however, they managed to flee the scene, which led to a massive combing operation in the woods by joint forces, including Army, CRPF and the special wing of Jammu and Kashmir Police.

"A suspicious movement was detected in the general area of Panar, which was challenged, resulting in indiscriminate fire from suspected terrorists who then fled into the nearby jungle," officials had said.

Geelani Remembered

(constitutional) posts. among them is Syed Ali Shah Geelani also. Our political ideologies are very different but he has been a member of this house. He was a good orator," Naik said.

Veeru while paying tributes to some of the stalwarts of Indian politics like former President Pranab Mukherjee and former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, also mentioned the name of Geelani, who is an ex-MLA from Sopore.

"There is another respected personality who has been a member of this house. We might have ideological differences with him but he also represented an aspiration. I pay tributes to Syed Ali Shah Geelani as well," Veeru said.

Regret Marks

the National Conference was unwavering, and his hard work was evident to all," Abdullah said.

He made a gesture towards the opposition BJP benches and said, "You all witnessed it; wherever he was sent – be it Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, or Gujarat – he excelled."

Abdullah shared a glimpse into Rana's humble beginnings, reminiscing "he started with a small Maruti service station who was often seen in mechanic uniform, diligently cleaning vehicles."

"That was the essence of Devender – hardworking and humble which led to him being a successful businessman with an empire of showrooms but he always remained grounded," he said.

As the chief minister continued, his voice broke, a sign of the depth of his sorrow. "In my 25-26 years of politics, many have come and gone, but the departure of Devender Singh Rana has left a profound impact on my heart.

"Today, I regret not realising how seriously ill he was; I would have sought to mend our relationship. Unfortunately, that opportunity never came, and now, we gather here to pay our tributes," he said.

Abdullah's heartfelt words echoed through the assembly, capturing the essence of a friendship that transcended politics. "His loss is not just a political one for me; it is deeply personal. The regret of his departure will remain with me for the rest of my life."

Art 370: Congress

in their public addresses. Yet, they stop short of promising its reinstatement if they return to power. This measured stance has left Congress walking a tightrope, balancing regional sentiments with political strategy.

Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee President Tariq Hameed Karra chose not to confirm

support or opposition to the Article 370 proposal, stating that the assembly, as a democratic institution, should allow all views to be heard. The Speaker is now tasked with deciding whether the resolution on Article 370 will advance to formal debate and voting, a process that could further test Congress's stance.

The Congress high command is expected to provide guidance to local leadership on how to handle the Article 370 proposal if it comes to a vote. In the meantime, the party's chief spokesperson, Ravindra Sharma, suggested that any decision would be made only once the proposal is officially presented. (KNO)

Illegal Drug Trade

struggling with issues related to the transit of illegal drugs, which has led to increased cases of abuse and addiction. This situation has generated a growing demand for drugs within the country," the court said, adding, "The illegal trade in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances poses significant risks to public health and welfare, and the activities of those involved in this trade also negatively impact the national economy as well."

Preventive detention serves as a proactive measure employed by the executive when it believes that detaining an individual is necessary to prevent actions that could harm specified interests outlined by law, the court said.

"Unlike criminal proceedings, where an offence must be established, preventive detention is justified by suspicion or a reasonable belief about future conduct," the court said and dismissed the plea by Masoodi.

"The ongoing observation and monitoring of the detenu's actions after being released on bail have shown a continued participation in criminal activities. This sustained involvement in unlawful and anti-national actions supports the rationale for the preventive detention order, as it indicates a persistent and immediate risk to public safety, health and welfare of the society and national security," the court said, adding, "Since normal law has not been sufficient to stop drug trafficker from indulging in such activities, his detention order was passed and considering the aforesaid circumstances, the detention order made by the detaining authority stands upheld."

Minister Warns

academic session from next year," she said.

Earlier in 2022, the Jammu and Kashmir Higher Education and School Education Department has said that the Uniform Academic Calendar shall be followed from academic year 2022-23.

