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Omar elected leader...

Governor (LG) for the benefit of the people. "We do not seek a major confrontation between the LG and the government. Instead, we aim for peaceful cooperation and to work for the people until we regain our rightful status as a state. We hope to restore statehood as soon as possible," he added.

The NC has emerged as the single-largest party in the just-concluded Jammu and Kashmir Assembly polls with 42 seats. The party has a comfortable majority in the 95-member Assembly as its alliance partners Congress and CPI(M) have won six seats and one seat respectively.

LG chairs 35th...

Dr. Nazir A. Ganai, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST Kashmir presented various Agenda items before the Council for approval and ratification.

Not a single...

ended swiftly with decisive actions within a very short term. Modi replaced it with "policy of performance", he said.

Shah said India was once described as a "Fragile Five" economy but the Modi government took the country out of that situation and now the IMF calls it a "bright spot".

"Fragile Five" is a concept used by a financial analyst at Morgan Stanley in August 2013 to describe emerging market nations that have grown overly reliant on risky foreign investment to fund their growth aspirations. It named Indonesia, Brazil, Turkey, India, and South Africa as the five "fragile" countries.

The home minister said 10 years ago, India was a country of double-digit inflation but now it has become a country of double-digit growth.

Referring to the various welfare schemes launched for the marginalised sections in the last 10 years, Shah said the Modi government has been providing free food grains to 80 crore people, five crore people have been given free housing, 12 crore toilets have been constructed, 11 crore people have been given free electricity connections and 15 crore people potable water.

The home minister said India was a market of 50 crore people as rest of the 80 crore people were busy in earning their daily bread and butter and had no purchasing power.

However, the Modi government has ended these issues of 80 crore people by providing them free food grains and India is now a market of 130 crore people, he said.

Shah said in the next 25 years, India will become a global leader in all sectors like manufacturing, the semiconductor industry, electric vehicles, digital economy and the Modi government has been working sincerely in this direction.

Three IAS, IFS...

New Delhi) shall hold the charge of the post of Administrative Secretary, Higher Education Department in addition to their own duties till further orders.

ED attaches assets...

transferred into the bank accounts of Ishtiyaq Ahmad Parray and his family members... (and) ultimately used for the acquisition of immovable properties in their names," the ED claimed.

LG greets people...

virtuous and noble life. May this festival strengthen the bonds of brotherhood and may Maa Durga bless us all with health, happiness and prosperity".

Ratan Tata cremated...

After the funeral, there will be three more days of rituals which will be conducted at the late industrialist's bungalow in Colaba, south Mumbai, he said.

Tata (86), a Padma Vibhushan recipient, died after a brief illness at a city hospital late on Wednesday night.

Meanwhile, National Conference chief Farooq Abdullah has condoled the death of Ratan Tata, saying he was a humble man whose contribution can never be forgotten.

"It is shocking. He (Tata) was a humble man.

"He opened his family organisation for everyone. He took his company to the entire world," Abdullah told reporters here.

The NC president said Tata's contribution to the country can never be forgotten.

"Today, when is he is no more, he will never be forgotten as what he has done for India is great and he took the country to greater heights," Abdullah added.

Congress has deeply mourned the sad demise of Legendary Industrialist Shri Rattan Tata and paid rich tributes to him for his remarkable contribution in the nation building.

In a condolence message, JK Congress has expressed great shock over the demise of Rattan Tata and said that contributions in the field of Industrial growth and in the nation building shall always be remembered. He is a role model in the field of corporate social responsibility and charity for the nation.

His image an honest businessman and a gentleman is a distinction. He enhanced the image of the nation worldwide in his field being one amongst the top industrialists of the world. The party has paid rich tributes to the pious soul and conveyed heartfelt condolences to the family, friends and admirers on behalf of entire rank and file of the party and prayed for peace to the departed soul.

Delhi HC tribunal...

home ministry had said.

