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2 Terrorists Killed In North Kashmir Encounters

Observer News Service

Srinagar:Two foreign terrorists on Wednesday were killed in separate encounters in North Kashmir, one at Bandipora and one at Lolab Kupwara, officials said, saying they recovered an M4 rifle from slain.

Officials said that on the basis of specific inputs regarding the presence of terrorists in the woods of Lolab Kupwara and Ketson Bandipora, joint operations were launched, comprising Army, CRPF and special wing of Jammu and Kashmir Police.

In the ensuing operations, two terrorists were killed. One at Bandipora and another at Kupwara, while arms and ammunition were recovered from the slain terrorists.

"We recovered an M4 rifle from the killed terrorist in Bandipora, and an AK series rifle from slain foreigner at Lolab Kupwara", officials said.

"The operation has successfully concluded, resulting in elimination of one terrorist and recovery of 01 AK rifle, 02 Hand Grenades, 4 AK magazines, ambition and other war-like stores," Indian Army – Chinar Corps posted on X.

Chinar Corps remains steadfast in its commitment to keep Kashmir terror free, the post added.

Regarding Bandipora operations, the Army said that "One terrorist has been eliminated by the security forces".

It's noteworthy, that on earlier on November 01, a brief exchange of fire took place between terrorists and security forces at Panar forest area of Bandipora, however, terrorists managed to flee from the scene, which was followed by the large-scale combing operation by joint teams of security forces..

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

J&K Assembly Passes Resolution Seeking 'Dialogue' On Special Status



Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir Assembly on Wednesday passed a resolution asking the Centre to hold dialogue with elected representatives for restoration of special status of the erstwhile state, prompting protests by BJP members who tore copies of the document and raised slogans against the speaker.

The unruly scenes in the House and vociferous protests by BJP members led to frequent disruptions of the proceedings and eventually the speaker adjourned the House for the day.

The resolution, which also expressed "concern" over the "unilateral removal" of the special status, was passed without any debate as the Speaker put it to voice vote amidst noisy scenes.

With the passage of the resolution, the ruling NC said it has fulfilled one of its manifesto promises while Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said the "Assembly has done its job".

The members of the PDP, Peoples' Conference and CPI(M) supported the resolution during the voice vote.

While many political parties here welcomed the move, PDP president Mehbooba Mufti said it was a "half-hearted" effort and the resolution could have been written "in a better way".

The Modi government abrogated Article 370, which gave special status to Jammu and Kashmir in 2019, and bifurcated the erstwhile state into two Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

J&K Deputy Chief Minister

J&K Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary moved the resolution which said, "That this legislative assembly reaffirms | More on P6

'Won't Let Assembly Run Until Resolution Withdrawn'

Srinagar: Opposition BJP on Wednesday said it will not allow the proceedings of the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly to go on until a resolution asking the Centre to hold talks with the elected representatives from the region for the restoration of the erstwhile state's special status was withdrawn.

"This is an illegal resolution and until they roll it back, we will continue our protest and not allow the proceedings of the House. They will have to roll it back and then we will debate it," Leader of Opposition in the Assembly Sunil Sharma told reporters here.

He said the resolution was not part of the Assembly's listed business and reflects the mindset of the newly-elected government in the Union Territory.

Sharma said the provisions of Article 370 of the Constitution, which had conferred special rights on the erstwhile state of Jammu



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and Kashmir, was abrogated in Parliament, the highest temple of democracy.

"Then some people challenged the Parliament's decision in the Supreme Court. The court ruled that the Parliament's decision was right. So what constitutional right do they have to bring this resolution?

HC Seeks Dal Water Test Reports

M Ahmad

Srinagar: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh on Wednesday directed Jammu and Kashmir Pollution Control Committee to place "without fail" reports of the tests conducted regarding Dal Lake water in the past six months.

Hearing Public Interest Litigation filed in 2002 by a then law student Syed Tahir Iqbal Geelani, a Division Bench of Justice Atul Sreedharan and Justice Puneet Gupta also directed that the reports "necessarily" must provide this Court with the current value of the state of water of the Dal Lake, the permissible limits of the various constituents and a brief opinion whether values are within or below standard measures.

The Division Bench passed the order after senior advocate and amicus curie in the PIL, Z.A. Shah, took it through various orders passed in the past reflecting the court's "grave concern". He said there has been non-compliance on part of the authorities with regard to previous orders passed by the Court earlier.

"The need to read and appreciate these orders are essential to understand the meandering course that the case was taken till date over a period of 22 years," the court said, adding, "The same would continue on the next date of hearing, but by way of direction, we deem it essential to direct the respondents to place before this Court on the next date of hearing without fail the reports of the test conducted by the Pollution Control Committee pertaining to the water of Dal Lake from the past six months."

The court further said: "Necessarily this report must provide this Court with the current value of the state of water of the Dal Lake, the permissible limits of the various constituents and a brief opinion expressing whether values are within standard or below standard."

While ordering the listing of the PIL on December 3, the court ordered | More on P6

'Jai Shri Ram' Chants Echo Amid Uproar By BJP

Jai Shri Ram' chants reverberated in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly on Wednesday amid ruckus over the passing of a resolution seeking a dialogue between the Centre and elected representatives for restoration of special status of the erstwhile state. The Assembly witnessed a More on P6



Assembly Has Done Its Job: CM

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Wednesday said the Assembly has done its job after it passed a resolution seeking a dialogue between the Centre and elected | More on P6

NC Fulfills Promise: Says Ruhullah

Srinagar Lok Sabha MP
Aga Ruhullah Mehdi on
Wednesday said the
ruling National Conference
(NC) has fulfilled | More on P6



Annual Exams Of 10th To 12th Classes By Feb 15: Govt



Observer News Service

Srinagar: In order to restore the November-December academic session for classes 10th to 12th, the government Wednesday ordered JKBOSE to conduct the examinations of these classes from February-2025 and complete by March end.

Besides, the government further ordered that the annual examination (summative assessment) of class 8th shall be conducted by concerned schools from academic session 2024-25 and onwards.

Principal Secretary for School Education Department, Suresh Kumar Gupta in this regard issued the order asking the concerned authorities to implement November-December session for classes up to 9th standard.

Gupta in an order said, "Pursuant to the Council of Ministers Decision sanction is accorded to | More on P6

Trump Stages A Historic Comeback

Trans Asia News

Washington: Former President Donald Trump has defeated his Democratic rival Kamala Harris in the US presidential election, sealing an improbable comeback that is expected to pitch American democracy, US alliances and global markets into an era of upheaval.

Trump's resounding victory ends a volatile White House race that saw the billionaire Republican face two assassination attempts, a criminal conviction and the eleventh-hour change of his Democratic opponent after President Joe Biden abandoned his re-election bid.

The president-elect gained ground on the Democrats

What Trump

Win Means

For The

World

in 48 of the 50 states in the union, sweeping past Harris in the "blue wall" of Midwestern states she had thought could deliver her the White House. He was also | More on P6

onald Trump's return to the

US foreign policy, promising

potentially radical shifts on multiple

fronts as war and uncertainty grip

parts of the world, BBC reported.

White House is set to reshape

Modi Congratulates 'Friend' Trump

Prime Minister
Narendra Modi on
Wednesday congratulated "friend" Donald
Trump on his "historic"
presidential polls victory, and said he looks
forward to renewing their
collaboration to further
strengthen the India-US
Comprehensive Global and
Strategic Partnership.
Former US President
Trump was cruising
towards winning the White
House race | More on P6

During his campaign, Trump made broad policy pledges, often lacking specific details, based on principles of non-interventionism and trade protectionism - or as he puts it "America First". | More on P6

Prolonged Dry Spell Dries Up Reservoirs, Increases Forest Fire Risk

Agencies

Srinagar: Amid a prolonged dry spell, the water levels in major reservoirs have significantly decreased, raising concerns about water supply stability and an increased risk of forest fires in the Valley.

Weather experts have, however, warned that the water levels may fall further owing to the dry spell, which is expected to continue till November 10.

Sources in the Jal Shakti (PHE) department said the dry weather has caused the water level in reservoirs to drop, and it is expected to rise and improve as the weather changes.

They added that the decline

in water supply from reservoirs has caused the water supply to fall very low and be insufficient at many places.

When contacted, the

the low water levels; they assure that timely recharges in the morning and evening hours are helping maintain the balance, preventing an immediate shortage.

"The flows are minimized during the doubles to the pre-

officials in the Jal Shakti (PHE)

Department said that despite

during the daytime to preserve reserves and to allow a recharge of water," they said.

Independent weather forecaster Faizan Arif Keng, when contacted by KNO, said the dry spell is likely to persist over the next five days. "A weak Western Disturbance may bring light rain or snow to isolated areas around November 11, but significant relief is unlikely," he said. He added that another sys-

tem could impact Jammu and Kashmir around November 14, although its | More on P6

Why The Ambiguity? Questions Raise Over NC Resolution's Wording

Farzana Nisar

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir Assembly witnessed chaos on its third day as Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary introduced a resolution seeking the restoration of Article 370, which was passed with a majority vote.

The resolution, moved by the National Conference leader Surinder Choudhary on behalf of the government, called upon the central government to initiate dialogue with J&K's elected representatives for restoring special status and constitutional guarantees. It emphasized safeguarding national unity and the legitimate aspirations of J&K's people.

While many have lauded the National Conference (NC) for bringing forth a resolution seeking

dialogue with the Centre on Jammu and Kashmir's future, questions have emerged regarding the 'language' used in the proposal. The resolution has been hailed as a step toward reopening dialogue. However, many are left wondering why the resolution does not specifically highlight the need to restore pre 5 August, 2019 status.

PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Wednesday said the resolution passed by the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly for restoration of special status to the erstwhile state was a "half-hearted" effort which could have been written "in a better way".



"We believe the language of this resolution could have been better. There is no condemnation of abrogation of Article 370 in this resolution. They (NC) talk about holding dialogue for restoration of the special status. What is the dialogue for? Do they have any doubt that what happened on August 5, 2019 was wrong? I would say it was a half-hearted effort," Mehbooba said.

The PDP president said it was "sad" that the resolution did not term the abrogation as illegal.

"There is a need to correct the language of the resolution. The PDP will do it," she added. People's Democratic Party (PDP) leader and MLA Pulwama, Waheed Para posted a detailed response to the resolution on X and labeled it as an "insult to the injury" caused by the abrogation of Article 370 on August 5, 2019. "By presenting this inert and hollow resolution, the NC has once again betrayed the historical will of the Kashmiri people, trading autonomy for appeasement and integrity for rhetoric," Para posted on X.

He described the resolution passed in the assembly on Wednesday as a mere exercise in "empty semantics" designed to pacify the public without any real commitment.

"This resolution, wrapped in meaningless platitudes about "reaffirming" special status and "expressing concern," is not only an More on P6

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Study Reveals How Gut Microbes Work With Body Clock In Managing Stress

Press Trust Of India

study has uncovered how microbes in one's gut helps manage stress by interacting with the body's circadian rhythms, or biological clock.

Researchers from the University College Cork, Ireland, found that the trillions of microorganisms in the gut — or the gut microbiome — control the hormones produced in response to stress in a time dependent manner.

A healthy gut, thereby, helps in creating day-night rhythms in the production of stress hormones, whereas, a reduced gut microbiome leads to a disrupted body clock and is related to altered rhythms in how stress hormones are produced, the team said.



The findings, published in the journal Cell Metabolism, highlighted the importance of maintaining a healthy gut, they said. The study's results could also be looked into for developing treatments for

clock and sleep cycles, the

researchers said.

the gut (microbiome) and how the brain responds to stress in a time-specific way," lead researcher John Cryan, University College Cork, said. "The gut microbiome doesn't mental conditions such as just regulate digestion and anxiety and depression, which are known to be metabolism; it plays a critilinked to stress and often cal role in how we react to involve disrupted body stress, and this regulation For the study, the researchers looked at mice, which are known to have biological processes and genetic material similar to humans.

The team found an "intricate relationship" between the gut microbes and three regions in the brain forming the HPA axis - the hypothalamus, the pituitary gland and the adrenal gland. The HPA axis is the body's central stress response system

The researchers showed that a depletion of the gut microbiome results in an over-activation of the HPA axis in a manner specific to the time of the day. This, combined with chang-

es to the brain's regions responding to stress and the biological clock, leads to an altered body's response to stress over the entire day, they said.

