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AC approves transfer...

the transfer of land measuring 90 Kanals& 10 marlas, situated at Zainapora, Shopian in favour of School Education Department for establishment of JawaharNavodayaVidyalaya (JNV). Setting up of JNV shall ensure a marked improvement in the educational environment for better future prospects of children.

In order to bolster disaster preparedness, AC approved the transfer of State land measuring 568 Kanals in District Samba in favour of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), MHA GoI, for establishment of Battalion Headquarters. Given Jammu and Kashmir's susceptibility to various disaster risks, the presence of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) becomes crucial, aligning with both public and national interests. Currently, the 13th Battalion of NDRF designated for J&K and Ladakh operates from Ladhawal in Punjab, with temporary arrangements in place.

Besides, approval was also given for transfer of land measuring 41 Kanals& 04 marlas, situated in Jagti, Nagrota, Jammu in favour of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), National Institute of Virology, Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, GoI, Pune for establishment of ICMR - NIV, North Zone Unit.

The establishment of a National Institute of Virology (NIV) unit in Jammu shall play a pivotal role in addressing virus disease outbreaks by employing epidemiological and diagnostic tools. Besides, it shall also provide referral diagnostic services to individuals, community, medical colleges & research institutions.

Two killed as...

officer said, adding a case has been registered in the matter and further investigation was underway.

War against terrorism...

can do is ensure minimum loss to the public. And as a fighting force, we will try to minimise the loss (to the security forces)".

The DGP, however, reiterated that they will not back away from any challenge.

Last week, five Army personnel, including two captains, were killed in an operation in Rajouri. Two militants, including an Afghanistan-trained commander, were also gunned down in the operation. Initially, it was mentioned that the slain ultras belonged to proscribed terror outfit Lashker-e-Taiba but later, they turned out to be from Jaish-e-Mohammed.

Swain was also asked about reports of increased attempts of infiltration from across the borer from Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). "With snowfall, the infiltration will decrease at some places and increase at some places. It is a matter of strategy and cannot be discussed in public," the police chief said.

Legendary League Cricket...



Super Stars needed 28 runs in the last two overs and rode on Pawan Negi's heroics to finish the game in 19.4 overs. Negi hit 2 fours and 2 massive sixes in his explosive knock.

Openers Jesse Ryder and Upul Tharanga scored 30 runs each off 31 and 38 balls



respectively. Ryder hit 4 fours and one six in his knock, while Thranga struck 2 fours and one six. Shreevats Goswami and Rajesh Bishnoi also contributed valuable 19 and 11 runs to the total.

Praveen Gupta of Manipal Tigers was the pick of the bowlers, who took 2 wickets by conceding 9 runs in his 3 overs, while Imran Khan also took 2 wickets by giving away 24 runs in his 4 overs. Skipper Harbhajan Singh was the most economical bowler who gave away just 10 runs in his 4 overs and took an important wicket of explosive opener Jesse Ryder.

Earlier, winning the toss and batting first, Harbhajan Singh-led Manipal Tigers scored a modest total of 124 runs in 20 overs, losing 9 wickets on the surface which was on the slower side.

Anjelo Perera top scored with unbeaten 47 runs off 34 balls, studded with 2 fours and 2 sixes, while Hamilton Masakadza contributed 26 runs off 28 balls with 2 fours. Thisara Perera (13) and Robin Uthappa (11) were the other contributors.

Pawan Negi, Abdur Razzak and Johan Botha took 2 wickets each for Southern Super Stars, while Ashok Dinda and C de Silva claimed one wicket each.

SCOREBOARD		
MANIPAL TIGERS		
Robin Uthappa † c Taylor b Dinda	11	
S Badrinath b Abdur Razzak	02	
Hamilton Masakadza c Hamid Hassan b Botha	26	
Mohammad Kaif lbw b de Silva	07	
Angelo Perera not out	47	
Colin de Grandhomme lbw b Abdur Razzak	06	
Thisara Perera c Negi b Botha	13	
Imran Khan st †Goswami b Negi	07	
Mitchell McClenaghan b Negi	00	
Harbhajan Singh (c) run out (†Goswami/Lakmal)	00	
Parvinder Awana not out	00	
Extras	05	
Total	124/9	
SOUTHERN SUPERSTARS		
Jesse Ryder b Harbhajan Singh	30	
Upul Tharanga c NLTC Perera b Khan	30	
Ross Taylor (c) b Gupta	07	
Shreevats Goswami † not out	19	
Chaturanga de Silva c NLTC Perera b Gupta	02	
Rajesh Bishnoi c Harbhajan Singh b Khan	11	
Pawan Negi not out	25	
Extras	01	
Total	125/5	

Imperative to amplify...

