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Jammu Terror Attacks Claim 44 Lives In 2024

Observer News Service

Jammu: Terror attacks have killed 44 people, including 18 security personnel, in Jammu this year with the strikes spreading from the border districts of Raiouri and Poonch to six other areas in the troubled region, security officials said on Monday.

Though the Pir Panjal districts of Rajouri and Poonch witnessed a considerable drop in terror activities in 2024 compared to the previous years, the series of incidents in Reasi, Doda, Kishtwar, Kathua, Udhampur and Jammu from April-May onwards have

kept the security agencies on their toes.

thwart the attempts of Pakistan-

As per official data, Doda, Kathua and Reasi districts recorded nine killings each this year followed by Kishtwar (five), Udhampur (four), Jammu and



Search Ops Underway In Kishtwar Forests

ecurity forces continued their search operation in the dense forests of Keshwan and adjoining areas in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district on Monday, a day after an Army officer died in a gunfight with terror ists holed up in the area. The security personnel have been scouring the forest area for over four days, looking for the terrorists who abducted and killed two More on P10

THE DECEASED INCLUDED 18 SECURITY **PERSONNEL AND 13 TERRORISTS.** Among the 14 civilians killed by the terrorists, seven were pilgrims while three were VDG's"

Justice Khanna Takes Oath As 51st CJI

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Justice Sanjiv Khanna on Monday took oath as the 51st Chief Justice of India with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other prominent persons wishing him well.

President Droupadi Murmu administered the oath of office to him at a brief swearing-in ceremony held at the



Rashtrapati Bhavan. The CJI took the oath in English in the name of god. | More on P10

To counter the threat and

based handlers to spread terror in the peaceful areas of the region, officials said the army, in close synergy with the police and the central armed police forces, has launched relentless operations in the vulnerable regions, especially in the dense forests.



Kashmir Receives Season's First Snowfall

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Higher reaches of Kashmir on Monday received the season's first snowfall while plains were lashed by rains, ending a month-long dry spell in the valley, offi-

Affarwat in Gulmarg area of Baramulla district and Sadhna Top in Kupwara district received light snowfall, they said.

Reports fall were received from uninhabited mountainous areas in Kashmir as well. Srinagar and other plain areas of the valley were lashed by rain late in the afternoon, they added.

The snowfall and rain lowered the day temperature significantly, signalling the arrival of winter in Kashmir.

Mughal Road Closed The Mughal Road, connecting south Kashmir with Rajouri and Poonch districts of Jammu's Pir Panjal region and Bandipora-Gurez road were closed to vehicular traffic on Monday evening following fresh snowfall in the higher reaches, officials said. An official said that the Peer Ki Gali area, where 2 inches of

evening, was also closed. He said that no vehicular traffic will be permitted on Mughal and Bandipora-Gurez roads until the weather conditions improve and

snow was recorded till this

the roads are cleared. The official said that light to moderate | More on P10

J&K Faces 27% Rainfall Deficit

ammu and Kashmir has recorded a deficit since January 01 his year till October 31st while the prolonged dry spell in the ongoing season has further ended up in the receding of water level in river Jhelum and other streams, which simultaneously lead to the water scarcity | More on P10

Muslim Leaders Demand End Of Mid-East War

Riyadh: Arab and Muslim leaders gathered in Saudi Arabia on Monday for a summit addressing the war in Gaza and Lebanon, a chance to send a message to US President-elect Donald Trump.

In an address to the joint meeting of the Arab League and OIC on Monday, Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman condemned the "massacre committed against Palestinian and Lebanese people."

Bin Salman urged Israel "to refrain from any further act of aggression.'

Ahmed Aboul Gheit, the secretary-general of the Arab League, also joined the Saudi crown prince in condemning Israel's campaign of death and destruction in Gaza and Lebanon. "Words cannot express the plight of the Palestinian people."

'The actions taken by Israel against the Palestinian people are undermining efforts to achieve lasting peace. It is only with justice that we will be able to establish lasting peace."

This time around, Trump's election last week for a second term in the White House is likely to be on leaders' minds, said Anna Jacobs, senior Gulf analyst for the International Crisis Group think tank.

"This summit is very much an opportunity for regional leaders to signal to the incoming Trump administration what they want in terms of US engagement," she said.

"The message will likely be one of dialogue, de-escalation and calling out Israeli military campaigns in the region."

Despite global criticism of Israel's military campaign in Gaza and I More o

'Curtailed Durbar Move'

Omar, Top Officials Resume **Work From Jammu**

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah started working from the Civil Secretariat here on Monday, as part of an annual practice of shifting the administrative base to the winter capital.

The deputy chief minister, cabinet ministers, chief secretary, administrative secretaries. and heads of departments also resumed their work from



Jammu, officials said. According to a General Administration Department

order dated October 23, only the administrative secretaries and the top | More on P10

Omar Calls For High Value Tourism Policy

Recognising the role of tourism as the backbone of Jammu and Kashmir's economy, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday called for a

more sustainable and visitorfocused approach in the UTs tourism sector. He highlighted the importance of shifting tourism efforts from More on P10

eview 'Arbitrary' Dismissal f Employees: Mehbooba

erver News Service

Srinagar: Former chief minister and Peoples Democratic President. Mehbooba Mufti has written a letter to the Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, seeking review of the "arbitrary" dismissal of some government employees since 2019.

In the letter, a copy of which lies with Kashmir Observer, she has proposed for setting up of a review committee that can systematically reassess such cases.

She said that the families of these employees are suffering due to their abrupt termination without due process since 2019, citing the case of one Nazir Ahmad Wani, a Tehsildar, who was dismissed under Article 311 and subsequently detained under the Unlawful Activities



"Despite being acquitted of all charges, he faced prolonged detention and health issues, ultimately leading to his untimely demise on October 27 this year," reads the letter.

She mentioned that the family of Wani is now struggling with not only emotional trauma but I More on P10

HC Grants Govt More Time On Constituting GST Appellate Tribunal

M Ahmad

Srinagar: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh has granted the government two weeks more time to file the latest status report with regard to the constitution of the GST Tribunal in

Jammu and Kashmir. A division Bench of Chief Justice Tashi Rabstan and Justice M.A. Chowdhary granted the time after Government Advocate Faheem Nissar Shah sought the same for complying with the directions issued in terms of order passed by the

court on August 14 this year. On the day, the government had



submitted that a committee, constituted for the purpose, has already initiated the process for selection of the Technical Member, and that some more time was required so as to file the latest status report with regard to the constitution of the GST Tribunal.

The court had also requested the research committee to expedite the process so that the appointment of the Technical Member are made "at the earliest" The court had registered the

PIL suo-moto last year, considering that the GST Appellate Tribunal is not in place and such the litigants are facing considerable hardships.

Besides the J&K government, the Court has arrayed the Government of India through its Secretary, Ministry of Finance as respondent, "considering the fact that the presence and consent of the officer will be necessary for constituting the GST Appellate Tribunal.'

Section 109 of the Central Goods and | More on P10

JKBOSE 10th Private, Bi-Annual Results Soon

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (JKBOSE) is set to release the Class 10 annual (private) and bi-annual exam results for 2024 soon. Students who appeared in these high school exams can view their scores on the official website by entering their roll number and registration number. Students scoring less than 20% are ineligible for re-evaluation. Eligible students may apply by paying a fee of Rs 495 per subject. In addition, JKBOSE has already announced the results for | More on P10

Some 'Anti-nationals' Trying **To Divide Society: PM**

Press Trust Of India

Ahmedabad: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said some "anti-nationals" were trying to divide the society for their vested interests and stressed the need for people to understand the seriousness of their intentions and unite to defeat them.

The unity and integrity were important to make India a developed nation by 2047, Modi said while virtually address-ing a gathering of devotees at Vadtal in Gujarat's Kheda district on the 200th anniversary of Shree Swaminarayan Temple in the town.



"Unity among citizens and integrity of the nation is important to make India a developed nation by 2047. But, unfortunately some people are trying to divide our society on caste, religious, linguistic, men-women, | More on P10

Mother, 2 Kids Die In Kishtwar Fire

Observer News Service

Jammu: A woman and her two children were charred to death when their house was gutted in a fire in the Kishtwar district of Jammu and Kashmir early Monday, police said.

The deceased were identified as Nazia Begum, her daughter Amina and her son Rizwan, they said.

According to police, Khursheed Ahmad's house in Badhat-Jashar village of Drabshalla caught fire around 4.30 am, trapping his wife and two children inside. They were asleep and could not escape in time.

The cause of the fire is yet to be | More on P10

GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE, HANDWARA

Department of Health and Medical Education UTofJ&K
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Subject:- Provisional Selection list of Para-medical staff in Various Departments of Government Medical College, Handwara on Academic Arrangement basis as per S.O 364 of 2020, dated:27/11/2020 advertised vide No. 03 of 2023 dated 15.04.2023.

Notification No. 68-GMCH of 2024. Dated: 09-11-2024.

Whereas, the Government Medical College, Handwara, advertised 105 non-gazetted paramedical posts Vide Advertisement Notification No. 03 of 2023, Dated 15-04-2023, in various departments on Academic Arrangement basis initially for a period of one year extendable up to maximum of six years (subject to good performance and conduct) or till the selection is made in accordance with the recruitment rules whichever is earlier as per S.O. 364 of 2020, Dated: 27-11-2020 and other applicable rules issued on the subject from time to time by the Government; and Whereas, the aforesaid advertisement notification prescribed the qualification, terms and conditions for making engagement against the said posts; and

Whereas, vide Notification No. GMCH/Acctts/01 of 2024 dated 26/07/2024, the MCQ-based written test was conducted for various posts except for the posts of Technical Assistant and the Technician for the Animal Operation Room, w.e.f 30th July 2024 through University of Kashmir at University Company. Springer and the Technician for the Animal Operation Room, w.e.f 30th July 2024 through University of Kashmir at University of Springer Springer

Technician for the Animal Operation Room, w.e.f 30th July 2024 through University of Kashmir at Hazratbal Campus, Srinagar; and Whereas, the representations received from the candidates after issuing written test/examination notice for the posts of Lab Technician, Technical lab Assistant, Technical Theatre Assistant, Audiometry Technician, Speech Therapist, Radiographic Technician, Physiotherapist, Clinical Psychologist, Jr. Staff Nurse and Pharmacist on Academic Arrangement Basis posts for Govt Medical College Handwara were considered and disposed of vide No. PS/GMCH/761-63 dated 29-07-2024; and Whereas, the marks obtained by the candidates/score of the candidates in the MCQ-based (OMR) written test were notified vide notification No. 56-GMCH of 2024 dated 14.10.2024 wherein two daws were provided for objections if are and

days were provided for objections, if any; and Whereas, in response to the aforesaid notification, the Govt. Medical College Handwara received various representations from aggrieved candidates within the stipulated time wherein primarily Valuos representations from against a Canada Canada

two days as was mentioned in the notification. II. Some candidates submitted that SO 364 of 2020 dated 27-112020, clearly in clause (7) provide that while making selections, the provisions of Reservation Act and rules thereunder shall be fol-

III. Some candidates submitted that there is no scope for inclusion of Reservations of reserved categories.

IV. Some candidates agitated that in case of similar merit (tie-up merit) in the written examina-

tion the suitable place in the merit list shall be based on higher age instead of alphabetic order or roll number.

Whereas, in view of the above representations received notification No. 56-GMCH of 2024 dated 14-10-2024 was kept in abeyance vide notification No. 57-GMCH of 2024 dated 15.10.2024 with the direction to the candidates to produce their category/reservation certificates within three days from the date of notification; and

Whereas, the aforesaid representations were considered and disposed of by the selection committee for para-medical posts(Academic arrangement) of Government Medical College Handwara vide Notification No. 67-GMCH of 2024 dated 09-11-2024; and

Now therefore, in view of the above:

(j). The revised provisional selection lists of the eligible candidates for various posts of Paramedical(Academic arrangement) of Government Medical college Handwara advertised vide advertisement notification No. 03 of 2023 Dated: 15-04-2023 is hereby notified as Annexure-1 to this

(ii). The waiting list prepared for various posts of Para-medical (Academic arrangement) of Goverment Medical college Handwara advertised vide advertisement notification No. 03 of 2023
Dated: 15-042023, is hereby notified as Annexure-II to this notification which shall operate in case of any vacancy accrues in the selection list within a period of three(03) months. It is further notified that the waiting list shall be subject to outcome of OAs/Writ Petition(s), if any, pending adjudication before any Competent Court of law/Tribunal, enquiry, involving any candidate(s), as

figuring in the list.
(Hi). The revised provisional selection list shall be subject to the outcome of any writ petition(s) (FII). The revised provisional selection list shall be subject to the outcome or any with petition(s) or any other petition/application pending in any court of law/Tribunal of competent jurisdiction. However, as per the advertisement and rules of engagement, the candidates are provisionally selected on academic arrangement basis initially for a period of 01 year which can be extended to a maximum of 06 years based on performance and good conduct, the engagement of the selected candidates shall be subject to the following conditions. -

candidates shall be subject to the following conditions.

1. That the candidates shall submit their joining report along with original documents in the office of Principal Government Medical College Handwara within 10 daysw.ef11-11-2024.

2. That the acceptance of joining report is subject to the production of original documents regarding qualification, category if any, domicile certificate, ID proof and DOB certificate.

3. That they shall submit an affidavit duly attested by first class magistrate to the effect that:

1. He/she is not involved in any subversive activity and there is no FIR pending against him in any Criminal Department or Police Station, dismissed from service or discharged from service on the basis of miscronduct.

basis of misconduct.

III. He/she will not participate in any kind of strike during the period of his/her contract.

III. He/she shall remain disciplined during the contract period and any kind of misconduct shall make him/her liable for termination without any prior notice.

IV. That he/she shall not have any claim for engagement in case the documents produced are proved to be forged, fabricated or fraudulent and the engagement shall be deemed cancelled abintio. 4. Salary will be disbursed only after the proper CID Verification of the candidates and document verification.

5. If any discrepancy is found in the documents the candidature shall be cancelled/rejected ab-intio and the candidate shall have no claim for engagement. 6. No experience certificate will be issued if he/she leaves/ fails to serve his/her first contract position for at least 06 months.

7. The selection is provisional and objections if any shall be submitted to principal GMC Handwara

within two days for examination and disposal. No claim shall be entertained after 2 days from the date of issuance of this notification.

8. The engagement is initially for one year extendable up to 6 years subject to good Derformance and conduct or till selection/promotion is made in accordance with rules of recruitment governing the respective posts, whichever is earlier. The extension so granted shall not be beyond a period of 6 years under any circumstances.

by year's under any incrimistances.

9. The selection shall be purely on academic arrangement basis only, without conferment of any preferential right on the selectees for regular appointment against these posts which shall be made strictly in accordance with the relevant recruitment rules. 10. The engagement shall not entitle the appointee to any preferential claim for regular appoint-

(Prof.) Dr. Khurshid Ahmad Wani / Principal

Medical College Handwara

No: PS/GMCH/2024/1297-1301 DIPK-7780/24 Dated: 11/11/2024

ment under normal process of selection/appointment.

			Provisional Selection List of Lab Under OM Category	Technicians	
Sr.	Roll No.	Form No.	Name	Parentage	Written Test Score
1	550780	GMC0006013	MOHMAD ASIF SHAH	GULAM MOHMAD SHAH	103
2		GMC0004911	OWAIS AHMAD LONE	AB QAYOOM LONE	103
3	550566	GMC0004556	Fogiua Abid	Abid Hussain	102
4		GMC0007456	Asgar Ali	Ali Mohammad Gowgojar	101
5		GMC0004701	Arshid Hassan Reshi	Ghulam Hassan Reshi	100
6		GMCO009634	Mehak Sajad Bisati	Sajad Ahmad Bisati	99
7	550827	GMC0006366	NUSRAT FATIMA	MOHAMMAD JAFFAR DAR	99
8	550803	GMC0006144	NUSIABA FAROOQ	FAROOQ AHMAD SANGOO	99
			Provisional Selection List of Lab Under RBA Category		
Sr.	Roll No.	Form No.	Name	Parentage	Written Test Score
1	550042	GMC0000396	Showkat Ahmad Naik	Shabir Ahmad Naik	97
2	550797	GMC0006102	AAMIR MOHIUD DIN	GHULAM MOHI UD DIN BAIG	97
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			Provisional Selection List of Lab Under SC Category	Technicians	
ir.	Roll No.	Form No.	Name	Parentage	Written Test Score
1	550890	GMC0006800	Gulshan Kumar	Gulab Chand	69
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Sr.	Roll No.	Form No.	Name	Parentage	Written Test Scor
1	550890	GMCO006800	Gulshan Kumar	Gulab Chand	69
2	550485	GMCO003983	AJAY Kumar	Madan Lal	64
	10		Provisional Selection List of Lab Under ST Category	Technicians	
Sr.	Roll No.	Form No.	Name	Parentage	Written Test Score
1	550133	GMC0001004	AADIL HUSSAIN SHAH	MOHAMMAD MASTAN SHAH	72
2	550966	GMCO007424	Nusrat Ara	Gh. Rasool Mir	69
			Provisional Selection List of Lab Under EWS Category		
Sr.	Roll No.	Form No.	Name	Parentage	Written Test Score
1	550039	GMC0000268	Junaid Rasool	Gulam Rasool Wagay	88
2	551455	GMC0002081	TARIQ MAQBOOL LONE	MUHAMMAD MAQBOOL LONE	76
			Provisional Selection List of Lab Under ALC Category		
Sr.	Roll No.	Form No.	Name	Parentage	Written Test Score
1	550067	GMC0000529	Zahoor Ahmad Lone	Mohd Alam Lone	47
			Provisional Selection List of Lab Under PSP Category		
Sr.	Roll No.	Form No.	Name	Parentage	Written Test Score
1	550133	GMC0001004	AADIL HUSSAIN SHAH	MOHAMMAD MASTAN SHAH	72
			Provisional Selection List of Lab Under OSC Category		
	Roll No.	Form No.	Name	Parentage	Written Test Score
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Sr.	Roll No.	Form No.	Name	Parentage	Written Test Score
1	550656	GMCO005192	YASIR AHMAD LONE	MOHAMMAD ASSAN LONE	99
2	551109	GMC0008424	SOFI SHAFAT HUSSAIN	Sofi Mohammad Ramzan	98
3	550256	GMC0002056	JAHANGIR MOHI UDDIN	GH MOHI UDDIN WANI	97
4	550892	GMC0006813	SUHEEL MUSHTAQ MIR	MUSHTAQ AHMAD MIR	97
5	550992	GMC0007597	Insha Magbool	Mohd Maqbool	97
6		GMC0004673	Aga Abid	Ghulam Mohammad Aga	97
7	552003	GMC0008708	NADEEM AHMAD BHAT	GH MOHAMMAD BHAT	95
8		GMCO004312	SHUJA ABASS	GH RASOOL NOORI	95.
			Provisional Waiting List of Lab Te Under RBA Category	chnicians	
Sr.	Roll No.	Form No.	Name	Parentage	Written Test Score
1	550017	GMC0000106	Mohd Waseem Bhat	Manzoor Ahmad Bhat	95
2	-	GMC0003261	UMAR MANZOOR	MANZOOR AHMAD LONE	95