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Mohd Hussain Baba S/o Ab Hamid Baba R/o Ray Kapran Shopian

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From the office of Advocate **Ishfaq Rasool and Associates**

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Mohammad Akbar Malla S/o Ghulam Mohiuddin Malla (Akbar S/o Mohad) R/o Palhallan Pattan

Versus Public at Large

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Sd/advocate

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Tender Notice No:-No 770-W/169/WA-1/FZR-233-2024-25-ADEN-JRC acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www.ireps.gov.in with closing date 26.11.2024 up to 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through only payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc are not allowed.

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POLICE HORS Dt Oct 24

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Sealed bids are invited from practicing Chartered Accountant Firms well versed with audit of account duly incorporated and registered with Institute of Chartered Accountants of India ((ICAI) for conducting audit of the following J&K Police Welfare Fund Accounts being maintained at PHQ and various units functioning under the aegis of Registered Socities; "J&K Police Welfare Society" & "J&K Police Wives Welfare Association" as specified below for the Financial years 2024-25,2025 26 & 2026-27.

	Welfare Fund Accounts:					
5.No.	Name of the Account to be audited					
	Central Police Welfare Fund (CPWF)- 937					
<u>2. </u>	Central Police Sports Fund (CPSF) - 939					
3.	Special Welfare Fund (SWF) - 3973					
/ .	Retired Policemen Welfare Fund (RPMWF) -4765					
5.	Range PHQ Welfare Fund -4910					
5.	Central Police Education Fund (CPEF) -14397					
<u>'. </u>	J&K Police Pariwar Fund (PPF) -15573					
3.	Contributory Welfare Fund of SPOs (CWF SPOs) -17849					
9.	Central Police Canteen Fund (CPCF) -43					
0.	J&K Police Martyrs Fund -106					
	J&K Police Public Schools					
S.No.	Name of the School to be audited					
i.	J&K Police Public School , Miran Sahib Jammu (Nursery to 12th) Affiliated to CBSE					
2.	J&K Police Public School , Bernina Si inagar (Nursery to 12th Affiliated to CBSE					
3.	J&K Police Public School , Rajoun (Nursery to 8th) Affiliated to JKBOSE					
4.	J&K Police Public School					
	rsery to 8th) Affiliated to JKBOSE					
5-	J&K Police Public School Anantnag (Nursery to 8th) affiliated to JKBOSE					
5	J&K Police Public School, Baramulla (Nursery to 8th) Affiliated to JKBOSE					
<u>, </u>	J&K Police Public School, Kupwara (Nursery to 5th) Affiliated to JKBOSE					
 I&K Police	Pariwar Fuel Care Pumps					
5.No.	Name of the Fuel Care Pump to be audited					
J.: 10.	J&K Police Pariwar Fuel Care Pump, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu					
2	J&K Police Pariwar Fuel Care Pump, R.S.Pura, Jammu					
3.	J&K Police Pariwar Fuel Care Pump, Kashi ora, Janimo					
5. 4.	J&K Police Pariwar Fuel Care Pump, Ratiouri					
+. 5.	J&K Police Pariwar Fuel Care Pump, Poonch					
-	Families Welfare and Rehabilitations Centres:					
5.No.	Name of the unit to be audited					
<u>5.NO.</u>	Police Families Welfare and Rehabilitation Centre , DPL Jammu					
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2.	Police Families Welfare and Rehabilitation Centre , Bernina Srinagar					
	(i) ARI Section					
	(ii) Gym Section					
	(hi) Candle Section					
	(IV) Tailoring Section					
	(V) Boutique Section					
	(Vi) Beauty Parlour					
3	Bakery Shop at IRP 16thBn. Ramban.					
	Police Welfare Centres:					
5.No.	Name of the Subsidiary Police Welfare Centre to be audited					
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	Established at following District Headquarters:					
	Kathua, Samba, Rajouri, Poonch, Udhampur, Doda, Kishtwar, Anantnag, Pulwama and Kulgam					

on to the above tasks, for streamlining of records observations if any which have arisen at any point of time on account o reconciliation/differences in the bank/ledger records have to be addressed also. Moreover, the rectifications/observations to the different account heads emerged from time Ip time to the relevant accounts (i.e, from S.No. 01 to 10 of J&K Police Welfare Fund Accounts to be brought under ledger specifications) have also to be resolved/rectified in accordance with the bank/ledger records. The concerned Auditor shall be bound tO ensure identification of reconciliation differences of clarification entries under proper printed format.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AUDIT:

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5.	The Firm has to submit self-certified copies of the IT Returns of the Firm/full time partners/Sole proprietor / others as the case may be for the last three years.

- The CA Firm must have their Head Office or Branch office in Jammu or Srinagar. The Firm has to submit self-certified copy of ownership of Office/ Rent agreement with electricity bill as proof. The Firm shall ensure that their services are readily available at all times to PHQ J&K even after completion of audits so that discrepancies, misinterpretations & other relevant issues are logically discussed for clearance.
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- , pertaining to the respective societies, concurrent audits and other reports.

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- The account statements/Balance sheets, concurrent audits and other j reports shall be acceptable to the Board of Trustees and finally Comptroller and Auditor General of India i CAG).
- An Audit certificate shall have to be furnished by the Firm specifying I that the accounts for the period have been examined and found correct as per the requirements of accounts and financial rules and no shortcomings/ misappropriations or embezzlements have been noticed
- The financial year-wise payment to the Firm shall be released on receipts of Accounts Statements/Balance sheets, concurrent audit and other reports in the office of AIG(Welfare) PHQ subject to the number of Accounts/ Balance sheets and other reports furnished by the Firm.
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- The assignment allotted shall have to be completed within specified period of relevant financial year to ensure filing of IT returns well in time and in no case the extension shall be granted failing which penalty from 5% to 10% of ten-
- dered amount shall be imposed for the delay and the same shall be deducted at the time of payment. The firm shall have to attend the office on all days when Audit team from the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) approaches this Hqrs. for audit purposes. —
- The Firm shall be bound for framing of replies of Audit Observations, Audit Paras and Audit inspection reports received from the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) as well as AG's offie J&K of the particular period (s)
- The firm shall have to abide by all rules regulations/ laws in vogue in the Financial Code of UT J&K . All legal proceed-25 ings arising out of any dispute between the parties shall have to be settled in the courts situated in Jammu and
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(Shafket Hussain AIG (W)

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Farewell Too Soon: A Bright Future Cut Short

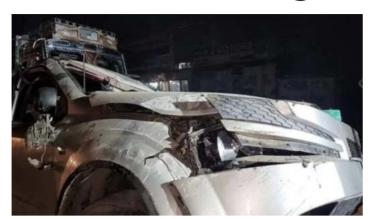
Jahangir Sofi

Srinagar: It was an ordinary day for 15-year-old Moomin Masoodi. Just hours before the tragic accident on Tuesday evening, he was a bright student attending his school, surrounded by friends, teachers and the promise of a future that seemed so full of potential. But on this day, fate had other plans.

Moomin's life was abruptly cut short when he lost his life in a devastating car accident. The news of his passing spread like wildfire, leaving everyone in disbelief and sorrow.

Instead of Moomin walking into his classroom the next day, his teachers and the entire school management found themselves standing at his family's doorstep, heartbroken.

The scene was unlike any other-they came not to greet the young student, but to offer condolences, their faces pale



and eyes filled with tears.

"He was such a wonderful boy in the class," one of his teachers shared "I don't have the strength to stand. I am shaking." The loss of Moomin was a heavy blow to all who had known him.'

school principal, Parvez Paul, stood somberly with the other teachers, shaken by the tragedy. "This is a huge loss for us," he said.

"A bright student, full of life, has been taken from us too soon. We need to address the issue of young drivers—our children must be educated about the dangers of driving before they are legally allowed to do so."

Moomin's classmates, too, were struggling to comprehend the loss. They remembered him not just for his sharp mind but for the joy he brought to the classroom.

"He always made us laugh." said one of his friends, tears rolling down their faces. "Why did this have to happen? We miss him so much.'

Others, also in shock, said Moomin was a friend who never caused trouble and always made school life easier and happier.

To mourn the tragic loss, the school declared a day off to honour Moomin's memory. A condolence meeting was held, where teachers, students and parents came together to mourn.

The empty desk in Moomin's classroom will serve as a poignant reminder of the life lost far too soon.

As the school will eventually reopen, it will be hard for anyone to sit in Moomin's place. His absence will be felt

deeply by all who had the privilege to know him.

The memory of this bright, kind-hearted boy will not fade quickly, leaving a hole in the hearts of everyone who was touched by his spirit.

The tragedy has also sparked a conversation about the importance of educating young people about the responsibilities that come with driving.

A social activist, Ahmad Ayaz, while expressing his condolences to the bereaved family said that while death was a natural phenomenon, the negligence and carelessness of the Traffic Department have contributed significantly to the high accident rate on the Shalteng-Narbal stretch.

While it cannot undo the heartbreak, it serves as a reminder to parents, schools, and society alike to take action to prevent such losses in the future—(KNO)

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NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr.DEE/TR/JAT acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders (www.ireps.gov.in) against below titled

PRAYERS FAJR 5:30 **ZUHR** 12:14 **ASR** 3:55 Magrib 5:36 ISHA 6:59

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Earnest Money(In Rs.)

18,100/-

1,62,400/-

A bright student, full of life, has been taken from us too soon. We need to address the issue of young drivers—our children must be educated about the dangers of driving before they are legally allowed to do so

DC Inspects Development Works At JLNM, Gousia Hospitals

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat visited the JLNM Hospital Rainawari and Gousia Hospital Khanyar to oversee the developmental works being executed for upgradation of hospital infrastructure.

Accompanied Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad, Chief Medical Office, Dr Tahir Sajad and other officers the DC took stock of the works for development of parking space and other construction works at

JLNM Hospital. The DC directed the

Officials on the spot to accelerate the pace of works on development of additional parking space being executed at a cost of Rs 29.14 lakh. He also stressed on early completion of works on repairs and renovation of wash rooms and allied works being executed at a cost of Rs 34.10 lakh.

The DC also visited Government Gousia Hospital Khanvar to inspect the works taken up for construction of waste management measures at a cost of Rs 22.14 lakh.

At both the health facilities, the DC asked for expediting all works in a time' bound manner.

Event On 'Responsible Tourism In Kashmir' Held

Syed Mohammad Burhan

S. No Activity

Date of Issue of tender notice

Opening of techno commercial

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bids(RFO)

NO: GD/UHP/1713-17

DATED: - 06/11/2024

DIPK-NB-2185/24

Bid document download start date

All the terms and conditions shall remain the same.

Srinagar: An event on 'Responsible Tourism: Challenges and Opportunities' was held by People's Environmental Council (PEC) at Amar Singh Club on Wednesday. The event was attended by a large audience of environmentalists, officials, and local stakeholders. The gathering was dedicated to promoting sustainable tourism practices in Kashmir and the greater Himalayan region, with a focus on preserving the region's unique ecosystems and cultural heritage.

The keynote address, titled "Responsible Tourism: Principles and Practices," was delivered by MLA Gulmarg, Farooq Shah. Other notable speakers included Professor Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, Vice Chancellor of Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), who addressed the role of science and technology in fostering responsible tourism. The Chief Guest, Mr. Nasir Aslam Wani, Advisor to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, shared his insights on the importance of sustain able tourism.

schedule

11.10.2024

14.10.2024 to 11.11.2024

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER.

GENERATION DIVISION LJHP

GANTAMULLA BARAMULLA

22.10,2024 11.11.2024 1500Hrs

12.11.2024 1400Hrs

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR BLOCK MEDICAL OFFICER RAJPORA Subject: - Notice Inviting E-Tenders for Histopathology testing services at C H C Rajpora on annual

Fenders. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only

G-09/2024-25 BAHL-BRML section under ADEN/BDGM'

251J-Elect/T. Notice No. 09-10-Elect/2024-25 Dated: -05.11.2024

06 Months

251J-Elect- Electrical work in c/w Heavy improvement of damaged rest house at Pahalgam in

251J-Elect- Shifting of Escalators and Comprehensive Annual Maintenance contract of

-10/2024-25 Escalators at Platform no. 1 at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Railway Station for

Opening of tender 28.11.2024 after 15:00 Hrs

rate contract basis.

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

Reference: - Tender id 2024_HME_254437_3 for Histopathology testing services at C H C Rajpora on annual rate contract basis.