Chandrachud said. He said the discourse about human rights and access to justice has historically been monopolised by voices from the Global North (industrialised nations), which makes such dialogues unsuitable.

He said it is imperative to amplify the justice needs of the under-represented populations in our country.

The CJI said the concept of justice has historically been construed as applicable solely within the confines of a sovereign state.

"Given the intricate web of transnational relations in the present age, our concepts of justice have also changed. In transnational relationships, all nations are not treated equally. However, some nations share a sense of solidarity and belonging. It is here that constructed categories, such as Global South, become important points of collaboration, dialogue and deliberation.

"This term is not geographical but based on political, geopolitical and economic commonalities between certain nations. Several nations in the Global South, including India, have historically been at the receiving end of imperialism or colonial rule. This history resulted in a relationship of unequal power with such nations being forced into the periphery of the economy. It is for this reason that before academics used the term Global South, terms such as developing, the underdeveloped or third world gained wide currency," he said.

Justice Chandrachud said there has been a universal shift in wealth from the Mediterranean to the Asia Pacific.

"By 2030, it is projected that three of the four largest economies will be from the Global South. The GDP in terms of purchasing power of the Global South-dominated BRICS nations surpasses that of the so-called Global North's G7 club. One of the reasons why nations in the Global South have been able to achieve economic prosperity is their willingness to recognise their unique needs and collaborate with each other. "This conference serves as a starting point for the nations to expand beyond the mere economic and trade alliances and make cooperation between our legal systems a key priority," he said.

This commitment to collaboration between the nations of the Global South drives them not only to come together, but also serves as a reminder that their institutions play an important role in promoting and upholding the rule of law.

Justice Chandrachud said during his tenure as the CJI, he has initiated several initiatives for access to justice and the most potent and important weapon in access to justice is technology. "Today, the Supreme Court is successfully using technology in myriad ways to bring the courtroom closer to the citizens. I am certain that several of you have had the opportunity to watch the live stream of proceedings before the Constitution benches of the Supreme Court. In many ways, online streaming of proceedings has taken the Supreme Court to the hearts and homes of common citizens of the country," he said. The CJI said countries, including India, have developed ingenious legal practices to strengthen access to justice. "For instance, since the early 1980s, the Supreme Court has made revolutionary attempts to increase access to justice by way of its public interest jurisprudence. The court removed procedural barriers to access the Supreme Court and allowed all citizens to approach the court for the amelioration of socio-economic injustices. This jurisprudence resulted in the Supreme Court being widely regarded as the 'people's court', he said. Justice Chandrachud said an integral part of securing access to justice is making the courtroom a space that is accessible to persons belonging to diverse communities cutting across age, gender identity, caste and economic status. The first step in this direction is ensuring that the physical infrastructure of the court accommodates all citizens, he added. Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal, G20 Sherpa Amitabh Kant, Supreme Court judges S K Kaul and Sanjiv Khanna and Attorney General R Venkataramani also spoke on the occasion.

6 Bangladeshi nationals...

who got married in Ramban district of Jammu, was held from Gandhi Nagar. She was supposed to accompany the other women and girls to Kashmir, officials said.

Those detained are aged between 14 and 60 years, they said.

Thousands of devotees...

memorable experience.

The Jhiri Mela 2023 promises a week filled with cultural, religious, and traditional festivities, uniting communities and celebrating the legacy of Baba Jitto.

The congregation is organised every year in the memory of Baba Jitto, a farmer saint who sacrificed his life five centuries ago in protest against a landlord's oppressive demands. The Div Com extended a warm welcome to the devotees gathered at the shrine of Baba Jitto and his daughter 'Bua Kodi.'

