Nehru denying free hand to Patel resulted in PoJK: Dr Jitendra

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Omar orders restoration of 'Darbar' Move tradition

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Solution to J&K's issues lies in statehood restoration

Sinha-led administration had scrapped

"Today, I have personally signed the

official file, and I hope that the order

will be issued soon. We are restoring the

old tradition of the Darbar Move,

Abdullah told reporters here while

the 'Darbar' move tradition in 2021.



in Jammu on Thursday. (Pic by: Ashok Anand)

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Thursday ordered the restoration of the 'Darbar' move tradition in the Union Territory, fulfilling his promise to the people of the Jammu

The Lieutenant Governor Manoj

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Thursday issued orders for the closure of the Darbar Move offices in the summer capital Srinagar on October 31, hours after Chief Minister Omar Abdullah announced restoration of the tradition.

Darbar Move from Oct 31

General On Thursday night, Administration Department Commissioner Secretary M Raju issued the formal order for the restoration of the Darbar Move.

"The offices, in this order, shall move to Jammu 'in full' and 'in camp', respectively, from the winter season 2025-26. The offices observing a five-day week shall close at Srinagar on October 31 after office hours, and the offices observing a six-day week shall close on November 1 after office hours," the order stated. According to the order, all offices shall reopen at Jammu, the win-■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

J&K youth now deeply engaging with country's history, values, aspirations: LG

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: "Youth Jammu Kashmir are now deeply engaging with the country's history, values and aspirations," the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Thursday. He said youth are forging bond with diversity, heritage and fostering a shared cultural identity for nation-building. Lieutenant Governor was addressing the inaugural function of Veshaw Literary Festival at Kulgam, through

video conferencing. The two-day lit fest is celebrating literature by bringing together writers, artists and readers to share and discuss books, new ideas and to promote a variety of creative and literary works.

"The lit fest will also explore the region's unique spirituality and cultural sig-



LG Manoj Sinha inaugurating Veshaw Literary Festival at Kulgam on Thursday.

nificance and provide a platform for women writers and young authors to share their creative works. The event will foster appreciation for literature and strengthen the community bond," Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor observed that the writings of prominent literary figures from Jammu Kashmir have

"Kulgam stands as a testament to a rich spiritual and intellectual Kulgam is a confluence of nature, spirituality, culture, and literature, making this sacred land an important part of Jammu Kashmir's heritage," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor highlighted the importance of creating opportunities for young talent. He said such

efforts will not only expand human creativity but also ensure that literature serves as a mirror, reflecting societal and global changes.

"Science, spirituality, and literature are the three powerful forces for a progressive and vibrant society. Writers. thinkers, and poets must promote the literary, scientific and spiritual heritage,

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Search operation underway in Udhampur



STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Security forces launched a search operation in Udhampur district on Thursday after receiving

Leopard captured in

Doda town, search

on for second **STATE TIMES NEWS**

DODA: Wildlife authorities

information about suspicious movement in the area, officials said. The operation was launched after locals

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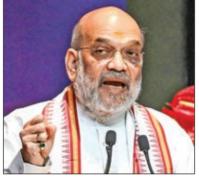
Definitive mechanism needed to bring back all fugitives to face Indian laws: Amit Shah between the passport issuance process

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday said a "ruthless approach" must be adopted to bring every fugitive before the Indian justice system in a time-bound manner. He also underlined that India cannot

be truly secure until those residing abroad and harming the country's economy, sovereignty, and security begin to fear the Indian laws.

'Extradition of Fugitives - Challenges and Strategies' organised by the CBI here, Shah asked all the states to set up at least one prison cell of international standards to blunt the claims of poor standards of Indian jails often made by



fugitives in foreign courts to counter their extradition proceedings.

The home minister also suggested developing a coordination mechanism and the law enforcement agencies, so that when the process of issuing a Red Corner Notice begins against any offender, their passport can be redflagged. "It is not a difficult thing to do with

the present technologies. When a red notice is issued, the passport should be cancelled to block the fugitive's international travel. If we can build this provion into the system, it will help bring the fugitives back," Shah said.

Several fugitives like Vijay Mallya, Nirav Modi and Mehul Choksi have raised the issue of poor conditions of Indian prisons to counter their extradition cases in ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Cabinet approves sub-committee report on reservation, will be sent to LG: CM

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Thursday said that the Jammu and Kashmir Cabinet has accepted the report of a cabinet sub-committee on reservation, which will now be sent to Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha for approval.

On December 10 last year, the government had constituted the cabinet sub-committee to look into grievances raised by various sections of aspirants against the existing reservation policy in the Union Territory.

Addressing a press confer-

ence marking the completion of one year of his government, Abdullah said, "In the cabinet meeting held yesterday, the sub-committee presented its final report, which the cabinet approved. The social welfare department has been asked to prepare a cabinet memo. I will circulate it among my (cabinet) colleagues for approval before submitting it Lieutenant Governor.'