Another NIA case was registered against the members and cadres of the Jel, including Ameer Mohammed Shamsi, chief executive, Al-Huda Educational Trust (AHET) for receiving funds through AHET, Rajouri, in the name of Jel even after its ban in February, 2019.

AHET was formed by the top leadership of Jel, including accused Ameer Mohammed Shamsi. They were the trustees of AHET.

The home ministry also said the Jel is in close touch with militant outfits and is continuously supporting extremism and militancy in J&K and elsewhere.

According to the home ministry, the Jel J&K is supporting claims for secession of a part of the Indian territory from the Union and is supporting terrorist and separatist groups fighting for this purpose by indulging in activities and articulations intended to disrupt the territorial integrity of India. It is involved in anti-national and subversive activities in the country intended to cause disaffection, it added.

Asad Ullah Mir, one of the alleged members of the JeI J&K, appeared before the tribunal through his counsel and submitted that it is a socio-religious organisation with a written constitution. It is committed to peaceful constitutional means and does not have any links with militant outfits nor it supports extremism in any form, he claimed.

Mir also said the group was set up in 1953 to spread the word of Islam and in doing so it extends its Da'wah (invitation to Islam) to all people without discriminating on the basis of sect, language, colour, race, nation or country. The constitution of the association has never supported violence, the JeI member submitted.

He said the JeI has always participated in the democratic process. In 1969, it participated in the municipal and panchayat elections and had contested the Lok Sabha elections in 1971 securing more than 1 lakh votes, he added.

In 1972, five members of the association were elected mem-

bers of the J&K assembly. In 1977, one member of the association was elected to the assembly. In 1983, none from JeI, J&K was elected to the state legislative assembly, although the association contested 20 constituencies, the tribunal has ben told.

"In 1987, two members of the JeI, J&K were elected to the assembly and it was first declared unlawful after emergency was imposed in 1975. The chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir at the time, Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah, got the central government to declare the association as unlawful because it was his only serious rival in the state.

"The declaration of the association as unlawful was lifted with the election of the new government at the centre, after Emergency was lifted," the group submitted through its counsel.

It also submitted before the tribunal that the group participated in the elections of 1987 and put up 22 candidates.

"However, the elections of 1987 were rigged, resulting in election of only two members from the association. That the 1987 elections were rigged is common knowledge and has been acknowledged even by former deputy prime minister and home minister, Mr L K Advani, in his autobiography, 'My Country My Life', and by several others.

"Most recently, the Union Home Minister, Mr Amit Shah, while moving the amendment bill of the Jammu and Kashmir Reservation Act in the Lok Sabha also stated that farcical elections were conducted by the earlier Congress government in Kashmir", the group said.

The JeI J&K said it was only after the "wholesale rigging of elections" of 1987 that it decided not to contest elections until there was a guarantee of free and fair elections.

"Although the association has always been opposed to violence, and although Ameer-e-Jama'a Hakeem Ghulam Nabi, expressly condemned violence at several public meetings when the state was in the grip of armed militancy in 1987, a mis-conception began to build that the association supported militancy.

"This misconception was entirely the creation of persons with vested interest against the association. It was because of this misconception that the association was declared unlawful in March 1990," it said.

However, the tribunal, consisting of Justice Navin Chawla, Judge, High Court of Delhi, concluded that the tribunal finds that there is ample justification to declare JeI J&K as an unlawful association under Section 3(1) of the UAPA and the central government was justified in taking recourse to the provision of Section 3(3) of the UAPA vide notification dated February 27.

"Thus, the Reference is answered in affirmative and an order under Section 4(3) of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 confirming the declaration made in the Notification No.S.O.924(E) dated 27.02.2024, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary issued under Section 3(1) of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 is hereby passed," the tribunal said.

J&K LSA holds...

he drew attention to the adverse effects of poor lifestyle choices, such as consuming junk food and inadequate sleep, which contribute to rise in mental disorders.