On behalf of the Lt. Governor of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, through the Block Medical Officer Rajpora, e-tenders are invited under a two-bid system (Technical Bid and Financial Bid) from authorized suppliers and registered dealers for Histopathology testing services at C H C Rajpora on annual rate contract basis.

Important Details:

Bidding Process: - Bids must be submitted online at www.iktenders.gov.in under the two-bid sys-

Tender Opening: - In case the date of opening of tenders falls on a non-working day, the tenders will be opened on the next working day or another day convenient for the Tender Opening Committee.

Suppliers must ensure compliance with all quality and safety standards.

No: BMO/Raj/EST/2152. Dated 02/11/24

Yours sincerely,

DIPK-7490/24 dated: 06-11-2024 Block Medical Officer Raipora

20,000.00

1000.00

SAD DEMISE



With grief & sorrow we inform the sad demise of Haji Mohamad Yaseen Purra (Shah) S/O Late Haji Mohmad Yousul Purra (Shah) R/O Kadi- Kadal Srinagar Presently residing at Sheeshbagh, Ellahibagh opposite CRPF Camp, who passed away on 06 November 2024. Mourning will be observed for 3 days only. There will be no congregational Fateh Khawani .

BEREAVED FAMILY 7889608942 9419400563

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT LEGAL

SERVICES AUTHORITY SRINAGAR

Dated: 29.10.2024

Present: Ms. Nusrat Ali Hakak

In the Case of:

J&K Bank Ltd, BU: Upper Sathu Srinagar Through its Attorney Holder Jaweed Ahmad Shera. 1. M/S Hayya Boutique through its proprietor Abidah Ali D/o

Ali Mohd Wani situated at Munawar Plaza Munawarabad Srinagar 2. Abidha Ali D/o: Ali Mohammad Wani R/o Shah Hamdar Colony Zakura Srinagar In the matter of : Substitute service through publication

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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 nonapplicants 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-applicant could not be effective l 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 02.12.2024

Sd/- Secretary (Sub- Judge) **District Legal Service Authority**

J&K Bank

The Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited Technology & Development, Ground Floor, Air India Building Residency Road, Srinagar 19000

Online Request for Proposal (e-RFP) for "Renewal of (BREP Business Ready Enhancement Plan) licenses for Microsoft Dynamics NAV"

RFP Notice along with Complete RFP document outlining the minimum requirements can be downloaded from and BIDs can be submitted on the Banks' e-Tendering Portal https://jkbank.abcprocure.com w.e.f. NOVEMBER-07, 2024, 16.00 Hrs. RFP Document can also be downloaded from Bank's Official Website www.jkbank.com. Last date for submission of Bids is NOVEMBER-21, 2024, 17.00 Hrs.

e-RFP Ref No. JKB/CHQ/T&D/BREP-NAV/2024-1260

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Jammu & Kashmir Power Development Corporation

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER GENERATION

DIVISION LJHP GANTAMULLA BARAMULLA

Email: xeneljhp@gmail.com

EXTENSION NOTICE No. 01

Due to poor response to this office E-NIT No. 14 of 2024-25 dated 11-10-2024 issued vide this office

No. GD/LJHP/1375-80 dated: 11-10-2024 for Recapitalization of existing log boom at barrage of

UHP by means of replacement of damaged logs by available flume logs at Mohura power house

11.10.2024

22.10.2024

Date already tendered

14.10.2024 to 04.11.2024

04.11.20241500Mrs

05.11.2024 1400JHrs

stores (ID: 2024 SPDC2598121), the critical dates are re-scheduled as under:

تحکمہ ہینڈ میرافٹس و ہینڈلوم تشمیر سال <u>20</u>24ء کے لئے یوٹی سطح ایوارڈس اسکیم کے تحت رجٹر ڈ شدہ در کاروبنگر جو کہ تشمیر صوبہ کے پشتنی باشندے ہوں سے دروخواستیں طلب کرتا ہے۔اس سلسلے میں درخواستیں محکم کے ڈیولیمنٹ سیکشن واقع شمیر ہات نمائش گاہ سرینگر کے علووہ تمام ضلع و بلاک د فاتریں 4/11/2024 سے 30/11/2024 تک وصول کی جایئگی ۔ درخواستوں کئلئے مقررہ فارم دفتر ھذا سےمفت حاصل کئے جاسکتے ہیں۔اس کےعلواہ فارم محکمہ کی ویب سائیٹ www.dohh.jk.gov.inپجی دستیاب ہے۔

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DIPK-7520/24 dated: 06-11-2024

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Gist of NIT No.03 of 2024-25

For and on behalf of Hon'ble Lt. Governor of J&K Union Territory, e-tenders on percentage rate basis in double cover system are invited from Company's Authorized Dealers only for below mentioned item; Description Tender Fee **Earnest**

> Purchasing / Re-filling of commercial gas cylinders for heating purposes of offices of JandK LCMA during winter season for

ı	ne year 2024_25.						
Online bidd	ing Schedule:						
AAA No.28 of	2024-25 dated:02.11.2024						
01.	Date of issue of tender	of issue of tender Notice. 04.11.2024.					
02.	Start date for downldocuments.	loading of bidding	04.11.2024 (10	2024 (10.00AM)			
03.	Bid submission start dat	e 04.11.2024 (10.00 A.M)					
04.	Bid submission end date	2	25.11.2024 (04	(04.00 P.M)			
05.	Date and time of openir on line).	ng of bids (Technical	26.11.2024 (2.00 P.M)				
06.	Tender inviting authority	y.	Evacuitiva Engineer Lake Division No. 1st IXik				
07.	Tender opening/receiving	ng authority.					
09.	EMD to be pledged to						
10.	drawn in favour of Executive Engineer	Tender fee to be depo IK Bank Upper Sathu Note: NIT No. and S.I While depositing th	through E-Chall No. of the work s	an/Treasury receing the shall be mentione	ipt./ Pay in slip. d on paying slip		

The quantities are approximate and may vary as per actual requirement during the winter season 1. The NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities (B.O.O), set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from/uploaded on the Departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in upto said bidding schedule.

after-wards shall be entertained.

2. The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in upto said bidding schedule.

No: LD-I/2027-41

lake Div 1st.

Executive Engineer, Lake Division NO.1st

publishing date of NIT and bid submission end date. No before or

DIPK-NB-2206/24 dated: 06-11-2024

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A Symbolic Resolution

he passage of the resolution in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly calling for the restoration of the erstwhile state's special status, has expectedly generated some political drama. The resolution urges the union government to initiate a dialogue with the newly elected local government to explore mechanisms for reinstating union territory's special constitutional provisions, which were abrogated in August 2019. The significance of this move cannot be understated, given that the debates over autonomy, and identity, have been central to J&K's political discourse.

However, for the centre, these special provisions are now history. Following its abrogation of Article 370 that underwrote these provisions, the centre reorganized the region into two Union Territories—J&K and Ladakh. Both Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the home minister Amit Shah have already assured the restoration of statehood to J&K at an appropriate time. What, however, they have not given so far is a timeline. So, there is a section of people in the UT who believe that statehood might take longer than expected. And if and when statehood is restored, it is expected to be more or less a truncated one just like that of Delhi.

Considering the troubled state of affairs prevailing in the UT, Centre, it is believed, is unlikely to let go of control on the security agencies and the allied security related matters, lest it unravel the gains made in recent years. The recent rise in militancy-related violence is likely to further dissuade the central government from handing over complete control over the region to an elected government. Should this happen, a future governor will continue to wield a strong say in the affairs of J&K.

Public mood in the Valley is that the passing of resolution for the return of special status is a powerful expression of regional sentiment. But the BJP argues that the removal of Article 370, that granted J&K this status, has opened pathways for greater integration with the rest of the country. BJP legislators vehemently opposed the motion, citing that a resolution of this kind is beyond the Assembly's purview since Parliament had already annulled Article 370. Regardless of where one stands on the ideological spectrum, it is evident that J&K's socio-political landscape remains complex and troubled

While these discussions will continue to play out in a democratic set up, and hence should be welcomed, the people of the union territory face pressing governance challenges that demand immediate attention. Employment opportunities in the region remain scarce, particularly for the youth, who are bearing the brunt of limited job prospects. Additionally, as winter approaches, the region faces a yearly struggle with power shortages. Given the formidable nature of these challenges, it is time that the government gets down to the hard business of governance and goes about addressing the bread and butter issues facing the people.



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Why SIP in Mutual Funds and Lump Sum Investment are Ideal for New Investors

Irshad Mushtaq

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The Chief Minister must get this matter probed through ACB. Let the penalty money be paid by erring project planners

Repeat Offender

SMC Continues to Pollute and Pay Penalties

rinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) has yet again been penalised on the direction of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) for flushing out untreated sewage into Doodh Ganga stream. In March 2022, the NGT in its order had imposed an interim compensation of Rs 1 crore on SMC for this criminal act. It took NGT more than 2 and a half years to impose the environmental compensation of more than Rs 41.47 Crores under the Polluter Pays Principle (PPP) as SMC failed to take preventive measures to stop massive water pollution in Doodh Ganga. The Environmental Compensation of Rs 41,47,61000 was estimated between year 2021 to 2024 only. Had this been calculated for the last 10 years, it would have been more than Rs 100 Crores.

Case Background

The J&K Pollution Control Committee (JKPCC) acted on the direction of National Green Tribunal recently and imposed an Environmental Compensation to the tune of more than Rs 41.47 Crores on Srinagar Municipal Corporation. This is a sort of a penalty which is imposed under the Polluter Pays Principle; polluters which are used in order to make a party or an individual pay for the damage caused to the environment. The JK-PCC's official order number: 33-JKPCC of 2024 dated 19.10.2024 was submitted before the NGT on October 23rd 2024 wherein the Commissioner of Srinagar Municipal Corporation has been ordered to deposit this huge penalty into Pollution Control Committee's bank account within a period of 30 days

The J&K Pollution Control Committee took this strong action on the orders of NGT where this author had moved a formal application in the year 2022 after J&K Govt especially the SMC failed to take remedial action in preventing Doodh Ganga from water pollution. It is important to mention that the Srinagar Municipal Corporation has set up more than half dozen storm water pumping stations post 2014 floods after getting World Bank funds. These stations were supposed to pump out

storm water into the Doodh Ganga at Chanapora, Natipora, Barzulla, Bulbul Bagh and Tengpora but SMC planners have connected these pump stations with the sewerage lines. All the untreated liquid waste is flushed into Doodh Ganga in clear violation of Water Prevention and Control of Pollution Act - 1974.

This matter was brought into the notice of National Green Tribunal -NGT by this author some years back under original application- OA No: 241/2021 through my counsels Advocate Rahul Chowdhary and Advocate Kustav Dhar.

Interim compensation of Rs 3 Cr

The tribunal initially

imposed Rs 3 crore interim compensation on different Govt agencies in 2022. SMC paid Rs 1 Crore penalty. Rs 1 crore compensation was imposed on the Municipal Committee- MC Chadoora and MC Budgam each. The Geology & Mining Department Budgam was also penalized with Rs 1 crore penalty for failing to curb illegal riverbed mining in Doodh Ganga. In total Rs 3 crores were paid into the bank account of DC Budgam and the same was spent on various restoration works in Doodh Ganga & Mamath Kul in Budgam. Later, Rs 32 Crores penalty was imposed on the Govt again. All the amount is supposed to be used for Doodh Ganga restoration. The Govt on NGTs order also gave administrative approval for Rs 140 Cr project to set up several Sewerage Treatment Plants -STPs on Doodh Ganga. The Executive Engineer UEED also invited tenders for Rs 46 crores in September this year but the set up for these plants is yet to be identified and the Revenue Department hasn't provided the same which is causing delay in execution of work on STP installation. The Chief Engineer **UEED Kashmir mentioned** about the delay in land acquisition before NGT and blamed the Revenue Department for the same in

SC imposes EC on MC Bandipora

In March 2019, this author moved another petition in the National Green Tribunal (NGT) against unscientific dumping of

a written response.



Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat



It is the duty of the newly elected Govt and J&K **Anti Corruption** Bureau to probe into this issue as NGT orders have made it clear that SMC has failed to prevent Doodh Ganga and Hokersar

wetland from

getting polluted

municipal solid waste by Bandipora Municipal Council at Zalwan area in the outskirts of the town. I had visited the area several times and found lots of waste being dumped in violation of MSW Rules 2016. Ironically, the waste was being unscientifically dumped by the local municipality which was supposed to enforce the MSW Rules 2016 on ground.