He expressed hope that the process would be completed in the next two to four days. Reservations have

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 Op Sindoor finest example of self-reliance

Centre okays additional 1.41 lakh houses under PMAY-Urban 2.0

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Union on Thursday captured a leopard in Jammu and Housing and Urban Affairs Kashmir's Doda district Ministry has approved the while search continues in the construction of an additional 1.41 lakh houses under area for the second, officials Pradhan Mantri Awas The two big cats had been Yojana-Urban 2.0, taking the causing panic in the residentotal number of sanctioned dwelling units under the tial areas of Doda town for days, following which the scheme to over 10 lakh.

wildlife department launched In a statement, the minthe operation to capture istry said the decision was them and ensure public safetaken at a meeting of the ty.
"We intensified the opera-Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee tion keeping public safety in (CSMC) chaired by Housing

mind. The team successfully captured one of the leopards today. Efforts are on to capture the other," wildlife official Manohar Lal told reporters.

He said the captured leopard has been relocated

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Sunrise: 06:35 Hours

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Hailing the country's Make

and Urban Affairs Secretary Srinivas Katikithala on Wednesday The latest approvals cover

and Union 14 states Territories -- Assam, Andhra Chhattisgarh, Pradesh. Jammu and Gujarat, Puducherry, Kashmir. Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, Pradesh, Madhya Meghalaya, Haryana, Odisha, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh.

The HUA ministry said it has encouraged states and Union territories to increase

occupancy of houses while also ensuring that infrastructure and connectivity are in

"Projects should finalised in places where there is adequate infrastructure, roads, public transportation and connectivity to ensure ease of living for beneficiaries," the statement quoted Katikithala as saying in the meeting.

The committee reviewed the progress of PMAY-Urban 2.0 and

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Closely monitoring situation: India on Afghanistan-Pakistan clashes

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: India on Thursday said it is closely monitoring the situation arising out of the conflict between Afghanistan and Pakistan

External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said India remains fully committed to the sovereignty, territorial integrity, and independence Afghanistan.

"Three things are clear one, that Pakistan hosts terrorist organizations

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STATE TIMES NEWS PUNE: Defence

Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday hailed 'Operation Sindoor' as the finest example of selfreliance in India's defence sector, noting that the majority of equipment used by the armed forces during the mission was indigenous.

India has now "broken the barrier" that had since Independence, and the gov-

ernment has given a strong



weapons within the country,

in defence sector: Rajnath In the last 10 years, defence production has increased from Rs 46,000 crore to Rs 1.5 lakh crore. The government's target is to take domestic defence manufacturing to Rs 3 lakh crore by 2029 and increase defence exports to Rs 50,000

crore, he said.

The Union minister was addressing the 6th convocation of the Symbiosis Skills & Professional University in Pune.

21st century belongs to India: Modi

STATE TIMES NEWS

(ANDHRA PRADESH): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said that the 21st century belongs to 140 crore Indians and that the country will become "Viksit Bharat" (Developed India) by 2047 even as he attacked the Congress saying the grand old party neglected the power

in India ecosystem, he said, "we saw the might" of homemade "things" in Operation Sindoor, the military offensive launched at crossborder terror launchpads Pakistan, post the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack



Referring to the recent developments such as the hike in Income Tax exemption to Rs 12 lakh and GST rate reforms, Modi said the

vision of the NDA government is "citizen-centric development" and pointed out that continuous reforms are being taken up to make people's

(Andhra CM) Chandrababu Naidu said, by 2047, the centenary year of independence, Viksit Bharat will happen. I can say confidently that the 21st century is going to be India's century. The 21st century belongs to 140 crore Indians," the PM said in his address after inaugurating and laying the foundation stones for projects worth over Rs 13,000 crore.

Modi said today the world is seeing India as a new manufacturing centre of the 21st century and the basis of this success is the vision of a selfreliant India even as Andhra Pradesh is becoming a major

He alleged that 11 years ago, when the Congress government was in power, the per capita electricity consumption was less than 1,000 units and at that time, the country had to face challenges such as blackouts. Electricity poles were not

even installed in our villages. "Friends, from clean energy to the total energy production of the country, India is making new records in every sector. Today, electricity has reached every village in the country. Electricity consumption per capita has increased to 1,400 units," he

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Land, 2-storey house of Pak-based terrorist handler attached

STATE TIMES NEWS

BANDIPORA: A property of an alleged terror handler operating from Pakistan was attached

Thursday under the UAPA in Budgam district, police said.

T h e property spanning

10 marlas was attached along with a two-storey residential house in Sandipora, a police spokesperson said. He said the property belongs to area in the central Kashmir district

Muzaffar Hussain Allie, a

resident of Sandipora, an



Allie had exfiltrated to Pakistan and was using the property to promote terror activities. During the

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