Media Coverage

the first day of the Legislative Assembly was marked by a ruckus over the resolution seeking restoration of Article 370 was suddenly moved by the PDP MLA Parra.

Speaker Rather had maintained that he had not received the resolution and that he would examine the same. Chief Minister Omar Abdullah termed Parra's move as a political move aimed at playing to the galleries. (KNO)



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ACA, ACC In Conversation To Revive Afro-Asia Cup After Two Decades

Press Trust of India

BENONI: The Africa Cricket Association (ACA) has started dialogue with the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) and other stakeholders to revive the once popular Afro-Asia Cup, a common meeting ground for players from the two continents, after nearly two decades.

The Afro-Asia Cup has had only two editions to date -- 2005 in South Africa (draw) and 2007 in India (won by Asia).

A third edition of the event was scheduled to be held in Kenya in 2009 but it never happened.

"The Afro-Asia Cup, apart from the cricket, brings the much-needed financial input to the organisation, and the appetite is huge from both ends," ACA interim chairman

Tavengwa Mukuhani, who is also Zimbabwe Cricket Chair, was quoted as saying by ESPNcricinfo.

This tournament event gives



players from India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh a unique chance to be in the same team.

"We have had conversations with our counterparts within the Asia Cricket Council, and obviously our African contingents, they want the

Afro-Asia Cup to be revived," said Mukuhani.

The ACC is yet to make any response on the matter.

The 2005 Asia squad was captained by then Pakistan skipper Inzamam-ul-Haq and featured the likes of Rahul

Dravid, Ashish Nehra and Anil Kumble.

The 2007 Asia XI included MS Dhoni, Sourav Ganguly, Harbhajan Singh, Zaheer Khan, Yuvraj Singh, Virender Sehwag and Sachin Tendulkar while Mohammed Asif, Mohammed

Yousuf and Shoaib Akhtar represented Pakistan.

ACA planning IPL-style league

The ACA is also pondering over conducting the Africa Premier League, a mini version of the Indian Premier League (IPL).

While the concept is still in the planning stages, ACA CEO Cassim Suliman said details will emerge once the required approval is received from the respective African cricketing boards.

"It's the mini vision of the IPL. So, we're taking that concept of the IPL and driving that concept to ensure that everybody benefits in that aspect," he revealed.

"But the board will decide exactly who's hosting and from there, we'll take it to them from there.

"It's going to be like the IPL format, but with a lower status and then we'll grow it from there," he added.

J&K Beats Mizoram In Balram Das Tandon Under-16 Opener

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: J&K defeated Mizoram in the opening match of the Balram Das Tandon Under-16 Tournament at Chandigarh on Tuesday. It is an invitational two-day All India cricket tournament recognised by the BCCI. This year, eight participating teams include Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, J&K, Mizoram, Tripura, Chandigarh A and Chandigarh B.

J&K beat Mizoram by an innings and 158 runs after bowling out Mizoram for 85 and 101 in response to its first innings score of 344/6d in 73 overs.



After his brilliant batting display on the opening day, Karanveer scored unbeaten 200 and carried his bat through the innings. He

scored the double ton in 206 balls with 8 sixes and 28 fours at a strike rate of 96+. The other star performer was captain Abhiroop Das with 62.

In the bowling department, it was the leg spinners who dominated again with Usman claiming 5/19.

J&K now faces Chandigarh A, which defeated Himachal Pradesh, in their next encounter on November 7.

Members of the BCCI-appointed Sub Committee, JKCA, complimented the young team and the support staff led by coach Chetan Dhingra and manager Rakesh Chopra.

IOA Submits 'Letter Of Intent' To Host 2036 Olympics In India

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has submitted a 'Letter of Intent', expressing the country's desire to host the 2036 Olympic and Paralympic Games, to the International Olympic Committee's Future Host Commission, taking the first concrete step in an ambitious plan.

The letter was submitted on October 1, according to a source in the sports ministry.

"This monumental opportunity could bring substantial benefits, fostering economic growth, social progress, and youth empowerment across the country," the source added. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had first talked about his government's aspiration to host the 2036 Olympics last year.