In addition to the municipal waste dumping in Wullar lake around Bandipora, I also raised the issue related to waste dumping and illegal encroachment of Hokersar and Kreechu Chandhara wetlands as well before the NGT in the same petition.

On August 27th 2020, the NGTs Principal Bench issued a detailed order asking the National Wetlands Committee to compile data of status of compliance of environmental norms in respect of all significant wetlands in the country to ensure remedial action. The Divisional Commissioner Kashmir was asked to ensure scientific solid waste management near wetlands and utilization of SBM Gramin funds for the same which was in-fact my suggestion to the NGT.

As the order was not implemented in letter and spirit, the J&K Pollution Control Committee on 9.2.2021 issued a notice directing MC Bandipora to pay Rs 64. 21 lakhs as Environmental Compensation under Polluter Pays Principle as per the approved guidelines of the Central Pollution Control Board and the National Green Tribunal (NGT).

The Municipal Council Bandipora went to NGT to challenge the PCC's order. The NGT's four-member Principal Bench headed by Justice A K Goel on October 21st 2021 dismissed the appeal with the following observations:

"In view of the above, no interference is called for with the above order. However, the amount recovered may be utilized for restoration of the environment by preparing an action plan with timelines by a joint Committee comprising State PCB and District Magistrate, Bandipora. The plan may be prepared

within two months and executed within the stipulated timeline. The plan may take into account plans already prepared for protecting the water bodies/wetlands in compliance with the order of the Tribunal dated 22.07.2021 in O.A. No. 351/2019, Raja Muzaffar Bhat v. State of Jammu and Kashmir & Ors. The appeal is disposed of."

Failing to get any relief from NGT, the Municipal Council Bandipora filed an appeal before the Supreme Court of India. The Supreme Court bench of Justices Ajay Rastogi and CT Ravi Kumar in its order dated October 19th 2022 said that court finds no ground to interfere with the impugned order passed by the National Green Tribunal. While castigating the Bandipora Municipality the Supreme Court in its order said:

"Is it the way you deal with matters? Is it the consciousness of your state? You cannot play with the lives of the people. Deposit the fine.'

I am sure Srinagar Municipal Corporation will move to the Supreme Court with an appeal against the right but as mentioned above, the Supreme Court has already been serious about the environmental degradation in Kashmir. In majority of the cases, SC hardly gives relief to the municipal institutions against imposition of Environmental Compensation-EC by NGT. I am sure the SMC will have to pay this penalty amount which should be used for restoration of Doodh Ganga.

Conclusion

It is the duty of the newly elected Govt and J&K Anti Corruption Bureau to probe into this issue as NGT orders have made it clear that SMC has failed to prevent Doodh Ganga and Hokersar wetland from getting polluted. For more than 3 years, this case has been pending before NGT and SMC is not worried and keeps paying penalty money which belongs to poor taxpayers. Let the responsibilities be fixed and penalty money be realised from the real culprits. It is high time that CM gets this matter probed through J&K Anti Corruption Bureau. Let those black sheeps be identified who connected storm water drainage pipelines with sewerage lines.

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Impact of Technology on Intellect

Narayanan Kizhumundayur

The relentless advancement of technology has reshaped the fabric of modern life, introducing tools that ease daily tasks and provide unprecedented convenience. From calculators and smartphones to artificial intelligence (AI), technology has undeniably enriched society by simplifying complex processes, enhancing productivity, and fostering global connectivity. However, each wave of technological progress brings new questions about the impact on our intellectual abilities. As these tools increasingly shoulder tasks once handled by human cognition, there are growing concerns that they may inadvertently erode our mental skills. This essay explores the duality of technological advancement, examining its impact on intellectual abilities and highlighting the importance of balancing convenience with cognitive engagement to prevent dependency.

The Calculator Revolution: Easing Arithmetic at a Cost

The invention of the calculator marked a revolutionary shift in mathematics and other fields that rely on precise calculations. Before calculators became mainstream, complex arithmetic required considerable manual effort and skill. For instance, an accountant had to rely on mental math or manual calculations, a task that demanded patience, precision, and mental agility. The arrival of calculators sped up this process, enabling people to perform intricate calculations quickly and accurately, allowing them to fo-cus on problem-solving rather than repetitive arithmetic.

While calculators brought efficiency, they also reduced the frequency with which individuals exercised mental arithmetic skills. As calculators became readily available and widely used, many people began relying on them even for basic math, a shift that led to a decline in mental calculation abilities. Studies in cognitive science suggest that frequent engagement in arithmetic exercises strengthens memory and mental flexibility. By outsourcing these tasks to technology, individuals may inadvertently neglect opportunities to sharpen their cognitive faculties. Thus, while calculators unlocked new possibilities for math-related tasks, they also ex-



emplified the trade-off between technological convenience and mental exercise

The Evolution of Mobile Phones: From Communication to Information Dependency

The introduction of mobile phones was a milestone in communication technology, giving people the freedom to communicate on the move. This development broke away from the limitations of landlines, offering convenience and accessibility. However, the advent of smartphones expanded this functionality far beyond communication, incorporating tools like phonebooks, diaries, calculators, and cameras into a single device. This shift not only simplified daily tasks but also transformed habits related to information management and

In the past, individuals routinely memorized phone numbers, addresses, and other vital information. With smartphones, however, this need diminished, as contact lists and digital diaries became standard features. The ease of storing information digitally means people are less inclined to commit details to memory, fostering a dependency on digital devices. Studies have shown that memory is strengthened by regular use, and

TO HARNESS THE BENEFITS OF TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS WHILE SAFEGUARDING OUR INTELLECTUAL ABILITIES,

it is essential to strike a balance. Technology should act as a complement to, rather than a replacement for, our cognitive capabilities. This requires mindfulness in our use of tools and a commitment to maintaining cerebral engagement through purposeful exercises

the shift toward digital storage reduces opportunities for this type of mental exercise. As a result, while smartphones enhance convenience, they also pose the risk of diminishing our memory capacity.

Moreover, the influence of smartphones extends to areas like financial management. With budgeting and expense-tracking apps, financial planning has become increasingly automated. Although these tools facilitate better financial tracking, they also reduce the need for manual calculations and critical thinking about spending. By automating these tasks, smartphones may inadvertently discourage proactive financial planning, potentially weakening individuals' engagement in managing their finances independently.

Artificial Intelligence: The New Frontier of Intellectual Outsourcing

The rise of artificial intelligence (AI) has introduced possibilities that were once confined to science fiction. AI systems, from virtual assistants like Siri and Alexa to sophisticated data analytics tools, are capable of performing complex analyses, making predictions, and even engaging in conversation. This advancement in AI has transformed many sectors, including healthcare, finance, and education, by enhancing efficiency, accuracy, and convenience.

However, the integration of AI into daily life also introduces challenges to intellectual independence. As AI takes on more tasks that traditionally required human thought—such as information retrieval, data interpre-

tation, and problem-solving—concerns arise regarding the potential for "intellectual outsourcing." Over-reliance on AI for answers may reduce people's inclination to analyse, reason, or problem-solve independently. In essence, as AI systems grow more capable, there is a risk that individuals may surrender critical thinking responsibilities, leading to a decline in cognitive engagement.

This trend raises important ethical and cognitive questions about how much intellectual autonomy should be entrusted to AI. While AI can certainly augment decision-making, the reliance on these systems may hinder personal growth in problem-solving skills, an essential component of intellectual development.

The Need for Balance: Leveraging Technology without Sacrificing Cognitive Engagement

To harness the benefits of technological progress while safeguarding our intellectual abilities, it is essential to strike a balance. Technology should act as a complement to, rather than a replacement for, our cognitive capabilities. This requires mindfulness in our use of tools and a commitment to maintaining cerebral engagement through purposeful exercises.

Practicing mental arithmetic, memorizing information, and critically analyzing data are valuable activities that foster intellectual agility. Schools and educational institutions can play a vital role by incorporating activities that encourage mental math, memory exercises, and analytical skills, even as they teach students to leverage technological tools. For adults, routine engagement in tasks that require focus, memory, and problem-solving can serve as a counterbalance to dependency on digital tools. By fostering habits that support intellectual development, society can continue to benefit from technological advancements without compromising cognitive

Conclusion

Technological advancements such as calculators, smartphones, and artificial intelligence have transformed daily life, offering undeniable benefits in terms of convenience and productivity. However, these advancements also present challenges to our intellectual skills, potentially weakening abilities such as mental arithmetic, memory, and critical thinking. The key to navigating this evolving landscape lies in maintaining an awareness of how technology shapes our cognitive habits. By consciously engaging in activities that require mental effort and fostering a balanced approach to technology, individuals can enjoy the advantages of innovation while preserving, and even enhancing, their intellectual abilities. In the quest for progress, it is crucial to remember that true advancement encompasses not only technological sophistication but also the preservation of our capacity to think, reason, and learn independently.

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Growing Screen Addiction in Children

Priyanka Saurabh

t is important for parents of school-going children to set limits when it comes to technology use. Here is an expert guide that tells you how screen addiction, just like drug addiction, is known to cause a surge in dopamine levels. The more time spent on screens, the greater the risk of a child getting hooked on digital devices. Screen addiction is becoming a serious problem among young children. Schools are not completely banning the use of mobile phones. Why do children get addicted to screens, and what can parents of school-going children do to prevent this habit from getting out of control? It is the need of the hour that society and policy interventions address the challenges of screen addiction to promote holistic development.

Screen time for children in India has increased significantly after the pandemic, raising concerns about its effects on their social and psychological development and necessitating balanced interventions. Excessive screen time reduces face-to-face interactions, thereby hampering social skill development. A 2024 study found that children with more than 3 hours of screen time per day had lower levels of social engagement. Screens often replace family interactions, leading to reduced family cohesion and shared experiences. Families are seen spending less time on activities such as meals and conversations, affecting emotional attachment. Children increasingly dependent on digital interactions may struggle with in-person social cues and relationships. UNI-CEF reports that high screen time in adolescents is associated with delays in emotional



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Indian Academy
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regulation. Screen addiction limits time spent in physical activities, leading to sedentary behavior. A 2023 report from



the Ministry of Health shows a 40% reduction in outdoor activities among urban children. Excessive screen time is linked to mental health issues

linked to mental health issues such as anxiety and depression in children. Lancet Child & Adolescent Health (2024) found a 15% increase in anxiety symptoms in adolescents who spent more than 4 hours of screen time. Prolonged exposure to fast-paced digital content can decrease attention span and concentration levels. Studies conducted by AlIMS Delhi (2023) link excessive screen use to ADHD-like symptoms in children. Exposure to screen

light affects sleep cycles, leading to sleep deprivation and reduced cognitive function. A study conducted by the Indian Journal of Pediatrics in 2023 reported that 60% of children who used screens before bedtime had disturbed sleep patterns. Social media use often affects self-esteem, especially in adolescents, leading to unrealistic comparisons and cyberbullying. Indian adolescents experience self-esteem issues from excessive social media exposure.

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technology use. Here is an expert guide that tells you how screen addiction has the same mechanism as substances, which produce the same surge in dopamine. With a steady increase in screen use, the brain circuits adapt and become less sensitive to dopamine. As a result, what you see is an increasing need to consume more to experience the same pleasure. A common misconception is that addiction is a choice or a moral problem. The truth couldn't be further from this. After a certain point, addiction becomes a biological problem that has an impact on

physical and emotional health. There is a clear need for parents to intervene, model the right behavior, and teach their children screen management as a life skill.

Equip parents with tools to manage children's screen time and promote healthy habits. The Indian Academy of Pediatrics recommends workshops on digital management for parents.

Integrate digital wellbeing into the curriculum to teach responsible screen use from an early age. The Delhi government has initiated digital literacy sessions in select schools. Develop

official age-based screen time guidelines and promote them through public campaigns. WHO guidelines suggest screen time restrictions based on developmental stages. Encourage outdoor and group activities to balance digital consumption with healthy social interactions. The Khelo India initiative promotes physical fitness in children, leading to an indirect reduction in screen time. Encourage the development of tech-free zones and digital detox programs in schools and communities. Some schools have initiated "screen-free days" to help children engage in non-digital activities.