"Effective time management is key to avoid stress and leading a healthier life, especially for judges and advocates who often have to work on weekends and holidays also", maintained the Chief Justice.

The Chief Justice called for a supportive work environment where open dialogue and mental health resources are readily available, enabling professionals to perform at their best while breaking the stigma surrounding mental health issues. He concluded by encouraging all the participants to engage in creative and physical activities as a means to refresh their minds and promote overall well-being.

In her welcome address, Prof. (Dr) Manju Jamwal, Head, Department of Law, University of Jammu, highlighted the collaborative efforts between the University of Jammu and J&K Legal Services Authority in organizing today's programme which in the present scenario is of immense importance especially for the younger generation.

Prof. (Dr) Meena Sharma, Officiating Vice-Chancellor and Dean of Planning, University of Jammu, laid emphases on the role of mental well-being in both academic and professional success. She explained how maintaining a balanced mental state enhances cognitive abilities and contributes to sustained professional growth and resilience. She encouraged educational institutions to incorporate mental health support systems into their frameworks to foster a thriving academic environment and build resilience among students and professionals.

Prof. (Dr.) Sanjay Gupta, Department of Law, University of Jammu tracing the legal history about mental inadequacy of a litigant referred to various legislations especially the Mental Healthcare Act, 2017 and pointed out the shortcoming therein. He highlighted the need of providing legal aid and assistance not only to the litigants but also to the students and working professionals.

He advocated for counselling and stress management workshops to overcome the menace of growing mental ill health in the young generation which ends to go astray due to mental stress levels. He highlighted the need for creating a culture of mental well-being within legal education institutions, where students are equipped with the tools to manage stress effectively. Prof. Sanjay also appoint that increased tendency of nuclear families is also a big cause for mental ill health.

Dr. Mam Arora, Head, Psychiatry Department, Govt. Medical College Jammu, presented an insightful overview of the mental health challenges faced by professionals in high-stakes fields like law. He highlighted common mental health issues such as anxiety, depression, and emotional exhaustion, all of which negatively impact productivity and decision-making. Dr. Arora stressed the importance of early intervention and continuous support, recommending regular mental health check-ups and access to mental health resources in the workplace.

Dr. Rakesh Banal, Assistant Professor, Psychiatry, Govt. Medical College, Jammu focused on practical strategies for managing mental health. He introduced techniques such as mindfulness, relaxation exercises, and cognitive-behavioral strategies that can help professionals maintain emotional balance. He emphasized the importance of self-care and work-life balance, warning of the detrimental effects of neglecting personal well-being on both professional and personal lives.

The programme concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Smriti Sharma, Secretary, DLSA Jammu, who expressed gratitude to the distinguished dignitaries, faculty, and students for their participation. The proceedings were expertly conducted by Prof. (Dr.) Hardeep Kour.

Those who attended the programme included Y. P. Bourney, PDJ (Chairman DLSA), Jammu, Prof. (Dr.) Satinder Kumar, Dean, Prof. (Dr.) Arvind Jasrotia, Senior Professor, Basim Akhter, Legal Assistant, Anil Sharma, Chief LADC Jammu, other faculty members from the Department of Law, KC Law College, Dogra Law College and MIET Law College and the staff of J&K Legal Services Authority and DLSA Jammu.

CEO submits Notification...

successful completion of the electoral process. He also appreciated the efforts of the Election Officials, J&K Police and security personnel for successfully completing a peaceful, transparent, free and fair election.

CS flags off longest cycling expedition  
'Race Across India' from Srinagar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on Thursday flagged off India's longest cycling expedition from Polo View Ground that would be culminating at the farthest point of the country, Kanyakumari.

The expedition mainly sponsored by the Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) is the 2nd edition of 'Race Across India' participated by 22 teams including national as well as international cyclists this year. The race is first of its kind in which participants of different age categories and professions are taking part.