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			Provisional Waiting List of Lab Technic Under SC Category	cians	
Sr.	Roll No.	Form No.	Name	Parentage	Written Test Score
1	550708	GMC0005560	IRFAN MAJEED SHEIKH	ABDUL MAJEED SHEIKH	61
2	551122	GMC0008547	Aabida Ahad	Abdul Ahad Najar	55
			Provisional Waiting List of Lab Technic Under ST Category	cians	
Sr.	Roll No.	Form No.	Name	Parentage	Written Test Score
1	550314	GMC0002528	SUMAIRAH ALTAF	ALTAF HUSSAIN KHAN	60
2	550007	GMC0000051	MANZOOR AHMAD MIR	Saifullah Mir	53
			Provisional Waiting List of Lab Technic Under PSP Category	cians	
Sr.	Roll No.	Form No.	Name	Parentage	Written Test Score
	551398	GMCO000738	Sajid Nasrullah Khan	Nasrullah Khan	55
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Sr.	Roll No.	Form No.		Parentage	Written Test Score

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Sr.	Roll No.	Form No.	Name	Parentage	Written Test Score
1	550614	GMC0004911	OWAIS AHMAD LONE	AB QAYOOM LONE	103
2	550566	GMC0004556	Fogiua Abid	Abid Hussain	102
3	550971	GMC0007456	Asgar Ali	Ali Mohammad Gowgojar	101
4	550583	GMC0004701	Arshid Hassan Reshi	Ghulam Hassan Reshi	100
5	552084	GMC0009634	Mehak Sajad Bisati	Sajad Ahmad Bisati	99
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Sr.	Roll No.	Form No.	Name	Parentage	Written Test Score
1	550042	GMCO000396	Showkat Ahmad Naik	Shabir Ahmad Naik	97

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5	Sr.	Roll No.		Form No.		Name	Parentage	Written Test Score
	1	550890		GMCO006800	Guls	han Kumar	Gulab Chand	69
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5	Sr. 1	Roll No.		Form No.		Name	Parentage	Written Test Score
	1	551700	(Provisional Waiting Und			GH MOHMAD LON	
	Roll No.	551700 Form		Provisional Waiting	List of Tech ler OM Cate	nical Lab Assistant gory	s	Written Test Score
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64	Madan Lal	AJAY Kumar	GMC0003983	550485	1
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	ALTAF HUSSAIN KHAN	SUMAIRAH ALTAF	GMCO002528	550314	-

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		Pro	visional Selection List of Technical Ti Under OM Category	heatre Assistant	
Sr.	Roll No.	Form No.	Name	Parentage	Written Test Score
1	330003	GMCO300088	Arif Rasool Parray	GH RASOOL PARRAY	105
2	330349	GMC0007616	ZUBAIR FAROOQ	FAROOQ AHMAD SHEIKH	100
		Pro	visional Selection List of Technical Ti Under RBA Category	heatre Assistant	
Sr.	Roll No.	Form No.	Name	Parentage	Written Test Score
1	330396	GMC0008432	AASHIQ YOUSUF RESHI	MOHMAD YOUSUF RESHI	100
		Pro	visional Selection List of Technical Ti Under SC Category	heatre Assistant	
Sr.	Roll No.	Form No.	Name	Parentage	Written Test Score
1	330454	GMCO009593	ATHAR MUSHTAQ	MUSHTAQ AHMAD	70

	1 33045	4 GMCO00959.	ATHAR MUSHTAQ	MUSHIAQ AHMAD	70
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7		Р	rovisional Waiting List of Technica Under OM Catego		
Sr.	Roll No.	Form No.	Name	Parentage	Written Test Score
1	330500	GMC0010385	MIR ZAHID MANZOOR	MANZOOR AHMAD MIR	100
Sr.	Roll No.	Form No.	rovisional Waiting List of Technica Under RBA Catego		Writter Test Score
1	330120	GMC0002862	RUMY JAN	MOHAMMAD ASHRAF RATHER	100
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			Under SC Categor	у	
Sr.	Roll No.	Form No.	Name	Parentage	Written Test Score

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isional Selection List of Audiometery Technician

Sr.	Roll No.	Form No.	Name Name	Parentage	Written Test
1	222003	GM:0005211	JAHANGIR ALI WANI	MUHAMMAD YOUSUF WANI	84
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		Provision	nal Waiting List of Audiom	etery Technician	

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1	222004	GMCO005744	GURDEEP SINGH	S POPENDAR SINGH	64
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		Provision	al Selection List of Spe- under OM Category		
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Sr.	Roll No.	Form No.	Name	Parentage	Test Scot
1	999007	GMCO008431	AAMIR GANI	AB GANI TAILEE	97
2	999003	GMC0007149	Igra Bashir	Bashir Ahmad Mir	93
4	999003	director	^		1
			"ANNEXURE-II"		

	Provisional Waiting list of Speech Therapist							
Sr.	Roll No.	Form No.	Name	Parentage	Written Test Score			
1	999005	GMCJ008350	WAJID AHMAD KANUE	GH AHMAD KANUE	81			

			"ANNEXURE-I"		
		Provisio	nal Selection List of Radiogra under open category	phic Tecnician	
Sr.	Roll No.	Form No.	Name	Parentage	Written Test Score
1	888754	GMC0007752	UMAIR BASHIR PANDITH	Bashir Ahmad Pandith	77
2	888004	GMC0000083	AABID HAMEED PADDER	ABDUL HAMEED PADDER	76
3	888310	GMCO004895	Danish Mushtaq	Mushtaq Ahmad Ganai	76
Sr.	Roll No.	Form No.	Name	Parentage	Written Test Scor
1	888664	GMC0009794	NAVREENA MUSHTAQ	MUSHTAQ AHMAD MIR	74
		Pro	visional Selection List of Radiograph under SC Category	hic Technician	
Sr.	Roll No.	Form No.	Name	Parentage	Written Test Scor
1	888448	GMCO006932	Azad Manzoor Mir	Manzoor Ahmad Mir	36
		Pro	visional Selection List of Radiograph under ST Category	hic Technician	
Sr.	Roll No.	Form No.	Name	Parentage	Written Test Scor

		Provision	under ST category	aphic Tecnician	
Sr.	Roll No.	Form No.	Name	Parentage	Written Test Scor
1	888435	GMC0006838	ZAKIR AHMED DAR	SHAH MOHD DAR	38
		Provision	al Waiting List of Radiogra under RBAcategory	phic Technician	
Sr.	Roll No.	Form No.	Name	Parentage	Written Test Score
1	888580	GMC0008881	AADIL HUSSAIN DAR	GULAM HASSAN DAR	60
		Provision	al WAITING List of Radiogr under OMcategory	aphic Tecnician	
Sr.	Roll No.	Form No.	Name	Parentage	Written Test Score
1	888048	GMC0000880	IRFAN SULTAN DAR	MOHAMMAD SULTAN DAR	74
		Provision	nal Waiting List of Radiogra under SC category	aphic Tecnician	
Sr.	Roll No.	Form No.	Name	Parentage	Written Test Score
1	888298	GMCO004609	Jagdish Bhardwaj	Romesh Chand	30

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1	888298	GMCO004609	Jagdish Bhardwaj	Romesh Chand	30
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Sr.	Roll No.	Form No.	Name	Parentage	Written Test Score
1	888435	GMCC006838	ZAKIR AHMED DAR	SHAH MOHD DAR	38
		Provision	al Waiting List of Radiograp under RBAcategory	phic Technician	
Sr.	Roll No.	Form No.	Name	Parentage	Written Test Score
1	888580	GMCO008881	AADIL HUSSAIN DAR	GULAM HASSAN DAR	60
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Sr.	Roll No.	Form No.	Name	Parentage	Written Test Score
1	888048	GMC0000880	IRFAN SULTAN DAR	MOHAMMAD SULTAN DAR	74
		Provision	nal Waiting List of Radiogra under SC category	aphic Tecnician	
925	Roll No.	Form No.	Name	Parentage	Written Test Score
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Sr.	Roll No.	Form No.	Name	Parentage	Written Test Score
1	777071	GMCO004184	Aneesa Farooq	Farooq Ahmad Shah	67
	Prov	isional selection l	list of Physiotherapis	t under RBA category	
Sr.	Roll No.	Form No.	Name	Parentage	Writter Test Score
1	777012	GMCO000896	MOIN RASHID	Ab Rashid Nanda	62

			"ANNEXURE-II"		
-	Pr	ovisional Waitin	ng list of Physiotherapi	ist in open category	
Sr.	Roll No.	Form No.	Name	Parentage	Written Test Score
1	777027	GMCO001665	Faraz Mushtaq Wani	Mushtaq Ahmad Wani	67
	Pro	visional waiting	list of Physiotherapist	under RBA category	
Sr.	Roll No.	Form No.	Name	Parentage	Writter Test Score
1	777044	GMCO002374	Zubaid Ahmad Malik	Ali Mohammad Malik	60

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		Provisiona	Selection List of clinical		
Sr.	Roll No.	Form No.	Name	Parentage	Writter Test Score
1	333028	GMC0003553	AAMIR YOUSUF	Mohamad Yousuf Buhroo	86

		Provisio	nal Waiting List of clinical p under open category	osychlogist	
Sr.	Roll No.	Form No.	Name	Parentage	Writter Test Score
1	333031	GMCO003919	Dr. ISHRAT MUNAWER	MOHD MUNAWER WANI	71

"ANNEXURE-I"

Sr.	Roll No.	Form No.	Name	Parentage	Written Test Score
1	991747	GMC0005706	SHAMIL MOHI U DIN	GULAM MOHI U DIN SHEIKH	107
2	991108	GMCO003608	BAZILLA MUSHTAQ	MUSHTAQ AHMAD BHAT	107
3	990273	GMC0000772	Shazia Akhter	Mohammad Abdullah Dar	106
4	990697	GMCO002276	Danishta Gull	Ghulam Mohammad Baigh	105
5	990675	GMCO002194	IQRA TABASUM	AMANULAH WANI	105
6	991627	GMCO005345	FARHAD MUSHTAQ	MUSHTAQ AHMAD TANTARY	104
7	991701	GMCO005584	ZAHID AMIN BANDH	MOHD AMIN BANDH	104
8	991284	GMCO004189	MEHRAJUDDIN DAR	MOHMAD SULTAN DAR	103
9	991302	GMCO004262	ZAHOOR AHMAD SHEIKH	MANZOOR AHMAD SHEIKH	103
10	991430	GMCO004773	Temheeda Rehman Khanday	Abdul Rehman Khanday	102
11	990001	GMC0000007	Mehraj U Din Mala	ABDUL AHAD MALLA	102
12	991600	GMCO005277	HUMAIRA RAMZAN	MOHAMMAD RAMZAN MIR	102
13	990486	GMCO001532	SHAYESTA MAQBOOL	MOHAMMAD MAQBOOL TANTRAY	102
14	990859	GMCO002834	RABIA JAN	GULAM HASSAN NAJAR	101
15	990136	GMCO000356	QAMAR UN NISSA	MOHAMMAD ASHRAF BHAT	101
16	990646	GMC0003090	Sakib Rashid Khan	Abdul Rashid Khan	101
17	990994	GMCO003205	Zahid Qadir Malik	Gh Qadir Malik	101
18	990230	GMCO000618	PARVEEZ AHMAD SHEIKH	MOHMMAD RAFIQ SHEIKH	101
19	991354	GMC0004446	NISAR AHMAD HAJAM	ABDUL REHMAN HAJAN	100
20	990303	GMCO000875	NISAR AHMAD LONE	ABDUL KHALIQ LONE	100
21	990913	GMCO002978	Adfar Yousuf	Mohammad Yousuf Ganai	100
22	990032	GMC0000085	Ekleela Hamid	Hamidullah Shah	100
23	990839	GMCO002786	Owais Majeed	Abdul Majeed Mir	100
24	990336	GMC0000989	Nasir Hameed Lone	Hameed U Rehman Lone	100
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Sr.	Roll No.	Form No.	Name	Parentage	Written Test

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1	991000	GMC0003215	Danish Rashid	Ab Rashid Bhat	99
2	992210	GMC0007454	Muzamil Ramzan	Mohd Ramzan Wani	99
3	991825	GMC0005986	Saima Farooq	Farooq Ahmad Dar	98
4	992675	GMC0009294	RUKHSANA AKHTER	GHULAM HASSAN DAR	98
5	991026	GMC0003316	NADEEM RASHID KHAN	Abdul Rashid Khan	97

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Police Rescues Two Trekkers In Zabarwan Hills



SRINAGAR: A potentially disastrous situation was avoided on Sunday - thanks to the prompt action of the police, who rescued two trekkers from Srinagar in the Zabarwan hills. The trekkers, Tariq Ahmad Mir and Mufti Ziyan, employees at a renowned missionary school in Srinagar, found themselves in the midst of a security operation after security forces received intel about suspicious individuals carrying

bags and sticks in the area. The police had cordoned off the area and fired warning shots, but there was no

response. Fortunately, one of the trekkers dialed 100, alerting the police control room, which swiftly informed senior officers. SSP Srinagar rushed to the scene, halting the security operation, and the trekkers were safely escorted out from behind the rocks and taken to the police station for investigation.

After verifying their credentials, the trekkers were released. To prevent similar incidents, the police have urged trekkers to inform the concerned police station before venturing into areas where security operations are underway. [KNT]

Delhi Man Found Dead In City

Agencies

SRINAGAR: A man from Delhi was found dead at his rented room in the Tengapora area of Batamaloo Srinagar on Monday.

The police identified the deceased as Muhammad Inayat from West Delhi.

Preliminary investigations suggest that Inayat's death was sudden. A police official said that they are currently investigating the circumstances surrounding Inayat's death and are seeking assistance from the public. [KNT]

Dr Farooq Meets Number Of Delegations At Nawa-E-Subha



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Several individual and public delegations called on party President Dr. Farooq Abdullah at the party headquarters Nawa-e-Sub-

ous challenges and grievances faced by them.

Dr. Farooq Abdullah gave them a patient hearing and assured the delegations that their concerns would be promptly raised with Honorable Chief Minis-The delegations apprised ter, Omar Abdullah, and the Dr. Farooq Abdullah of vari- Concerned Ministers.

Theft Case Solved In Sgr, 2 Arrested: Police

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Police in Srinagar on Monday said to have solved a theft case by arresting 02 accused persons involved in the commission of crime and recovered stolen property from their possession.

"On 07-11-2024, Police Station Shalteng received a complaint from one individual namely Shabaz Geelani son of Anwar Geelani resident of Tawheed Abad Maloora stating therein that on 06-11-2024 some unknown burglars have entered his residential house at Tawheed Abad Maloora and have stolen copper utensils, cash, mobile phone etc," a police spokesman said. Subsequently, police said that a case under FIR number 84/2024 under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Shalteng and in-

vestigation was initiated.

NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. DEN/HQ/FZR 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 02.12.2024 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 this 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 document cost and earnest money only through only payment modes available on www.ireps.gov.in portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed. For more information log on to www.ireps.gov.in

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222-2024-25-ADEN-2-FZR Repair and maintenance of Level Crossing including road surface, speed breakers in the section of ADEN-2/FZR under DEN-HQ/FZR Advertised Value | Earnest Money | Validity of offer | Period of Completion

₹1,07,900/- 60 Days ₹53.96.618.31 Similar nature of work:- "Any civil work other than track work" Provision of 01 nos. 100 KL RCC OH water tank at GNA & 1 no 234-2024at 225 KL at FZR in lieu of old abandoned steel OH water storage tank with plumbing pipes with pump house, bore & pump in jurisdiction of ADEN-1/FZR. 1-FZR

Advertised Value | Earnest Money | Validity of offer | Period of Completion ₹2,31,600/- 60 Days ₹1,63,20,668.78 Similar nature of work:- "Construction/Repairs of Reinforced Cement Concrete

Over Head tanks/RCC Framed Structure." Note: Before bidding bidders to check for any corrigendum issued against tende Tender Notice No:- 204-2024-25-ADEN-1-FZR, 222-2024-25-ADEN-2-FZR, 234 SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

Dry Spell Cuts Migratory Bird Arrivals At **Hokersar By 40 Percent**

SRINAGAR: The ongoing dry spell in Kashmir has severely impacted the arrival of migratory birds in the region, with officials reporting a 40 percent decrease in the current bird population at the Hokersar wetland.

Hokersar wetland, also known as the "International Bird Airport" of Kashmir, serves as the primary entry point for migratory birds travelling to other valley wetlands.

The migratory birds had already started arriving in the valley, with officials anticipating a rise in numbers in the coming days. The officials plan to retain more water in Hokersar and construct bunds along its edges to enhance water retention.

"We have activated water gates to increase water levels by closing the wetland's exit points. This will enable the wetland to retain muchneeded water for the incoming bird population," said an official.

He said there is a decrease of around 40 percent in bird numbers compared to last year. This is due to the prolonged dry conditions affecting the valley's water bodies," he said.

Environmental Degradation Poses Further Threats

Meanwhile, Raja Muzaffar Bhat, an environmental activist said that encroachments and illegal dumping of sewage in the water and mining have resulted in the degradation of

"Massive-scale mining of the rivers during the last few years has caused the huge accumulation of silt, both in the rivers and wetlands, damaging the natural vegetation and fauna of the wetlands, disrupting water flow and harming their health," he said.



Bhat said the extensive mining had altered river surfaces and disrupted natural water flow into wetlands. The increase of surface area of rivers has disrupted the natural flow of water, which poses a threat to local vegetation and wetland health," Bhat said, adding that the continuous exploitation of these resources could lead to long-term ecological damage.

Bird Migration Patterns & Numbers Shift

Birdwatcher Reyan Sofi, who monitors migratory patterns closely, observed that bird arrivals were significantly lower this year, noting that only a few hundred birds at Hokersar compared to previous seasons. "Water shortages and habitat degradation have led to significant changes in bird migration patterns across the wetland areas,"

Environmentalists and bird watchers have raised alarms about declining water levels and increasing habitat encroachment, saying these factors have led to substantial drops in bird populations, density, and diversity in previously thriving sites.

Rainfall Deficit & Conservation Efforts

The Kashmir region has experienced a record rainfall deficit of 90 percent in October and November, following a similarly low monsoon season. With this year's dry conditions pushing water bodies to extremely low levels, wetland health and migratory arrivals are suffering.

According to the official migratory bird census data accessed, from 2024, the Hokersar wetland recorded 4,21,000 birds, while the Hygam wetland hosted 4,00,000 birds. The numbers reflect a decrease from 2023 when Hokersar received 4,14,000 and Hygam welcomed 4,96,000 birds.

Officials claim that massive efforts were underway to restore wetland health as part of the Integrated Management Action Plan (IMAP) for Kashmir Wetland Conservation Reserves.

