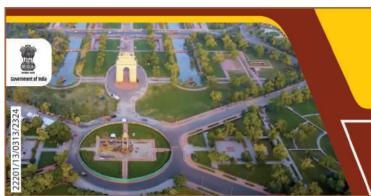
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# Govt bans 2 J&K-based groups for anti-India activities

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: The government on Wednesday banned two factions of the Muslim Conference Jammu and Kashmir for five years for their anti-India and pro-Pakistan propaganda, and asking people to refrain from taking part in elections.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah said the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi is determined to uproot terrorism, and anyone involved in unlawful activities will face dire consequences.

"Striking terror networks with undiminished vehemence, the government has declared the Muslim Conference Jammu & Kashmir (Sumji faction) and Muslim Conference Jammu & Kashmir (Bhat faction) as Unlawful Associations.

"These outfits have been engaging in activities against the sovereignty and integrity of the nation," Shah wrote on

On Tuesday, the government extended the ban imposed on the Jamaat-e-Islami, Jammu Kashmir (JeI), by another five years for continuing activities that pose a threat to the security of the nation.

In a notification on Wednesday, the Union Home Ministry said the Muslim Conference Jammu and Kashmir- Sumji faction (MCJK-S), chaired by Ghulam Nabi Sumji, is known for its anti-India and pro-Pakistan propaganda and its members have been involved in supporting terrorist activities and provid-

ing logistical support to terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir.

The leaders and members of MCJK-S have been involved in raising funds through various sources including from Pakistan and its proxy organisations for perpetrating unlawful activities, including supporting terrorist activities and sustained stone-pelting on security forces in Jammu and Kashmir, the notification

Besides, the home ministry said, the MCJK-S has constantly asked the people of Kashmir to refrain from taking part in elections and thereby targeted and hampered the very basic constitutionally recognised fundamentals of Indian democracy.

The MCJK-S and its members by their activities show

sheer disrespect towards the constitutional authority and constitutional set up of the country, it said, adding they have been indulging in unlawful activities, which are prejudicial to the integrity, sovereignty, and security of

the country

The MCJK-S is also involved in promoting, aiding and abetting secession of Jammu and Kashmir from India by involving in antinational and subversive activities; sowing seeds of dis-affection amongst people; exhorting people to destabilise law and order; encouraging the use of arms to separate Jammu and Kashmir from the Union of India; and promoting hatred against established government by

#### PM Modi likely to visit Srinagar on March 7

Rajpath now becomes Kartavyapath, Mughal Garden becomes Amrit Udyan, new epaulettes

of Indian Navy to be based on the naval ensign of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to visit Jammu and Kashmir's summer capital Srinagar in the first week of March, his second visit to the Union Territory in over two weeks, officials said.

During the visit to Srinagar ahead of the parliamentary elections, the Prime Minister is likely to address a public meeting, inaugurate or lay the foundation of several development projects and interact with beneficiaries of centrally sponsored schemes through virtual

The officials said the visit, the prime minister's first to Kashmir Valley since the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019, is likely on March 7.

The public rally is most likely to be organised at the convention centre along

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# to BJP-led NDA in upcoming polls: Modi

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

YAVATMAL: Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday asserted that the ruling BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) will cross the 400-seat mark in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls and said the next five vears will see rapid development in the country.

Weeks ahead of the crucial polls, the PM repeated his slogan of Abki baar NDA sarkar 400 paar' and said the country has decided to give the BJP-led alliance a bigger majority that what it secured in the 2019 polls.

Modi was addressing a public rally at Bhari in Yavatmal district in Vidarbha in eastern Maharashtra after inaugurating development projects worth thousands of crores, flagging off trains and disbursing funds under the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme to eligible coming five years. farmers.

The PM maintained that works done by his government in the last ten years have laid a strong foundation of the country for the next 25 vears and his mission was to change the lives of people.

He said the campaign to empower the poor, farmers,

youths and women will gather further momentum in the

Modi said when he visited Yavatmal ahead of 2014 and 2019 Lok Sabha elections, the people of the district blessed him with lots of love and this helped the NDA win both the polls with a thumping majority. The top BJP leader said the country

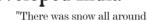
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### Tendulkar praises J&K, PM says let's build a developed India

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: legend Sachin Tendulkar's admiration Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday drew concurring praise from Prime Minister Narendra Modi who said his visit to the Union Territory has two important take aways for the youth.

Tendulkar posted a short highlight of his visit to the region and said it will remain a beautiful experience etched in his memory.





people's exceptional hospitality. Prime Minister Narendra

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#### **STATE TIMES NEWS** SAMBA/JAMMU: An illegal

drug de-addiction centre built on government land was demolished in Samba district on Wednesday, senior officials said.

The action came after Kapil Sharma alias Jimmy. the centre's owner, was slapped with a Public Safety Act (PSA) notice for alleged ly using the facility as a cover to continue his criminal activities, including drug peddling, Deputy (Samba) Commissioner Abhishek Sharma and Senior



Illegal drug de-addiction centre demolished in

Samba, owner detained under PSA

Superintendent of Police (Samba) Vinay Sharma said. Talking to reporters in Samba after a three-hour operation to demolish the

structure and retrieve 1.12 kanals of encroached land at Birpur in the Bari Brahmana tehsil, the officials said the drive was part

# Jimmy -- a resident of

against drugs.