On the occasion, the Chief Secretary applauded the efforts of both J&K Sports Council and IOCL for their collaboration in organising this event in J&K. He showed optimism about the diversity and growth in number of participants registered for this year's event.

He maintained that the expedition is gaining fame internationally that has materialised into attracting cyclists from some other nations besides a large number from different parts of the country. He observed that it gives him confidence that this event would become the annual affair, attracting highest number of participants in the years to come.

Dulloo further pointed out that numerous events of international prominence are now being organised in the UT with large participation of sportspersons of great repute. He specified the ongoing Legends League cricketing event and the Kashmir Marathon event to be held on 20th of



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this month exuding hope that many more significant sporting events would be held in the times to come.

He said that last year some of the cyclists covered this herculean task of reaching to Kanyakumari from here in just 6 days. He expressed hope that this year too they would register new records while extending best wishes to the athletes.

Secretary, YS&S, Sarmad Hafeez, who was present in the ceremony, also bestowed his wishes on the participants. He remarked that this international event along with others has put J&K among the most sought of sporting destinations in the country. He reiterated that the infrastructure and equipment has been largely upgraded in the UT to chisel the talent of local youth besides enabling hosting of events of such repute.

The Divisional Head, IOCL, called this event significant that would give opportunity to the cyclists to experi-

ence India in its true diversity. It would enrich individuals by giving a chance to come into contact with diverse weather, food and languages besides giving message about good health, environmental and oil conservation for overall good of the nation.

It is worth mentioning here that this cycling expedition is the largest organised event in the country with cyclists destined to start from Srinagar and conclude at Kanyakumari more than 3750 km away from here.

It has around 15 solo riders and 22 teams comprising two or four members categorized in different age groups. Cyclists including Doctors, Professors, Students along with those from Army and Paramilitary forces from different parts of the country are participating enthusiastically in this years edition of 'Race Across India' to make it one of the famous sporting events of the nation.

PM Modi announces 10-point plan to  
strengthen India-ASEAN ties

■ AGENCY

VIENTIANE (LAOS): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday announced a 10-point plan to strengthen India-ASEAN comprehensive partnership and asserted that ties with the regional grouping were critical to guiding Asia's future.

Addressing the 21st India-ASEAN Summit here, Modi noted that India-ASEAN trade had doubled to over USD 130 billion in the past decade and announced a review of the trade in goods agreement to harness the greater economic potential of the partnership.

"I believe that the 21st century - the Asian century - is the century of India and ASEAN nations," the Prime Minister said while addressing the leaders of the ASEAN nations that include Malaysia, Thailand, Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Myanmar, Philippines, Vietnam, Laos and Singapore.

The Prime Minister said India was commemorating the 10th anniversary of its Act East Policy, which has given new energy, direction and momentum to the historic relationship between India and the ASEAN nations.

"The India-ASEAN Summit was a productive one. We discussed how to further strengthen the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between India and ASEAN. We look forward to deepening trade ties, cultural linkages and cooperation in technology, connectivity and other such sectors," he said in a post on X after the summit.

The 10-point plan to further strengthen the India-ASEAN partnership includes celebrating the year 2025 as the ASEAN-India Year of

Tourism, doubling the number of scholarships at Nalanda University and providing new grants for ASEAN students at Agricultural Universities in India.

Prime Minister Modi also announced celebrating the decade of Act East Policy through several people-centric activities including Youth Summit, Start-up Festival, Hackathon, Music Festival, ASEAN-India Network of Think-Tanks and Delhi Dialogue.

Modi also announced organising the ASEAN-India Women Scientists Conclave under the ASEAN-India Science and Technology Development Fund.

He said India would make available USD five million for enhancing disaster resilience and also initiate a new Health Ministers' track towards building Health Resilience.

The Prime Minister also

announced initiating a regular mechanism of ASEAN-India Cyber Policy Dialogue towards strengthening digital and cyber resilience and organising a workshop on Green Hydrogen.

Modi also invited ASEAN leaders to join the 'Plant a Tree for Mother' campaign towards building climate resilience.