According to the five-year initiative (2022–2027), the programme is aimed at addressing threats such as siltation, weed infestation, pollution, habitat degradation and encroachment in a bid to sustain wetland ecosystems and make them conducive for migratory waterfowl—(KNO)

thought, including Grand Mufti

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HIGHWAY STATUS



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



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This Day In History

1918 - Russia cancels Treaty of Brest-Litovsk

- 1921 US, France, Japan & Empire Sign a Pacific Treaty 1956 - US Supreme Court rules race separation on buses in Alabama unconstitutional
- 1979 Ronald Reagan in New York announces his candidacy for US
- 1980 US spacecraft Voyager 1 sends back 1st close-up pictures of
- 1982 Vietnam Veterans Memorial opened in Washington D.C., featuring the names of over 58,000 US soldiers who were killed or missing in the Vietnam War
- 1986 NASA launches space vehicle S-199
- 1986 US President Reagan confesses weapon sales to Iran 1990 - Saudis ask US for rights to bid on SPR (Strategic Petroleum
- 1993 Pakistani minister of Foreign affairs Faruk Laghari elected president
- 1994 Sweden agrees to join European Union 2001 - Doha Round: The World Trade Organization ends a four-day ministerial conference in Doha, Qatar.
- 2001 War on Terrorism: In the first such act since World War II, US
- George W. Bush signs an executive order allowing military tribunals against foreigners suspected of connections to terrorist acts or
- 2001 US President George W. Bush orders that the Strategic
- Petroleum Reserve be filled to capacity over the next few years 2002 - Iraq disarmament crisis: Iraq agrees to the terms of the UN Security Council Resolution 1441.
- 2007 An explosion hits the south wing of the House of Representatives of the
- Philippines in Quezon City, killing four people, including Congressman Wahab
- 2008 Germany':s economy. Europe':s largest
- contracted by 0.5% in the third quarter after GDP fell 0.4% in the second quarter, putting it in recession for the first time in five years

From KO Archives

Buldozers Demolish Structures Inside Last Monarchial Resort

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR- Was it message that Farooq Abdullah wanted to send across to his cabinet colleagues that nothing can deter him from taking a stern action against any one of them or did it speak of the growing schisms in the Abdullah cabinet when speeding bulldozers demolished a newly constructed building in Karan Mahal here today. Ajat Shatru son of former Sadri-Riyast, Dr. Karan Singh and a

cabinet colleague of Dr.Farooq Abdullah tearing apart the ban imposed on the construction of any structures in the green belt area had constructed a building inside the Taleh Manzil estate the last legacy of the Dogra rule in Kashmir. Giving credence to the belief that Abdullah government writ does not run even in the cabinet, the Information Minister had refused to take cognizance of the notifications served on him by the Lake and Water Ways Development organization.

Adding to the belief that New Delhi has asked Chief Minister, Dr. Farooq Abdullah to tighten noose around his cabinet members after action against the business concerns of the Urban Development Minister, Molvi Iftikhar Ansari, and the Minister for information is second. Rumours are rife that Abdullah is looking for alibi's to throw out some of his cabinet colleagues who in future dispensation may not suit his political requirements.

The operation to demolish the' illegal' structure inside the minister's estate was conducted jointly by the three departments of Housing and Urban Development Ministry, Srinagar Municipality, Lakes and Water Ways Development Authority (LWWDA) and Srinagar Development Authority here today.

The entire single-storey structure was bulldozed by the employees of the three departments, which are under the total control of Iftikhar Hussain Ansari. Following resistance by the employees and the guards posted at Ajat Shatru's estate yesterday a posse of police men accompanied the demolishing squad.

Iftikhar, it is learnt, was in constant touch with the three officers of three departments, who were supervising the demolition today. He was also reportedly in touch with IG Police, Kashmir range to prevent any possible clash between the police and the guards posted at the estate.

The Vice Chairman of LAWDA when contacted claimed that the Sports Minister had violated SRO-109 of J&K Government. The area of construction, the Vice Chairman said, falls under green belt and violated the norms for the preservation of the lake Dal. Secondly the single storey house was constructed without any permission from the Srinagar Municipal Committee. Thirdly the area also falls under Srinagar's master plan.

(Kashmir Observer, November 12, 1998)

Stand Against Imperialism Syed Mohammad Burhan SRINAGAR: Mirwaiz Umar Farooq

Mirwaiz Commends Yemen & Iran's

lauded the people of Yemen and Iran for their unwavering courage and steadfastness in challenging imperial forces. He was addressing a gathering of Islamic scholars from various schools of thought, at the event 'Mehfil Ham Andeshi Ba Ulama e Kashmir' (Intellectual discussion be tween Kashmiri scholars), organized by Anjumane Sharie Shian. The event, according to organisers,

was aimed at fostering unity among Muslim communities and discussing issues of common concern, including the ongoing struggles faced by oppressed nations.

Mirwaiz emphasized the role of these two nations, describing them only nations standing in the fight against what he termed as imperialist oppression.

Mirwaiz expressed profound admiration for the Yemeni people, whom he characterized as nations "left with nothing" yet still unyielding in their support for those oppressed in the region.

Without explicitly naming Palestine, Mirwaiz's words resonated with the plight of the Palestinian people. "Despite the scarcity of resources, these nations show immense courage and love, standing for the oppressed," he said, suggesting a universal solidarity shared by



these nations with the Palestinian

Mirwaiz further drew attention to the silence of other Arab nations, particularly influential players like Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, criticizing their lack of support in the struggle against im-

perial powers. "If the Arab nations had stood united, the region's fate could have been entirely different," he stated.

Mirwaiz underscored that while nations like Yemen and Iran remain steadfast in their ideals, many other Muslim-majority countries appear more focused on pursuing national interests over a broader commitment to the Muslim Ummah.

The event was attended by Islamic scholars from different schools of

Khursheed Ahmed Qanungo, Aga Syed Hassan Al Mousvi, Molvi Imran Reza Ansari, Dr. Aga Syed Mudasir and others. Earlier, Grand Mufti Nasirul Islam had also expressed disappointment with the Arab and Muslim states for being mute spectators to the geno-

> hem in Lebanon. Taking a dig at the Saudi government, he had described its silence on Gaza as ironic and disheartening and questioned their self-assigned title of 'Khidmayne Haramain-e-Sharifain' (Custodians of the two holy mosques).

cide of the people of Gaza and may-

He accused Muslim rulers of complicity in the crimes.

Kashmir Grand Mufti went further, suggesting that the title of the "Custodian of the Holy Shrines" be removed from the Saudis and instead be given to the Iranians, whom he commended for actively supporting the Palestinian cause.

"In contemporary times, Iran stands as the only Muslim country truly supporting Palestinians," he had stated, praising the Iranian government's firm stance on the Palestinian cause.

"I bow my head in respect for Islamic Republic of Iran for standing up for the oppressed people of Palestine," Grand Mufti had said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I Fehmeeda Bilal have changed my name in aadhar which was initially Fehmeeda Bano and then Fehmeeda Bilal which is my present name on Aadhar now I want to change it From Fehmeeda Bilal to Fancy Akhter in my aadhar because of my other documents. If anybody has any objections in this regard he/she may kindly approach the concerned office within seven days. No objection will be entertained after the said time period. JVD

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify all that my name has been wrongly mentioned as Amina Begum W/O Peer Mehraj ud Din Qureshi R/O Delina Baramulla in my adhaar card. Now i want to apply for a new adhaar card with the following corrections. My new name is Meena Akhter W/O Peer Mehraj ud Din Qureshi R/O Delina Baramulla. If anybody has any objections in this regard he/she may kindly approach the concerned office within seven days. No objection will be entertained after the said time period.

ريثائرآئى اليسآفيسرخواجه غلام احمد بث كاانتقال سياسي وساجي حلقول كي تعزيت جتماعي فاتحةخواني 13 نومبر سرینگر 11 اکتوبر/ سابق ریٹاریڈ آئی اے ایس آفیسرخواجہ عبدالاحدیث ولد



حاجی غلام احمہ بٹ ساکنہ اونتی پورہ کل یعنی 10 نومبر 2024 کورحلت کر گئے۔مرحوم نے کئی سرکاری شعبہ جات میں مختلف عہدوں پر اینے فرائض انجام دیے ہیں مرحوم نے کی مختلف ساجی بہبور کے کامول میں پیش پیش رہتے تھے۔

مرحوم کی اجتماعی فاتحہ خوانی برہوار 13 نومبر کوآ بائی قصبہ میں اونتی پورہ میں انجام دی جائے گی۔ دریں اثنان کے انتقال پر مذہبی سیاسی ساجی محلقوں اور غیرسر کاری انجمنوں نے ۔ گہرے رنٹے وغم کا اظہار کیا ہے۔انہوں نے اپنے تعزیتی پیغامات میں کہا ہے کہ اس ہمہ جہت شخص کی وفات سے کافی خلا پیدا ہوا ہے، جس کی بریائی کرنامشکل ہی نہیں بلکہ ناممکن ہے انہوں نے اس سانحہ ارتحال پر مرحوم کے اہل خانہ کیساتھ دلی تعزیت کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے مرحوم کی جنت نشینی کیلئے دعا کی۔

11 Militants Killed In Gunfight With Security Forces In Manipur

Press Trust Of India

Imphal: Eleven suspected militants were killed in a gunfight with security forces in Manipur's Jiribam district on Monday, officials said

Two CRPF personnel also sustained injuries during the heavy exchange of fire that happened at Jakurador Karong in the Borobekra sub-division. The condition of one of them was stated to be critical.

Militants in camouflage uniforms, armed with sophisticated weapons, fired indiscriminately at the Borobekra police station and the CRPF camp located alongside it around 2.30 pm, officials said.

A few of the militants broke

killed, they added. The gunfight lasted a little over an hour, officials said.

A relief camp was also located within the premises of the police station, and five people living there went missing, they said.

It was not clear whether these civilians were kidnapped by the retreating militants or went into hiding after the attack began, they said, adding that a search was under way for them.

The bodies of those killed were brought to the Borobekra police station, officials said.

Following the incident, prohibitory orders under Section 163 of the BNSS were imposed in the area, according to a notification.

"There is apprehension of



out and went to the Jakurador Karong market, around 100 metres away, and torched several shops, besides attacking some houses,

As the security forces retaliated, a heavy exchange of fire began and 11 suspected militants were

widespread disturbance to peace and public tranquillity or a riot in the area and grave danger to human lives and properties because of unlawful activities of some antisocial elements," said the notification, prohibiting assembly of five

or more persons

"Our Ancestors Did Jihad Against **British": Owaisi Targets BJP**

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Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar: AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi has targeted Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis over his "vote jihad" remarks, claiming the BJP leader's (ideological) ancestors wrote "love letters" to the British instead of fighting

During a public meeting here on Sunday, Mr Owaisi also alleged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "Ek Hai to Safe Hai" slogan goes against the diversity ethos.

Mr Fadnavis on Saturday claimed "vote jihad" had begun in poll-bound Maharashtra, which should be countered by yuddha" of vote. He had mentioned the BJP's narrow loss in Dhule Lok Sabha constituency.

Countering him, Mr Owaisi said, "Our ancestors did jihad against the British and Fadnavis is now teaching us about jihad. (PM) Narendra Modi, (Union minister) Amit Shah, and Devendra Fadnavis together cannot defeat me in a debate.

Mr Owaisi claimed the "dharmayuddha-jihad" remarks amounted to poll code violation.

"From where did 'vote jihad and dharmayuddha' come in democracy? You purchased MLAs; should we call you a thief?" the Hyderabad MP questioned.

While Mr Fadnavis talks about (vote) jihad, his hero was writing "love letters" to the British, whereas "our freedom fighters did not



negotiate with the foreign rulers,

"We gave the method of fighting against the British. He (Fadnavis) said 'vote jihad' after they (BJP) didn't get votes in Malegaon (dur ing Lok Sabha election). When the fail to get votes, they call it jihad. They lost in Ayodhya. How did that happen"? Mr Owaisi questioned.

"Our ancestors did jihad against Britishers, not yours. Fadnavis, whose ancestors were writing love letters to the British, will teach us jihad?" he added in a veiled attack on Hindutva ideologues revered by the BJP.

PM Modi says 'Ek Hai to Safe Hai' because they (BJP) want to end the diversity of this country, the AIMIM leader said, adding the Maratha community was betrayed by rulers who failed to give them reservation.

Mr Owaisi claimed many industrial projects went to Gujarat but Mr Fadnavis showed no courage to stop them. "Was he afraid of Narendra Modi?" he asked.



Muslim Leaders Gather In Saudi For Summit On Israeli Wars

Agencies

Riyadh: Arab and Muslim leaders gather in Saudi Arabia Monday for a summit addressing the wars in Gaza and Lebanon, a chance to send a message to US President-elect Donald Trump

The Saudi foreign ministry announced plans for the summit in late October during a meeting, also in Riyadh, of a new "international alliance" to press for the establishment of a Palestinian state.

It comes one year after a similar gathering in Riyadh of the Cairo-based Arab League and the Jeddah-based Organisation of Islamic Cooperation during which leaders condemned Israeli forces' actions in Gaza as "barbaric"

This time around, Trump's election last week for a second term in the White House is likely to be on leaders' minds, said Anna Jacobs, senior Gulf analyst for the International Crisis Group think tank. "This summit is very much an oppor-

tunity for regional leaders to signal to the incoming Trump administration what they want in terms of US engagement."

"The message will likely be one of dialogue, de-escalation and calling out Israeli military campaigns in the region." The war in Gaza erupted with Hamas's unprecedented attack on southern Israel on October 7 last year, which resulted in 1,206 deaths, mostly civilians, according to an AFP tally of Israeli official figures.

Israel's retaliatory campaign has killed more than 43,600 people in Gaza, most of them civilians, according to data from the Hamas-run territory's health ministry that the United Nations considers reliable.

Lebanon-based Hezbollah, which like Hamas is backed by Iran, began firing on Israel after the October 7 attack. The regular cross-border exchanges escalated in late September when Israel intensified its air strikes and sent ground troops into southern Lebanon.

Despite criticism of the impact Israel's military campaign has had on Gaza civilians, outgoing US President Joe Biden ensured that Washington remained Israel's most important military backer during more than a year of fighting.

'Rely on the Saudis' In his first term, Trump's actions showed him as an even firmer supporter of Israel. He de-

fied international consensus by recognising Jerusalem as Israel's capital and moving Washington's embassy there. He also endorsed Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank, which are illegal under international law.

Under the Abraham Ac cords, Trump oversaw the establishment of diplomatic relations between Israel, the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain, as well as Morocco. Though Saudi Arabia did not join those agreements, Trump cultivated warm ties with the Gulf kingdom while in office and has deepened his business connections to the region during the Biden years.

Top Iranian, Saudi Military Brass Discuss Defense Diplomacy

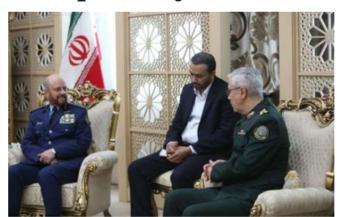
Agencies

Tehran: In a significant development Saudi Arabia's h ighest military official made a rare visit to Tehran this week and discussed possible ways to improve defense ties with the Islamic Republic at a time when tensions are running high across West Asia.

Fayyad al-Ruwaili, chief of staff of the Saudi armed forces told his Iranian counterpart that Saudi Arabia was willing to improve bilateral defense cooperation with the Islamic Republic.

Al-Ruwaili, head ing a high-level Saudi military delegation met his Iranian counterpart General Mohammad Bagheri at the Iranian Armed Forces General Staff Headquarters in Tehran, the official news agency IRNA reported.

Both sides discussed "the development of defense diplomacy and the expansion of



bilateral cooperation" during meetings, an official in Tehran said

"The development of defence diplomacy and the expansion of bilateral cooperation w ere among the main topics of this meeting," he said.

The Fars news agency said that at the meeting, Bagheri noted increased security cooperation between the two countries.

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"We would like the Saudi navy to join Iranian naval exercises next year, either as participants or observers, Fars quoted Bagheri as saying.

Bageri also was quoted as telling visitors that, I ran believe s that "cooperation between the two countries' armed forces can be increased given numerous commonalities and capacities ."

Firecracker Ban

No Religion Encourages Air Pollution: SC

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New Delhi: No religion encourages any activity that creates pollution, the Supreme Court on Monday remarked and directed the Delhi government to decide within a fortnight on extending the firecracker ban throughout the year.

A bench of Justices Abhay S Oka and Augustine George Masih said the right to live in a pollutionfree atmosphere was a fundamental right of every citizen, protected by Article 21 of the Constitution.

"Prima facie, we are of the view that no religion encourages any activity, which creates pollution. If fire crackers are burnt in this fashion then it also affects fundamental right to health of citizens," it underlined.

Noting the submission of the counsel of the Delhi government, which he said would decide on whether to extend the ban throughout the year in consultation with all stakeholders, the top court asked it take a call by November 25.

The apex court further asked the neighbouring state governments to respond on banning manufacture, sale, storage and burst-

ing of firecrackers in their areas. During the hearing, the bench came down heavily on the Delhi

police for failing to comprehen-

sively implement the firecracker ban in the national capital, calling its actions a mere "eyewash".

'We find that implementation of the ban order has not been taken seriously by the Delhi police. There is nothing filed in the affidavit that order imposing ban was communicated to those who have been permitted to manufacture, store and sell fire crackers. The first thing the Delhi police ought to have done was to inform the license holders and others to forthwith stop sale of fire crackers," it noted.

The top court, therefore, ordered the Delhi police commissioner to immediately inform all the concerned about the ban and ensure stoppage of sale and delivery on online platforms.

"We direct the Delhi police commissioner to immediately set up a special cell for implementation of the ban and hold all SHOs of local police stations responsible for enforcing the ban. We wonder why the Delhi government delayed the promulgation of order till October 14. It is quite possible that users by that time must have acquired the stock of firecrackers," it noted.

Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati, appearing for the Delhi police, said the AAP government issued the order banning the use of firecrackers on October 14, just two days after Dussehra.

Even Ganga's Originating Point Is Polluted, Green Tribunal Told



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New Delhi: The National Green Tribunal has been informed that according to an Uttarakhand government's report on pollution in Ganga, even the "originating point" of the pious river is polluted by sewage treatment plant (STP) discharge.

The submission was made during the proceedings about the prevention and control of pollution in Ganga in Uttarakhand. The tribunal had earlier sought a report from the state and others.

astava noted the submissions of the advocate of one of the intervening applicants, who referring to the state's report, pointed out that a faecal coliform having the most probable number (MPN) of 540/100 ml was found in the sample collected from the 1 million litres per day (MLD) capacity sewage treatment plant (STP) at Gangotri.

Faecal coliform (FC) levels show pollution from the microbes from the excreta of humans and animals. According to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) water quality criteria, an MPN of less than 500/100 ml is desirable for "organised outdoor bathing".