Effective management of screen time requires a multistakeholder approach involving families, educators, and policymakers. Ensuring a balanced digital environment will be crucial for the holistic development of the next generation, leading to a resilient and inclusive society. Screen addiction is a real problem that has been exacerbated by the pandemic and is affecting both adults and children. Parents need to be vigilant, proactive, and engaged with their child's screen usage patterns. Exploring digital platforms and being aware of your child's world can give you better language to talk to them about your apprehensions. Setting boundaries may seem difficult in the short term but will be very beneficial in the long term.

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J&K Assembly Passes

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This Assembly emphasises that any process for restoration must safeguard both national unity and the legitimate aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, the resolution added.

BJP members, including the Leader of Opposition Sunil Sharma, opposed the resolution, saying it was not part of the listed business.

"We reject the resolution. The Business given to us was that the discussion is on the LG's address." he said. The LoP said there is a rat race

among parties here but they all know nothing is going to happen. The Act has been passed by the big-

gest temple of democracy in the country (Parliament), he added. Sharma's comments agitated the

treasury benches and noisy scenes were witnessed in the House with most of the NC and BJP members on their feet

BJP members tore the copies of the resolution and threw the pieces into the well of the House.

Amidst the din, MLA Langate, Sheikh Khursheed, tried to rush to the well, but was prevented by the assembly marshals.

NC members raised slogans that the resolution be passed, while Congress MLA from Bandipora, Nizamuddin Bhat, said the BJP members have done dishonour to the House and violated

However, the BJP members continued to raise slogans against the

Amidst the uproar, Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather said, "If the opposition members do not want to speak, I will put it to vote"

Rather put the resolution to voice vote and it was passed amidst the din. As soon as the resolution was

passed, the BIP members stormed the well of the House. The Speaker then adjourned the

house for 15 minutes. Even after the House was adjourned, the BIP members continued to shout slogans like "5 August zindabad", "Jai Shri Ram", "Vande mataram", "antinational agenda nahi chalega", "anti-Jammu agenda nahi chalega", and 'Speaker hai hai".

BIP MLA Sham Lal Sharma alleged that the resolution was prepared "in collusion with the Speaker in a guest

"The mandate (of assembly polls) was in favour of abrogation of 370 because we (BJP) got 26 per cent votes while NC got 23 per cent," Sharma

He said the speaker should act independently. "Today he has acted as NC

"I want to tell Kashmir centric parties that their hegemony is over," he said while promising a strong

As soon as the House assembled again at 11.05 am, BJP MLAs raised slo-

The LoP said, "We have reports that you (Speaker) called a meeting of ministers yesterday and drafted the resolution yourself"

However, Rather told the protesting BIP members to take their seats as "enough is enough".

Amidst the din, the speaker called NC's Javaid Hassan Baig to move a motion of thanks for the LG's address.

As the din continued, the Speaker adjourned the proceedings again for one hour.

Even as the House met again at 12:20 pm, the ruckus continued, with the BJP members raising slogans "Go back Go back, Speaker go back", and

"take back illegal resolution". The Speaker repeatedly asked the BJP MLAs to take their seats, saying,

"this does not behove you". The NC members also took to their feet and both the sides hurled barbs at

each other. "If you don't have confidence in me.

bring a no confidence motion," the Speaker dared the BJP members, and adjourned the House till Thursday. Welcoming the passage of the reso-

lution, CPI(M)'s MLA M Y Tarigami said it was "historic". Peoples' Conference chairman and

MLA Handwara, Sajad Lone said what happened on August 5, 2019 "was against the will of the people of J-K". The Congress, which is an alliance

partner of the ruling NC, said statehood to J-K with constitutional guarantees, including protection of land and jobs rights must be restored, without any further delay.

Congress Legislature Party leader Ghulam Ahmad Mir said the Congress, through a resolution passed in its CWC on August 5, 2019, has endorsed the "resentment of people against downgrading and bifurcation of erstwhile J-K state, describing the move as undemocratic and unconstitutional on the part of BJP government at the

In Jammu, the local unit of the BJP staged a protest to denounce the passing of the resolution.

Led by party president Sat Paul Sharma, a group of BJP members set ablaze a joint effigy of chief minister and his deputy amid slogan-shouting.

'Won't Let Assembly

opposed it strongly and the BJP will continue its protest and not accept it at any cost," he said.

Taking a dig at Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather, Sharma said he behaved as an agent of the ruling National Conference (NC) and "ripped apart" the dignity of the chair.

He also asked the Congress, an alliance partner of the NC, to clear its stand on the resolution.

"Congress leaders should come out and clearly say whether they support it or not. If they support it, the people of the country will question them. If not, then without their six MLAs, the resolution as well as the government is in minority," Sharma said.

He said the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has promised that statehood will be restored to Jammu and Kashmir, but "we have to wait for the appropriate time".

HC Seeks

that a report regarding tests must reach the office of the Advocate General one week before the date of hearing with advance copy to be served upon the Amicus Curiae, "which shall be the responsibility of the Advocate General's Office."

'Jai Shri Ram' Chants

ruckus following the passage of the resolution as BJP members stormed the well of the House, tearing copies of the document and raising slogans against the speaker and the National Conference (NC) government.

The unruly scenes and vociferous protests by the BJP members led to frequent disruptions of the proceedings before the speaker eventually adjourned the House for the day.

While the NC and the BJP traded barbs against each other, the opposition members raised several slogans. including "Jai Shri Ram"

"August 5 Zindabad", "Jai Shri Ram", Mataram", "Anti-national Agenda Nahi Chalega", "Anti-Jammu Agenda Nahi Chalega", "Pakistani Agenda Nahi Chalega", and "Speaker Hai Hai" were among the slogans raised by the BJP members that reverberated in the House.

Accusing the speaker of being partisan, BJP's Leader of the Opposition Sunil Sharma said, "We have reports that you (speaker) called a meeting of ministers yesterday and drafted the resolution yourself.'

Another BJP MLA, Sham Lal Sharma, said the resolution was prepared "in collusion with the speaker in a guest

"The mandate (of the Assembly polls) was in favour of abrogation of Article 370 because we (BJP) got 26 per cent votes against NC's 23 per cent," Sharma said.

Stating that the speaker should act independently, Sharma alleged, "Today he has acted as an NC leader."

Earlier, the Assembly passed the resolution through voice vote amid uproar by the BJP members.

Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary moved the resolution for restoring the special status of I-K, which was revoked by the Centre on August 5, 2019.

"This Assembly reaffirms the importance of the special status and constitutional guarantees, which safeguarded the identity, culture, and rights of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, and expresses concern over their unilateral removal," the resolution moved by

Choudhary said. It added that the Assembly calls upon the Government of India to initiate a dialogue with the elected representatives of Jammu and Kashmir for the restoration of special status and constitutional guarantees, and to work out constitutional mechanisms to restore these provisions.

"This Assembly emphasises that any process for restoration must safeguard both national unity and the legitimate aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir," the resolution added.

Assembly Has

representatives for the restoration of the special status of the erstwhile

The resolution, which also expressed "concern" over the "unilateral removal" of the special status, was passed without any debate as the Speaker put it to voice vote amidst noisy scenes.

"The assembly has done its job. I will only say this much," a beaming Abdullah told reporters outside the assembly complex.

NC Fulfills

its promise on moving the resolu-tion on Jammu and Kashmir's spe-cial status in the first session of the Legislative Assembly.

We had said in our manifesto and during the campaign that the resolution will be the first business of the assembly. Today was the first day for the routine business in the Assembly and

the NC brought the resolution. "I am thankful to (chief minister) Omar Abdullah, my colleagues and the party for fulling the promise," Mehdi

told reporters here. He said the issue does not end there. "This is a struggle and today, the doors for that struggle have been opened,"

The Lok Sabha MP said he has tried

in his humble capacity to raise the issue in Parliament but it was important to raise this in the Assembly as well.

"So, it is a combined, consolidated effort of the state. Now, we have to take this struggle forward," he said.

The NC leader said the majority in the Assembly supports the resolution and is in favour of the sentiment.

Annual Exams

the restoration of previous academic calendar (November-December session) that shall be done with respect to Kashmir region and winter zone of Jammu.'

"For the session 2024-25, the restoration of the previous academic calendar (November-December session) shall be done with respect to classes 1st to 9th whose examinations shall be held during the months of November

- December, 2024," it reads. Gupta said that for the students of classes 10th to 12th, the restoration of the Academic Session (to November-December session) shall be done from the academic session 2025-26.

"For the current academic sessions, the I&K Board of School Education shall endeavour to commence the examinations of class 10th - 12th from February-15-2025 and shall complete by ending March-2025," it reads.

For 8th standard exams, Gupta said, "Annual examination (summative assessment) of class 8th shall be conducted by concerned schools from academic session 2024-25 and onwards.".

Trump Stages A

on track to win the popular vote — something no Republican has done since George W Bush in 2004.

"America has given us an unprecedented and powerful mandate, this will be the golden age of America", Trump declared with his family by his side amid cheers of his jubilant

This is a magnificent victory for the American people. This was a movement like nobody's ever seen before, and frankly, this was, I believe, the greatest political movement of all time. There's never been anything like this in this country, and maybe beyond," Trump said.

"And now it's going to reach a new level of importance because we're going to help our country heal. We'll help our country...we have a country that needs help, and it needs help very badly," he said.

"We are going to fix our borders. We are going to fix everything about our country. And we made history for a reason tonight, and the reason is going to be just that we overcame obstacles that nobody thought possible, and it is now clear that we've achieved the most incredible political thing.'

Trump also promised to usher in a

'golden" period in the US. "I want to thank the American people for the extraordinary honour of being elected your 47th president and your 45th president," he said. "I will fight for you, for your family and your

"Every single day, I will be fighting for you and with every breath in my body. I will not rest until we have delivered the strong, safe and prosperous America that our children deserve and that you deserve. This will truly be the golden age of America," he added.

At 78, Trump will in January be the oldest US president to be sworn into office. His running mate, 40-year-old Ohio senator JD Vance, will be one of the country's youngest ever

vice-presidents. The victory by Trump is largely being seen as a remarkable comeback after he lost the 2020 presidential election to Joe Biden which appeared to be the end of his political career.

Trump will return to the White House four years after his first tumultuous term ended with his attempt to overturn the results of an election he lost to Biden and the assault on the US

Capitol by his supporters. He will lead a sharply divided country, but voters showed they were willing to overlook his past behaviour and incendiary campaign, instead punishing Harris for the high inflation, global conflicts and a significant rise in immigration that Republicans blamed on Biden's policies.

In the Middle East, Trump has promised to take a tougher stance towards Iran than Biden and resolve the wars in Gaza and Lebanon, although he has not detailed how.

In one of the earliest foreign reactions, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu hailed what he described as "history's greatest comeback" and a "huge victory" in a post on X.

As investors bet that Trump's policies would boost both economic growth and inflation, the dollar rose 1.8 per cent against a basket of rivals in its biggest surge since the 2016 Brexit referendum.

Modi Congratulates

in one of the greatest political comebacks in American history. According to projections, Trump was all set to receive 270 electoral college votes blocking Democratic candidate Kamala Harris' chance to win the polls.

"Heartiest congratulations my friend @realDonaldTrump on your historic election victory. As you build on the successes of your previous term, I look forward to renewing our collaboration to further strengthen the India-US Comprehensive Global and Strategic Partnership," Modi said in a post on X.

"Together, let's work for the betterment of our people and to promote global peace, stability and prosperity,"

The prime minister also posted pictures of his previous meetings with Trump, who was the US president from 2016-2020.

What Trump

During the campaign, Trump repeatedly said he could end the war between Russia and Ukraine "in a day". When asked how, he suggested overseeing a deal, but has declined to give specifics.

His "America First" approach to ending the war also extends to the strategic issue of the future of Nato.

Nato now counts 32 countries and Trump has long been a sceptic of the alliance, accusing Europe of free-riding on America's promise of protection.

Whether he would actually withdraw the US from Nato, which would signal the most significant shift in transatlantic defence relations in nearly a century, remains a matter of debate. Some of his allies, according to the

BBC, suggest his hard line is just a negotiating tactic to get members to meet the alliance's defence spending guidelines. But the reality is Nato leaders will be seriously worried about what his

victory means for the alliance's future and how its deterrent effect is perceived by hostile leaders.

The Middle East As with Ukraine, Trump has promised to bring "peace" to the Middle ing he would end the Israel-Hamas war in Gaza and the Israel-Hezbollah war in Lebanon - but has not said how.