After paying obeisance at the Baba Jitto and Bua Kori Devsthan, the Div Com, alongwith other dignitaries, inaugurated departmental stalls and exhibitions showcasing different government schemes, particularly those for farmers. The focal point of the day was the traditional Dangal competition organized by the Mela Management Committee, featuring professional wrestlers from Delhi, Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, and different parts of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Div Com commended the Jhiri Mela Management Committee and the district administration for meticulous arrangements, ensuring the successful conduct of the Jhiri Mela. Reflecting on the occasion, he highlighted the exemplary sacrifice of Baba Jitto, emphasizing its significance in the fight against injustice.

To add to the festivity, the event is set to witness a series of colourful cultural programmes will during the Mela days.

The inaugural ceremony saw the presence of DDC Member Marh, Balbir Chand; BDC Chairman Marh, Surinder Bhagat; Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya; SSP Jammu, Vinod Kumar; SSP Traffic, Fiesel Qureshi; SDM Marh, Manu Hans; officers of Tourism, and local Sarpanches.

Significant improvement in...

From Wednesday, there are chances of light to moderate rain or snow at fairly widespread places with the possibility of thunderstorms or lightning at a few places over two days.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman demands action, not words at COP 28

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DUBAI: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday called for concrete action on climate funding and transfer of technology at the upcoming global climate summit, saying that India will be pushing forward to showcase what it has achieved with its own funds.

The 28th round of the annual UN climate talks to be held from Nov 03 to December 12 in the UAE and is anticipated to involve intense negotiations on compensation from rich countries to developing ones for climate impacts, fossil fuel usage, methane emissions, and financial aid for reducing planet-warming emissions and adapting to climate change.

Speaking during a virtual

session at the inaugural event of India Global Forum Middle East and Africa 2023 (IGF ME&A), Sitharaman said that eOP 28 should show the direction to countries.

"There is a need for concrete action on climate funding and transfer of technology at the upcoming global climate summit," she said.

She said that India will certainly be pushing forward to showcase what it has achieved with its own funds.

"The Paris commitment given by us has been funded by us. We didn't wait for the hundred billion that is never on the table. A lot of talk, but no money coming on the table; No pathways to show how technology is going to be transferred," she observed.

Demanding action instead of words, the Minister said

that COP 28 should show the direction.

"Particularly for developing and emerging market economies, funding this is going to be a huge challenge. So, I would think the conversations can happen, a lot of talk can happen but eventually, COP 28 should show the direction, both for transfer of technology and for the actual funding," she said.

Admitting that there would be challenges, Sitharaman said that the current geopolitical tensions in the Middle East would not affect the ambitious India-Middle East-Europe Corridor that was announced during the G20 Summit in September.

"It is a vision and a vision for long-term considerations and it is going to be a long-term project. It's not just going to depend on one or the

other major event pertaining to the area. It is going to be pursued because India has a very good relationship with each of the Middle East countries," she said.

"So, IMEC, or the India Middle East Europe Economic Corridor is not going to be dependent on one or the other major event of concern, but it is something on which the vision drives the implementation in the long run. So, it's going to face challenges alright, but it has got its own strengths, and countries who are directly or indirectly in connection with this project are absolutely clear that this, through India, is going to be critical for global trade, global partnerships and also making sure that this corridor will benefit each one of these countries," she added.

BJP will liberate Telangana from clutches of BRS, says PM Modi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

HYDERABAD: Asserting that the BJP will free Telangana from the clutches of BRS, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said it is his party's resolve to send the corrupt leaders of the Chandrasekhar Rao-led party to jail.

Modi, who addressed election rallies at Mahabubabad and Karimnagar, said, "the saffron party considers as its responsibility to bring Telangana out of the clutches of BRS... whatever the seams KCR (K Chandrasekhar Rao) was involved in here" would be probed by the BJP government (if elected).

He warned that those who betrayed Telangana's poor and youth will not be spared by the BJP government. "Our resolve is to send the corrupt of BRS to jail."

Noting that he had the opportunity to interact with many people during three days of campaign in the state, the PM said Telangana people have already resolved to oust the government of KCR.

Lashing out at the Congress and BRS, the veteran BJP leader held both the parties equally responsible for 'destroying' Telangana.

"The people of Telangana cannot allow another dis-ease after getting rid of one. I have seen this in Telangana everywhere," he

said.