In the order passed on November 5, the NGT bench also comprising judicial member Justice Sudhir Agarwal and expert member A Senthil Vel noted, "She (the advocate) has submitted that even the originating point of the pious river Ganga is polluted by the STP discharge." The tribunal also noted CPCB's report about the compliance of norms and functionality of the STPs and said that out of 53 commissioned STPs, only 50 were functional and 48 were not complying with the norms, including FC levels, biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) removal efficiency range and utilisation capacity.

"PM Modi Is A Demanding Boss, You Have To Be Fully Prepared": S Jaishankar

umbai: External Affairs Minister Jaishankar perience of working with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and described him as a "demanding and interactive boss

Speaking at the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of the Aditya Birla Group Scholarships Programme in Mumbai. S Jaishankar was asked about how is PM Modi as a boss. Responding to the question, S Jaishankar said, "I have daily appraisal sessions. In a way, I would say he is honestly a demanding boss. I say that because he prepares. If you are discuss-



ing something, you have to be fully prepared. You have to know what you are talking about to make your argument or case. You must stand your ground and you must have the data."

S Jaishankar further highlighted two characteristics of PM Modi's leadership style and said that PM Modi

is a very interactive boss who encourages open discussion and gives his team 'operational freedom.'

He said, "A second characteristic I would say is that he is a very interactive boss. There are bosses who make up their minds before you talk to them or there are those who give you a decision. His way of decision-making is very much interactive.

"I have enjoyed working with him because he takes a call and then gives you that latitude. During the Ukraine crisis, he took a call that we need to get people out. Do what it takes, use the Air Force, use civil aviation,

talk to people, tell me what I have to do, if I have to make a phone call, I will do, if you have to send ministers out there to do so. He gives you that operational freedom. It is not like he is not tracking you, but he is not micromanaging you. I have enjoyed the experience of this job," S S Jaishankar added.

S Jaishankar during the event also emphasised India's confidence in its ties with the US despite global concerns and highlighted PM Modi's rapport with successive US Presidents and his ability to build strong relationships ranging from from Barack Obama to Donald Trump and Joe Biden.

Hyderabad Man Shoots Girlfriend's Father For Sending Her Abroad

yderabad: A man in Hyderabad on Sunday opened fire on the father of his girlfriend for sending her away to the US to break their relationship. The incident occurred in Venkateswara Colony under the limits of Saroornagar police station of Rachakonda Commissionerate.

The bullet hit the eye of Revanth Anand (57) when Balwinder Singh (25) opened fire with an airgun following an argument.

According to police, Balwinder was in friendship with the 23-year-old daughter of Anand, a businessman, for the last few years. When Anand came to know about this, he asked his daughter not to meet Balwinder.

Anand had also warned Balwinder against continuing the friendship. However, when they did not stop meeting and speaking over the phone, Anand sent away his daughter to the U.S.

Balwinder went to Anand's house and picked up an argument with him. In a fit of rage, Balwinder opened one round from the airgun he was carrying.

Anand was critically injured as the bullet hit his eye. On receipt of the information, police rushed to the spot and shifted him to the hospital.

Balwinder, who had fled the spot, was later arrested by the police. Police registered a case and took up further investigation.

Meanwhile, a youth in Andhra Pradesh's Guntur district was murdered over illicit relations with a woman. N. Devaraj (34), an outsourcing employee in the electricity department, was attacked by some youth with iron rods in Mulukuduru village in Ponnur Mandal on Sunday. He died on the spot.

Devaraj, who was married, was maintaining extramarital relations with a woman of the same village. Another person Madhav was also having relations with the same woman. According to police, Devraj and Madhav were fighting over the woman.

Madhav along with some youth attacked Devaraj with iron rods on Sunday. They later dumped the body near a liquor shop.

Army Rescues Passengers On Karnah Road

Agencies

KARNAH: The Indian Army rescued a group of passengers stranded on an SRTC bus at Khooni Nallah, as heavy snowfall created hazardous travel

The bus, part of the Karnah-Srinagar service started last year, was halted mid-route, leaving many passengers, including children and the elderly, in freezing conditions.

Upon receiving the emergency call, the Indian Army immediately deployed personnel to the location. Despite the snowfall, army teams reached the stranded passengers and evacuated them safely.

The passengers were then escorted to the Sadhna Top shelter, where they were provided with warmth through traditional Bukharis, offering muchneeded comfort in the severe

Yasir Reshi Demands Action Against Individuals Involved In Exam Paper Leak

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Awami Ittehad Party (AIP) leader Yasir Reshi has demanded action against two individuals who were named in the Fire & Emergency and Nursing exam paper leak scandal previously. He has sought investigation by SIA or CBI in

In a post on X Reshi said "Last year, in PS Tral, an FIR was filed against Shahnawaz Khan &

Mubashir Rather for involvement in the Fire & Emergency and Nursing exam paper leak; these individuals are now out on bail and are reportedly selling papers for money. FYI @ ImuKmrPolice to for action @ OfficeOfLGJandK.'

Reshi has urged the Jammu and Kashmir Police and the office of the Lieutenant Governor to take swift action against those undermining the credibility of the education system. (KNS)

Kupwara Woman Dies After Consuming Poison At In-Laws' Home

Agencies

BARAMULLA: In a tragic incident, a woman died after consuming poison at her in-laws' home in Hadpura area in North Kashmir's Baramulla on Monday, while her parental family has alleged that persistent physical and emotional abuse by her husband led her to take this extreme step.

Mushtaq Ahmad, deceased's relatives said that a woman (name withheld) had suffered ongoing abuse since the first year of her marriage three years ago.

"Her husband would beat her frequently. It became so common that she felt she had nowhere to turn," he explained.

Despite multiple interventions from the family and a legal case last year, which is still sub-judice, the pattern allegedly continued, Ahmed said.

He said that the neighbours rushed the woman to the Baramulla hospital on Sunday evening, and the deceased woman was undergoing treatment at the hospital, however, breathed her last at around 3

Meanwhile, Police officials said that they have registered a case and are investigating the allegations.

"We have called her husband for questioning, and will follow with the other family members," he said, while assuring a fool-proof probe into the allegations.

Dr. Parvaiz Masoodi, Medical Superintendent at GMC Baramulla, confirmed the incident. and said that they received the patient who had taken poison and despite their efforts, she did not survive. He added that a post-mortem report would provide more details—(KNO)

Mystery Deaths Of Geese Raise Concerns At Wular Lake

Agencies

BANDIPORA: Hundreds of native geese, locally known as 'Kashur Aenz', were found dead along the banks of Wular Lake, South Asia's largest freshwater lake, officials said on Monday.

The sudden deaths have sparked concerns among wildlife experts, conservationists, and officials in Jammu and Kashmir.

Locals said that they have been finding the lifeless bodies of native geese along the banks of Wular, particularly in the Suderkoot area, for the past several days. Distressed by the sight, they alerted the concerned authorities.

"We have spotted these species dead at several spots around the lake over the past few days. It seems like there's some disease affecting them, as we've never seen anything like this

before," said Abdul Aziz, a local. District Animal Husbandry Officer, G.A. Lone confirmed that the deaths, initially thought to be caused by a local disease, prompted immediate sampling to rule out viral infections.



noted that testing showed no signs of communicable diseases affecting migratory birds, which frequent Wular Lake during this season.

He added that a potential diagnosis of "RaniKhet" disease, known to affect domestic birds, is under investigation.

Meanwhile, officials have administered medication for local birds and have urgently requested vaccines to control the disease and prevent further spread among the lake's bird population.

Notably, the migratory birds have started arriving in Kashmir, particularly around Wular Lake, one of the largest freshwater lakes in the country—(KNO)

Sonamarg Receives 7.60 Lakh Visitors In 10 Months

GANDERBAL: The flow of tourists has increased at the picturesque destination of Sonamarg with the officials revealing that a total of 7.60 lakh tourists have visited the spot in the last ten months from January 01 to October 31.

Sonamarg, known as 'the meadow of gold' and with snow clad mountains sharing a spectacular blue sky, situated at an altitude of 2730 m, is a mesmerizing hill station in district Ganderbal.

Officials said that there has been a surge in tourist flow since January 01, 2024 to the end of October, saying that a total of 7.60 lac tourists have visited the place.

domestic visitors while 14,000 were foreigners and 41,000 were locals. Sonamarg has become a premier attraction for both lo-

Among them, 7 lacs were

Kashmir, they said. The local shopkeepers are delighted with the increase in tourist activity, expressing gratitude to the tourism department for its promotional efforts.

cal and non-local travellers in



They note that the influx of tourists has surpassed previous records, indicating that the region is becoming increasingly appealing to travellers.

People associated with the tourism sector enthusiastically welcome the tourists, seeing it as a revival of their businesses.

They urge the tourism department to continue promoting Sonamarg to attract even more visitors. The tourists are visibly happy, contributing to a vibrant and welcoming atmo-

sphere in the region, they said. Advocate Ajay Kumar said, "I have been visiting Kashmir for the last three years, and I can confidently say it is a place of unparalleled peace and beauty. Sonamarg, in particular, is breath-taking. I encourage everyone to come, experience its charm, and enjoy the serenity of Kashmir."

CEO, Sonamarg Development Authority, Gh Mohd Bhat said that SDA has played a pivotal role this year by organizing a range of winter sports activities, significantly contributing to the economic and tourism revival in Sonamarg.

"Sonamarg Development Authority has been instrumental in reviving both the economy and tourism this year, through a series of winter sports events. As the snowcovered beauty of Sonamarg continues to captivate visitors, we remain hopeful that it will sustain the livelihoods of those who depend on this thriving industry," he said—(KNO)

Dry Spell Impacts Saffron Production In Kashmir

Agencies

PAMPORE: The dry spell in Kashmir has had a devastating impact on saffron production this year, with yields dropping by 50 to 70 percent compared to previous years. Saffron growers from the Pampore area of south Kashmir's Pulwama district have raised concerns about the situation, citing inadequate rainfall and prolonged dry conditions as the main factors affecting the crop's growth.

According to saffron growers, including prominent figures like Abdul Hamid from Pulwama and Mohammad Ashiq from Lethpora, the limited rainfall this autumn, particularly a light rain in September, has been insufficient to support healthy saffron cultivation.

"The lack of proper rainfall during critical months has affected not just saffron, but most crops in the region this year," Hamid said. He expressed concerns that the rop's production is expected to be less than half of what it was in previous years.

Ashiq, another local grower,



lamented that the dry weather had not only reduced saffron production but also raised the costs of cultivating the crop. "The expenses on saffron cultivation this year are far greater than what we will likely earn from the harvest," he said, adding that the situation is pushing many farmers to the brink. He criticised the National Saffron Mission (NSM), which was launched in 2010 with the aim of revitalising saffron cultivation in the region, accusing it of failing to achieve its objectives.

"The NSM has been a failure. Every time we raise our concerns about its ineffectiveness, those same departments that have failed to deliver are made part of the investigation committees," Ashiq said. He and other saffron growers are now demanding an independent investigation into the matter so that officials and departments responsible for the neglect can be held accountable.

Abdul Majeed Wani, President of the Saffron Growers Association of Kashmir, said this year's production has decreased by at least 50 percent compared to last year. "This dry spell has hit us hard, and the decrease in production is a direct result of this prolonged drought. Without urgent action, the future of saffron cultivation here is in jeopardy," he said.

Other growers from Pampore and surrounding areas also reported reduced yields. The impact of climate change, coupled with the failure of irrigasupport from the government, has left many saffron farmers in dire straits.

CS For Implementation Of AMRUT Projects For Their Timely Completion

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo on Monday chaired 5th UT Level Steering Committee (UTLSC) Meeting of AM-RUT 2.0, called for the review of ongoing projects besides considering new ones for their approval.

Those who were present includes Principal Secretary, Agriculture Production & For-

tained that such stunts only add to delaying the vital projects at the peril of common masses.

He also enjoined upon the Department to fix responsibility while taking note of few DPRs requiring revision for want of certain technical feasibilities. He made out that projects certified by the Technical Appraisal Committee should only be taken up



est Departments; Principal Secretary, Finance; Commissioner Secretary, H&UDD; Secretary, RDD; Director, ULB J/K; DG, Codes; Chief Engineers Jal Shakti & Irrigation Departments besides other concerned

The Chief Secretary took this occasion to impress upon the officers of the Department to start executing the approved projects at an earliest so that these are completed on time. He observed that such central schemes are of national importance therefore deserving focussed attention and smooth implementation on ground.

Dulloo also enjoined upon the concerned to explore all the possibilities of executing these water supply schemes envisaged under AMRUT 2.0 for major towns through different agencies having reputation of implementing these at national level. He emphasised on making

this scheme successful here as this guarantees augmentation of water supply to these urban centres sufficing their water requirements for many decades to come. The Chief Secretary urged

the concerned to examine the needs of each of the town to be covered under it and prioritize the implementation accordingly.

He encouraged the engineering staff of the executing agencies to have a knack of solving technical issues at their own level without resorting to the habit of pushing them up. He main- J&K.

for approval so that there remains no scope for any glitches to face in implementation of works on ground.

The Commissioner Secretary, H&UDD, Mandeep Kaur gave out details of the projects sanctioned under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) 2.0 for J&K.

She revealed that these projects aim at making cities 'water secure' and providing functional water tap connections to all households in all statutory towns.

She gave out that the scheme encompasses creating 99 water supply schemes here at a cost of Rs 560 Cr besides some sewage projects for the big cities and rejuvenation of water bodies in these areas.

Mandeep Kaur further added that central allocation to the tune of Rs 611 Cr for water supply, 206 Cr for sewerage & septage management and Rs 50 Cr for rejuvenation of water bodies & development of green spaces in urban areas has been made in favour of

It is noteworthy to mention here that some of the major towns for which the WSS had been envisaged under AMRUT 2.0 includes Srinagar, Jammu, Budgam, Kulgam, Bhaderwah, Batote, RS Pura, Akhnoor, Chenani, Hiranagar, Kathua, Lakhanpur, Vijaypur, Reasi, Baramulla, Beerwah, Magam, Pattan, Devsar, Uri, Awantipora, Kupwara, Ganderbal, Sopore and many other smaller towns in both the divisions of

MLA Gulmarg Inaugurates "Farayad" Grievance Offices in Kunzer, Tangmarg

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: MLA Gulmarg, Farooq Ahmad Shah, inaugurated two grievance offices, named "Farayad," in Kunzer and Tangmarg on Monday. The initiative aims to bring governance

closer to the people and provide a platform for residents to register grievances and concerns. The offices will be open from 10 AM to 5 PM and will also be accessible 24/7 through phone,

email, and social media. Shah held meetings with grassroots officials, including Lambardars and Chowkidars, in Kunzer to discuss ongoing developmental projects and ensure uninterrupted public services, especially during the winter months. He emphasized the importance of addressing public grievances efficiently and strengthening basic infrastructure.

The grievance offices will allow residents to directly engage with the administration, with registered issues tracked and addressed promptly. Shah assured that all concerns would be followed up at multiple administrative levels, ensuring timely resolution and feedback.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SECTION)

Civil Secretariat, J&K

Subject: Tentative seniority list of PG Masters/Teachers in the discipline of Education as it stood on 01.01.2024.

NOTICE

Whereas, final seniority of PG Masters/Teachers in the discipline of Education was issued vide Government order No.311-JK(Edu) of 2023, dated:21.09.2023; and

Whereas, after issuance of the seniority, the Directorates of School Education, Jammu/Kashmir forwarded the service particulars/bio-data of some PG Masters/Teachers in the discipline of Education for inclusion in the

Whereas, in pursuance of Government Order No. 940-Edu of 2017, dated 17.11.2017 proper permission and admissibility of leave is required from the competent authority at the relevant point of time for pursuing PG degree during service; and Whereas, upon examination of the issue of permission thoroughly and it transpired that some incumbents

have pursued their PG degree during service through Regular/Distance/Private mode without obtaining proper permission/leave from the competent authority (Administrative Department); and

Whereas, the objections filed by the incumbents for additions/deletions/corrections have been examined in the Department, and the genuine objections have been entertained; besides the incumbents who have obtained their PG degrees through distance/private mode during service without obtaining proper permission/leave from the competent authority have been included in the Seniority list, with the condition that the case is recommended by the committee constituted vide Government Order No. 188-JK(Edu)of 2024 dated 15.03.2024; and

Whereas, after making thorough exercise; a tentative seniority list as it stood on 01-01-2024 has been prepared and annexed as Annexure-A for inviting objections from members of the cadre who either are not included or are aggrieved with their sen/ice particulars / position assigned to them in the tentative seniority

Whereas, this has necessitated issuance of an updated seniority list of members of the service. Now, therefore, a tentative seniority list of PG Masters/Teachers in the discipline of Education as it stood

on 01-01-2024, in respect of 4398 incumbents as per Annexure-A is hereby circulated for inviting objections, if any, from the concerned members of the service, who either is/are not included in the list or is/are aggrieved with the position assigned to them in the tentative seniority list alongwith authenticated documentary proof of their service particulars/bio-data, within a period of 21 days from the date of issuance of the list. The objections must be filed/forwarded through concerned Directorates, so as to reach the Administrative Department within stipulated time. Further, no objections in this regard shall be entertained after expiry of the stipulated time period.

The tentative seniority list is also available on the official website of School Education Department (i.e. www.jkeducation.gov.in).

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(Suresh Kumar Gupta), IFS Principal Secretary to the Government School Education Department.

Visually Impaired Feel Neglected By Govt, **Seek Minister Sakina Itoo's Intervention**

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Around one lakh blind and visually impaired people in Jammu and Kashmir are expressing feelings of neglect, as they continue to face challenges without adequate institutional support. From daily struggles to systemic indifference, this community feels abandoned by both their families and the government, despite claims of welfare provisions on paper.

Several blind and visually impaired individuals shared their frustration, saying there is a lack of implementation of promises made by successive governments.

Hanif Ahmad, a visually impaired resident of Srinagar, expressed concerns over the government's failure to translate its claims into tangible assistance. "The government claims that there are facilities

for physically challenged persons, but these promises remain unfulfilled," he said, adding that although a four percent reservation is supposedly allocated for people with disabilities, it has largely failed to materialise on the ground.

Ahmad said that while

people with low vision

have found some employ-

ment opportunities, those

who are completely blind

have been consistently

overlooked. "The govern-

do anything, so why don't they increase our monthly pension to a reasonable amount-something higher than the Rs 1,000 that we currently receive?" he demanded. Hanif also criticised the practice of issuing disabil-

ment says the blind can't

ity certificates to people who don't meet the criteria. "This leads to deserving candidates being denied positions set aside for disabled individuals," he said.

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Reviving Militancy: A Concern

ver since the October 20 attack on the construction site on Srinagar-Ladakh highway killing seven employees including a doctor, Kashmir Valley has witnessed a succession of militancy related incidents. This is after around two years that militant attacks and encounters have returned to the valley. Among these was also the attack in Gulmarg in which two security personnel and two porters were killed. In over three decades of the turmoil in the Valley, even when militancy was at its peak in the nineties, Gulmarg has rarely witnessed a militancy-related incident. The attacks have followed the peaceful Assembly elec-tions which have brought the NC-Congress coalition to power and are thus a source of deep concern for not just the newly elected J&K government but also for the centre.

