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**Temperature (Jammu)**  
Max: 21.2°C Min: 8.9°C

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Max: 67 Min: 35

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Max: 94 Min: 38

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## PM virtually lays foundation stone of 13 critical care projects in J&K

### Momentous occasion for UT's health sector: LG



Prime Minister Narendra Modi laying foundation stone of 13 Critical Care Blocks at the district hospitals across J&K through virtual mode from Rajkot.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAJKOT, J&K: Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of 13 Critical Care Blocks (CCBs) at the district hospitals across J&K, virtually, from Rajkot, Gujarat on Sunday. He also dedicated 6 mobile

food safety labs, 3 each in the Jammu and Kashmir division. Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has expressed gratitude to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi for strengthening the Critical Health Care and Emergency

Response System in the UT of Jammu Kashmir. The Lt Governor tweeted: "Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi Ji today virtually laid the foundation stone of 13 Critical Care Blocks at the district hospitals across J&K & dedicated

6 mobile food safety labs, 3 each in Jammu and Kashmir div. It is a momentous occasion for UT's health sector. The projects under Prime Minister-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM) and COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package Phase-II will make crucial and standard health facilities available to all the citizens". The projects worth Rs 207.75 crore under Prime Minister-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM) include 100-bedded Critical Care Blocks each at GMC Jammu and

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## Modi ended politics of casteism, corruption, appeasement, dynasty: Amit Shah

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BHOPAL: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has ended the politics of casteism, corruption, appeasement and dynasty that prevailed earlier, ushered in "politics of performance" and raised the stature of Indian passport. Shah paid a daylong visit to Madhya Pradesh, where he encouraged BJP workers in Gwalior and Khajuraho to strive for the party's victory in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections and later spoke at an event in Bhopal. Madhya Pradesh has 29 Lok Sabha seats of which the BJP had won 28 in 2019. "After independence, politics of caste, corruption, appeasement and dynasty



prevailed. Modiji has finished them off in the last 10 years and set the trend of politics of performance," Shah said in Bhopal. He urged people to make an analysis of the time under Modi's stewardship and the earlier governments. Naxalism, terrorism and

extremism are nearing their end, he asserted. At the moment, the BJP's chief strategist said, the fight is between two groups. "One consists of patriots who want to make the country a developed nation under the leadership of Modi and the other that nurtures dynasties, said,

drawing analogies with Pandavas and Kauravs'. "(Opposition) INDIA bloc is an alliance of dynastic politics. Sonia Gandhi wants her son to be the PM," he said, adding that NCP founder Sharad Pawar is keen on promoting his daughter, TMC chief Mamta Banerjee wants her nephew as chief minister. RJD supremo Lalu Prasad Yadav and DMK chief M K Stalin also want their sons to become CMs, he said. The upcoming Lok Sabha elections are crucial for the world's biggest democracy as about 100 crore people will exercise their franchise, he said. Shah said that from the time of Jan Sangh, a forerunner of the BJP, the

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## LeT terror module busted in Kulgam, 4 arrested

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: A Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terror module was busted on Sunday in Kulgam district with the arrest of four militant associates, police said. Security forces arrested four terrorist associates and recovered arms and ammunition from their possession in the south Kashmir district, a police spokesman said. The arrests were made in connection with case FIR no. 14/2024 registered under various sections of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

The spokesman identified the arrested as Zahoor Ahmad Pandit, son of Abdul Gani Pandit; Basir Hussain Pandit, son of Farooq Ahmad Pandit; Intiyaz Gull, son of Gull Mohd Bhat and Gulzar Ahmad Khar, son of Ghulam Mohd Khar, all residents of Wanpora. A pistol, two magazines, 20 pistol rounds, four UBGs, and 24 INSAS rounds were recovered from their possession, the spokesman said. Further investigation is going on as more arrests and recoveries are expected in the case, he added.

## Padma Shri K N Pandita, Youth representing J&K at World Youth Festival call on LG

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Padma Shri Dr K N Pandita called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, on Sunday. Dr Pandita presented his work of the English translation of the book on the history of medieval Kashmir 'Baharistan -i- Shahi' to the Lt Governor. Youth from J&K including Yuvraj Singh, Dr Sandeep Sharma, Vansh Mahajan and Mannat Sharma, who will represent Jammu Kashmir at the World Youth Festival called on the Lt Governor.



Padma Shri Dr K N Pandita calling on LG Manoj Sinha.

## Government official booked for rape in Ramban

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BANIHAL: A government official was booked for rape following a complaint by his domestic help in Ramban district, police on Sunday said. The accused Yawar Amin, an employee of the Public Works Department presently posted as an Assistant Engineer in Samagra Shiksha Ramban, is on the run and efforts are on to arrest him, they said. The 18-year-old victim, in her complaint to the Banihal Police Station, alleged that Amin raped her when she was alone at his house after his wife left for Jammu recently, a

police official said. The victim alleged that the accused gave her some medicine after she fell sick in the evening and later raped her; the official said. A case under relevant sections of the law, including rape, was registered against the accused and the medical examination of the victim was conducted as part of the ongoing investigation, the official added. The victim also claimed that she was thrown out of the house after she informed Amin's wife about the incident on her return from Jammu, the official said.

