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## India fully capable of dealing with all external, internal challenges: Modi

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

KEVADIA (GUJ): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said India is becoming fully capable of dealing with all kinds of external and internal challenges, while deriving inspiration from Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

In a video message on the occasion of 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas', the birth anniversary of the country's first deputy prime minister and home minister Sardar Patel, Modi said collective efforts, like those seen during the COVID-19 pandemic crisis, will take the country to new heights.

Noting that the nation is paying tribute to Sardar Patel who gave his life for 'Ek Bharat, Shreshth Bharat', Modi said Patel lives not only in history but also in the hearts of all Indians.

"Sardar Patel always wanted India to be strong, inclusive, sensitive and alert, humble and developed. He always put the interest of the country first. Today, deriving inspiration from him, India is becoming fully capable of dealing with all kinds of challenges, external and internal," Modi said.

He said the country is today taking inspiration from the spirit of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshth Bharat' to achieve self-reliance and safeguard its interests.

"In the last seven years, the country has got rid of the decades-old unwanted



laws, and has taken the ideals that cherish national unity to new heights. Be it Jammu and Kashmir, North East or any village in the Himalayas, today all are progressing on the path of progress," he said.

The prime minister said the modern infrastructure development in the country is working to remove the geographical and cultural distances.

The country is today witnessing a "great mahayagna of social, economic and constitutional integration", and its capability and determination on every front - water, land, air, space - is unprecedented, he said.

"India has started on a new mission of self-reliance to safeguard its interests,"

Modi said.

He said the spirit of everyone's effort should be made the basis of the pace of development and to make a self-reliant India.

"Where the lack of unity brings new crisis, the collective effort of everyone takes the country to new heights," he said.

He cited the fight against coronavirus as an example of what the country can achieve through collective efforts.

"From new COVID-19 hospitals to ventilators, from manufacturing essential medicines to crossing the milestone of 100 crore vaccine doses-- these have been made possible only because of the efforts of every Indian, every government, every industry," he said.

Modi said the combined result of several reforms undertaken over the years has made India an attractive investment destination. "We now have to make this spirit of everyone's effort the basis of the pace of development, to make a self-reliant India," he said.

He said every action should be taken with "broader national goals" in mind and to see how one is supporting it in a self-reliant India. "Indian industry can also set targets of how much it needs to depend on foreign raw materials or components," he said. He said farmers can also strengthen

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## Petrol, diesel prices hiked for 4th straight day

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: Petrol and diesel prices on Sunday were hiked for the fourth straight day by 35 paise per litre each, pushing pump rates to new record high across the country with states with high incidence of local taxes such as Madhya Pradesh having the costliest fuel.

The price of petrol in Delhi rose to its highest-ever level of Rs 109.34 a litre and Rs 115.15 per litre in Mumbai, according to a price notification of state-owned fuel retailers.

Diesel now costs Rs 98.07 a litre in Delhi and Rs 106.23 in Mumbai.

This is the fourth consecutive day of the price hike. There was no change in rates between October 25 and 27, prior to which prices were hiked by 35 paise per litre each on four straight days.

While petrol has already hit the Rs 100-a-litre mark or more in all major cities of the country, diesel has touched that level in over one-and-a-half dozen states. Diesel rates crossed that level in places ranging from Jalandhar in Punjab

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## Situation in Kashmir much better now after violence: DGP

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: After a recent spike in violence, the situation in Kashmir is much better now and people want to move towards peace and development, Jammu and Kashmir Police chief Dilbag Singh said here on Sunday.

Singh also appealed to local militants to give up arms and exhorted the youth to pick up pens and books and work towards Jammu and Kashmir's prosperity and progress.

He was speaking to reporters on the sidelines of a 'run for peace and unity' organised on the occasion of National Unity Day. About 700 children, youths and adults participated in the run.

"The situation is much better now. The atmosphere right now is that people want peace and they are against violence. There were a few violent incidents, but people on a large scale condemned those incidents. Now, the



DGP Dilbag Singh briefing media on the sidelines of an event in Srinagar.

situation is better. You saw the participation here which is an indication that people want to move towards peace and development and they condemn the violence," Singh said.

Eleven civilians have been killed by militants in Kashmir Valley in October.

Appealing to local militants to give up arms, the DGP said not only do they lose their own lives, they are also working against their parents, society and people, and everyone is affected by the violence. He reiterated the appeal

by Union Home Minister Amit Shah during his recent visit to Jammu and Kashmir that the youth of Kashmir Valley should carry books in their hands instead of guns and stones, and build their future and work towards the union territory's prosperity and progress.

"I have the same message that your and the society's betterment will not happen by picking weapons, but pens, books and working along with your parents and society," the DGP said.

## J&K logs 95 fresh COVID cases; Ladakh 10

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir recorded 95 fresh COVID cases, taking the infection tally to 3,32,249 while no new death due to the virus was reported from the Union Territory in the 24 hours ending at 5 pm on Sunday, officials said.

Out of the 95 fresh cases, six were from the Jammu division and 89 from the Kashmir division, they said.

Srinagar district recorded the highest number of 49 cases followed by 10 cases each in Baramulla and Budgam districts.

There are 902 active cases in the Union Territory, while the number of recovered patients was 3,26,915, the officials said.

The death toll in the Union Territory remained at 4,432 as no fresh fatality was reported in the past 24 hours.

The officials said there were 49 confirmed cases of Mucormycosis (black fungus) in the Union Territory as no fresh case was reported since Saturday evening.

Meanwhile, ten persons tested positive for

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## Two former NC legislators among dozen leaders join BJP

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Nearly a dozen prominent political workers, including two former National Conference legislators, joined the BJP here on Sunday, with its Jammu and Kashmir unit president Ravinder Raina exuding confidence of forming the next government on its own in the Union Territory.