This is not to downplay the gains made on the security front in the valley in recent years. Militancy has by and large shrunk into insignificance in the region. The number of the local youth taking up arms has come down drastically. And the foreigners seem to be stepping into the consequent void. Jammu division, on the other hand, has been in the news this year mainly for security reasons. Militancy in the region has revived after over a decade of absence. Recurrent attacks have brought Jammu to the edge. And a more or less similar state of affairs is prevailing in the Valley now.

However, it is an evolving situation and thus has nothing to do with the formation of the elected government and which has no control over the security situation. Also, there is nothing surprising about the resurfacing of the militancy in the Valley. The past 35 years have witnessed a rise and fall of violence. And often when we thought the militancy was over, it returned to disrupt the peace. Never had it come so close to extinction as by 2013 when the Valley had a little over fifty militants, only a small number of them locals.

In recent years also, the number of local militants in the Valley steeply went down and the recruitment almost came to nought. But here we are again, with the shortfall being replenished by the militants from Pakistan. This has been the story of J&K militancy over the past more than three decades and a factor in its perpetuation. The best counter-insurgency strategy that would help can't be entirely security-centric. It has always alienated people. We need one that reaches out to people and seeks their cooperation. The existing hybrid system of governance is in the best possible position to offer such an outreach and it should be supported in this effort.



Did you know? Maximising Gains: A Guide for Short-Term Traders in Volatile Markets

Irshad Mushtaq

In the ever-changing world of stock trading, short-term traders are often faced with unique challenges and opportunities. A volatile market isn't something to shy away from; instead, it can be a playground of potential profits if approached strategically. Here's how you can leverage market fluctuations to your advantage through effective profit booking and strategic re-entry.

1. Embrace Diversification

One foundational rule for any investor, including short-term traders, is diversification. Spreading investments across various stocks or sectors reduces risk. Don't put all your eggs in one basket; instead, create a balanced portfolio tailored to your risk tolerance and market predictions.

2. Timing the Market: Mastering Profit Booking

When the markets soar, it can be tempting to hold onto a winning stock indefinitely. However, booking profits at the right time is crucial. Wait for a stock to reach your target price, then consider selling a portion to secure gains. This strategic profit booking ensures that you capture profits without entirely exiting a potentially profit-

3. Identifying Re-Entry Points The market's volatility offers windows to re-enter stocks at a lower price. After profit booking, keep a close watch on stock performance. Utilise technical analysis ools and market trends to determine optimal re-entry points. A dip in the market

Inbox In volatile markets, staying informed is half the battle. Regularly review market news, trends, and global economic developments. Being flexible with your strategy and ready to adapt to new information will position you to make timely, profit-

5. Using ETFs for Stability
Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) can be a valuable tool for short-term traders. They provide exposure to a broad market index, reducing the impact of individual stock volatility. Including ETFs in your strategy can add a layer of stability and di-

6. Risk Management is Essential

Volatility amplifies risks, making sound risk management essential. Set stoploss orders to limit potential losses and avoid emotional decision-making. Protecting your capital is as important as seeking returns.

By embracing the dynamic nature of volatile markets, short-term traders can position themselves to profit effectively. Through diversification, well-timed profit booking, and smart re-entry strategies, you can capture opportunities that others might overlook. Stay informed, remain flexible, and let the market's ups and downs work in your favour.

Conclusion

In volatile markets, short-term traders can thrive by embracing strategic profit booking and re-entry
1. Diversify your portfolio to mitigate risk.

- 2. Master the art of timing: book profits before holding indefinitely. 3. Look for re-entry points after profit booking.
- 4. Stay informed & adaptable to market changes 5. Consider ETFs for added stability!

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The Assembly Brouhaha

When Our Elected Leaders Disrupt the Assembly, Society Pays the Price



Dr Syed Irfan Shafi



Leaders must

recognize that their actions in the assembly have lasting consequences on society. In this effort, the media and civil society can play a crucial role by bringing transparency to the public and holding leaders accountable without sensationalism

fter a gap of six years anticipation, the legislative assembly finally convened, a moment that should symbolise renewed hope and progressive action. This longawaited session provides a unique platform for our elected leaders to engage in meaningful debate, address pressing issues, and lay down pathways for Jammu & Kashmir's development. The assembly now has a monumental responsibility: to ensure that the voices of Jammu & Kashmir's people are heard, their concerns are acknowledged, and their future is shaped through constructive dialogue. However, when sessions devolve into chaos, marked by disruptive shouting, misconduct, or even physical confrontations, it undermines the essence of democracy and sends a disheartening message to the public. Our elected officials are not just ordinary figures; They are the representatives of countless intellectuals, educators, thinkers, and responsible

aggressively or disrespectfully, it suggests that such actions are acceptable in positions of responsibility. This does not only damage the image of the assembly but also risks normalising such conduct, potentially influencing how future generations perceive conflict resolution and leadership. Public representatives are expected to act with dignity and serve as examples of integrity, respect, and accountability. Their behaviour in the assembly sets the tone for public discourse, and when they fall short, it affects the very principles of democracy. Every session in the assembly comes with a financial cost, borne by taxpayers. This is particularly relevant in Jammu & Kashmir, where resources are scarce, and public funds are urgently needed to improve critical services like healthcare, education, and inirastructure, when sessions are adjourned or extended due to disorderly conduct, taxpayer money is essentially wasted. These funds could be redirected toward proj-

actions in the assembly have lasting consequences on society. In this effort, the media and civil society can play a crucial role by bringing transparency to the public and holding leaders accountable without sensationalism. Citizens also have a role in demanding better conduct, reminding their representatives that the assembly is a space meant for service, not self-interest. The assembly is a place that embodies the democratic spirit of Jammu & Kashmir. After a long pause, the people have high hopes that this institution will work to address their needs, resolve critical issues, and drive progress. This assembly should not be taken for granted; it is an opportunity to restore faith in democratic governance. By acting responsibly and prioritising the common good, our leaders can show their commitment to the people they serve Jammu & Kashmir deserves leaders who approach their roles with respect, focusing on solutions and upholding the values that bind





conduct. This behaviour sows disillusionment, as people question whether their leaders are prioritising the welfare of Jammu & Kashmir or are simply indulging in power struggles. This disconnect can be particularly damaging in Jammu & Kashmir, where unique challenges already strain the community, and people rely on the democratic process to foster positive change. Young people, especially, look to these leaders as role models. When they witness elected officials behaving

port and timely interventions. After six years, the return of

the assembly represents a profound opportunity that must be used wisely. It is essential for our leaders to treat each session with respect, focusing on productive dialogue and leaving personal conflicts aside. Strict codes of conduct should be enforced, and representatives must be held accountable to ensure that each assembly session is dedicated to progress rather than spectacle. Leaders must recognize that their

ernance. By prioritising service over spectacle, they can restore faith in democracy and build a future of unity, progress, and dignity for Jammu & Kashmir.

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Good Decision on Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana

he Union government's decision to extend the coverage of Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri

Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) to senior citizens of over 70 years of age, irrespective of their income is a welcome move, as it provides

a modicum of free health coverage to nearly 60 million people. With out-of-pocket expenditure for health care in India, the decision

is indeed laudable.

Jubel D'Cruz

The Immortal Magnificence of Chinar Trees in Kashmir

Mohammad Hanief

hinar, a tree of antiquity and magnificence is an integral part of the landscape of Kashmir and holds a unique place in its cultural traditions. The tale of changing seasons in Kashmir often finds expression in the distinct appearances of Chinar.

Chinar is pride of Kashmir and represents the aspirations of its people. It is a magnificent and vibrant tree which predominantly grows on the entire landscape of Kashmir. Being an enormous tree, it houses significant biodiversity of birds and burrowing animals. Its large foliage is a source of life-giving oxygen and significantly mitigates air and noise pollution.

Numerically, Chinar trees have seen a decline over the past decades, due to plant diseases, pests, as well as impact of urbanization. Government is taking proactive steps for the conservation of mighty Chinars, and has embarked on, zealously, for planting Chinar trees on various locations like educational institutions, office complexes, parks, gardens, and other open areas.

The number of mighty Chinar trees once reported to be around 40,000 in Kashmir are now on decline. Hence, conservation of existing trees and planting of more Chinars is being carried out. Chinars are generally planted in parks and gardens by Department of Floriculture, who also maintain these trees.

Chinar, the state tree, is a living heritage of the union territory of Jammu and Kashmir. This majestic tree is an integral part of rich culture of Kashmir and has a very special place in every Kashmiri's heart. The tree is known for its elegance and exuberance and is a very special attraction for the tourists who visit Jammu and Kashmir.

The name Chinar is derived from a Persian word which means, "What a Fire"; it reflects impressive orange red colour of Chinar in Autumn. Its leaves acquire varied hues from blood red to mauve, amber and yellow depicting various seasons of Kashmir. Being a deciduous tree, it is leafless in winters and stands out magnificently during the period of snowfall.

With renewed focus on Chinar, the concern departments are taking up several measures to conserve and promote



its plantation at suitable locations across Jammu and Kashmir. Plantation of Chinar in spacious complexes of educational and other institutions, office complexes, public premises is being promoted. As the number of mighty chinars is on decline, a fresh census and geo-tagging with modern tools for their conservation & monitoring is also planned. This will help in their future monitoring and care.

It was during the Mughals, when someone saw its leaves turned into yellow radiant red which signified autumn, and he thought it was fire ,made him shout out the words "Che-Naar Ast?" which means "What flame it is?" in Persian. It is from this question that the royal tree got its name, CHINAR, and is believed to be given by Mughal emperor Jahangir.

The tree is an ineffaceable part of Kashmir's history, religion, literature, politics, and romance and its motif finds expression in Kashmiri art and craft particularly

Papier-mâché, pottery, shawl embroidery, silverware and carpet making.

Throughout history, as entire civilizations have withered and mankind has continued to move at a breathless pace, the trees have remained. For some, these trees harbour the secrets to longevity, for others, they provide clear evidence of our journey across lifetimes and the path that awaits us in centuries to come.

Kashmir is always visualized as a big garden, scented with fresh blossoms and fruits and more importantly lined with magnificent Chinar trees. Chinar is synonymous to Kashmir valley. The golden Chinar leaf is a symbol of Kashmir. Every village here has at least one Chinar tree, if not more. Poets and writers have written literature focused on Kashmir's age-old association with Chinar and Chinar scape of Kashmir. They have been an important part of Kashmiri tradition.

The Chinar, the Oriental (Eastern) Plane

tree, Platanus orientalis, or Buen and Booyn in Kashmiri language, is a living heritage of Kashmir. Chinar trees characteristically grow in Eastern Himalayas. Chinar being a long-living tree has survived for ages. It spreads wide across a region of cool climate with sufficient water.

It takes around 30 to 50 years for the trees to reach their mature height and around 150 years for them to grow to their full size. The tree has several properties - leaves and bark are used as medicine, the wood, known as lace wood is used for delicate interior furniture and the twigs & roots are used for making dyes.

The shape of the chinar leaf is a popular motif in Kashmiri craft and artwork, particularly in Kashmir's world-famous papier-mâché work. The leaves decorate many shawls, women's apparel, and woodwork, such as the popular woodcarved chinar leaf souvenir.

Monarchs like the Mughals, Pathans

and Maharajas treated the Chinar as an integral part of Kashmiri's soul and existence. The Mughals even declared the Buen as the Royal tree. Mughal emperor Akbar planted more than 1100 Chinar trees at place called Naseem bagh beside Dal Lake at Hazratbal. Over the

years many Chinar trees were removed to make space for infrastructure expansion, many trees got infected with disease-causing pests & pathogens to reduce number from over 1100 to present population of less than 700.

Even though the tree is believed to have existed in the valley even before the Mughal annexation, not only the credit of giving such a beautiful name but also the credit of adding it to the landscape as an attractive shade bearer goes to Mughals. References to the tree can be seen in both Akbar Nama as well as Tuzk-i-Jehangiri, both stating that the King took shelter in the hollow trunk of the tree with its soldiers.

Islamic preachers who travelled to Kashmir four centuries ago from Central Asia and Persia also revered the tree. It is said that the oldest Chinar tree in Kashmir, around 700 years old, was planted by the Sufi Saint Syed Qasim Shah in Chattergam, in central Kashmir's Budgam district. The tree grew to be 14.78 metres tall with a bisal growth of about 19m.

The Chinar has always enjoyed the high favours and patronage of the Mughals as they had recognized and valued its aesthetic and spiritual essence. The world famous Mughal Gardens have stood out as the centres of global attraction for their enticing and charismatic beauty springing from their systematically-planted Chinars.

Chinar - The King Tree is a reminder of the importance of rekindling our respect and love for nature. It is seen as a symbol for the region, and a part of its soul. The Valley of Kashmir is acknowledged as paradise on earth for its diverse rationale and is known for its rich natural environmental heritage. Nature has bestowed our region with a vanity of trees like Deodar, Kail, Fir, Chilgoza pine, Taxus, Juniper, and Cypress etc but without "Chinar" the paradise is incomplete.

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On the Benefits of Napping

Vanessa LoBue

Then I get up in the morning, the first thing I think about is when I can go back to sleep. Sounds a bit depressing, but we do sleep for 1/3 of our lives. When we haven't gotten enough sleep, we yearn for more, and in fact, our bodies try to recoup it. This suggests that sleep is important for us in some way—but how?

First of all, is sleep a necessity of life? Yes and no. Not all animals sleep, but some animals will die if they don't get it. Studies of sleep deprivation in rats and flies show that enough sleep deprivation could result in death.

For humans, not getting enough sleep could lead to problems functioning with daily tasks, mood disruptions, and long-term health problems. Why? Because our brains need sleep to rejuvenate, and most importantly, it helps us consolidate the memories we made that day.

This is especially important for infants and young children whose brains are still developing in the first years of life. Newborns, for example, sleep up to 20 hours a day. As they get older, they spend more and more time awake, but infants and young children still take regular naps until between 2 and 4 years of age.

One classic study with newborns showed that sleep is especially important for the development of the immature visual system in the first few months of life. REM sleep—which stands for rapid eye movement—is particularly important for young infants. Scientists believe that brain activity during REM sleep (which is the stage of sleep when the brain is most active) helps stimulate the visual system which doesn't get a lot of stimulation in the first few months of life.

In one classic study, researchers showed newborn infants one of two images while they were awake. Half the infants saw a boring gray square, while the other half saw a square with lots of black and white lines (which is as interesting as it gets when you're a few weeks old).

They found that the group of infants who saw the more interesting square engaged in less REM sleep afterward than newborns who saw the boring old gray one. The researchers concluded that the newborns



who saw the gray square needed more REM sleep from the lack of visual stimulation that they received when they were awake—stimulation that the other group of newborns got by looking at the more interesting pattern (Boismeyer, 1977).

Besides stimulation to the visual system, sleep also allows us to consolidate, or store our memories. It also helps us learn. Several studies have shown that napping following learning in infants as young as 3 months of age can help solidify memories of the things they just saw.

This benefit extends to the preschool age, and preschool children who get more REM sleep remember better than children who get less. In fact, delaying sleep after learning may actually inhibit children's ability to recover those memories later on

(Mason et al., 2021).

So if napping is so important for brain development, why then do children generally stop napping at some point? Researchers theorize that it has something to do with the development of the hippocampus—a peanut-shaped brain structure that is deep in our temporal lobe—which plays a major role in learning and memory.

Importantly, the hippocampus is not fully developed when we are born and isn't even fully functional until the ages of 18 to 24 months, which is why remembering anything before that period is difficult or even impossible. The hippocampus continues to undergo a lot of change between infancy and the preschool years, and researchers believe that napping is particularly important during this time to allow

the immature hippocampus to consolidate a smaller number of memories.

In other words, when the hippocampus is still immature, it has to work harder to consolidate the day's memories, and napping helps lessen that load (Spencer & Riggins, 2022). Once the hippocampus is fully developed, napping is less necessary, which is why kids tend to drop their final nap around preschool age (Ganesh et al.,2024). Consistent with this theory, several studies have shown that kids who are still napping regularly forget things more quickly than kids who are done with naps, suggesting a more mature hippocampus for non-nappers (Ganesh et al 2024)

Is Napping Just for Kids?

Clearly napping is an important thing for infants and young children. But what about older kids and adults?

It turns out that napping isn't just for babies. Adolescents need less sleep than kids do, but napping during the day has been shown to benefit adolescents, who are often sleep-deprived (Ji et al., 2019). For older adults, daytime napping has shown benefits for daytime sleepiness, overall speed and accuracy of performance on motor tasks, and learning and memory.

On top of that, it does not necessarily have a negative impact on nighttime sleep (Souabni et al., 2022) The same seems to be true for napping in young and middleaged adults, demonstrating benefits for mood, alertness, and performance on a number of cognitive tasks (Milner et al., 2008, 2009)

So far it sounds like we should all stop reading this and just take a nap instead. But not so fast: Not all studies agree that there is a benefit to napping past childhood. Instead, it seems to depend on when you nap, and for how long.

One study reported, for example, that

One study reported, for example, that taking naps later in the day disrupts night-time sleep (Mograss et al. 2022) while naps during the afternoon slug (between 1 and 3 pm) can be beneficial (Milner et al., 2009). There is also some evidence that short naps (20-30 min) are more beneficial than long naps (> 1 hour) (Milner et al., 2009). In fact, the effectiveness of a nap for adults can depend on a lot of factors, such as the need for sleep, the stability of one's sleep schedule, the quality of sleep the night before, and how alert you are during the day.

The take-home message here is that infants and children need to nap, and while adults don't need it like kids do, a little afternoon snooze isn't such a bad thing. If you want to make your nap count, limit the nap to under an hour, and make sure to nap early in the day so as not to disrupt any nighttime sleep routines.

You could even try to nap right after you've learned something new so that you could potentially remember it better. After all, napping isn't just for babies.

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Weight Loss Could Help One Manage **PCOS Symptoms, Study Suggests**

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eight loss could help one manage symptoms of polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS), including frequency of menstrual cycles, according to a study.

The condition affects one in eight to 10 women globally during their reproductive ages, and is marked by higher-than-usual testosterone levels. The symptoms include irregular periods and excess weight gain.

Researchers at the University of Oxford, UK, reviewed trials across scientific research databases, such as 'MEDLINE' and 'Embase', to understand how losing weight impacts one's PCOS symptoms.

The trials compared interventions aimed at reducing weight in people with PCOS, results from which were published in studies.

Weight loss interventions were associated with significantly greater improvements in HOMA-IR (measures insulin resistance), free androgen index (measures free testosterone in blood) and period frequency, the authors said in the study published in the journal Annals of Internal Medicine.

In the review, the researchers looked at how weight loss interventions impacted wom-



en's metabolic, hormonal and gynaecological markers, along with quality of life.

