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World needs governments free from corruption: PM

STATE TIMES NEWS
DUBAI: Stressing on his 'minimum government, maximum governance' mantra, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said the world today needs governments that are inclusive and free from corruption.

The prime minister also said the people today need governments that can provide - Ease of Living, Ease of Justice, Ease of Mobility, Ease of Innovation and Ease of Doing Business.

Addressing the World Governments Summit here on the second day of his visit to the UAE, Modi said that the government should interfere as little as possible in the lives of people.

"I believe that people should neither feel the absence of a government, but at the same time, nor should there be pressure from the government," he told the gathering

that has seen the participation of 10 Presidents and 10 Prime Ministers from across the globe.

Modi also urged the gathering that given the interconnected nature of the world, governments must collaborate and learn from each other to address future challenges.

Stressing that it was the need of the hour for governance to be "Inclusive, Tech-smart, Clean and Transparent and Green," Modi said, "The world today needs governments that are inclusive, take everyone along, and are clean and free from corruption."

As chief minister of Gujarat and then, as Prime Minister, Modi said, he has spent 23 years in government with the principle of "minimum government, maximum governance."

"The theme for the World

Modi also emphasised on the "great transformation" in recent times that Bharat has seen. "Be it Bharat's sanitation drive, digital literacy campaign or girl education campaign, the success of each such big goal has been ensured only through people's participation."

Highlighting the achievements of his government, Modi said it focused on women-led development, strengthening the financial, social, and political conditions of Indian women and that social and financial inclusion has been his government's priority. "Over 50 crore people were connected to the banking system. These were the people who didn't have any bank accounts!" he said.

The Prime Minister also drew attention towards "our consistent efforts"

Modi inaugurates first Hindu temple in Abu Dhabi

ABU DHABI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday inaugurated Abu Dhabi's first Hindu stone temple amid devotional chants and in the presence of spiritual leaders of the Swaminarayan sect.

Dressed in a light pink silk dhoti and kurta paired with a sleeveless jacket and stole, the prime minister participated in rituals of a ceremony to dedicate the temple to the people.

The prime minister also participated in "Global Aarti", which was performed simultaneously at over 1,200 temples of the Swaminarayan sect worldwide built by the Bochasanwasi Shri Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha (BAPS). Earlier, Modi met people from different faiths who contributed to the construction of the first Hindu stone temple.

13 Jr Scale JKAS among 15 officers transferred

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The government on Wednesday transferred 13 Junior Scale JKAS among 15 officers.

According to the order issued by Rajinder Kumar, Under Secretary, Department of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Tariq Ahmad Sheikh, Jr. Scale JKAS, Assistant Director, FCS&CA, Baramulla has been transferred and posted as Assistant Director, FCS&CA, Srinagar (North).

ED formally arrests Hurriyat leader, two others in money laundering case

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The Enforcement Directorate has formally arrested three people, including a Hurriyat leader, in a money laundering case for their alleged involvement in selling MBBS seats in Pakistan and funding terror activities in Jammu and Kashmir, an official said on Wednesday.

Hurriyat leader Mohammad Akbar Bhat and Fatima Shah of Srinagar and Sabzgar Ahmad Sheikh of Anantnag are already in jail after their arrest more than five years ago by the Jammu and Kashmir Police's State Investigation Agency (SIA) in a terror funding case.

Bhat, Shah and Sheikh were arrested on Tuesday under Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) provisions for their involvement in terror financing and being hand in glove with Pakistani handlers Manzoor Ahmad Shah and Altaf Ahmad Bhat, who arranged admissions in MBBS and other courses in colleges in Pakistan for students from Jammu and Kashmir, a spokesperson of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) said.

The official said the accused have been remanded to the ED's custody till February 20 by the court of Special Judge Anti-Corruption Bureau (CBI-Cases), Kashmir, Srinagar. In May 2022, the special NIA court in Srinagar had framed charges against Bhat, who is the chairman of the Hurriyat conference 'Salvation Movement', and seven others for selling Pakistani MBBS seats to fund terror activities.

The SIA had on July 27, 2020, registered the case against the "unscrupulous persons" who were hand in glove with some educational consultancies for arranging admission of residents of Jammu and Kashmir

Nine unexploded shells found in Ladakh
Explosive shell defused near LoC in Poonch

STATE TIMES NEWS
LEH/POONCH: Nine unexploded shells were found and subsequently destroyed in a controlled explosion in Ladakh, an official said on Wednesday. The information about the presence of shells at Chulitse Kulum in Kharu was conveyed by Councillor Sonam Thardos to the Sub-divisional Magistrate (SDM), an official spokesman said.

He said the SDM took up the matter with the Trishul Division of the Army and subsequently its engineers ensured the swift disposal of the shells in presence of the local police.

Officials said the shells were destroyed in a controlled explosion by army experts.

Meanwhile, Indian Army on Wednesday defused an old explosive shell near the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district, officials said.

The Automatic Grenade Launcher (AGL) shell was found during patrolling by the troops in Balnoi area of Mankote sector, they said. The officials said that the army experts later safely defused the shell.

Man gets 10-year jail term for raping minor

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: A trial court in Kupwara on Wednesday sentenced a man to 10 years rigorous imprisonment for raping a 13-year-old girl in 2016.

The court of Additional Sessions Judge Handwara Umi Kulsom convicted 26-year-old Showkat

Azad vows to revitalize neglected regions of J&K

in Jammu and Kashmir.

Addressing a massive public gathering in Mandi, Poonch, Azad appealed for peace and unity among the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

He criticized other political parties for misleading the public through divisive strategies that have resulted in the fragmentation of communities. He also reiterated his commitment to honesty and dedicated work, asserting that his actions will always align with his

Pak Rangers violated ceasefire along IB in Jammu

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A man facing trial for allegedly killing his mother and a minor daughter in October last year has committed suicide inside his jail here, officials said on Wednesday.

Jagdev Singh (37), alias Michael, was found hanging with his trousers inside his cell at the Amphalla district jail on Tuesday evening, the officials said.

Singh had attacked his 60-year-old mother Kamla Devi and three-month old daughter with a sharp-edged weapon at their home

Former PDP leader joins BJP

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Former Jammu and Kashmir Peoples Democratic Party leader Arshid Mehmood Khan Wednesday joined the BJP along with a number of his supporters here.

Khan, a three-time sarpanch from Dandesar village of Nowshera, and his supporters were welcomed into the BJP by the

EC seeks 3.4 lakh CAPFs for deployment in LS polls, Assembly elections in 4 states

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The Election Commission (EC) has sought 3.4 lakh Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) personnel for deployment in a phased manner during the upcoming Lok Sabha election and Assembly polls in Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha and Sikkim.

The EC has also sought adequate rolling stocks with all appropriate facilities in the trains, thereby ensuring hassle-free mobilisation and a timely movement of the forces to perform election duties.

In a communication to the Ministry of Home Affairs

Yasin Malik examined by doctors at AIIMS, HC told

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The Delhi High Court was informed on Wednesday that separatist leader Yasin Malik, who is serving life sentence in a terror funding case, was examined by doctors at AIIMS and has been provided necessary medical treatment.

The counsel for the central government and the Director General of Prisons (Tihar Jail) also submitted that requisite medical treatment will be provided to Malik as and when required.

Malik has claimed that he suffers from serious cardiac and kidney problems.

Justice Anoop Kumar Mendiratta recorded

WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 23.2°C Min: 8.1°C

Humidity
Max: 77 Min: 40

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 16.5°C Min: -3.0°C

Humidity
Max: 94 Min: 27

Sunset: 18:13 Hours
Sunrise: 07:15 Hours