He has repeatedly said that, if he had been in power rather than Joe Biden, Hamas would not have attacked Israel because of his "maximum pressure" policy on Iran, which funds the group.

Broadly, it's likely Trump would attempt to return to the policy, which saw his administration pull the US out of the Iran nuclear deal, apply greater sanctions against Iran and kill Gen Qasem Soleimani - Iran's most powerful military commander.

In the White House, Trump enacted strongly pro-Israel policies, naming Jerusalem as Israel's capital and moving the US embassy there from Tel Aviv - a move which energised

Trump's Christian evangelical base, a

core Republican voter group. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called Trump the "best friend that Israel has ever had in the White House".

But critics argue his policy had a destabilising effect on the region.

The Palestinians boycotted the Trump administration, because of Washington's abandonment of their claim to Jerusalem - the city that forms the historical centre of national and religious life for Palestinians.

They were further isolated when brokered the so-called "Abraĥam Accords", which saw a historic deal to normalise diplomatic ties between Israel and several Arab and Muslim countries. They did so without Israel having to accept a future independent Palestinian state alongside it the so-called two-state solution - previously a condition of Arab countries for such a regional deal.

The countries involved were instead given access to advanced US weapons in return for recognising Israel.

The Palestinians were left at one of the most isolated points in their history by the only power that can really apply leverage to both sides in the conflict - further eroding their ability as they saw it to protect themselves on the ground.

Trump made several statements during the campaign saying he wants the Gaza war to end.

He has had a complex, at times dysfunctional relationship with Netanyahu, but certainly has the ability to apply pressure on him.

Immigration policy If re-elected, Trump has indicated he would prioritize mass deportations, claiming this would alleviate housing prices and raise wages for American workers. His campaign with vice presidential candidate JD Vance includes a commitment to end birthright citizenship for children of undocumented immigrants, a proposal that has raised concerns among immigrant commu-

nities, including South Asians. The stakes of this election extend beyond U.S. borders as voters determine the future of economic policy, international relations, and immigration reform. The election results are expected to shape the country's trajectory and redefine its role on the global

Prolonged Dry Spell

intensity remains uncertain.

Significantly, "The prolonged dryness has also increased the risk of forest fires across the region. Shedding trees and dried vegetation, coupled with local burning practices, have heightened the potential for fire outbreaks," said Faizan, while urging residents to avoid burning leaves or other dry vegetation to safeguard Kashmir's green cover.(KNO)

Why The Ambiguity

exercise in empty semantics—it is a farcical eyewash. The language of this proposal is so deliberately vague that it holds no real substance or commit-

Para went on to say that terms like constitutional guarantees" are dangerously ambiguous, creating the illusion of commitment while giving no clear path to action or protection. Legal documents that rely on such vague language are nothing more than a deceitful farce, intended to mislead, pacify, and ultimately, betray, he wrote, adding that by offering a resolution that says everything and nothing all at once, the NC has shown its willingness to obscure the truth from the people, choosing to deceive rather than defend."

The PDP Leader also raised concerns over NC's apparent shift away from the Autonomy Resolution of 2000, accusing

the party of betraying its own legacy.
"This move by NC is a grave betrayal, a calculated attempt to distance themselves from the legacy of autonomy they once championed. In effect, this resolution is NC's final act of surrender on the Autonomy Resolution of 2000—a promise they once heralded, now reduced to hollow words buried in the soil of political expediency," he

said. "The PDP cannot and will not remain silent in the face of this blatant capitulation. We reject this vague, toothless proposal and are moving a notice to amend the resolution so that it reflects the true spirit of the Kashmiri people's struggle, aligning with their unwavering commitment to justice and self-respect."

Proposes Amendments Resolution

Para also proposed several amendments to the resolution, calling for a firm rejection of the J&K Reorganization Act 2019 and a demand for the immediate restoration of

Article 370. The PDP argued that the resolution's language should be explicit in its call for the re-establishment of the state's special status, rather than using ambiguous terms like "constitutional

He asked the ruling party to replace the words "expresses concern over their" with "opposes and rejects the". "Vague expressions of "concern" only dilute our stand; the language must reflect a firm, unequivocal rejection of the unilateral removal of our constitu-

tional safeguards," he said. The PDP proposes that the Assembly call for direct action rather than empty negotiations. The revised wording, he said, would demand, "This Assembly calls upon the Government of India to rescind the J&K Reorganization Act 2019, a law unilaterally imposed, and to restore Article 370 along with all allied constitutional guarantees in their

original, undiluted form." The third point, according to Para, should explicitly call for the re-establishment of Jammu and Kashmir's special status as it was before August 2019. The PDP proposes, "This Assembly resolves that any process of restoration must prioritize the re-establishment of the State's special status as it existed, in strict alignment with the resolution previously endorsed by this House on July 4, 2000, as demanded by the Kashmiri people."

"Don't be under any misconceptions. Today's resolution brought by NC doesn't so much so mention the J&K Reorganization Act 2019, nor ask for its repeal.

hold "dialogue" with NC.NC has offered the final funeral prayer for #Article370 today," former Mayor of Srinagar, Junaid Azim Mattoo posted on X. People's Conference chairman and Handwara MLA Sajad Lone said

It's just a public plea to the BJP to

what happened on August 5, 2019 "was against the will of the people of Jammu and Kashmir". 'Today, the balls were set rolling to reject it. This is the majoritarian viewpoint of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. I am very happy today. The first Assembly after 2019 has put a stamp that what was done on August

5, 2019 was morally, ethically, legally

wrong. It will be remembered in the

future how the people of Jammu and

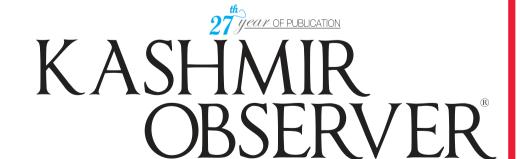
Kashmir had rejected it." porters here. Later, in a post on X, Lone said the

resolution is the start and not the end. "I would humbly state that the resolution writer has been too economical in the wording of the resolution, which could make it prone to differing interpretations," he said.

Lone said the resolution will have to be supplemented by explicit terminology.

"We should be unambiguous in our disdain and contempt for 5 August 2019. And we should clearly state that the will of the people of Jammu and Kashmir as embodied in the state Assembly has clearly expressed that Iammu and Kashmir should be reverted to pre 5 August, 2019 status. We need to remove the ambiguities," he said.





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Army 'Encourages' Students To **Hoist Tricolour In Every House**

Conduct Motivational Lecture For Youth In Rajouri, Highlight Sacrifices Made By Soldiers



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Continuing its effort to engage with local communities and promote national unity and pride, the Indian army on Wednesday organized a motivational lecture at a government school in Rajouri during which students were encouraged to hoist the national flag in every house, symbolizing unity and patriotism.

The motivational lecture organised at the Government Higher Secondary School Solki, in Rajouri District was aimed to inspire and motivate the local residents, especially the youth, by sharing real-life examples of courage, resilience, and leadership qualities exhibited by the Indian Army during various wars and operations, the PRO Ministry of Defence Jammu, Lt. Col Suneel Bartwal said.

The event, he said, was attended by 54 students and 3 teachers from the school. He said that the lecture highlighted the sacrifices made by

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SRINAGAR: J&K Government on

Wednesday extended the time-

line for submission of self-as-

sessment reports by employees

on the Employees Performance

Monitoring (EPM) System for

the 3rd quarter (July-September,

"In terms of Circular No.

02-JK(GAD) of 2024 dated

11.01.2024, instructions were is-

sued to all employees to submit

their quarterly self-assessment

report(s) on Employees Perfor-

mance Monitoring System (EPM)

and self-assessment report(s) for

the 3rd quarter (July-Septem-

ber,2024) were required to be

submitted in the first week of

October 2024," reads an order is-

2024) till 15th November 2024.

Govt Employees Get More Time

To File Self-Assessment Reports

Indian soldiers and their spirit of valour, motivating the youth and local residents to embrace patriotic values.

"Students were encouraged to hoist the national flag in every house, symbolizing unity and patriotism. The interactive session fostered a sense of community and shared values among the attendees" he said.

The PRO further said that the Indian Army's efforts to engage with the local community and inspire the younger generation are commendable. By sharing their experiences and values, he said, the army aims to promote patriotism, courage, and leadership among the youth.

timeline for submitting the self as-

sessment report for the 3rd quarter

(July-September, 2024) is extended

for subsequent review by report-

ing/controlling officers for the 3rd

Quarter (July-September, 2024)

is also extended till 25.11.2024

The Administrative Departments

shall regularly monitor the sub-

mission of quarterly reports by

employees on the EPM. These

instructions are hereby brought

into the notice of all concerned

for compliance," reads the order.

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NOTIFICATION **SRINAGAR 04 NOVEMBER, 2024**

Whereas, the final seniority list of Saddar Mohasibs of Divisional Cadre, Kashmir, Revenue Department was issued vide this

Whereas, it is important to update the seniority by excluding those who have superannuated and including those who have

Whereas, the official figuring at S.No.01, 02, 04 and 06 namely Syed Altaf Ahmad, Syed Javid Ahmad, Mohammad Ramzan Bhat, and Mohammad Ashraf Imam respectively superannuated from Govt. Services and thus required to be deleted from the

Whereas, Sh. Firdous Ahmad Dand, Naseer Ahmad Ganai, Syed Hussain Masoodi and Kowsar Parveen have been elevated to the post of Saddar Mohasib and thus required to be incorporated in the seniority list of Saaaar Mohasibs of Kashmir Division.

Now therefore, the tentative seniority list of Saddar Mohasibs of Divisional Cadre Kashmir Revenue Department as it stands

on 30-09-2024 is hereby notified as Annexure "A" to this notification for inviting objections, if any, from all stakeholders, with regard to their placement/particulars etc. in the seniority list within 21- days from the date of issuance of this notification. No

By Order

Subject: Tentative Seniority list of Saddar Mohasibs of Divisional Cadre Kashmir of Revenue Department.

"Sequel to which, the timeline

till 15.11.2024, the order said.

"Such initiatives have a positive impact on the young generation, motivating them to join the Indian Army and become responsible citizens of the country. The event was well-received by the attendees, who appreciated the Indian Army's commitment to nurturing patriotism and inspiring future generations," Bartwal said.

"Article 370 has become part

Resolution On Special Status

BJP Holds Protest In Jammu, NC Celebrates

IAMMU: The resolution passed on the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's special status in the assembly on Wednesday, evoked mixed response in Jammu as the BJP's J&K unit staged a strong protest to denounce the move while the members of the ruling National Conference (NC) welcome it.

The resolution has sought a dialogue between the Centre and elected representatives for the restoration of the special status of the erstwhile state.

Led by party president Sat Paul Sharma, a group of BJP workers came out of the party headquarters at Trikuta Nagar in the outskirts of the city this afternoon and set ablaze a joint effigy of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and his deputy Surinder Choudhary amid slogans against the National Conference-led government.

J-K Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary moved the resolution for restoring the erstwhile state's special status, which was revoked by the Centre on August 5, 2019. The resolution was passed without any debate as the Speaker put it to voice vote amidst noisy scenes by opposition BJP members.



of history and the National Conference through this resolution made an attempt to revive it," Sharma told reporters.

Sharma said Choudhary was "Jammu's Jaichand" and added that he had taken votes to safeguard the interests of Jammu but is trying to disturb the environment here by moving the resolution. Jaichand was the king of Kannauj who is projected as a betrayer to the Indian cause in some historical accounts.

He said the National Conference is fully aware that Article 370 cannot be restored as long as Narendra Modi is the prime minister and Amit Shah is the home minister, even if they pass thousands of such resolutions.

"This is nothing but an attempt to disturb the peaceful situation. Similar attempts were made by the National Conference when we were in power," said Sharma, a former minister in the PDP-BJP coalition government.

Former J-K BJP president Ravinder Raina, who was also present in the protest, slammed the National Conference and its coalition partner Congress and said "by bringing the resolution, they have betrayed the nation".

Meanwhile, senior leaders, party members, and supporters of the NC celebrated passing of resolution in J&K Assembly at the Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan.

Speaking on the occasion, NC Provincial President Rattan Lal Gupta said "This resolution is a step towards reversing the injustice done on August 5, 2019, as it witnessed the unilateral revocation of our special status. Today's resolution rekindles hope for the people of J&K, especially in securing our land and job rights, which are at risk without special protections."