Telangana's trust is in BJP and the people of state have decided that the next CM of Telangana will be from BJP, Modi said.

Invoking former PM P V Narasimha Rao, he said the soil of Karimnagar has given a PM to the country in the form of Rao and alleged that the 'shahi parivar (royal family) of Congress did not like it and insulted him at every step'.

"Not just that, even after the demise of Rao saab, the 'shahi parivar' of Congress did not let go of any opportunity to insult Narasimha Rao ji."

The 'parivarvadi' (dynasts) only think of their children and have no concern "for your children," he told the crowd.

Pointing out that 'parivarvadi' parties 'destroy' law and order, the senior BJP leader said as long as Congress was in power, news of bomb blasts were reported often.

"Even today, where Congress party is in power, terror outfits like PFI get a boost there," he said.

Modi cautioned people against Congress and KCR calling both the parties 'one'. Only BJP can enhance the prestige of Telangana, he claimed.

The PM exuded confidence that a BJP-headed government would be formed for the first time in

Telangana after the upcoming assembly elections.

Reiterating his claim that Rao had in the past attempted to forge an alliance with the saffron party, Modi said KCR had realized the BJP's growing strength long ago and was making efforts to align with his party.

"When he came to Delhi once, KCR met me and made this request. But, BJP cannot do anything against the wishes of Telangana people. Ever since BJP declined KCR (request), BRS has been furious since then and BRS now does not leave any opportunity to abuse me," he added.

Modi had in October claimed that he rejected a request of KCR to join the NDA, in the wake of Hyderabad Municipal Corporation elections in 2020.

Noting that Telangana was known for tradition and technology, he alleged that KCR put the stamp of superstition on it.

Calling Rao a 'slave of superstition', Modi asked the gathering if they needed a 'Farmhouse CM'.

"Telangana does not need a farmhouse CM," he said.

Accusing the Congress and BRS of indulging in 'appeasement politics' and promoting corruption, dynasty politics, he alleged that they also betrayed

Dalits and BCs.

Modi highlighted BJP's promises to make a backward caste leader as CM if the party came to power in the state and its promise to do justice to the Madiga community of SCs over its demand for categorization of SCs for the purpose of reservations.

Affirming that change was imminent in Telangana, he said the people have decided to vote out BRS and not to let the Congress in.

"A vote for Congress means possibility of KCR government coming again," he said.

He also assured that BJP's 'double engine' government would promote investment and modern infrastructure in Telangana.

On the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, Modi said people of the country have decided to avail his services once again. Later in the evening, Modi held a roadshow from RTC X roads junction to Kachiguda in the state capital. Modi, who was accompanied by state BJP president G Kishan Reddy and MP K Laxman, received a rousing welcome during the event with people showering flower petals on him and some women performing 'aarti' ritual.

He also paid floral tributes at the statue of freedom fighter Veer Savarkar at Kachiguda, where the roadshow concluded.

Lightning strikes kill 27 in Gujarat; govt to assess damage to crops due to untimely rains

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

AHMEDABAD: At least 27 people have been killed in multiple lightning strikes in Gujarat as widespread unseasonal rainfall battered the state, damaging homes and standing crops, officials said on Monday.

The lightning-related deaths occurred in a span of 24 hours beginning on early Sunday morning, they said.

The rainfall subsided on Monday which saw only intermittent showers at some places in the state.

As per the State Emergency

Operation Centre (SEOC), so far 27 people have lost their lives after being struck by lightning in different parts of Gujarat.

Most of the deaths were reported in the districts of Dahod, Tapi, Dangs, Amreli, Surendranagar, Botad, Mehsana, Kheda, Panchmahal, Sabarkantha, Ahmedabad, Bharuch and Devbhumi Dwarka, it said.

Lightning strikes also killed animals, while untimely rains accompanied by thunderstorms and hailstorms damaged houses and standing crops, the

officials said.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah paid condolences to the families of the victims and said the state administration was engaged in relief work.

Shah, in a post on X on Sunday night, said, "I am deeply saddened by the news of the death of many people due to bad weather and lightning in various cities of Gujarat. I express my deepest condolences for the irreparable loss to those who lost their loved ones in this tragedy. The local administration is engaged in relief work."