A decision on the host will not be taken before the IOC elections next year and India will also have to face competition from several other nations like Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Turkey, who are positioning themselves as strong contenders to host the sporting spectacle.

India's plan has been backed by current IOC head Thomas Bach. The last time India hosted an international multi-sport extravaganza was the 2010 Commonwealth Games here.

But for the 2036 Olympics, Ahmedabad is being seen as a front-runner to be the host city.

India's top sports administrators, including IOA President PT Usha, were at the Paris Olympics earlier this year to lobby for the country. It is also learnt that India would be pushing for the inclusion of indigenous disciplines like yoga, kho kho and kabaddi if the bid is successful.

The Sports Authority of India's Mission Olympic Cell (MOC) has even presented a detailed report on



the measures needed for a successful bid to new sports minister Mansukh Mandaviya.

'Vanity Project': Congress' Karti Chidambaram Slams India's 'Olympic Bid'

Congress MP Karti Chidambaram on Tuesday slammed hosting of the games as a "vanity project" and said the country should learn from the bitter experiences of Athens and Rio.

The Congress leader said it is better to invest in training Indian athletes and win a respectable number of medals in the next few editions.

In a post on X, Chidambaram said, "Which is the city that is bidding? This is a vanity project. We shouldn't be aiming to hold the Olympics. Our legacy use of stadia is abysmal." "We should learn from the bitter experiences & post repercussions of Athens & Rio. It's better to invest in training our athletes & win a respectable number of medals in the next few editions," the Congress MP from Sivaganga in Tamil Nadu said.

While Athens (Greece) hosted the Olympics in 2004, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) hosted the Games in 2016. Both Athens and Rio had reportedly faced economic issues after hosting the Olympic Games.

DG YSS Chairs Review Meeting For National School Games

Observer News Service

JAMMU: The Department of Youth Services and Sports is set to host four nationals in Judo, Football, Fencing and Wushu for 68th National School Games at Jammu from November 7. Director General DYSS chaired a comprehensive review meeting regarding the preparations for the games on Tuesday at MAM Stadium here.

Addressing the members of various committees constituted for the successful organisation of the sports extravaganza,



the Director General emphasised the importance of completing all preparations well in advance, ensuring a smooth and successful event.

The meeting highlighted the roles and responsibilities of committee members and conveners, urging them to adhere strictly to their prescribed duties.

Rohit May Quit Tests If India Fail In Australia, Says Srikanth

Agencies

India must start planning for Rohit Sharma's successor if the team do not play well in their five-Test series in Australia as the captain could well retire from the longest format, former skipper Krishnamachari Srikanth has said.

Rohit retired from Twenty20 internationals after delivering India's second World Cup trophy in June but the 37-year-old has struggled for form and admitted to his leadership lapses in the recent 3-0 home Test whitewash by New Zealand.

India head to Australia needing to win four out of their five Tests to reach a third successive World Test Championship final next year and could be without Rohit for the opener in Perth starting on Nov. 22 for personal reasons.

"You have to start thinking ahead. If Rohit Sharma doesn't do well, I think he himself will retire from Test cricket, for all you



know," Srikanth said on his YouTube channel.

"He'll play ODIs only. He has already left T20I cricket. We have to keep in mind that he's also ageing."

Rohit has scored 4,270 runs in Test cricket at an average of 42.27 but his recent form has come under the microscope.

He has made only one half-century in his last 10

innings, with six single-digit scores, and was guilty of playing reckless shots at important moments against the Black Caps.

Srikanth, also a former chief selector, said the skipper was right to accept his shortcomings in a press conference.

"Hats off to Rohit for accepting the fact that he played badly throughout

the series and captained badly. That's a great thing," Srikanth added.

"That's the first move of a player to get back to rhythm. Accepting your fault is very important. That's a very important quality of a human being."

"He accepted it openly. That means he's on the road to recovery, that's my opinion."

PSG's Luis Enrique Praises Simeone's Energy Ahead Of Atletico Clash

Agencies

PARIS: Paris St Germain coach Luis Enrique was full of praise for his former LaLiga rival Atletico Madrid manager Diego Simeone ahead of Wednesday's Champions League clash against the Spanish side.