LG, Bukhari Pay Tributes **To Devender Rana**

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and J-K Apni Party chief Altaf Bukhari on Wednesday separately visited the house of BJP leader Devender Singh Rana (59), who passed away at a private hospital in Haryana's Fraidabad on October 31.

Sinha was the first to reach Rana's residence in Gandhi Nagar where he paid tributes to the departed leader besides consoling the bereaved family, officials said.

Former J-K minister Bukhari also visited the residence of Rana, who was the sitting MLA from Nagrota, to express his grief over the senior politician's demise.

"Rana sahab's passing away has left a huge void in the society. He was a popular leader who was accessible to everyone. His welfare works will always be remembered," Bukhari said.

Bukhari later chaired a meet-



functioning post the Assembly elections and chalk out a future strategy to strengthen its roots across the region.

Following a threadbare discussion, he directed the party leaders to work among the masses and strive hard to resolve public issues, a party release said.

Bukhari said the party is fully committed to get constitutional protection for land and jobs in the region so that they cannot be snatched.

This was Bukhari's first visit to the Jammu region after his party's poor show in the Assembly elections in which it failed to open its account.

ASI To Reclaim Lost Glory Of Aliabad, Heerpora Sarais In Shopian

'Centrally Protected Monuments Of National Importance To Be Made Accessible For Eco-Tourism Fillip'

Observer News Service

SHOPIAN: The historic Aliabad and Heerpora Sarais, known as the resting places of Mughal Emperors, in district Shopian are all set to regain their former glory in accordance with the initiative taken by the district administration and the commitment of Archeological Survey of India (ASI) to restore and protect these centrally protected monuments, an official spokesperson

said Wednesday.
These sarais, built during the Mughal era, have been under the Archaeological Survey of India's (ASI) protection since 1958 since they were transferred by the Government, However, due to rampant grazing in the prem-

ises, the monument at Aliabad has suffered damages which need to be restored.

According to the spokesperson, the restoration project aims to preserve the Mughal architecture of these monuments of national importance, using materials that are in sync with the original style, apprised AS'Is officers.

"Further, to make Aliabad Sarai accessible to tourists, the wildlife department will develop an environmentally friendly approach path, a move, expected to give a boost to eco-tourism in the area," the District Development Commissioner (DDC), Shopian said while chairing a meeting of top officers of district administration, ASI, Wildlife and Forest Departments.

Police Attaches Property Of Crorepati Drug Peddler

Observer News Service

sued by the government. **SRINAGAR:** The police have attached property It has however been observed worth over Rs 1.2 crore of an alleged drug peddler in south Kashmir's Anantnag district acthat a significant number of emquired through proceeds from illicit activities, a ployees have not been able to submit their reports due to varipolice spokesperson said Wednesday. ous reasons In this backdrop, the

In a decisive step against narcotics trafficking, he said, Police in Anantnag attached the property of a notorious drug trafficker Mohammad Ashraf Dar, under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act. He said a resident of Tulkhan Bijbehara, Dar, has a history of offenses under the NDPS Act, with several cases involving the trafficking of substances like codeine phosphate, charas, and SpasmoProxyvon Plus.

The police spokesperson referred to the recent offense of Dar on April 4, 2021, when a major drug haul was seized, including 70 bottles of Codeine Phosphate, 34.7 kg of Charas powder, and 4,320 capsules of SpasmoProxyvon Plus.

Besides Dar, he said, the investigations have also revealed that his two sons Inayat Ah Dar and Sahil Ah Dar, were also arrested in 2024 on

"Inayat Ahmad Dar was arrested in Case FIR No. 13/2024, with 09 bottles of Codeine Phosphate, and Sahil Ahmad Dar was apprehended in Case FIR No. 36/2024, with 12 bottles of the same substance," the spokesperson said.

He further said that despite Dar's stated income from agriculture, an investigation revealed that his three-storey residence in Tulkhan, valued at around 1.2 crores, was acquired through proceeds from his illicit drug

Government of Jammu & Kashmir (UT)

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER **MUNICIPAL COUNCIL BUDGAM**

NOTIFICATION FOR DECLARATION OF TOWN BUDGAM ODF+

Town Budgam existing at 34.0054"N Latitudes and 74.04311E Longitude. The area of the District is 1361 Sq. Km. and is at the distance of 15 Kmtrs. From Srinagar City. The Town comprising of 13 wards with a population of above about 15338 souls. The Budgam town is gateway of historical tourist resort Doodhpathri, and we have constructed 569 Individual Household latrines (IHHL's) for the families who did not hold such facilities owing to financial constraints. The Requisite infra-structure is raised is available on the web portal on Swachh Bharat Mission (urban) at www.Swachhbharaturban.gov,in).

While moving a step towards clean Budgam as contemplated under Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban)Municipal Council Budgam has raised the requisite infrastructure in the shape of Community Type/ Public type latrines at all important places / Commercial hubs/ markets of the Town.

S. No	Particulars of the Toilet Block	Location
01	Constt. Of CT/PT (05 WC's 02 Bathrooms 02 Urinals & Caretakers room)	District Hospital Budgam
02	Constt. Of CT/PT (05 WC's 02 Bathrooms 02 Urinals & Caretakers room)	Astan-e-Sharief Budgam
03	Constt. Of CT/PT (05 WC's 02 Bathrooms 02 Urinals & Caretakers room)	Govt. Girls High School Ompora.
04	Constt. Of CT/PT 02 Bathrooms 02 Urinals & Caretakers room)	Old Bus Adda Budgam
05	Constt. Of CT/PT (05 WC's 02 Bathrooms 02 Urinals & Caretakers room)	Govt. Boys High school Ompora_
06	Constt. Of CT/PT 02 Bathrooms 02 Urinals & Caretakers room)	New Bus Adda Budgam.

Therefore in due discharge of duties as mandated under ODF+ protocol and having obtained requested deceleration from the constituted survey teams / School Management/Intizamia Masiid Committees/Traders Federation, the Municipal Administration Budgam hereby pass preliminary resolution for declaring Budgam Town as ODF + from today 04-11-2024. As such the requisite information is published for information of General public. The Public is at liberty to file the objections if any

noticed to the resolute deceleration within a period of 15 days after the stipulated time period no objection will be entertained. No:-MC/Bud/ODF+/2024/ 3762-65 **Chief Executive Officer**

Dated: 5/11/24

Municipal Council Budgam

ANNEXURE 'A*

Assistant Commissioner (C), with Divisional Commissioner. **KASHMIR**

been elevated to the post of Saddar Mohasibs by the competent authority, and

office Order No.12 DIVCOM 2023 dated: 07-01-2023; and

seniority list of Saddar Mohasib of Kashmir Division: and

No:DivCom/E-7586457/235/Renl/Estt

Dated: 04-11-2024

DIPK-7529-24

DT: 06/11/2024

objection shall be entertained after the expiry of stipulated period

Tentati	ve seniority list of Sadd	ar Mohasibs of Kashmir Di	vision as on 30-	09-2024		
S.No	Name of Saddar Mohasib	Present place of posting	Date of birth	Date of promotion as WBN	Date of promotion as Mohasib	Date of promotion as Saddar Mohasib
1	Nissar Ahmad Sofi	Collector Agr. Ref. Kupwara (attached with SDM Office Shalteng)	12-02-1965	15-09-1988	23-12-1993	06-06-2015
2	Bashir Ahmad Naikoo	FC Office J&K	23-03-1970	03-07-2008	14-12-2011	22-01-2021
3	Shabir Ahmad Shah	DC Office Kulgam	13-04-1968	03-07-2008	14-12-2011	22-01-2021
4	Syed Farhat	DC Office Budgam	03-01-1974	03-07-2008	14-12-2011	22-01-2021
5	Tariq Ahmad Khan	DC Office Pulwama	04-01-1974	03-07-2008	14-12-2011	13-11-2021
6	Gulshan Ara	DC Office Bandipora presently attached SDM East.	04-01-1974	03-07-2008	14-12-2011	13-11-2021
7	Rehana Jabeen	ADC Office Sopore presently attached with RTI Srinagar	02-01-1976	03-07-2008	14-12-2011	13-11-2021
8	Riyaz Ahmad Hakeem	SDM KhanSahib	10-10-1975	03-07-2008	14-12-2011	13-11-2021
9	Arif Ahmad Baba	DC Office Ganderbal	12-01-1976	03-07-2008	14-12-2011	01-01-2022
10	Firdous Ahmad Dand	DC Office Baramulla	13-09-1970	03-07-2008	14-12-2011	12-11-2022
11	Naseer Ahmad Ganai	FC Office J&K	20-03-1972	03-07-2008	14-12-2011	12-11-2022
12	Syed Hussain Masoodi	DC Office Anantnag attached with Tehsil Office Qazigund.	12-10-1972	03-07-2008	14-12-2011	18-11-2023
13	Kowsar Parveen	DC Office Srinagar	25-11-1972	03-07-2008	14-12-2011	01-05-2024

Assistant Commissioner (C).

With Divisional Commissioner. **KASHMIR**

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU A KASHMIR (UT) OFFICE OF THE **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER** MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE BUDGAM

Subject: - Regulatory measures for prevention of Open Defecation.

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, as per the guidelines of Swachh Bharat Mission, it is mandatory on part of every Municipal Council/ Committee to get their Town declared and certified as open Defecation Free (ODF+)

Whereas, a number of awareness programmers have been conducted by the concerned staff of Municipal Councils/ Committee to educate the inhabitants of their respective town about the health hazards of Open Defecation in order to eradicate such practices and to keep the Surroundings environment clean and safe.

Whereas. Open Defecation not only pollutes the environment but also has the potential to infect serious health hazards to the general public. Besides rendering all the resources and efforts put in by the MC Budgam unproductive /ineffective. Whereas as per the protocol of SBM the practice of Open Defecations prohibited and it has become inevitable to establish a mechanism of imposing certain fines upon the defaulters / open defecators in order to bring a sense of accountability among the inhabitants. Now therefore it is hereby notified for information of all that practice of Open Defecation is completely prohibited within the Jurisdiction of MC Budgam and if any person found defecating in open shall be imposed a fine of Rs.200/ and persons found urinating in open shall be imposed a fine of Rs: 100/- the habitual / chronic defaulter shall be booked under relevant provision

No:-MC/Bud/ODF+/2024/3766-69 Dated:-5-11-24

DIPK-NB-2220-24 DT: 06/11/2024

Sd/-**Chief Executive officer** Municipal Council Budgam

'India Will Struggle Without Shami': Ponting Predicts 3-1 Win For Australia

DUBAI: Former captain Ricky Ponting reckons Australia will clinch the Border-Gavaskar Trophy 3-1 against India as the visitors will find taking 20 wickets in a Test as their "biggest challenge" in absence of Mohammed Shami.

Australia are keen on ending their barren run in the Border-Gavaskar with India winning each of the four series since 2014-15, including the historic triumphs down under in 2018-19 and 2020-21.

However, with India suffering the historic low of a firstever whitewash by 0-3 against New Zealand, Ponting believes the hosts have a better chance of defeating India now.

"Probably more so now (than before)," Ponting said about Australia's chances on the 'ICC Review' show.

Shami has been out of action since last November due to injuries and Ponting believes his absence leaves a big hole in India's bowling attack comprising Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Siraj, Akash Deep, Prasidh Krishna



and the uncapped Harshit Rana. Ponting said, "Shami just leaves such a big hole in that bowling group. Back then (in August), there was still some conjecture whether Shami

would be fit or not." "I think taking 20 wickets in a Test match for India is going to be the biggest challenge. I think they'll bat well enough out here with the current group of batters that they've got.'

While hailing Australia as a more settled unit, Ponting backed India to not be absolute pushovers when the series gets underway from November 22 in Perth. "I think India will win a Test match somewhere through the five Test matches,'

Ponting predicted. "But I still think now, Australia probably look a bit more settled, experienced and we know that they're a very hard

team to beat at home. So I'll stick with the 3-1."

Ponting feels one among the veteran Steve Smith or the flamboyant Rishabh Pant would be the highest run-scorers over the five Tests.

"Leading run scorer, I'm going to go with Steve Smith or Rishabh Pant," Ponting said.

"I think Smith, the fact that he's moved back down from opener to No 4 probably makes

point to prove...that maybe he shouldn't have gone up to open in the first place," he added.

