

## 03 Jammu Mayor reviews cases of leftover beneficiaries under PMAY, pays tribute to PM's Mother

# Will not compromise on national security for good relations with neighbours: Rajnath

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday said India wants to have and maintain friendly relations with its neighbours, but it will not be done at the cost of national security.

Speaking at the 90th annual pilgrimage of Sivagiri Mutt here, Singh recalled former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's remark that we can change friends but not our neighbours.

"Therefore, we need good and friendly relations with our neighbours. However, we will not compromise on national security to maintain good relations. We do not want good relations with anyone at the cost of our national security," the Defence Minister said.

Singh also spoke about Kerala-based social reformer Sree Narayana Guru's teachings, like 'prosperity through industry' which is the basis of



the Indian's government's 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat' policy.

As a result of the same, the country is considered as one of the top five economies in the world and our military is seen as a force to be reckoned with, he contended.

"His preaching of prosperity through industry is the basis of the Government of India's resolution of 'Self-reliant India'. Today, India is one of the largest economies of the world because of its hard work and enterprise.

## 09 Snowfall brings cheer to tourists in Kashmir; relief from intense cold

# 38 IPS officers of AGMUT Cadre promoted

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Government of India, on Friday promoted 35 Indian Police Officers of Arunachal Pradesh-Goa-Mizoram and Union Territory (AGMUT) cadre.

As per an order, the Ministry ordered promotion of 20 IPS to the DIGP rank (Level 13-A in the pay matrix), which

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## Search underway along LoC after suspicious movement detected in Poonch

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH/JAMMU: The Army on Friday launched a search operation in a forward area, a day after it noted suspicious movement along the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir.

Officials said the troops guarding the LoC in Khari Karmara area opened fire on picking up the movement of two-three suspected intruders around 7 pm

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## 10 JKPS Kunjwani lifts Cricket Tournament trophy, hosted by BOMIS



# SIA files chargesheet against 4 LeT terrorists in Jammu

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JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir State Investigation Agency (SIA) has filed a chargesheet against four Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorists, including self-styled commander Talib Hussain Shah who had recruit-

ed many youths to revive terror ecosystem in different districts of the Jammu region, officials said on Friday.

The chargesheet was filed against Shah and his three associates in a special court for their involvement in

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## NC will continue to protecting vital interests of J&K: Farooq

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: National Conference president Farooq Abdullah on Friday said his party will continue to shoulder the "onerous responsibility" of protecting the vital interests of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

He said the birth of the NC was a significant landmark in the history of J and K.

"We are the visible symbol of political union of varied sections of J-K," Abdullah said interacting with NC functionaries and workers at party's headquarters Nawa-e-Sabha here.

The National Conference has long been synonymous with the aspirations of the



people of J and K and that it exhibits its cultural, linguistic and religious diversity, he said.

Later, the Lok Sabha MP from Srinagar offered Friday congregational prayers at Asar-e-Sharief Dargah Hazratbal here.

## PM Modi's mother Heeraben passes away, cremated

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

AHMEDABAD: Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mother Heeraben passed away at a hospital in Ahmedabad early on Friday. She was 99.

A bulletin from the UN Mehta Institute of Cardiology and Research Centre, where she was admitted on Wednesday after her health deteriorated, shared the news of her demise.

"Hiraben Modi passed away on 30/12/2022 at 3.30 am during the treatment at U N Mehta Heart Hospital", the medical bulletin said.

The prime minister reached the residence of his brother Pankaj Modi at Raysan village on the outskirts of



Prime Minister Narendra Modi performing last rites of his mother Heeraben Modi in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

Gandhinagar, where the mortal remains of his mother were kept.

PM Modi arrived at the airport here in the morning and was driven straight to the house of his younger brother. He offered floral tributes to

his mother's demise.

"A great journey of 100 years has come to an end. I have witnessed three qualities in mother, a journey like that of a tapasvi (saint), a selfless worker and life dedicated to values," Modi tweeted.

"When I met her on her 100th birthday she told one thing which I always remember. 'Kam karo buddhi thi, jivan jivo suddhi thi' (work using your brain and live life with purity)," he said in the tweet. PM Modi had visited the hospital to inquire about his mother's health on Wednesday after learning about her condition. After spending over an hour

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## Rahul Gandhi's padyatra is on treadmill when Congress is on ventilator: Chugh

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Friday said that Rahul Gandhi's padyatra was more like a treadmill walk meant to recuperate the Congress which has been on ventilator for so long.

Chugh expressed serious concern at the manner Rahul Gandhi has been doing a lip service to the cause of the nation by making a cosmetic walk of a few yards every day.

He said instead of addressing the problems that the nation has been facing or the states have been confronting he seemed to be doing more photo ses-



sions to gain poor political points. The Congress, all across the country, has been going to pieces and Rahul Gandhi's yatra is an expression of the desperation of the party to come out of the ICU.

## Woman killed, 6 injured as vehicle skids off road in Anantnag

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A tourist died while six others were injured when their vehicle skidded off the road and fell into a deep gorge in Anantnag district on Friday, officials said.

