

## Upper reaches of Kashmir valley receive fresh snowfall, plains lash by rains

Srinagar, (UNI) Upper reaches of Kashmir valley received fresh snowfall while plains were lashed by rains resulting in closure of many roads as a precautionary measure, disrupting normal activities on Thursday.

Ski resort of Gulmarg in north Kashmir received a fresh snowfall much to the delight of the tourists staying there. Doodpathri, Sonamarg, Mughal road, Pir Panjal range of mountains in south Kashmir and upper reaches of Kupwara and Bandipora also received fresh snowfall today.

Historical Mughal road connecting south Kashmir's Shopian district with the twin districts of Poonch and Rajouri in Jammu division has been closed as a precautionary measure due to accumulation of fresh snow on the road, a traffic official

said.

Traffic on strategic Srinagar-Sonamarg-Gumri road connection Zojila pass in Ladakh was also suspended due to the fresh snowfall. However, traffic officials said "snow clearance operation is in progress and after getting green signal, the road would be put through for vehicular traffic".

Sadhna Top, Chowkibal Tangdhar, and Keran roads in the north Kashmir were also closed for traffic movement after fresh snowfall.

Kashmir valley plains including Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, were lashed by rains disrupting normal activities on Thursday.

Meteorological department forecast light to



moderate rain at many places with thunderstorm/lightning and light snow over middle & higher reaches of Jammu and Kashmir today.

The weather will remain partially to generally cloudy from December 1-2 and generally cloudy on December 3 while from December 4-10 it will be generally cloudy, the MeT office said.

A significant improvement in minimum temperature was observed today by 3-5°C and is expected to remain till December 1 and thereafter

the temperatures will fall by 2-4°C, it said.

MeT office has also issued an advisory stating that there could be a temporary disruption of surface transportation over hilly areas and important passes like Zojila, Sinthan Pass, Mughal road etc from November 30 to December 1 forenoon.

Srinagar, recorded a low of 5.3°C on Thursday against the 0.8°C recorded the previous night and it was 6.2°C above normal for the summer Capital of Jammu and Kashmir during this pe-

riod of the season. Pahalgam had a low of 1.5°C against the -1.0°C recorded a day ago and it was 4.9°C above normal for the tourist hot spot of south Kashmir.

Qazigund, on Srinagar-Jammu national highway recorded a minimum of 5.0°C against the 0.8°C recorded the previous night and Kokernag settled at 3.5°C against 2.6°C recorded on previous night.

Kupwara recorded a low of 4.2°C against the 1.3°C recorded a day ago and it was 5.3°C above normal for the frontier north Kashmir district.

Gulmarg in north Kashmir recorded a low of -1.0°C against -1.8°C recorded the previous night and it was 2.1°C above normal for the famous ski resort of north Kashmir, a MeT office said.

## Pai blames govts for continued neglect of Bengaluru city during BTS

Bengaluru, (UNI) Former Infosys CFO Mohandas Pai on Thursday questioned whether Hyderabad is dethroning Bengaluru's IT status due to the continued neglect of the city by successive governments over the last 10 years.

"Will Hyderabad Dethrone Bangalore's IT Status? continued neglect of Bengaluru by successive govts over the last ten years has led to this. Hope the government shows more energy to improve the city," he said tagging Karnataka CMO, CM Siddaramaiah and DyCM DK Shivakumar on his official X handle.

These comments came a day after the inauguration of 2023 Bengaluru Tech Sum-



mit (BTS) by Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and IT Minister Priyank Kharage.

However, Priyank Kharage countered Pai by saying that the comments were a part of a misinformation campaign and asked the former Infosys CFO whether he was making all his investments in Bengaluru.

"It is my challenge to Pai. Let him name one

company that left Karnataka," he added.

Priyank said it is normal for the companies to invest in different cities, but emphasised the government's efforts to woo investments and shifting the companies in the state.

He also questioned Pai's contribution to the development of Bengaluru city when he assumed the charge of a vision group set up by the BJP government.

## SC quashes re-appointment of Dr Gopinath as Kannur University Vice Chancellor

New Delhi, (UNI) Supreme Court on Thursday quashed the re-appointment of Dr Gopinath Ravendran as the Vice Chancellor of Kannur University.

A three-judge bench of the Top Court, headed by CJI Dr Dhananjaya Yeshwant Chandrachud, and also comprising Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, pronounced the verdict.

The Apex Court pronounced the verdict after it reviewed petitions challenging Gopinath Ravindran's re-appointment as VC.

Premachandran Keezhoth, member of the Kannur University senate, and Shino P Jose, member of the Academic Council had knocked the doors of the SC against the re-appointment process.

While setting aside the Kerala High Court's or-



der of upholding the re-appointment of Gopinath Ravindran as Vice Chancellor of Kannur University, the Top Court noted in its judgement that the appointment was vitiated by the undue interference from the Government of Kerala.