"India-ASEAN friendship, coordination dialogue and cooperation is very important at a time when several parts of the world are facing conflicts and tensions," he said.

Prime Minister Modi said India and the ASEAN nations were neighbours, partners in the Global South, and a region that was witnessing rapid growth.

Modi arrived here in Laos on a two-day visit to attend the ASEAN-India and East Asia summits and further deepen engagement with countries in the groupings.

Truecaller launches name verification in India using UPI

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Truecaller has launched a new Verified Badge service for all Premium users in India, enhancing the platform's identity verification process. This feature, which utilizes the government-backed Unified Payments Interface (UPI), allows users to confirm their identities by selecting the name they wish to display, ensuring authenticity through a reliable verification method akin to those used by major financial institutions.

Over the years, the Verified Badge has become highly coveted among Truecaller users, prompting the company to revamp its verification system. The new process is designed to meet the growing demand for transparency and accessibility in establishing digital identities. Rishit Jhunjhunwala, Chief Product Officer and MD, India, emphasized that this initiative directly addresses user feedback, offering a more trustworthy means to verify identities.

By integrating UPI-based verification, Truecaller aims to enhance the credibility of user profiles, empowering individuals to manage their digital presence with confidence. Jhunjhunwala stated, "This is a significant step forward in our vision of making communication safer for everyone." The feature sets a new standard for trust in digital communications, providing users with recognition comparable to traditional identification methods.

Currently, the Verified

Badge is available only to Premium customers on Android devices, with plans to roll out support for iPhone users in the near future. This launch positions Truecaller as a potential leader in identity verification globally, reinforcing its commitment to secure and reliable digital interactions. With the Verified Badge, Truecaller is not only enhancing user trust but also striving to become one of the most dependable identifiers of user profiles on a global scale.

JK SVEEP tops bimonthly social media  
index in Assembly Elections 2024

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu & Kashmir has emerged as the top performer in the Bi-monthly Social Media Index (July-August) thus demonstrating exceptional social media engagement and outreach efforts. This achievement is based on data submitted by the social media teams of 15 States and Union Territories of Chief Electoral Officers (CEOs) and subsequent analysis.

Jammu & Kashmir leads the ranking, showcasing a highly effective and dynamic social media strategy that has successfully amplified voter awareness and community engagement.

Through a combination of targeted campaigns, user-generated content (UGC), and ongoing digital initiatives, the region

has set a benchmark for others to follow.

The other top four performers for July-August are Punjab followed by Odisha, West Bengal and Telangana. Jammu & Kashmir's digital strategy aligns with key priorities, including the ongoing Special Summary Revision (SSR) and various electoral awareness campaigns.

The Election Commission of India maintained that it is imperative that all 36 States and UTs continue their momentum in leveraging social media as a powerful tool for community building and electoral education.

Regular campaigns, UGC initiatives, and proactive engagement will remain critical in the lead-up to future elections.

Modi meets counterparts from Japan, New Zealand;  
discusses cooperation in different areas

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

VIENTIANE (LAOS): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday held a "very productive" meeting with newly-appointed Japanese counterpart Shigeru Ishiba here during which they discussed ways to enhance cooperation in different areas, including infrastructure, connectivity and defence.

Separately, Prime Minister Modi also met his New Zealand counterpart Christopher Luxon on the margins of the ASEAN-India Summit in Vientiane.

Modi, who is in the Laotian capital on a two-day visit, met Ishiba on the sidelines of the 21st ASEAN-India Summit and congratulated him on his new responsibility and wished him success in leading Japan to greater heights.

"Had a very productive meeting with PM Ishiba. I'm

happy to have met him just a few days after he became Japan's PM. Our talks included ways to enhance cooperation in infrastructure, connectivity, defence and more. Boosting cultural linkages was also discussed," Modi said in a post on X.

Ishiba was appointed Japan's prime minister just last week.

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