This was compared to women who were offered no additional care or support other than being advised to lose weight.

The interventions that the researchers analysed included behavioural ones, such as diet changes and physical activity, and licensed weight loss pharmacotherapy.

The findings suggested that losing weight could be an effective tool for managing PCOS symptoms in clinical settings, the authors said.

Clinicians could use the study's results to counsel patients having PCOS about the improvements in biological markers following weight loss and direct them towards appropriate interventions, they said.

'Changes To Gut Composition Linked With Rheumatoid Arthritis'

Press Trust Of India

Changes in gut microbes could be related with an onset of rheumatoid arthritis, eventually translating into symptoms that can be diagnosed, according to a study. In individuals who developed the autoimmune condition, researchers found that the most changes, or "instabilities", in specific strains of gut bacteria involved in inflammation were seen 10 months prior to diagnosis -- suggesting that the gut changes could signal a

An autoimmune disorder is that in which healthy tissues and organs are attacked by the immune system, which normally helps the body fight infection and disease

Rheumatoid arthritis is a chronic (persistent) autoimmune condition in which there is inflammation, and therefore, pain in one's joints.

However, it was not clear if changes. or "instabilities", in gut bugs trigger the development of the disease or follow it, the researchers from the University of Leeds, UK, said.

The findings, published in the Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases, could help identify those most at risk of rheumatoid arthritis and require personalise treatment, they said.

The team tracked 124 people at risk developing rheumatoid arthritis for a

period of 15 months -- seven were newly diagnosed, 22 were healthy, and the remaining were at risk. Stool and blood samples, taken five times during the study period, helped analyse changes in

gut microbes. The researchers found that those at risk had 'anticyclic citrullinated protein', or anti-CCP, antibodies -- known to attack healthy cells and to be specific to rheumatoid arthritis -- and experienced joint pain in the past three months.

Of the 124 participants, 30 went on to develop the condition, the researchers said.

The team found that diversity of gut microbes in these 30 had notably reduced, compared to the healthy participants. Specifically, 'alpha diversity' -- a common measure of gut health and closely related with disease status -- had reduced.

However, alpha diversity was also reduced in those who did not progress to developing rheumatoid arthritis, the researchers found

In these participants, the autoimmune condition was related to anti-CCP antibody levels -- those having low levels of the antibodies specific to rheumatoid arthritis had a gut microbe diversity similar to that in the healthy group, the

Risk factors known to contribute to rheumatoid arthritis, such as genetic and blood-related ones, were also linked with a lower diversity of gut bugs.

Office of the Naib Tehsildar Tilgam **Executive Magistrate 1st Class**

Application of Mohammad Shafi Mir S/o Ghulam Rasool Mir R/o Dardpora Tehsil Pattan Regarding obtaining Income Dependency Certificate.

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is hereby informed through this notice that the applicant file is currently under process in the office of undersigned regarding obtaining Income Dependency certificate. In this regard a report from Patwari Halqa Tilgam which certify that the below entioned persons are income dependents of the applicant

S. No	Name	Relation	Age	Status
01	Shameema	Wife	50	Married
	Begum			
02	Farhat Shafi	Daugher	28	Un-Married
03	Mosin Ahamd Mir	Son	26	
04	Mohd Igbal Mir		24	

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

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The Jammu and Kashmir **State Board Of School Education**

New Campus Bemina Srinagar

Notice for General Public

The applicant/ candidate whose photograph is published in this notice and claiming to have lost her qualification certificate/s issued under as per below mentioned details:-

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Year & Session 2014/ Bi-Annual **Registration: N09340910048** Name: Shakir Manzoor Tantray Father's Name: Manzoor Ahmad Tantray

Mother's Name : --Tota Begum

Date of Birth:- 17-09-1996 Residenc:- Dudoorah Hamchipora Khag

According the candidate concerned has approach to this office for issuance of Duplicate Qualification /Marks Certificate/s, so before the same is processed and provided to the candidate, under rules, anybody having any objection in this regard, shall bring into the notice of Assistant Secretary of Certificate as well as Assistant Secretary Examination Unit I & III KD within the period of 10 & 7 days respectively, from the date of publication of this notice.

(Besides the above referred "Qualification / Marks Certificate/s" bearing No: --- be treated as "CANCELLED") No: F(Cer is-I-DQC)B/KD/24

Dated 11-11-2024 bmg

Assistant Secretary Certificates, KD.

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Passport No. L1927039, hereby declare that my name has been mistakenly written as Kounsar Bano in my passport. I wish to correct it to Kausar Bano. If any person has any objection to this name correction, they may contact the Passport Office, Srinagar within 7 days from the date of this notice.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have applied for tour and travel licence .if anyone has any objection he/she my contact the concern office within seven days . After that no objectioin shall be entertained. I Abrar Manzoor

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J&K Bank Ltd, BU: New Secretariat Road Srinagar Through its

Attorney Holder Jaweed Ahmad Shera. M/S Sheikh Azan through its Proprietor Sheikh Azan S/o Sheikh Sarwar Hussain , Old Secretariat Road Shaheed Gubj Srinagar

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT LEGAL

2. Sheikh Azan S.o: Sheikh Sarwar Hussain Old Secretariat Road Shaheed Gubj Srinagar (Borrower) Mehmooda Qounsar W/o Sheikh Hisam ud Din R/o: Old

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Ratipora Shopian (Guarantor No. 2) Sheikh Mehboob S/o: Sheikh Hisam Ud Din R/o: Zero Bridge Raj Bagh Srinagar (Guarantor No 3) Mohammad Ismail Wani S/o Ghulam Hassan Wani R/o

Sheilteng Habba Kadal Srinagar (Guarantor No 4) In the matter of : Substitute service through publication Advertisement

Whereas, applicant Bank has filed application before this authority in terms of Section 12-A of Act and Commercial Courts. Whereas number of notices were issued against 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 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 12.12.2024

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

Office of the Executive Magistrate 1st Class Narbal Budgam

> Tele Fax 01951-260-276 Pin Code 193401 Notice For General Public

I tis hereby notified that the applicant namely Abdul Ahad Sheikh S/o Gh Mohammad Sheikh R/o Archanderhama District Budgam had applied for the issuance of Birth Certificate of his Daughter namely Simran Jan D/o Abdul Ahad Sheikh . The applicant intends to register the DOB of his Daughter as per school record/vaccination card School Record

In this connection, if anybody having any objection regarding the same he/she may contact office of the undersigned within seven (07) days, after which no objections shall be entertained. Executive Magistrate 1st Class

Dated: 11-11-2024

BEFORE THE HON'BLE COURT OF PRINCIPAL DISTRICT JUDGE PULWAMA

In the case of:

Imtiyaz Ahmad Zargar S/o Late Mohammad Yousuf Zargar R/o Zargar Mohalla, Dalipora, Pulwama (Caveator)

VERSUS Public at large.

(Caveatees) **Caveat Application**

In the Matter of: May it please your Honour, The application is submitted as under

1. That the Caveator is the owner in possession of land measuring 15 Marias of land situated at Zargar Mohalla, Dalipora, Pulwama wherein the Caveator is intending to raise construction of his residential house.

2. That the Caveator has apprehensions that his neighbours who are jealous of his development, may file a suit before the Court of law and manage to get an ex-parte order against the interests of the Caveator.

3. That in case the Caveatees manage to get an ex-parte orders, the same may cause prejudice to the rights and interests of the Caveator as the Caveator has already dumped construction material worth of Rs. 30-40 lacs. 4. That a copy of this application has been published in the

newspaper, the copy of which is enclosed with this applica-5. That an affidavit in support of the contentions made in the application is enclosed herewith.

In the premises, it is therefore prayed that in the interests of Justice, the Caveator may be given an opportunity of being heard before any ex-parte injunction/Order is passed by the Hon'ble Court on the presentation of suit/application by the Caveatees against the Caveator.

Caveator

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2	991407	GMCO004663	Anjali Devi	Om Parkash	79
3	992783	GMC0009728	Harjeet Kumar	Ashok Kumar	68
4	991231	GMC0004023	BAWA	Subhash Chander	64
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2	990837	GMCO002781	MYSARA MANZOOR	MANZOOR AHMAD GANIE	81
3	990603	GMC0001932	Shakeel Ahmad Lone	Mohd Sarwar Lone	81
4	990687	GMC0002242	Mohmad Imran Mir	Irshad Ahmad Mir	78
5	990301	GMCO000869	Rifat Jan	Manzoor Ahmad Koli	75
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3	990414	GMC0001298	SAFIYA MAJEED	ABDUL MAJEED MIR	99	
4	990879	GMCO002887	Owais Hamid	Ab Hamid Dar	98	
5	990299	GMC0000865	Syed Waseem Raja	Syed Mohd Amin	98	
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Rupee Weakens To All-Time Low Of 84.39 Against US Dollar

Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI- Declining for the fourth straight session, the rupee dropped 2 paise to hit a new lifetime low of 84.39 (provisional) against the US dollar on Monday, weighed down by persistent foreign fund outflows and a muted trend in domestic equities.

Forex traders said the rupee is likely to remain under pressure unless there is a softening in the dollar index or a slowdown in foreign fund outflows.

At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened at 84.38 against the US dollar. During the session, the local currency touched a high of 84.37 and a low of 84.39. It finally settled at 84.39 (provisional), registering a loss of 2 paise against its previous close.

On Friday, the rupee dropped 5 paise to hit the lowest level of 84.37 against the US dollar, registering a decline for the third straight session.

In the last four sessions, the local unit has lost 30 paise against the greenback.

The USD-INR pair fell to a record low on Monday as the US dollar index strengthened on Donald Trump's growth agenda optimism. Foreign investors, following an outflow of USD 11 billion in October, have with-



drawn around USD 1.50 billion from the Indian equities in November

The Reserve Bank's intervention may support the domestic currency. Moreover, traders look forward to the India and the US CPI inflation data scheduled to be released this week, Praveen Singh – Associate VP, Fundamental Currencies and Commodities, Sharekhan by BNP Paribas, said, adding the domestic currency is expected to trade with a bearish tilt in near future.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.29 per cent higher at 105.30. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, fell 1.04 per cent to USD 73.10

per barrel in futures trade.
In the domestic equity market, the 30-share BSE Sensex rose 9.83 points, or 0.01 per cent, to close at 79,496.15 points, while Nifty fell 6.90 points, or 0.03 per cent, to settle at 24,141.30 points.

Rupee May Depreciate 8-10% During Trump 2.0, Says SBI Report

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI- The rupee may depreciate 8-10 per cent against the US dollar during the Trump 2.0 regime, said a SBI research report, even as the local currency hit its all-time low on Monday.

The report, titled US Presidential Election 2024: How Trump 2.0 Impacts India's and Global Economy, emphasised that the rupee can have a brief spell of depreciation against the US dollar, followed by appreciation.

Donald J Trump's historical comeback as the 47th President of the United States adds a morphine shot to the markets and select asset classes even as the focus is now shifting to wider economic ramifications and supply chain realignments, the report said.

"Trump's victory introduces a mix of challenges and opportunities for India. While the potential for increased tariffs, H-1B restrictions, and a strong dollar could bring short-term volatility...But it also presents India with long-term incentives to expand its manufacturing, diversify export markets, and enhance economic self-

reliance," it added.

It further said the 10-year yield shows no obvious trends, and the effect will be context-

sensitive, going ahead.

"USD/INR has shown range bound movement, and the rupee can have a brief spell of depreciation followed by appreciation...Volatility in Indian equity markets showing signs of reduction," the SBI's study said.

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The report emphasised that "the fear" that the rupee will depreciate sharply is unfounded. During the Trump 1.0, it said, the rupee depreciated by 1.1.

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while a stronger dollar might result in short-term capital outflows for short-term as investors flock to dollar-based assets, on a positive note, a lower rupee might provide an export advantage, potentially boosting revenues in sectors like textiles, manufacturing, and agriculture, the research report said

Onion Prices Rise To ₹80 Per Kg In Delhi, Mumbai

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NEW DELHI: Onions have got citizens teary-eyed as the prices have surged across the markets in several cities, leaving customers in distress. The price of onions has risen from ₹40-60 kg to ₹70-80 per kg at the wholesale markets.

Speaking to the news agency ANI, a seller at a market in Delhi said, "The price of onions has risen from ₹60 to ₹70 per kilo. We source it from the mandi so the prices we receive from there affect the prices on which we sell it. There has been a reduction in sales because of the price hike but people are still purchasing it since it is an important part of food eating habits here."

A buyer, Faiza shared her distress over the price hike of onions and said, "The price of onions has shot up even though it should have come down according to the season. I purchased onions at ₹70 per kilo. It has affected food-eating habits in the household. I ap-



peal the government to atleast reduce the prices of vegetables that are eaten every day."

The price of onions in Delhi is around ₹80 per kilogram as of November 8, 2024.

The price of onions has been on the rise in many states of the country including across the markets in Mumbai.

Dr Khan, a buyer in Mumbai spoke to ANI about the price rise and said, "The price of onions and garlic has gone up manifold. It has doubled. This has also affected the budget of the household. I purchased 5 kilos of onion for 360 Rs." Aakash, another buyer said,

"Prices of onions have hiked up. The price of onions has risen from 40-60 ₹ per kilo to 70-80 ₹ per kilo. But like Sensex hike and fall, the onion price will also come down."

Kishore, a seller in the market said, "The price of onions has hiked because of inflation. The price has risen 60 to 70-75, but it is a staple vegetable so consumers are coming and purchasing it."

Air India-Vistara Merger To Be Reality From Today

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI/ MUMBAI- The nearly 10-year-old Vistara is set to bid adieu to the skies as the well-regarded full service carrier will operate its last domestic and international flights as an independent airline late on Monday night.

Vistara flight UK 986 will fly from Mumbai to Delhi and UK 115 will fly from Delhi to Singapore. It will be the last time that the flight code 'UK' will be dotting the firmament and from Tuesday onwards, Vistara flights will have the new code 'AI2XXX'.

Interestingly, when the airline commenced operations on January 9, 2015, it was the other way around as the maiden flight operated from Delhi to Mumbai.

An official on Monday said Vistara's last flights on domestic and international routes are scheduled to be UK 986 and UK 115, respectively. UK 986 is to depart at around 2250 hours from Mumbai to Delhi and UK 115 is to leave Delhi for Singapore at about 2345 hours.

"Thank you for being part of this unforgettable journey and showering us with your #VistaraLove. We will forever cherish these memories. Please follow @airindia for all the latest updates," Vistara said in a post on X.

A joint venture between Tata Group and Singapore,



Vistara will be merged with Air India, following which Singapore Airlines will have a 25.1 per cent stake in the enlarged entity.

The merger will also mark the second major consolidation wave in the country's fast-growing civil aviation space after 2006-2007. Post Vistara merger -- also Tata Group's second significant airlines integration after AIX Connect was combined with Air India Express in October -- there will be only Air India as a full service Indian carrier.

In 2006-07, Indian Airlines merged with Air India and Air Sahara merged with Jet Airways. During the same period, Air Deccan was amalgamated with Kingfisher Airlines.

With a fleet of 70 planes, Vistara operates around 350 flights daily and various initiatives to integrate the systems, people and other elements of the two full service airlines have been progressing since the announcement of the merger in November 2022.

FLEET & FLIGHTS

The enlarged Air India will have a fleet of 208 planes operating on 103 domestic and 71 international routes. It will be flying to 49 domestic and 42 international destinations, according to an official.

More aircraft, including wide-body ones, will be joining the fleet in the coming months.

Singapore Airlines (SIA) on Friday said the merger will strengthen SIA's multi-hub strategy, allowing it to continue participating directly in India's large and fast-growing aviation market.

IN-FLIGHT EXPERIENCE Last month, Vistara Chair-

man Bhaskar Bhat said the integrated entity will share the best practices of the two airlines and the livery of Vistara will stay for some time.

Red Gold Feat: Inspired By Kashmir, Man Grows Saffron In His Indore House

Press Trust Of India

INDORE- A farmer in Indore in Madhya Pradesh has pulled off a remarkable agricultural feat by growing saffron, among the costliest spices in the world and traditionally associated with picturesque Kashmir Valley, in his room.

Anil Jaiswal, who grew saffron in the second-floor room of his house through the 'aeroponics' method, or one in which soil is not used, told PTI he planned to sell it at Rs 5 lakh per kilogram in the domestic market, while prices could up to Rs 8.50 lakh per kg internationally.

"I had gone to Kashmir with my family a few years ago and felt inspired after seeing saffron fields in Pampore. I then came back, created a controlled environment of temperature, humidity, light and carbon dioxide and deployed advanced aeroponics technology equipment to grow saffron in a room," he said.

The idea was to replicate the climate of Kashmir, said Jaiswal, whose second-floor room is now the cynosure of all eyes because of the beautiful purple saffron flowers. These plants have been kept in plastic trays in vertical racks.

"It cost me Rs 6.50 lakh to create the infrastructure for saffron cultivation in a 320 square feet room. I ordered one tonne



of saffron bulbs from Pampore in Kashmir. I expect to get 1.5-2 kilograms of saffron from its flowers this season. The saffron bulbs were kept in the first week of September and flowers started blooming by Octoberend," he informed.

The saffron grown in his room is completely organic, he said, adding his family was lending a helping hand.

Informing that Gayatri Mantra and soothing music is being played in the room, which also witnesses the chirping of birds, Jaiswal's wife Kalpana said the philosophy behind the effort was that trees and plants too have life.

"We play music so that the plants feel closer to nature even when they are being grown in a room," she said.

Aeroponics expert Praveen Sharma said such efforts have been underway in different parts of the country but profitability and sustainability will come when cost of cultivation is kept low.

'Significant Percentage Of Young Adults Prefer To Invest In Stocks Directly Rather Than MFs'

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI- Significant percentage of young adults are increasingly preferring to directly invest in equity markets rather than opting for the mutual fund route, a report has said.

According to the report by

Fin One, an initiative of fintech brokerage firm Angel One, 93 per cent of young adults are consistent savers, with the majority saving 20-30 per cent of their monthly income.

Additionally, stocks have

emerged as the preferred investment choice, with 45 per cent of respondents favoring them over more traditional options such as fixed deposits or gold, Fin One, an initiative of Angel One Ltd, said in its report.

As much as 58 per cent of

young Indian investors currently invest in stocks, while 39 per cent favor mutual funds. Safer options like fixed de-

Safer options like fixed deposits (22 per cent) and recurring deposits (26 per cent) see relatively lower adoption, the brokerage firm said in its report.

This indicates a balanced approach between high returns and stable savings among the



youth, it said.

The report draws data from 1,600 young Indians in more than 13 Indian cities, benchmarking four key areas of saving behavior, investment preferences, financial literacy and the use of technology and financial tools.

It underlined the role of digi-

tal platforms and technology with 68 per cent of respondents regularly using automated savings tools, underscoring the growing impact of fintech on the financial habits of India's younger generation.