Jammu named in 17 FIRs related to various criminal activities, including attempt to murder and carrying weapons, -- was arrested on February 13 and subsequently slapped with a notice under the stringent PSA.

of the administration's cam-

paign of zero tolerance

His illegally-run drug rehabilitation centre came to the fore during investigations in a case registered last month after 15 people were

#### LG Sinha grants one-time exemption to JKPSC, JKSSB to draw up wait lists (JKSSB) to draw up the wait

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Government led by the Lieutenant Governor Manoi Sinha on Wednesday granted one time exemption to the recruiting agencies for creation of waiting lists.

"In exercise of the powers conferred by proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution, the Lieutenant Governor is pleased to grant a one-time exemption to the recruiting Jammu Public Commission (JKPSC) and the Jammu and Kashmir Selection Board

CS reviews industrial dev in J&K, calls

lists, in respect of those select list(s), in respect of those select list(s) which have been issued after September 7. 2023," reads S.O.137 notification issued by Sanjeev Verma, Commissioner Secretary, General Administration Department. The exemption valid for six months comes with certain conditions, which include ensuring the wait lists are drawn within the validity period of the select list and that resultant vacancies on

account of non-joining of selected candidates have not been re-advertised.

#### Terrorist associate arrested

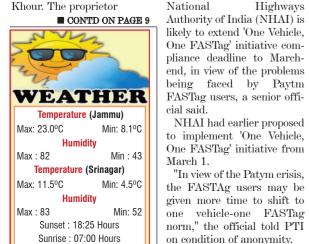
#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Security forces have arrested a terrorist associate, who was in touch with the handlers across the border, in Baramulla district, police said on Wednesday.

Acting on inputs regarding the terrorist's movement ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

#### Jammu Admin demolishes illegally built banquet hall STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a display of unwavering commitment against encroachment and violation of norms, the Administration Jammu on Wednesday demolished an illegally constructed banquet hall in village Marchangi, in Tehsil Khour. The proprietor



### Azad seeks victory of DPAP candidates in LS elections

#### DODA Chairman

Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP),Ghulam Nabi Azad Wednesday emphasized the importance of unity and urged the cadre to prepare for ensuring victory in the upcoming Lok Sabha elec-

Addressing a party convention, comprising office bearers from Doda and Kishtwar. Azad criticized National Conference and other parties for deceiving the people and

NHAI had earlier proposed

"In view of the Patym crisis,

on condition of anonymity.



convention at Doda on Wednesday.

made to secure the victory of DPAP Lok Sabha candi-

NHAI likely to extend deadline for 'One Vehicle,

One FASTag' initiative till March-end

Highways

emphasized that if efforts are dates, his party will continue to champion public issues. ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

#### Drug peddler's property worth Rs 60 lakh attached STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Property of drug peddler was attached in Baramulla district Wednesday, police said.

Continuing its action against drug peddlers, police in Baramulla attached properties, a single-storey residential house and doublestorey shopping complex, worth about Rs 60 lakh, a police spokesperson said.

He said the properties belong to notorious drug peddlers Mohammad Ayoob

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#### for timely development of all IEs **STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU: Chief Secretary

Atal Dulloo on Wednesday took assessment of the measures taken so far for the development of new industrial estates (IEs) across the districts of the UT here.

Besides the Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce the meeting was attended by Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir/ Jammu: Chairman, Pollution Control Committee; Secretary, Law; MD JPDCL/ KPDCL; DG



Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo chairing a meeting in Jammu.

Deputy Commissioners and HoDs of Industries Commerce Department.

During this meeting the Chief Secretary enquired

from the concerned ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

### Lok Sabha Elections 2024: Journalists briefed in workshop at Jammu

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In preparation for the upcoming Lok Sabha Elections 2024, one day workshop for media personnel was organised today at the office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Nirvachan Bhawan, here on Wednesday.

The program was attended by representatives of major news outlets of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir. The participants included representatives from News 24, Times Now, Dainik Jagran, Times of India among oth-

The participants were briefed about all the important aspects of media during

election process including spread of information/disinformation, Fake News, Media Certification and Monitoring Committees. The representatives were also apprised of code of ethics for social media operation and regulations regarding Poll Day coverage.

Chief Electoral Officer, Jammu and Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole, inaugurated the session and stressed upon the crucial role of media as a watchdog for fair and transparent elections. National Level Master trainers, Chand Kishore Sharma and Riaz

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### Homestays introduced near IB to boost border tourism in Samba

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS To enhance the efficiency of **STATE TIMES NEWS** NEW DELHI: State-owned the electronic toll collection

system and provide seamless movement at toll plazas, the NHAI has taken the 'One Vehicle, One FASTag' initiahomestay tive that aims to discourage the use of single FASTag for multiple vehicles or linking multiple FASTags to a par-Earlier this month, the

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had advised customers as well as merchants of Paytm Payments Bank Ltd (PPBL) to shift their accounts to other banks by March 15. The RBI also said with-

ticular vehicle.

drawal or utilisation of ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

SAMBA: Former Sarpanch Mohan Singh Bhatti is ready to receive tourists at his International Border (IB) in Samba district, a visible change in the ground situation after the renewed ceasefire between India and Pakistan came into effect in this month three years ago. The Jammu and Kashmir

administration has recently peace on the borders given its nod for the con-Considered a symbol of struction of homestays in the Indo-Pakistan bonhomie in close vicinity of the famous the past, the famous shrine Baba Chamliyal shrine in of Baba Chamliyal on the Ramgarh sector to boost borzero line attracts thousands der tourism amid prevailing of devotees from across the

country, especially on the occasion of the annual fair in the middle of the year. Delegations from Pakistan

> used to come to pay obeisance at the shrine ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9