"...and that No 4 is his spot and where he should have probably been the whole time and where he probably finished his career now."

Pant, who was the highest run-getter during the series against New Zealand, appeared to be the only in-form batter heading to Australia. "With Rishabh back in the

side and probably coming into bat in the middle order when the ball's probably lost a bit of its shine and hardness, and the form that he's in, I'll go for him as one of the leading run scorers as well," Ponting said.

The legendary Ponting picked Josh Hazlewood to get more wickets for Australia than his fast bowling partners Mitchell Starc and Pat Cummins.

"I think Hazlewood out of the Australian quicks, is right at the moment, is probably at the peak of his powers more than the other guys. So I'll go with him for the leading wicket-taker," Ponting said.

Ben Stokes Missing From IPL's List Ahead Of Mega Auction

Press Trust of India

MUMBAI: England Test skipper Ben Stokes is missing from the list of 1,574 players while his former teammate James Anderson, Italian quick Thomas Draca and India-born USA medium pacer Saurabh Netravalkar have all registered for the IPL mega auction to be held in Jeddah on November 24 and 25.

The list, which will be shortened after the franchises provide their inputs, has all the marquee Indian players who were released from their teams including Rishabh Pant, Shreyas Iyer, KL Rahul, R Ashwin and Yuzven-

Each of these five cricketers have listed themselves at a base price of Rs 2 crore.

India quick Mohammed Shami, who has been sidelined from action due to various injuries since last November, was also released by his former team Gujarat Titans and has listed himself at Rs 2 crore and so has left-arm pacer Arshdeep Singh.

Among the other Indian players in the list with the maximum base price of Rs 2 crore are Khaleel Ahmed, Mukesh Kumar, Venkatesh Iyer, Avesh Khan, Deepak Chahar, Ishan Kishan and Bhuvneshwar Kumar.

This list also includes Shardul Thakur, Mohammed Siraj, Devdutt Padikkal,



Krunal Pandya, Harshal Patel, Prasidh Krishna, T Natarajan, Washington Sundar and Umesh Yadav.

India batters Sarfaraz Khan and Prithvi Shaw, who were unsold in the last IPL auction, have registered themselves at the base price of Rs 75 lakh each.

Stokes who had decide to give the last season of the IPL a miss in order to manage his workload and focus on his fitness, has opted out for the 2025 edition as well.

42-year-Anderson. The who retired from Test cricket earlier this year, has registered for the IPL for the first time. The veteran pacer last played a T20 10 years ago in 2014. He has never competed in a global franchise T20 league. He has a base price of

Netravalkar, who rose to prominence due to his stupendous performance for USA during the T20 World Cup earlier this year, has also lined up to go under the hammer in Jeddah. The software engineer in Oracle has a base price of Rs 30 lakh.

Ace Australian off Nathan Lyon, who has gone unsold in previous auctions, has also entered the fray with a base price of Rs 2 crore.

Australian pacer Mitchell Starc, who was the most expensive buy in the IPL's last auction at a price of Rs 24.50 crore, is back in the pool for this year's auction with a base price of Rs 2 crore.

England quick Jofra Archer, who last played in the 2023 edition, is also listed for the same base price.

David Warner Back As Cricket Captain After Leadership Ban Lifted



Agencies

SYDNEY: David Warner was named captain of Big Bash League team Sydney Thunder on Wednesday, a fortnight after having his lifetime ban on any leadership role in Australian cricket lifted.

Warner was cast as the main villain in the so-called "Sandpapergate" scandal in the Cape Town Test of 2018.

The opening batsman who th year retired from international cricket, conspired with Australia's then-skipper Steve Smith and Cameron Bancroft to tamper with the surface of the ball using sandpaper.

ing for a year and banned from any leadership role for life. A Cricket Australia panel last month decided that Warner met

immediately, noting his "respectful and contrite tone".

He was suspended from play-

the criteria to have the ban lifted

"David Warner has officially been announced as Sydney Thunder captain," said a club statement Wednesday

Thunder will begin their season in the Twenty20 BBL against Adelaide Strikers in Canberra on De-

"Captaining the Thunder again this season means a lot to me," said the 38-year-old Warner.

"I was part of the team from the start and now to be back with that 'C' next to my name feels fantastic. 'I'm looking forward to lead

ing from the front and sharing my experience with the young talent coming through." Sydney Thunder general man-

ager Trent Copeland said: "This is a huge moment for David and for our

"It's not only about his career. It's about the legacy he's creating, especially for his family and the next generation of players.

"For the fans in western Sydney who've long recognised David as a Thunder legend, it's a special moment to now see him as their captain."

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Pant, Jadeja Rise In ICC Test Rankings

Press Trust of India

India wicket-keeper batter Rishabh Pant on Wednesday rose five places to sixth spot in the latest ICC Men's Test Batter Rankings following his strong performance in a losing cause in the third Test against New Zealand in Mumbai last week.

Pant made the jump on the back of a pair of halfcenturies during the Mumbai Test, in a sure sign that he is back to his best following a serious car accident, with the attacking left-hander now just one spot behind the career-best fifth position he first occupied in July 2022.

Australia Name New Captain For Pakistan Series

Agencies

osh Inglis will stand in as captain for Pat Cummins and Mitchell Marsh in Australia's third one-day International against Pakistan and the following T20 series. Selectors promoted wicketkeeper-batsman Inglis ahead of senior players including Glenn Maxwell,
Adam Zampa and Marcus Stoinis.

ODI skipper Cummins will be rested for the third

and final one-dayer in Perth on Sunday along with Test regulars Mitchell Starc, Josh Hazlewood, Marnus Labuschagne and Steve Smith.

T20 captain Marsh is on paternity leave. The hosts will look to seal the series with victory in the second match at Adelaide Oval on Friday.

Glen Maxwell Reveals 'Beautiful' Exit Meeting With RCB

Agencies

Australia all-rounder Glenn Maxwell has shared his reaction to not being retained by Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) ahead of the 2025 Indian Premier League (IPL).

Maxwell revealed he received a call from RCB's Director of Cricket, Mo Bobat, and head coach Andy Flower, informing him of the decision.

Since joining RCB, Maxwell has played 52 matches, scoring 1,266 runs at an average of 28.77 and a strike rate of 159.25, with 12 half-centuries and a top score

"I got a phone call from Mo Bobat and Andy Flower. I sat there on a Zoom call, and they explained the decision not to retain me. It was actually a really beautiful exit meeting, if such a thing could exist. We ended up talking about the game for about half an hour, discussing their strategy and future plans. So, I was really happy with that," Maxwell said.

Chelsea's Maresca Hopeful Palmer & Sancho Will Be Fit For Arsenal Clash

Agencies

Midfielder Cole Palmer and forward Jadon Sancho will both miss Chelsea's Conference League home clash with Armenian side FC Noah on Thur manager Enzo Maresca said adding that he is hopeful the duo will play against Arsenal at the weekend.

Chelsea's top scorer Palmer, who is not registered for the Conference League group stage, missed training after sustaining a knock from a challenge by Manchester United defender Lisandro Martinez during Sunday's 1-1 draw at Old Trafford.

Reece James, who has recently returned from injury, might also be rested on Thursday. Maresca confirmed a fully fit squad of 25 players otherwise, noting he will rotate players to manage their workload.

Chelsea lead the European third-tier Conference League standings, having comfortably defeated Gent at home (4-2) and Panathinaikos away (4-1), while Noah have won one match and lost one.

Champions League: Man City's Winning Streak Shattered; Real Humiliated At Home

Agencies

Cporting marked the final Shome game of coach Ruben Amorim's reign in stunning fashion as Viktor Gyokeres' hattrick saw them come from behind to thrash Manchester City 4-1 and maintain their superb start to the Champions League on Tuesday.

The Portuguese league leaders were outplayed for most of the first half and should have trailed by more than Phil Foden's early goal, but Swedish striker Gyokeres levelled it up before the break.

City were caught cold at the start of the second period as Maximiliano Araujo finished a flowing move straight from the kickoff, before Gyokeres put Sporting further ahead minutes later from the penalty spot.

Erling Haaland had the chance to drag City back into the game but struck the crossbar with a penalty before Gyokeres wrapped it up for the hosts with another spot kick to send the Estadio Jose Alvalade crowd into

raptures. Amorim, who will take over as Manchester United manager on Nov. 11 and whose last game for Sporting is away at Braga at the weekend, milked the fans' acclaim on a lap of honour at

He leaves the club in second position in the Champions League group phase with 10 points from four games, behind only Liverpool. City's first defeat in this year's competition leaves them on seven points although more worryingly they have now lost three games in a row in all competitions.

"When you lost 4-1 you can't say too much," City manager Pep Guardiola said. "We made a fantastic first half but we struggled to score, we missed the simple passes.

"The second half we were emotionally not stable enough." All eyes were on Amorim before kickoff after he accepted United's offer to take over from the sacked Erik Ten Hag.

The highly-rated 39-yearold has landed two Portuguese titles in four years with Sporting and they have started this season's domestic championship with 10 wins from 10 games.

Up against master tactician Guardiola, however, he was given an uncomfortable taste of what he can expect in the Premier League during a first half in which his side could have been blown away by an injury-

Foden struck after four minutes when Sporting lost the



Haaland, who had an off night, had several chances and Bernardo Silva also went close for City, while Gyokeres made a hash of a gilt-edged opportunity shortly after Foden's opener.

But Gyokores made no mistake when he was played through in the 38th minute by Geovany Quenda, bouncing a shot into the ground and beyond City keeper Ederson.

City never got going in the

second half and were sloppy at the back as they went on to concede four goals in the Champions League for the first time

since 2016. Araujo was played in by Pe-

dro Goncalves to score in style. Then Josko Gvardiol needlessly shoved over Francisco Trincao in the area and Gyokeres beat Ederson from the spot.

City's worst losing run since 2018 was sealed when Gyokores tucked away his second penalty in the 81st minute after a clumsy foul by Matheus Nunes on Geny Catamo.

Gyokores, the first Swede to score a Champions League hattrick since Zlatan Ibrahimovic in 2013, has scored five goals in this season's competition, a figure only matched by Bayern Munich's Harry Kane.

Magnificent Milan stun Real Madrid 3-1 at Bernabeu

AC Milan's Malick Thiaw, Alvaro Morata and Tijjani Reijnders all got on the scoresheet in a surprise 3-1 win at holders Real Madrid in the Champions League as the continental heavyweights clashed Tuesday. Thiaw gave seven-times Eu-

at the Santiago Bernabeu on

ropean champions Milan the lead with a header from a corner in the 12th minute but Vinicius Jr equalised with a penalty 11 minutes later.

Morata put the visitors back in front by netting from a rebound in the 39th and Reijnders fired home a Rafael Leao cross after a counter attack to wrap up Milan's statement win over the lacklustre title holders.

Real are languishing in 17th place in the 36-team Champions League table with six points, one spot ahead of Milan on goal difference after four games.

Off the back of a stunning 4-0 home defeat by Barcelona in the Clasico over a week ago, Carlo Ancelotti's Real struggled again and looked far from the commanding side who finished lastseason's campaign with a LaLiga and Champions League double.

The last time Real lost successive games in all competitions was over three years ago when they were beaten 2-1 by Sheriff Tiraspol in the Champions League in late September 2021 and lost by the same result to Espanyol in LaLiga five days

"It is clear that this is bad. Defending, like attacking, is a collective thing, we have to put the emphasis on that," captain Lucas Vazquez told Movistar Plus.

"We're at a time when our opponents are punishing us a lot. We have to work so that it doesn't happen again."

Real tried to control possession early but Milan were a constant menace on the counter, exploiting Rafael Leao's speed in space behind Vazquez, who was often exposed in the same way he had been in the Clasico loss to Barca.

Milan boss Paulo Fonseca said on Monday he had carefully studied how Barca thrashed Real, who struggled against their rivals' speed on the counter, conceding four goals in a similar fashion to how Milan got in position to open the scoring.

Leao beat Vazquez with a reat run on the left, with Eder Militao coming to the rescue to block but conceding a corner that Christian Pulisic lifted to Thiaw who squeezed between Aurelien Tchouameni and Militao to head past Andriy Lunin.

Real went into attacking mode as they sought an equaliser and, after Vinicius Jr had a couple of efforts saved by Mike Maignan, the Brazilian levelled with a penalty after he was fouled by a sliding tackle from defender Emerson Royal.