Despite disciplined saving habits, 85 per cent of young Indians cite the high cost of living -- particularly food, utilities and transportation -- as the most significant barrier to saving, it said.

This indicates rising living costs are a critical challenge for India's youth, it added.

California Nuts Out Pistachio Boom, Demands Increasing Rapidly, 'World Wants More'

Associated Press

LOST HILLS, CALIFORNIA: In a sprawling plant in the heart of California's farmland, millions of shells rush down a metallic chute and onto a conveyor belt where they are inspected, roasted, packaged and shipped off to groceries around the world.

Pistachios are growing fast in California, where farmers have been devoting more land to a crop seen as hardier and more drought-tolerant in a state prone to dramatic swings in precipitation. The crop generated nearly \$3 billion last year in California and in the past decade the US has surpassed Iran to become the world's top exporter of the nut.

"There has been an explosion over the last 10 or 15 years of plantings, and those trees are coming online," said Zachary Fraser, president and chief executive of American Pistachio Growers, which represents more than 800 farmers in the southwestern US. "You are starting to see the fruit of people's vision from 40 years ago."

California grows more than a third of the country's vegetables and three quarters of its fruit and nuts, according to state agricultural statistics. Pistachios have surged over the past decade to become the state's sixth-biggest agricultural commodity in value ahead of longtime crops such as strawberries and tomatoes, the data shows.

pany known for brands such as Halo mandarins and FIJI Water, is the biggest name in pistachios. The company has grown pistachios since the 1980s, but it ramped up in 2015 after developing a rootstock that yields as much



Much of the crop is headed to China, where it is a popular treat during Lunar New Year. But industry experts said Americans also are eating more pistachios, which were rarely in grocery stores a generation ago and today are a snack food found almost everywhere. They are sold with shells or without and flavours range from salt and pep-

per to honey roasted. The Wonderful Co., a \$6 billion agricultural comas 40 per cent more nuts with the same soil and water, said Rob Yraceburu, president of Wonderful Orchards.

Now, Wonderful grows between 15 per cent and 20 per cent of the US pistachio crop, he said. Its pistachio orchards stretch across vast tracts of dustfilled farmland northwest of Los Angeles also lined with pomegranates and dairies. The trees are shaken each fall and the nuts hauled to a massive

processing facility to be be prepped for sale.

"There is an increasingly growing demand in pistachios," Yraceburu said. "The world wants more."

Pistachio farmers learn from almond farming struggles. Pistachios are poised to weather California's dry spells better than its even bigger nut crop, almonds, which generated nearly \$4 billion in the state last year, industry experts said.

Pistachio orchards can be sustained with minimal water during drought, unlike almonds and other more sensitive crops. The trees also rely on wind instead of bees for pollination and can produce nuts for decades longer, Yraceburu said.

Many California farmers who grow both nuts are applying lessons learned from almonds to the pistachio boom. Almond production, which is much bigger than pistachio, also soared in California, but prices fell amid a glut of post-pandemic supply while farmers grappled with drought and rising input costs, leading some to not replant ageing orchards when it came time to take them out.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) ELECTRIC DIVISION KASHMIR,

ENGINEERING COMPLEX SRINAGAR, RAJBAGH.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

E-NIT No. 82/R&B/Electric Division Kashmir of 2024-25 issued under Endorsement No: ERB/4328-36 DATED:08-11-2024. For and on behalf of The Government of J&K (U/T) e-tenders (in Double cover system) are Invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K UT Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/UT/Central Government Departments for the following works:-

SI. No.	Name of Work	Estimated. Cost (In. Lacs)	Cost of Ten- der/ Doc. (In Rs.)	2% Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Time of Completion (Calendar Days)	Class of Contract	Major Head of Account	Remarks
01	Construction of slaughter house at Chatabal Kulgam B.W.O Electrification	Rs.17.04/= lacs	Rs. 800/=	Rs. 34,140/=	Linkded with progress of civil work	"AAY" Class Electrical	Capex Budget (FC Grants)	Accord of Administrative Approval accorded by Pres- ident Muncipal Committee Kulgam vide order No.MC/ KGM/Works/112 of 2021 Dated:-28-09-2021
02	Construction of language & Computer lab at ITI Kulgam B.W.O Electrifi- cation	Rs.4.70 / Lacs	Rs.200/=	Rs. 9420/=	<u>20 Days</u>	"AAY" Class Electrical	New Works ITI Sector State Plan	Accord of Administrative Approvlal Accorded by Di- rector Techinical Education J&K, Jammu vide order No.34 of 2014 Dated:-16-01-2014
1 Date	1 Date of Issue of Tender Notice				08-11-2024			

terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen /downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.

09-11-2024 from 06.00PM

28-11-2024 upto04.00 PM

09-11-2024 from 06:00 PM

gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-Note:- The Bidders are advised to read all conditions laid down in the E-NIT carefully before uploading soft's copy.

The tender/bid is liable to rejection if it does not fulfill the requirements as laid down in NIT.

All other terms & conditions shall be as are as per the SBD/ Contract Agreement. No.ERB/4328-36 DATED:-08-11-2024

2 Period of downloading of bidding documents

4 Bid Submission End Date

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DT: 11/11/2024

Sd/= Executive Engineer, (R&B) Electric Division Kashmir Engineering Complex Srinagar Rajbagh

Achieving NEP-2020 goals hinges on its implementation in letter and spirit: CUKashmir VC CUKashmir's SoE holds seminar on "NEP-2020 and innovations in teacher education"

Ganderbal: Central University of Kashmir (CUKashmir) Vice-Chancellor, Prof. A Ravinder Nath, Monday, described the Education Policy (NEP)-2020 as a transformative blueprint and corner stone for India's education system, aiming to foster holistic development, employability, skill acquisition, and critical thinking of the younger generation.

policy's "Achieving the

ambitious goals hinges on its true and thorough implementation in the letter and spirit, meaning both adhering to the guidelines and embracing the underlying vision," Prof. A Ravinder Nath said, in his Presidential address while inaugurating a one-day seminar on 'NEP-2020 and Innovations in Teacher Education: Building the Foundations of Viksit Bharat," organized by the School of

Education, to commemorate the National Education Day, celebrated on November 11 every year to mark the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, first Minister of Education

of the country.
Professor S. K. Mehta, Vice-Chancellor, University Ladakh, Prof. Pankaj Arora, Chairman, NCTE and NIOS, Prof. Pradeep Kumar, Director, CBRI, Roorkee, Prof. Shahid Rasool,

Dean Academic Affairs, Prof. Syed Zahoor Ahmad Geelani, Dean School of Education, Prof. Sandhya Tiwari, Dean International Affairs, Farooq Ahmad, Mir Dean School of Legal Studies, Dr. Tanveer Ahmad Shah, Controller of Examinations, Dr. Mehraj ud Din Shah, Finance Officer, Dr Arif Nazir Zargar, Director Admissions, faculty members, research scholars, administrative

staff and students were present. CUKashmir Vice-Chancellor, said the Policy envisions a significant shift toward a studentcentric learning environment that promotes flexibility, inclusivity, and global competitiveness. "It gives regional languages a prominent role, and a more seamless transition to higher education with a creditbased system. Implementing these provisions are essential for

structural consistency across the country," he said.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Pankaj Arora, who was the chief guest said, the NEP-2020 marks a transformative shift in India's approach to education, especially in teacher education, emphasizing both innovation and cultural grounding as essential for building a "Viksit Bharat". "The policy introduces key changes in structure, curriculum, and pedagogy to create a responsive and dynamic education system aligned with the country's aspirations and global educational standards," he said, adding the policy aims to enhance teacher education through innovative reforms, equipping educators with the necessary skills, knowledge, and mindset to foster a forward-looking and inclusive India

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Jammu Terror

(three each), and Poonch (two). The deceased included 18 security personnel and 13 terrorists, the officials said, adding that among the 14 civilians killed by the terrorists, seven were pilgrims returning from the Shiv Khouri temple while three were village defence guards (VDGs)

While the pilgrims were killed in an attack on their bus which also claimed the life of the local driver and conductor, the VDGs were shot in Udhampur and Kishtwar districts.

Seven security personnel lost their lives in terror incidents this year in Kathua, five in Doda, three in Kishtwar, two in Poonch and one in Udhampur, the officials said, adding that three terrorists were killed in a two-day long operation in Akhnoor sector of Jammu region in October, four in separate encounters in Doda, two each in Kathua, Udhampur and Rajouri.

The Rajouri-Poonch belt, which like other parts of Jammu region were almost cleared of terrorism over a decade ago, witnessed deadly terror attacks mostly targeting army vehicles since October 2021, resulting in the death of more than 100 persons, including 47 security personnel and 48 terrorists, besides seven civilians.

Rajouri accounted for 19 deaths in 2021, 14 in 2022 and 28 in 2023. Likewise, Poonch recorded 15 deaths in 2021, four in 2022 and 24 in 2023, the officials said quoting the data.

They said the footprints of the security forces have been increased in many areas where they were earlier reduced or completely withdrawn due to the improved security situation over the years.

Night patrolling has also been intensified across the region, especially in the border villages, to check infiltration of terrorists from across the border, the officials said.

They added that public outreach in the form of medical camps and other welfare measures under 'Operation Sadbhavana' (goodwill), including frequent interaction with the elders and the youth, have also recorded a manifold increase. (PTI)

Search Ops Underway

Village Defence Guards (VDGs) last Thursday. Sunday's encounter broke ioint search parties of the Army and police intercepted the terrorists around 11 am in the Keshwan forest area. The exchange of fire went on for more than four hours.

A Junior Commissioned Officer (ICO). Naib Subedar Rakesh Kumar of the Army's 2 Para, was killed and three more soldiers were injured in the gunfight.

Officials said there has been no fresh contact with the terrorists since Sunday's encounter.

They said three to four terrorists. responsible for the killings, are still holed up in the area and a massive search operation is underway to neutralise them.

The officials added that thick foliage and challenging topography pose a challenge for the security personnel relentlessly chasing the trail to hunt down the terrorists.

On Thursday evening, terrorists abducted VDGs Nazir Ahamed and Kuldeep Kumar and shot them dead in the nearby Kuntwara forest.

Kashmir Receives

snowfall are going on over the higher reaches at most places of Jammu and Kashmir.

Meanwhile, the Army has rescued passengers stranded on an SRTC bus at Khooni Nallah after heavy snowfall halted travel.

The official said that the bus, operating on the Karnah-Srinagar route, was stopped mid-route, leaving passengers, including children and elderly, in cold conditions.

Responding to an emergency call, the army deployed personnel who reached the stranded group and evacuated them. The passengers were taken to the Sadhna Top shelter, where they were provided warmth through traditional heating gadgets, the official

The weatherman has forecasted continued adverse weather conditions for Jammu and Kashmir, including rain and light snowfall in the higher reaches, for the next 24 hours due to the influence of a western disturbance.

J&K Faces 27%

in Kashmir parts as well. As per the data available, the year— 2024 began on an alarming note, as J&K recorded a deficit rainfall of 48% during January and February months. However, another season from March to May—a pre-monsoon period -- end-

ed with a nine per cent shortfall. The Monsoon season also ended with 26 per cent deficit rainfall in Jammu and Kashmir following which the previous month-October also ended with a 74 per cent deficit, with parts of South Kashmir experiencing more than a 90 per cent deficit.

Thereby, the data suggests that overall; there has been a deficit of 27 per cent rainfall from January 01, 2024 to October 31, 2024.

However, the parts of Kashmir received a fresh light snowfall today, bringing an end to the 50-day dry spell in Jammu and Kashmir.

The higher reaches of Kilshay Top, Tulail, and nearby villages in Gurez, famous tourist destination Gulmargphase2, Doodhpathri, Sinthan top, Zojila pass and Baltal Pahalgam experienced fresh snowfall today while the plains including Srinagar-the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir received light rainfall as well.

As per the details, phase-II of Gulmarg has received two inches of snowfall

The fresh light wet spell-an outcome of a weak Western Disturbance, has led to the decline in the mercury as well. It has been learnt that moderate to heavy rain and hailstorm was witnessed in Poonch this afternoon as

An Independent Weather Forecaster, Faizan Arif Keng while sharing his views on the low precipitation in J&K, said that it can be attributed to the absence of Western Disturbances and the early retreat of the monsoon.

"The underlying cause, however, is climate change driven by global warming, which has made weather patterns increasingly unpredictable. Addressing this challenge requires coordinated efforts at local, national, and global levels to control rising temperatures. Unfortunately, current measures fall significantly short of what's needed to curb the escalating impact on our climate," he said.

Meanwhile, with the deficit rainfall and prolonged dry spell, the water level in the river Jhelum and other streams have dropped to new all-time

The water level of Jhelum at Sangam dropped to minus 0.82 feet on 06 Nov 9 a.m., which is the lowest water level recorded at the station while at Pampore, the gauge reading was minus 1.75 meters, at Ram Munshi Bagh Srinagar, it was 1.28 feet and 1.15 feet at Asham.

Some tributaries of Ihelum were also flowing at a record low level.

The water level of Vishow Nallah at Khudwani was recorded at 2.31 m. minus 0.45 m of Rambiyara Nallah at Wachi & Lidder Nallah at Batkoot, 0.61 m of Doodhganga Nallah at Barzulla, and 0.02 m of Sindh Nallah at Doderhama.

The persistent dry spell has also affected the water supply in Jammu and Kashmir with the in the Jal Shakti department stating that the water reservoirs are almost running dry.

Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) department, Vivek Kohli, said that the water supply is being ensured to the people twice a day, but added that the flow of supply remains, however, low compared to the previous time due to the less water availability.

Kohli also said that the additional supply to the consumers through water tanks is being ensured to the people wherever necessary. (KNO)

Muslim Leaders

Lebanon, outgoing US President Joe Biden ensured that Washington remained Israel's most important military backer during more than a year of mmayhem.

More than 50 leaders of Arab and Islamic countries are in Riyadh to take part in the summit.

In his speech, Lebanese Prime Minister Najib Mikati warned that Lebanon "is going through an unprecedented historical crisis.

Citing World Bank estimates, Mikati said the damage from Israeli aggression on his country amounted to about \$8.5 billion, including both economic losses and destruction of homes.

Ahead of the meeting, Hamas called for the formation of an alliance of Arab and Islamic nations to pressure Israel and its supporters to end the atrocities in Gaza and Lebanon.

President Pezeshkian did not attend the meeting

due to pressing "executive matters." But in a phone call with the Saudi crown prince, Pezeshkian said Iran's First Vice President Mohammad Reza Aref will attend the summit.

The summit comes one year after a similar gathering of the OIC and Arab League, during which leaders condemned Israeli actions in Gaza as 'barbaric.'

On Sunday afternoon, Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan chaired the preparatory ministerial meeting ahead of Monday's session.

Justice Khanna

Justice Khanna, who was born on May 14, 1960, would have a tenure of a little over six months and demit office on May 13, 2025, at the age of 65 years. He succeeded former CJI D Y

Chandrachud, who demitted office on November 10. "Attended the oath-taking ceremo-

ny of Justice Sanjiv Khanna, who has been sworn in as the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of India. My best wishes for his tenure," PM Modi post-

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge also extended his wishes to CII Khanna and noted the position would entail a great burden on his shoulders owing to extensive scrutiny and expectations.

In a post on X, the Congress chief said, "Extending best wishes to Justice Sanjiv Khanna for taking oath as the 51st Chief Justice of India. The position of the chief justice of India would undoubtedly place a lot of weight on his shoulders due to the extensive scrutiny and expectations that the office brings with it.'

Kharge added, "I am sure with his long and distinguished experience, he will be able to bear the weight of this responsibility and serve the judiciary with distinction."

Apart from the PM and former CJI Chandrachud, Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal and former CJI J S Khehar were among the notable faces in attendance.

Justice Khanna, who commenced courtroom proceedings in the apex court this afternoon as the CJI, thanked lawyers for wishing him well.

"Thank you." said CII Khann: was present on the bench along with Justice Sanjay Kumar.

"I wish you a fruitful tenure as the CJI," said senior advocate and former Attorney General Mukul Rohatgi at the outset of the proceedings.

Other lawyers too wished him well. CJI Khanna, who has served as a Supreme Court judge since January 2019, was a part of several landmark judgments such as upholding the sanctity of EVMs, scrapping of the electoral bonds scheme, upholding the abrogation of Article 370 and grant of interim bail to former Delhi CM Arvind

He belongs to an illustrious Delhibased family and is the son of former Delhi High Court judge Justice Dev Raj Khanna and the nephew of prominent former apex court judge H R Khanna.

The CJI, who was elevated in the Supreme Court on January 18, 2019, was third-generation legal professional who initially practiced as a lawyer before being appointed as a judge of the Delhi high court. He is believed to be driven by the zeal to reduce pendency and speed up justice delivery.

His uncle Justice H R Khanna, known for his dissent in the infamous ADM Jabalpur case, was a part of the landmark verdict propounding the basic structure doctrine in the Kesavananda Bharati case in 1973.

Justice H R Khanna resigned in 1976 upon rendering the ADM Jabalpur judgment after he was superseded by Justice M H Beg, appointed as the CJI by the government.

Justice Khanna, on the other hand, has been a part of significant rulings, including the verdict that upheld the use of electronic voting machines in elections, outlining the devices to be A bench he led on April 26, termed

the suspicion of the manipulation of EVMs "unfounded" while rejecting the demand to revert to the previous paper ballot system. He was also part of the five-judge bench that declared the electoral bond

scheme, meant for funding political parties, as unconstitutional. Another five-judge constitutional bench he was a part of upheld the Centre's 2019 decision of abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution that granted a special status to Jammu and Kashmir.

It was Justice Khanna's bench, which granted interim bail to former Delhi chief minister Kejriwal for the first time in the excise policy scam cases to campaign in the Lok Sabha election.

He obtained his law degree from the Campus Law Centre of Delhi University following which he enrolled as an advocate with the Bar Council of Delhi in 1983 and practised in Tis Hazari courts and the Delhi High Court, where he argued in a number of criminal cases as an additional public prosecutor and amicus curiae.

He had a long tenure as the senior standing counsel for the Income Tax Department. In 2004, he was appointed as the standing counsel (civil) for the National Capital Territory of Delhi.

During his judgeship, CJI Khanna served as the executive chairman of the National Legal Service Authority.

Omar, Top Officials

department heads will shift to Jammu from Srinagar under a cur-

The Civil Secretariat in Srinagar will also remain functional, as the order stated.

The annual move, a long-standing tradition in Jammu and Kashmir, was halted during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. The practice involved shifting the government from Srinagar to Jammu from October to May due to harsh cold conditions in the valley.

General Administration Department (GAD) on October 23 issued an order stating that only the administrative secretaries and UT-level heads of departments (HoDs) would shift to Jammu from Srinagar from November 11 and would attend the Civil Secretariat in Srinagar as needed, officially ending the Durbar Move.

GAD order issued by Commissioner-Secretary Sanjeev Verma said, "The Administrative Secretaries and Union Territory level Heads of Departments shall ensure their availability at the Civil Secretariat, Jammu, with effect from November 11. However, they will attend the Civil Secretariat, Srinagar as per functional requirements."