Justice Pardiwala, who pronounced the judgment on behalf of the bench, said that this court pronounced the verdict after considering four questions -- Whether re-appointment is permissible

in a tenure post, Whether the upper age limit of 60 years as stipulated in Section 10(9) of the Kannur University Act is applicable even in the case of reappointment for four years, Whether re-appointment has to follow the same process as the appointment of VC by setting up a selection panel and Did the Chancellor abdicate or surrender the statutory power of reappointment?

The Apex court said that the decision stood vitiated

by the unwarranted interference by State Government.

"Although the notification for reappointment was issued by the Chancellor, the decision stood vitiated by the unwarranted interference by State Government", the Court said in its verdict.

The bench allowed the appeal challenging the February 2022 judgment delivered by a division bench of the Kerala High Court approving the re-

appointment of the VC and affirming the December 2021 single bench judgment.

The Apex Court said that the Chancellor (Kerala Governor) "abdicated or surrendered" the statutory powers for re-appointing the Vice Chancellor.

The court had earlier, during its many hearings, reportedly questioned the government as to how a person above 60 years could be re-appointed as VC.

As per the norms of Kannur University, those above 60 years cannot be appointed as VC. However, the government contended before the SC that the norm would not be applicable for re-appointment.

That's when CJI Dr Chandrachud questioned the decision and observed that norms should be followed.

## Telangana Assembly election: Polling underway; PM Modi urges electorate to vote in record numbers

Hyderabad, (UNI) Polling has begun in all the 119 Assembly constituencies in Telangana on Thursday, amid tight security arrangements. The polling which started at 7 am will end at 5 pm in 106 constituencies and in 13 Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas it will be from 7 am to 4 pm. The 13 constituencies are Sirpur, Chennur, Bellampalli,

Mancherla, Asifabad, Manthani, Bhupalapally, Mulugu, Pinapaka, Yellandu, Kothagudem, Aswaraopet, and Bhadrachalam. The voters will exercise their franchise in 35,655 polling stations set up across the State. Prime Minister Narendra Modi in a post on X (formerly twitter) said, "I call upon my sisters and brothers of Telangana to

vote in record numbers and strengthen the festival of democracy. I particularly urge young and first time voters to exercise their franchise". BRS MLC K Kavitha and daughter of KCR cast her vote in Banjara Hills here. She urged all eligible voters to cast votes. The state is witnessing a triangular contest involving the ruling Bharat Rashtira Samithi

(BRS), the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), and the Congress. There are as many as 2,290 contestants, including 221 women in the fray which includes Chief Minister K. Chandrababbarao, his Minister-son K.T. Rama Rao, and TPCC President A. Revanth Reddy. KCR is contesting from two constituencies--Gajwel and Kamareddy.

He won from Gajwel in the 2018 Assembly election. The BRS has fielded candidates in all 119 seats. While, as per the seat-sharing agreement, BJP and actor Pawan Kalyan-headed Jana Sena Party are contesting in 111 and eight seats respectively, while Congress has given one seat to its ally CPI, and fighting from 118 others.

## LS poll likely to be multi-cornered, BSP to play an important role: Mayawati

Lucknow, (UNI) Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) supremo Mayawati on Thursday said that due to the anti-people policies and functioning of the central and the Uttar Pradesh governments there were full chances of a multi-cornered contest in the Lok Sabha election in which the party's role was going to be important. During a meeting to review the party's preparations in UP and Uttarakhand, she said that due to the narrow, casteist and anti-people policies and functioning of the central and the various state governments including UP,

the political situation is changing rapidly and in such a situation, any party is not going to have an upper hand. Mayawati said that in such a situation the Lok Sabha poll has a strong possibility of proving to be interesting, conflict-filled and in the interest of the wider public and the country, in which the role of BSP will be important. The BSP supremo said that good results can be achieved by working honestly and sincerely as per the guidelines given to the party from time to time. "If

this happens, Baba Saheb Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar's movement will get strengthened not only in the state but in the entire country and among all the poor, deprived, exploited and oppressed, especially the Dalits, tribals and others who have been victims of casteism for centuries," she said. She said that along with the backward classes, scores of people from the religious minorities, especially the Muslim community, will get freedom from oppression, hatred, discrimination and government treatment like second class citizens.

## Bench of CAT recuses from forest officer Sanjiv's case

Haldwani, (UNI) Another Bench of Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) has recused from the case of Uttarakhand Cadre Indian Forest Service Officer Sanjiv Chaturvedi. This is the eighth judicial recusal in various cases of Chaturvedi. In the order passed on November 21, the Bench directed Registry, "to place the cases pertaining to the applicant on administrative side before the Hon'ble Chairman to take an appropriate call as he is the Master of Rooster having ample power to assign or transfer cases from one bench to another under Central Administrative Tribunal Act and Rules there-under." Bench also made it clear that, "We are performing an official duty cast upon us having no personal interest or otherwise to hear matters pertaining to present applicant." While hearing case filed by officer regarding summoning of his Appraisal recorded by Appointment Committee of Cabinet (ACC), and copy of 360 degree Appraisal System, Bench also directed Registry to explain why written submission filed by officer, "was not placed on record".

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