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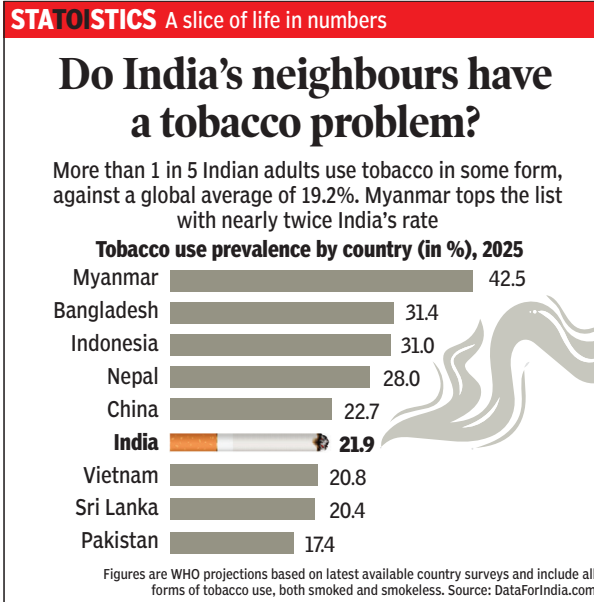
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HP shivers under snow and rain

Snowfall and rain triggered a sharp drop in temperatures across Himachal Pradesh, with minimums falling by 2-4°C in 24 hours. According to IMD, Keylong recorded the lowest minimum temperature of -1.7°C Friday—a drop of 4.4°C from the previous day—creating the ideal conditions for 7cm of snowfall. Himachal received widespread rainfall Thursday, with Kothi in Kullu district recording 26.2mm. **TNN**

Leopard kills 2, injures 14 in C'garh

Two persons, including a pregnant woman, were killed and 14 others sustained injuries in attacks by a leopard in four villages of Chhattisgarh's Dhamtari and Kondagaon districts since Oct 15, an official said Friday. The big cat was captured this morning, he added. One person was killed and 10 others injured in Karipani, Bahigaon and Amanara villages in Dhamtari district, while a pregnant woman died and four others suffered injuries in the adjoining Bastar Budra village in Kondagaon district, the official said. **PTI**



Govt rebuts 'summoned' jibe over JS-Rubio meet in Mum

Cites Previous Instances Of Hosting Leaders Outside Delhi

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Govt defended external affairs minister S Jaishankar's upcoming meeting with US secretary of state Marco Rubio in Mumbai, citing several examples of foreign leaders and ministers being hosted outside of Delhi.

Ministry of external affairs (MEA) also said Jaishankar will be the guest of honour at the US 250th anniversary celebrations in Mumbai. Govt had come under criticism from the opposition for US ambassador Sergio Gor's remark that the Americans expect Jaishankar to join Rubio in Mumbai, with Congress saying that the Indian minister had been "summoned" to India's financial capital.

Responding to questions on the issue, the ministry said Jaishankar will host not just Rubio on Oct 20 but also his UAE counterpart Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan in Mumbai, a day earlier.

"It is the practice over the last decade to host foreign dignitaries from time to time in various cities of India. PM



EAM S Jaishankar and Ras Al Khaimah ruler Sheikh Saud bin Saqr Al Qasimi discuss India-UAE ties and Gulf conflict in New Delhi, Friday

hosted PM of Spain in Baroda; Chancellor Merz in Ahmedabad; PM of Mauritius in Varanasi. EAM hosted SCO FMs meeting Goa; FM of Botswana in Kevadia; Heart of Asia conference in Amritsar," said MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal.

He further said that Rubio's visit will provide an opportunity for both sides to review India-US relations and discuss ways to further strengthen the Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership. Discussions are expected to cover key areas of bilateral cooperation, including energy, trade and investment, defence, critical and emerging technologies, and other areas of mutual interest.

"The two sides will also exchange views on regional and global developments. The visit will provide an opportunity to sustain the

high-level engagement between the two countries and advance our shared priorities," said Jaiswal.

After his meeting with the UAE minister Thursday, Jaishankar will have another meeting with Al Nahyan on Monday in Mumbai. Jaishankar visited the UAE this week. The ministers will review bilateral cooperation under the India-UAE Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

"The two delegations will assess and take forward initiatives in the areas of energy, trade and investments, fin-

tech, defence and connectivity. They will naturally be detailed exchange of views on the situation in West Asia as also on global and multilateral issues," said the official.

The ministers discussed the West Asia and Strait of Hormuz situation in their meeting on Thursday too.

MEA: PM's Canada visit dates under discussion

New Delhi: The dates of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Canada are currently "under discussion" between the two sides, the ministry of external affairs (MEA) said Friday.

MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal, during his bi-weekly media briefing, was asked to confirm reports suggesting the dates of the forthcoming visit in December.

PM Modi had a "warm and productive" conversation with his Canadian counterpart Mark Carney on Tuesday, with both leaders agreeing to build on the "positive momentum" in bilateral ties. In a post on X on Oct 13, PM Modi had said that together, India and Canada are contributing towards a "more stable and prosperous world."