Last year's semi-finalists PSG and quarter-finalists Atletico have had a lacklustre start in the new Champions League format, both having only one win after three games.

A home victory would boost PSG, currently 19th with four points, while Atletico, languishing in 27th place on three, are aiming to rebound after back-to-back losses.

PSG have never faced Atletico in the European Cup before but Luis Enrique's Barcelona, who he managed from 2014 to 2017, defeated Diego Simeone's Atletico side nine times in their 14 meetings, drawing twice and losing three times.

Luis Enrique led Barca



to a Champions League-LaLiga double in 2014-15 followed by another league title the next year.

"We've played against each other as players and then as managers. I admire Simeone, when a coach can stay for so many years at a top club it means he is great because that is such a difficult thing to do," Luis Enrique told reporters on

Tuesday.

Argentine Simeone has managed Atletico for 13 years, guiding them to two LaLiga and two Europa League titles but the Madrid side had considered hiring Luis Enrique prior to Simeone.

"I had given my word to another club. If I had gone to Atleti, I would not have stayed half as long as Sime-

one because I don't have the energy as him," added Luis Enrique.

"They are lucky to have found Simeone as a coach. You need a lot of energy, to be able to convince all your players over the long-term."

The Spaniard said he was satisfied with PSG's previous performances and added that their results were undeserved.

Short TAKES

Record 1,574 Players Register For IPL 2025 Auction In Saudi

The registration period for the much-anticipated IPL 2025 player auction has concluded, bringing in a staggering total of 1,574 players eager to join the world's flagship T20 cricket league. Of this number, 1,165 are Indian players, while 409 hail from various countries worldwide, all eager for a coveted place in one of cricket's most prestigious competitions.

This year's auction, scheduled for November 24 and 25 in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, will showcase a wide array of talent, including 320 players who are already capped by their national teams and 1,224 who remain uncapped. The lineup features 48 Indian players with international experience, 272 capped overseas performers, and numerous uncapped talents both from India and abroad.

The global register of players sees Australia leading with 76 entries, closely followed by South Africa with 91 and England with 52. Given that each of the 10 IPL franchises can recruit up to 25 players, the high-stakes auction will open up 204 slots.

Boland Targets KL Rahul In Crucial A-Team Faceoff

Australian pacer Scott Boland wants to extend the barren run of KL Rahul and keep him under pressure ahead of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy when he faces the Indian batter in the four-day A-Team match in Melbourne from Thursday.

Rahul along with wicketkeeper batter Dhruv Jurel flew early to Australia, and will appear for India A in the second four-day game at the MCG.

"I was lucky to bowl to him in a Test over in India a couple of years ago but it'll be nice to play against him in our backyard," Boland was quoted saying by ESPNcricinfo.

"He's a world-class player but someone I think we can get on top of pretty early and hopefully stay on top of him for the majority of the summer," said Boland.

"There's so much more bounce here, more seam. The way they'll structure their team (in Australia) will be completely different to what you see over in India," he noted.

Neymar's Al-Hilal Debut Marred By Another Injury



Neymar was not too downcast after being forced to leave Monday's Asian Champions League Elite match due to injury with the Al-Hilal forward saying he felt the issue was nothing more than a strong cramp.

The Brazilian, who limped off 30 minutes after coming on as a second-half substitute in Al-Hilal's 3-0 win over Esteghlal, said doctors had warned him about the potential for muscle issues following his return from an anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) injury.

The 32-year-old returned to action two weeks ago, having been out since Brazil's CONMEBOL World Cup qualifier against Uruguay in October last year when he suffered the injury.

"It felt like a cramp, only very strong!" Neymar posted on Instagram. "I'm going to have some tests and I hope it's nothing too serious."

"It's normal for this to happen after a year, the doctors had already warned me, so I have to be careful and play more minutes."



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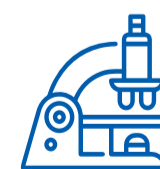
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