BJP national general secretary and Jammu and Kashmir in-charge Tarun Chugh and Raina welcomed the new entrants, along with hundreds of their supporters, into the party fold in presence of senior leaders, including Divender Singh Rana and S S Slathia, who recently joined the saffron party.

Rana, the younger brother of Union Minister Jitendra Singh and provincial president of the National Conference, along with senior party colleague and former minister Slathia

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**WEATHER**

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 28.1°C Min: 13.1°C

Humidity

Max: 79 Min: 62

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 18.8°C Min: 2.6°C

Humidity

Max: 86 Min: 60

Sunset: 17:43 Hours

Sunrise: 06:49 Hours

## Sardar Patel was brilliant administrator, champion of masses: LG

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday paid rich tributes to India's first home minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on his birth anniversary, calling him brilliant administrator and champion of masses.

"An epitome of national unity, brilliant administrator and champion of masses, Patel Ji devoted his entire life for strengthening India," Sinha said.

Patel's significant contribution to the motherland, devotion to the unity,



integrity and safety of the nation, leadership qualities will always remain an inspiration for all of us. My humble tributes to him, he said. The Lt Governor also greeted people on the occa-

## Search for terrorists in Poonch-Rajouri forest belt enters 21st day, highway reopens for traffic

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The authorities reopened a stretch of the Jammu-Rajouri national highway for traffic on Sunday morning, more than two weeks after it was shut in view of an ongoing counter-insurgency operation in an adjoining dense forest belt, officials said.

The operation to track down a group of hiding terrorists, who are responsible for the killing of nine soldiers, in Bhatti Durrian forest in Mendhar along with Surankote forest in Poonch and nearby Thanamandi in Rajouri district entered the 21st day on Sunday, the officials said.

While the operation is underway, the authorities allowed traffic on the main

highway between Bhimber Gali in Mendhar and Jera Wali Gali in Surankote in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district, much to the relief of residents, especially taxi operators who have been demanding its reopening.

The road stretch, which passes along the cordoned-off forest belt, was closed as a precautionary measure on October 15, a day after four army personnel, including a JCO, were martyred in an exchange of fire with the hiding terrorists in Bhatti Durrian forest, the officials said.

The operation started in Surankote forest on October 11 following the martyrdom of five soldiers, including a JCO, and was

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## Wazir Murder Conspiracy

## Delhi police raids Sainik colony; arrests local contractor

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Continuing investigations into the suspicious murder of former MLC and senior NC leader Trilochan Singh Wazir in an apartment in Delhi, the Crime Branch wing of Delhi Police on Sunday raided a house in Sainik Colony and arrested a suspect, whom Wazir family also named during media briefing in Jammu.

The Delhi police team today afternoon arrived at Sainik Colony Jammu and arrested a contractor

namely Surinder Singh alias Kala, son of Late Isher Singh, resident of H No 76, Sector-D, Sainik Colony, Jammu. The police team consisting of ASIs Surinder Kumar, Lal Singh and Constables Satya Parkash, Surinder Kumar from Police Station Moti Nagar, Delhi led by Inspector Vijay Kumar conducted the raid.

FIR 557/2021 was registered on September 9, 2021 under Sections 302 /201/120-B/34 of IPC soon after the body of

Trilochan Singh Wazir, Chairman, Jammu & Kashmir Gurdwara Prabandhak Board and Chairman, All J&K Transport Association was found in Delhi under mysterious circumstances.

Demanding strict action against the culprits, the Wazir family had alleged that they were surprised to see conspirator and suspect in murder case, welcoming and addressing Union Home Minister, Amit Shah from the stage of Gurdwara, Digiana Ashram, Jammu on October 24, 2021.

## Centre to attempt to reach consensus with states for an all-India judicial service

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: The central government is likely to make a fresh attempt at reaching a consensus with states to set up an all-India judicial service, official sources said on Sunday.

The establishment of All-India Judicial Service (AIJS) is likely to be made part of the agenda of a proposed meeting between Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju and state law ministers in November; the sources in the government said.

As of now, judicial infrastructure is the only announced agenda of the meeting.

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## Territorial ambitions of China & Pakistan require India's armed forces to remain alert round the year: CDS

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: The territorial ambitions of China and Pakistan require the Indian armed forces to remain alert and deployed along disputed borders and coastal areas round the year, Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) Bipin Rawat said on Sunday.

The CDS stated this while delivering the Sardar Patel Memorial Lecture at All India Radio.

"The quintessential visionary that Sardar Patel was, he had assertively voiced the need of an independent Tibet as a buffer state between India and China, as can be found in his correspondence with the then Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru," he said.

Rawat said history is witness to the fact that whenever a country neglects its armed forces, the external powers are quick to exploit it. In the 1950s, India overlooked this important lesson of history and allowed the security apparatus to drift and the Chinese shook the country up in 1962, Rawat said.

"We had to relearn this lesson through an ignominious experience. Post-1962, we have had several skirmishes against the Chinese -- at Nathu La in Sikkim in 1967, at Wangdung in 1986, at Doklam in 2017 and the recent skirmishes in the eastern Ladakh," he noted.

The outcomes have made it clear that the Indian armed

forces are alert and determined to defend national territory, he said.

This, he said, has helped the Chinese and our leaders to pursue agreements for maintaining peace and tranquility along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and several other confidence-building measures to improve relations.

"Territorial ambitions of China and Pakistan require India's armed forces to remain alert and deployed along disputed borders and also along the coastal regions round the year," he asserted.

The current border stand-off between the Indian and Chinese militaries erupted in May last year following a

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