The accident occurred near Zig post in Qazigund area of the south Kashmir district, they said. The deceased has been identified as Sheeb, from Uttar Pradesh, the officials said. The injured others have been admitted to a hospital where their condition is stated to be stable.

## Cricketer Rishabh Pant injured in car accident

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI/DEHRADUN: India's star cricketer Rishabh Pant suffered multiple injuries when his car collided with a road divider on the Delhi-Dehradun highway, early on Friday.

The 25-year-old, who was going to his home in Roorkee, was taken to a local hospital. He suffered injuries on his head, back and feet but is in a stable condition.

"Pant met with an accident in Manglaur in Haridwar district when his car hit a divider at 5.30 am on Friday," Haridwar SSP Ajai Singh said.

"He was rushed to Saksham hospital in nearby



Roorkee from where he was referred later to Max Hospital, Dehradun," he added.

The accident happened at Mohammadpur Jat in Manglaur.

Dr. Sushil Nagar, who treated Pant in emergency, said the cricketer didn't suf-

fer any fracture but there was a ligament injury on his knee which would require further investigations.

"When he was brought to our hospital, he was fully conscious and I spoke to him. He wanted to surprise his mother and was going

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## Probe ordered into recent fire at Civil Secretariat in Jammu

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir administration has ordered an inquiry into a recent fire incident at the Civil Secretariat here and called for fixing of responsibility for failure in activating response at various levels to control the blaze in a timely manner.

Principal Secretary, Estates Department, was appointed as the inquiry officer to probe the fire at the Civil Secretariat on December 28, an order issued by Secretary General Administration Department (GAD) Piyush Singla said.

The fire was reported

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## No plan to return to Congress: Azad

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Senior politician and chief of the newly-formed Democratic Progressive Azad Party Ghulam Nabi Azad on Friday said there was no move to return to Congress with which he had snapped his 52-year-old association earlier this year.

Talking to PTI, the veteran politician who has been former Union minister and chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir, said reports suggesting his return to the grand old party are planted by some vested leaders in the Congress and there was no truth in them. "I have never spoken to any Congress leader and neither has any-



one called me. So I wonder why these kinds of stories are planted in the media," Azad said.

Azad said these attempts were made by Congress leaders to create a sense of uncertainty within his party cadres and to demoralise them.

"Come whatever may, we

will emerge stronger," he said.

Azad, who has served as leader of opposition in Rajya Sabha, said, "I have not indulged in any mudslinging with anyone. Whatever I had to say, I made it clear in my resignation letter. After

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# Centre transforming railway infrastructure by making record investment: Modi

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KOLKATA: Prime Minister Narendra Modi, after flagging off the Vande Bharat Express from Howrah to New Jalpaiguri virtually on Friday, asserted that the Union government is transforming the country's railway infrastructure by making record investments.

The Prime Minister who also launched four railway projects for West Bengal and laid the foundation stone for the redevelopment of the New Jalpaiguri railway station, pointed out that railway stations, including New Jalpaiguri, are being developed on the lines of airports. In all the railway projects



PM Narendra Modi flagging off Vande Bharat Express and dedicating railway projects via video conferencing on Friday.

inaugurated by him for West Bengal are estimated to be worth more than Rs 5,000 crore.

Noting that doubling of tracks and electrification is underway at a record speed,

he said that the eastern and western freight corridors will bring revolutionary changes to the country's economy.

"Today's Vande Bharat train was launched from the land where 'Vande Mataram'

slogan was coined. The launch date of December 30 is significant as Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose had hoisted the tricolour in Andaman and Nicobar Islands on this day in 1943," he said.

"In the 21st century, for rapid development of the country, growth and reform of railways is essential. A nationwide campaign is underway to transform railways," Modi said.

He noted that new airports, waterways, ports and roads are being constructed to ensure seamless connectivity for people. Later in the day, he also informed his

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## Public hearing conducted for environmental clearance of Jammu airport expansion project

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Pollution Control Committee on Friday conducted a public hearing here as part of environmental clearance process for expansion of civil enclave at the Jammu airport with an area of 40,000 square metres, an official said.

Over 122 acres of land has been identified to be handed over to the Airport Authority of India to build a state-of-the-art new terminal building at the Jammu airport.

The public hearing was attended by a large number of people including representatives of the Animal Husbandry Department,

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## Issues confronting implementation of Juvenile Justice Act in J&K discussed



Acting Chief Justice of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court Justice Tashi Rabstan chairing the meeting.

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A high-level committee headed by Acting Chief Justice of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court Justice Tashi Rabstan on Friday met here and discussed issues confronting the

proper implementation of the Juvenile Justice Act in the Union Territory, an official spokesman said.

The meeting, which among others was attended by Additional Chief Secretary,

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**WEATHER**

Temperature (Jammu)  
Max: 20.8°C Min: 7.3°C

Humidity  
Max: 95 Min: 68

Temperature (Srinagar)  
Max: 4.8°C Min: -0.3°C

Humidity  
Max: 95 Min: 85

Sunset: 17:36 Hours  
Sunrise: 07:33 Hours