The biannual Durbar Move was a practice which involved shifting the government from Srinagar to Jammu during the winter months – from October to May — and back to Srinagar along with hundreds of officials, thousands of files and equipment in hundreds of buses and trucks.

On June 20, 2021, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha had announced that the J&K administration has completely transitioned to e-office, thereby ending the practice of the biannual Durbar Move.

"Now both the Jammu and Srinagar secretariats can function normally for 12 months. This will save the government Rs 200 crore per year, which will be used for the welfare of the deprived sections", the LG had said.

Since then, employees based in Iammu have worked there year-round. with the same arrangement applying to those in Srinagar. Only administrative secretaries and UT-level HODs continue to rotate between the two cities as needed to ensure that the services remain available at all times.

Notably, the Darbar Move, a 149-year-old practice abolished following the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Act of 2019, was widely criticized for its cancellation, especially by major political parties including the National Conference (NC), the People's Democratic Party (PDP), and the Congress.

They argued that the shift's discontinuation was harmful to the region's cultural and economic diversity. Instituted by Maharaja Ranbir Singh in 1872, the Darbar Move originally aimed to facilitate governance in both Srinagar and Jammu, capitalizing on each city's favorable weather during summer and winter, respectively.

The practice previously brought significant economic benefits to Jammu's local business community each winter. Following recent administrative actions cancelling official housing allotments in both Srinagar and Jammu, many believed the Darbar Move had been permanently terminated.

However, as the Omar led government reoccupies the Jammu Secretariat, it is possible that this annual migration could be reinstated in

some form. Chief Minister Abdullah's travel to Jammu was delayed by foggy weather, forcing him to take the journey by road after flights were cancelled. Omar shared videos from his

journey, underscoring the logistical challenges faced by winter travel to Security and traffic management

have been enhanced around the Secretariat, where a surge in activity is expected as ministers and officials resume work.

In the coming days, Omar is set to convene meetings to review development projects and coordinate efforts with various departments, reestablishing winter administration in

Omar Calls

"high volume" to "high value," emphasising quality over quantity. Abdullah was speaking at a high-level meeting which was convened to review the functioning of the Tourism Department at civil secretariat here, an official spokesperson said.

Asking the department to chart the way forward for a more sustainable and visitor-focused approach, the chief minister highlighted the potential of tourism to create substantial employment opportunities for youth.

There is a need to treat tourism as a structured, long-term endeavour, rather than an ad-hoc activity, by adopting a tourist-centric perspective. We need to enhance the tourist experience, so visitors are more likely to revisit and recommend J&K as a destination," he said.

The meeting discussed additional plans for promoting adventure activities like skiing and river rafting besides reviewing the progress on central government schemes such as Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) and 'Swadesh Darshan'. Omar expressed dissatisfaction over

ing site at Gulmarg and exhorted the concerned officials to improve the waste management facilities in the famous ski resort on priority. The chief minister proposed sustainable development measures for

the poor condition of the waste dump-

Gulmarg and called for revitalizing the cable car known as 'Gondola' service. He took a serious view of mismanagement in Gondola service ticketing which has irked the tourists and has

led to black marketing of tickets He directed JK Cable Car Corporation to streamline the ticketing process with efficiency, leveraging the technology and making tickets easily available to visitors.

For skiing development, he recommended hiring reputed consultants and experts for proper alignment of skiing drag lifts and emphasized that all plans should consider the impacts of climate change. "Sonamarg has the potential to

emerge as a Skiing destination given the abundance of snow there and it needs our attention," he said, also underlining the need for taking up green field tourism development projects. The chief minister called for focused

efforts in garbage disposal and waste management through sustained campaigns and stakeholder awareness.

He also noted the urgent need for additional wayside amenities and certified clean toilet facilities along major tourist routes and at key destinations to elevate visitor satisfaction. "We must build environmentally

conscious infrastructure that respects J&K's unique heritage and architecture." he added. He also urged regulated infrastruc-

ture growth in newly proposed destinations and developing tourist spots to ensure sustainable development. The chief minister stressed the need for synergized efforts with the local community, advocating for all tourism

projects to consider heritage preservation and environmental sustainability. To further improve the tourist experience, the Chief Minister favoured creation of a feedback portal directly linked to his office, enabling tourists to share their experiences and

He emphasised routine inspections of homestay facilities to maintain cleanliness and essential infrastructure standards, ensuring a welcoming environment for all visitors.

Review 'Arbitrary'

bureaucratic delays in securing his pension and entitlements.

Mufti also pointed out broader implications of these dismissals, stating that they create a climate of fear and uncertainty among government employees in Jammu and Kashmir.

She has proposed setting up a review committee to reevaluate these cases, offer immediate financial aid to affected families, and formulate policy reforms to prevent such injustices in

Stressing the need for urgent action, she urged the chief minister to consider the plight of affected families with compassion and take decisive steps to address these grievances.

"Conduct fair and thorough reviews of each case, allowing affected individuals or their families to present their side. Prioritise support for families in dire need, ensuring swift financial relief and processing of entitlements,"

she mentioned in the letter. She also suggested formulating clear guidelines to prevent similar injustices in the future, mandating full inquiry and legal oversight before any dismissal action, urging to take prompt and decisive action to correct these wrongs, bringing not only relief but also justice to those enduring such hardship.

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Services Act mandates the constitution of a GST Appellate Tribunal, which has not been constituted in J&K so far.

JKBOSE 10th

Class 12 bi-annual and private exams. Students who appeared in these intermediate exams can check their results online to verify their qualifying status.

The JKBOSE conducted the Class 10 or secondary school private, bi-annual examinations on August 24, 27, 29, 30, September 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 11, and 13, 2024. The exam started with the Home Science paper and concluded with the Computer Science paper. The papers were held in the afternoon shift starting at 2 pm.

Steps To Access

Visit the official JKBOSE website Find and select the link for "JKBOSE 10th Result 2024 Bi-annual/Private."

cluding roll number and registration View the JKBOSE Class 10 Result 2024 displayed on the screen.

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Download the provisional mark

Keep a copy for future reference. JKBOSE uses a grading system based dents' performances.

The direct link for downloading the mark sheet will be available on the

website once the results are released.

Some 'Anti-nationals' village-city lines due to their vested interests or due to their narrow-mind-

edness," the PM said. "We have to understand the seriousness of the intentions of these anti-nationals and will have to unite to defeat them," he said in his address

via video conferencing. Modi said the first key step to make India a developed nation is "atmanaribharta" (self-dependence).

He requested all saints of the

Swaminarayan sect to join each and every citizen of the country in the pledge to make India a developed On the occasion, Modi informed the devotees that his association with the

back to his days as the chief minister The Centre recently issued a coin to commemorate 200 years of the Swaminarayan Temple in Vadtal, he

Vadtal Swaminaravan Temple dates

"Lord Swaminarayan came before us at a time when our country was weakened due to slavery and people used to blame themselves for the situation. At such a time, Lord Swaminarayan and other saints awakened our selfrespect, gave us a new spiritual energy and rejuvenated our original identity,

Modi said The prime minister also said the demand for skilled Indian youth will

increase manifold in the future. "Today, the majority of the world leaders whom I meet express a desire that Indian youth should come and work in their countries. Our youth are capable of fulfilling the needs of India as well as the world," he said.

Mother, 2 Kids

ascertained. An investigation is underway, police said.

Meanwhile, a fire also damaged a Gujjar Bakerwal boys hostel in Chatroo in Kishtwar district late Sunday night. No casualties were reported, they

Bumrah To Lead, Rahul To Open In Perth If Rohit Does Not Make It: Gambhir

MUMBAI: Head coach Gautam Gambhir on Monday said Jasprit Bumrah, as designated vice-captain, will lead India in the opening Test against Australia in Perth if regular skipper Rohit Sharma is unavailable for the game due to personal reasons.

The straight-talking former opener also indicated that KL Rahul could be asked to open the innings in place of Rohit.

The second batch of the Indian players is leaving for Perth, but Rohit has stayed back. Uncertainty remains if Rohit will compete in the series-opener.

"At the moment, there is no confirmation. We will let you know exactly what the situation will be. Hopefully, he is going to be available, but everything you want to know, you will get to know before the start of the series," Gambhir said.

"Bumrah is the vice-captain, so obviously If Rohit is not available, he is going to lead in Perth." the coach added.



Rahul likely to open

Rohit's possible absence also leaves a spot vacant at the top of the batting order and Gambhir said one among the uncapped Abhimanyu Easwaran and KL Rahul, who both played in the unofficial Tests against Australia

A for India A, will be picked. "Obviously, there is Easwaran, there is KL there. We will take a call closer to the first Test match if Rohit is not

"There are options. There are quite a lot of options in this

spot. Once it gets closer to the first Test match, we will try and play the best playing XI who is going to do the job for us," he

Team moving forward, coach hints on Shardul non-

The coach backed uncapped all-rounder Nitish Reddy, who has a batting average of 21 in first-class cricket, and was picked ahead of veteran pace bowling all-rounder Shardul Thakur.

"It is also about moving forward and I feel that this is the best set of players that we have selected to do the job for the country," Gambhir said.

10 days of training good enough

Gambhir, who will be travelling with the second batch of Indian squad on Monday, said adjusting to conditions in Australia over the next 10 days will be vital for the team.

"We have got a lot of experienced players who have been to Australia a lot of times. Their experience will come in handy for the young players as well. These 10 days are going to be very crucial but come 22nd morning, we should be absolutely ready to fire from ball one," he said.

J&K Athletes Shine At All India Inter SAI Rowing C'ship

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Trainees of Khelo India State Centre of Excellence Rowing, Water Sports Centre, Nehru Park, exhibited outstanding performance at the All India Inter SAI Rowing Championship held at the SAI National Centre of Excellence in Alleppey, Kerala.

Zainab Shafi, hailing from Baramulla, won the bronze medal in the Senior Women Singles category (W1X) while Irtiza Ali and Muntazir Ali Matoo, both from Srinagar, also secured bronze in the Iunior Men Pair category (JM2). In total, 10 athletes

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BUDGAM: Department of

Office Budgam's Refresh-

er Training Course for

Rehbar-e-Khel teachers

entered Day 4 at Sports

Stadium Budgam. This

training, scheduled from

November 7 to November

13, aims to keep teach-

ers updated on the latest

developments in sports

and to refresh their skills

in physical education un-

der the guidance of Mohd

Rashid Kohli, Joint Direc-

tor DYSS Kashmir Division.

The training provides



from KISCE Rowing, Nehru Park, represented J&K in this prestigious event. Minister for Youth Ser-

vices and Sports, Satish Sharma, extended heartfelt congratulations to all the participating athletes and expressed pride in their achievements.

Secretary of Youth Services and Sports, Sarmad

DYSSO Budgam's Refresher

Training For ReKs Enters Day 4

Rehbar-e-Khel

with practical insights

into new games and con-

temporary coaching tech-

niques, further preparing

them to inspire and coach

young athletes across

Budgam. The course has

been well-received, with

active participation and

dedication from all at-

teachers

Hafeez, also congratulated the contingent, underscoring the potential of J&K's water sports talent.

Secretary J&K Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul, celebrated this achievement as a proud moment for the entire region, recognizing the growing impact of I&K's water sports athletes on the national stage.

6 Downtown Heroes In J&K **Squad For 78th Santosh Trophy**

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Downtown Heroes FC on Monday announced that six of its exceptional players - Shahmeer Tariq, Arun Nagial, Aditya Mahajan, Musaib Mushtaq, Sahil Rashid and Moomin Bhat – have been selected to represent J&K at the 78th Santosh Trophy.

"This is a historic moment for Downtown Heroes FC and J&K. Our players' hard work and the team's dedication have brought us here," said Irfan Shahmiri, Chairman of DHFC. "We are proud to contribute to the legacy of I&K football and look forward to our players shin-



This selection follows Downtown Heroes' stellar performances in both the Durand Cup and I-League 3, where the club set new benchmarks for emerging football talent.

achievement not only showcases their talent but also marks Downtown Heroes FC as a powerhouse in developing future Indian football stars. With two of our teams progressing through the I-League 3 playoffs, DHFC has become a symbol of growth, resilience, and excellence," Downtown said in a statement.

"Downtown Heroes FC thanks the All India Football Federation (AIFF), Jammu & Kashmir Football Association & J&K Sports Council for their invaluable support and remains committed to transforming football in J&K, inspiring countless young athletes," it added.

Kashmir To Kanyakumari Runner Flagged Off From Lal Chowk

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: On Monday pediatrician renowned Dr. Riaz Sofi flagged off 26-year-old athlete Vaibhav Walmik Shinde from Nasik, Maharashtra, who is undertaking a Guinness World Record attempt by running from Kashmir to Kanyakumari.

Shinde began his journey at 7:50 am from the iconic Clock Tower, aiming to cover the 3,600 km route in 45 to 46 days by running an impressive 90 km each day. His first leg



will take him to Banihal. Vaibhav shared that he has spent the past two years training intensively for this feat with dedicated support from his coaches. He aims to join a distinguished group of Maharashtra athletes who have previously attempted the K2K challenge over the last six years.

Short TAKES

Keep Him Away From Media: Manjrekar Blasts Gambhir

aunching an unexpected scathing attack on Gautam Gambhir, former India cricketer Sanjay Manjrekar on Monday said the India head coach lacks the "right demeanour and words" while interacting with the press and urged the BCCI to keep him away from the

Manjrekar's comments came hours after Gambhir addressed media in pre-departure press conference ahead of the five-Test Border Gavaskar Trophy against

"Just watched Gambhir in the press conference. May be wise for @BCCI to keep him away from such duties, let him work behind the scenes," Manjrekar

Manjrekar suggested that either captain Rohit Sharma and chairman of selectors Ajit Agarkar would be better suited to handle the media.

"He does not have the right demeanour nor the words when interacting with them. Rohit & Agarkar, much better guys to front up for the media," he added.

PCB To Seek Clarity From ICC On India Not Travelling To Pak

The Pakistan Cricket Board will seek clarity from the ICC on hosting of the Champions Trophy since they have only been intimated that India will not travel for the tournament but there was no word on hybrid model being proposed.

The PCB was told by the ICC that the BCCI won't send its team to Pakistan after the decision was com-

municated to the world governing body. "There is no talk about having the Champions Trophy on a hybrid model system as of now," a reliable PCB source said.

A hybrid model was followed during the Asia Cup last year, when India's matches were held in Sri Lanka while other matches were played in Pakistan.

It is being speculated that Dubai can host India's matches in the tournament, which is scheduled to be held in February next year. "An email is to be sent to the ICC with the advice

of its legal department in which the Board wanted clarifications from the ICC on the Indian decision," the

"As of now, the entire situation is being gauged by the PCB. No decision has been taken on the next step. Yes, the PCB is in touch with the government for consultation and directives if required," the source added.

The source said the PCB was awaiting policy guidelines from the government regarding India, which will be cited to seek clarification from the ICC about India's refusal to participate.

Premier League Ref Suspended Over Anti-Liverpool Remarks

n English Premier League referee has been suspended after a video on social media appeared to show him making derogatory remarks about former Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp.

David Coote was suspended with immediate effect pending a full investigation, the body governing English referees, Professional Game Match Officials Limited, said Monday.



A video circulating on social media appears to show Coote using a derogatory term to describe Klopp and saying he disliked the German manager because he "accused me of lying" after one game. It was not immediately clear when the video was

filmed, or whether it was genuine. Coote was the official for Liverpool's most recent

league game, a 2-0 win over Aston Villa on Saturday

Klopp left the club after the end of last season and was replaced by Dutch manager Arne Slot.

ICC Awaits PCB's Decision On Hybrid Model For CT After India Decline To Travel

tending teachers.

In addition to the train-

ing, a team from the dis-

trict Nehru Yuva Kendra

(NYK) visited the DYSSO

office in Budgam on Mon-

day to inform the depart-

ment about the upcoming

District Level Yuva Utsav,

scheduled for November

14 at Khansahib, Budgam,

Press Trust of India

KARACHI: The International Cricket Council has sought a response from the Pakistan Cricket Board on hosting the Champions Trophy in a hybrid model following India's refusal to travel to the country for the tournament.

The PCB on Sunday had confirmed that it received an email from the ICC that India declined to travel to the neighbouring country.

"Unless the PCB decides to pull out of hosting the Champions Trophy the current plan is to hold India's matches in UAE and the final in Dubai," a source told PTI on Monday.

"The Indian Cricket Board has told the ICC that a Hybrid Model is acceptable to them only if the final is held in Dubai and not in Pakistan," the source added.

The PCB on Monday remained silent without giving any reaction to the



it will not send its team to play in Pakistan in the Champions Trophy.

But according to sources, the ICC has asked the PCB to confirm if a Hybrid Model -- where India's matches and the final would be held in Dubai -is acceptable to them.

The ICC has assured the PCB that, under this arrangement, they would

BCCI informing the ICC receive full hosting fees and a majority of the matches.

"The ICC has told the PCB that if it decides to go ahead with the hosting of the mega event on a Hybrid Model it would get its full hosting fees and majority of the matches," the source said.

However, if the PCB decides to pull out of hosting the tournament due to India's refusal, the ICC could consider moving the entire event to South Africa, the source added.

Earlier, a PCB source had said there was "no talk" of a Hybrid Model as of now and they would seek further clarity from the ICC.

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Meanwhile, Pakistani media speculated on potential responses, including the Pakistan government advising the PCB to avoid playing India altogether or the PCB pursuing legal action against the ICC and BCCI at the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Geneva.

India have not travelled to Pakistan since the 2008 Mumbai terror strikes. The two teams compete against each other only in ICC tournaments.

New Man United Boss Amorim Says He's Ready For The Challenge



Agencies

Tew Manchester United head coach Ruben Amorim said he is under no illusions about the difficulty of the task he faces when he moves to England from Portugal but he is looking forward to the challenge.

The Premier League club announced Amorim's appointment earlier this month, with the 39-year-old Portuguese set to arrive from Sporting on Monday on a contract until June 2027.

Amorim, who replaces sacked Dutchman Erik ten Hag at United, marked his final game as coach of Sporting with a 4-2 comeback victory at Braga on Sunday. "I feel ready for the new challenge," he told reporters after the match.

"I'm not naive, I know it's going to be very different, very difficult. I'm at peace now, I can focus on my new job and I'm looking forward to starting tomorrow." Considered one of Europe's brightest young managers, Amorim's first match is slated for Nov. 24 at promoted Ipswich

United are 13th in the league on 15 points from 11 matches, four points adrift of Chelsea in third. Interim manager Ruud van Nistelrooy has guided the side to three wins and a draw in all competitions since Ten Hag was fired on Oct. 28.

Town in the Premier League.

"I know it will be difficult to reproduce what I have here elsewhere, but there are other places with different exposure and pressure ... It's been a fantastic adventure," said Amorim, who has won the Primeira Liga twice with Sporting.







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