"Had a warm and productive conversation with PM Mark Carney. We agreed to build on the positive momentum in India-Canada ties and work towards concrete outcomes across key areas of our Strategic Partnership, including trade, energy, technology, security and people-to-people ties," he said. **PTI**

IAS officer 'abuses' jr woman colleague in J&K, sparks row

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Srinagar: A purported video of a senior J&K IAS officer, Kumar Rajeev Ranjan, allegedly using abusive language against a junior woman colleague at a virtual meeting has triggered an outcry, an inquiry, an NCW notice and calls for the senior bureaucrat to be shushed out.

In the video from Wednesday's meeting, Ranjan, secretary of labour and employment department, is heard telling Beenish Wani, a J&K administrative service (JKAS) officer, "shut up" and "bloody shit".

CM Omar Abdullah decried Ranjan's behaviour and wrote to chief secretary (CS) Atal Dooloo for action. Omar's father, National Conference (NC) president Farooq Abdullah, called for Ranjan's removal. Former CM and PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti urged Omar to take up the matter with Centre. Peoples Conference, BJP, Congress and JKAS Association also demanded action.

Amid the outrage, govt Friday ordered an inquiry led by a woman IAS officer, Mandeep Kaur, against Ranjan with directions to submit a report within 15 days. It issued a circular asking all officials to "maintain the highest standards of integrity, devotion to duty, discipline and conduct becoming of a public servant".

The action came as National Commission for Women (NCW) took suo motu cognisance of the video and its chairperson, Vijaya Rahatkar,



Dalit, OBC & minority groups seek IAS officer's removal, in Jammu

wrote to chief secretary Dooloo pressing for an impartial inquiry, to be followed by appropriate disciplinary and legal action if the allegations are established. NCW also called for safeguards against workplace harassment and professional retaliation, along with protection and support for Wani. It sought an action taken report (ATR) within seven days.

The purported video shows Wani objecting to being called "shit", Ranjan asking other officers that she should be suspended, and the woman subordinate retorting "to hell with you".

"I've seen the video. Prima facie, the conduct of the senior officer was not in keeping with the standards expected of a senior IAS. Unfortunately as a UT, control over IAS officers rests with Lok Bhavan... But as CM, I've instructed CS (Dooloo) to ensure the JKAS officer (Wani) faces no retributive action," CM Omar said.

Higher responsibility at lower pay amounts to exploitation: HC

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Jammu: Compelling an employee to discharge the responsibilities of a higher post while paying him a lower salary amounts to workplace exploitation, which is impermissible in law, the Jammu & Kashmir high court ruled.

A division bench comprising Chief Justice Pushpendra Singh Bhati and Justice Rajesh Sekhri made the observations while dismissing J&K govt's appeal against a single bench order granting substantive promotion and consequential benefits to a municipal employee.

The petitioner, Ghulam Mohammad Sheikh, was engaged as a daily wage in Sore municipal council in 1980, and his services were regularised in 1988.

In his petition, Sheikh said while his similarly situated colleague, Khazir Mohammad Shah, was promoted as jamadar/sanitary supervisor in 1994, he was denied the promotion despite having been regularised in the same year.

He subsequently approached the high court, which in 1999 directed the authorities to consider his claim for pro-

motion. However, the direction was not implemented in letter and spirit.

Allowing Sheikh's petition on May 2, 2023, the single bench held that he should be deemed substantively appointed and promoted as sanitary supervisor from April 28, 2005, with all consequential benefits.

Sheikh had been performing the duties of jamadar/sanitary supervisor since June 2000, initially in his own pay and grade and subsequently with charge allowance from April 28, 2005.

The UT administration challenged the verdict before the division bench, contending that merely performing the duties of a higher post did not confer any right to substantive promotion or the corresponding pay scale.

Rejecting govt's contentions, the bench said although an employee ordinarily cannot claim the pay scale of a higher post merely because he has performed its duties, an exception exists where the employee has been formally ordered to discharge the responsibilities of that post. The division bench found no illegality in the single bench order and upheld its directions.

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2-year-old raped & buried alive; survives, 1 held

Jabalpur: A 28-year-old history-sheeter in Madhya Pradesh was arrested from Jabera in Damoh district for allegedly abducting and raping a two-year-old girl who was asleep with her parents at a construction site where they worked as labourers, reports Siddharth Pandey.

The accused allegedly buried the child in a heap of sand when she started crying before fleeing the spot. The girl was found by her family and rushed to hospital, where she is undergoing treatment.

Vijay Nagar police station in-charge Dheeraaj Raj said the crime took place on the intervening night of Oct 9 and 10.

Police registered a case under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (Pocso) Act and relevant sections of the BNS. During probe, police found that Ashish Patel, who worked at the construction site, was missing. A search led them to Jabera, where he was taken into custody.

According to police, the accused admitted during questioning that he pressed the child's head into the sand to silence her when she began crying before fleeing.

Patel has more than a dozen criminal cases registered against him in Jabera, police said.

He was produced before a court on Friday and sent to jail.