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## LG extends Shab-e-Baraat greetings

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has extended his greetings on the auspicious occasion of Shab-e-Baraat. In a message, the Lt Governor said: "On this sacred occasion, I convey my greetings and best wishes to the people. May the auspicious night foster peace and harmony and inspire each one of us to follow the path of love and compassion".

## Iran's surgical strike in Pakistan, kills terrorist commander

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Iran's army entered Pakistan and killed the commander of terrorist group Jaish al-Adl (Army of Justice) Ismail Shabbaksh and some of his associates. This information has been given by 'Iran International' in its report quoting Iran's government media. About a month ago, Iran had carried out an air strike on Pakistan, in return for that, Pakistan had carried out an air strike on Iran. According to the report, Jaish al-Adl was formed in

2012. Iran had declared this Sunni terrorist group as "terrorist". It operates from Sistan-Baluchistan, the south-eastern province of Iran. Over the past few years, Jaish al-Adl has carried out several attacks on Iranian security forces. According to Al Arabiya News, in December, Jaish al-Adl claimed responsibility for an attack on a police station in Sistan-Baluchistan, in which at least 11 policemen were killed. Pakistan and Iran have

agreed to expand security cooperation with each other; weeks after they fired missiles at 'terrorist targets' in each other's territories last month, The News International reported. The agreement was announced by Pakistan Foreign Minister Jilani Abbas and his Iranian counterpart Hossein Amir-Abdollahian at a joint press conference at the Pakistan Foreign Office. Jilani had said that both Iran and Pakistan

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## Man held near border fence

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAJOURI: A man was taken into custody by the army after he was found roaming suspiciously near the border fence along the Line of Control (LoC) in Rajouri district on Sunday, officials said. The man was intercepted by an army patrol at Baratgalla area of Chingua around 2.30 pm, the officials said. The man seemed to be mentally challenged and is being handed over to the police for further investigation, they said.

## Kashmir is, was and will remain part of India: Farooq

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BENGALURU: National Conference President Farooq Abdullah on Sunday asserted that Kashmir is, was and will continue to remain a part of India, while speaking at an event here. Delivering the valedictory speech at the 'Constitution and National Unity Convention-2024', the Lok Sabha MP from Srinagar raised concerns about the Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) ahead of

Lok Sabha polls and expressed hope that the Election Commission will ensure that people are given a "true election". "I bring you all good wishes from my people. Kashmir is a

part of India, has been a part of India, and will remain a part of India," Abdullah said. However, he added that the diversity of the nation needs to be protected for it to become strong. "Religion does not divide us, religion unites us. There is no religion which is bad, it is we who practice it badly. If we want to move forward, the only way forward is to stand by each other; face the

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## 53-wagon freight train runs for over 70 km from Kathua to Punjab without drivers

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATHUA: A diesel locomotive-hauled freight train travelled more than 70 kilometres Kathua to a village in Punjab's Hoshiarpur district without its drivers on Sunday, officials said. No casualty or damage to property has been reported, they said and added that an inquiry has been ordered into the incident that took place between 7.25 am and 9 am. The 53-wagon train loaded with chip stones was on its way to Punjab from Jammu, the officials said. The train had stopped at the Kathua railway station in



Jammu for a driver change and it seems that it began to roll down a slope gradient track on the Jammu-Jalandhar section, a spokesperson of the Northern Railway said, cit-

ing preliminary information. Both drivers -- loco pilot and assistant loco pilot -- were not on board the freight train, the officials said. The train gained speed along the way, finally coming

to a stop on a steep gradient near Unchi Bassi railway station in Punjab, they said. Divisional Traffic Manager, Jammu, Prateek Srivastava told PTI that "an inquiry has been initiated to know the exact cause of the incident. Prima facie, it seems that the train started rolling down the slope gradient towards Punjab without the driver and his assistant". He said the train came to a halt near Unchi Bassi due to steep gradient, after covering a distance of more than 70 km. The officials said that the train was successfully halted

with the assistance of sandbags. Whether the train had been "secured" properly at Kathua on the down gradient is a matter of investigation, the spokesperson said and added that an in-depth probe is underway. Railway officials and staffers were put on alert along the route. Government Railway Police (Jalandhar) Sub-Inspector Ashok Kumar said upon receiving information about the runaway train all rail-road crossings on the Jalandhar-Pathankot section were secured.

## Talks going on with INDIA bloc partners on seat-sharing in J&K: Cong

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) president Vikar Rasool Wani on Sunday said that talks are going on with INDIA bloc partners. National Conference and PDP on seat-sharing in the Union Territory for the Lok Sabha elections. "People will hear good news soon as talks with the NC and the PDP (on seat-sharing agreement) are going on and we will fight the parliamentary elections together," Wani told reporters on the sidelines of a function here. Several political and social

activists from the twin districts of Rajouri and Poonch joined the Congress in presence of Wani and other senior leaders. "My appeal to the people is to strengthen the Congress and our alliance partners so that all of their issues are resolved and J&K is pulled out of the prevailing crisis," he said. Accusing the BJP of destroying Jammu and Kashmir, he said, "Only the Congress can mitigate the problems of the people, restore statehood, ensure protection of their rights over land and jobs, hold

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