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Modi, Trump call on Pak to bring perpetrators of 26/11 attacks to justice

J&K committed to provide equal opportunities, protect rights of Divyangjan: LG



PM Narendra Modi with President of USA, Donald Trump at Joint Press Conference at White House in Washington DC, USA on Friday.

■ AGENCY

WASHINGTON: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Donald Trump have called on Pakistan to "expeditiously" bring to justice the perpetrators of the 26/11 Mumbai attacks even as the latter announced approving extradition to

►► Mumbai attacks mastermind Tahawwur Rana's extradition to India approved

►► US paves way for supply of F-35 combat jets to India

India of Tahawwur Rana, a key plotter of the dastardly strike. The US president hosted

Must fight against 'ecosystem of human trafficking: Modi

WASHINGTON: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has asserted the need to fight against the "ecosystem" of human trafficking that lures people from ordinary families with big dreams and promises and brought to other countries as illegal immigrants.

This is not a question about India only but is a global issue, Modi said in response to a question by PTI on the issue of illegal immigration during a joint press conference with US President Donald Trump in the White House here on Thursday.

He said, "We are of the opinion that anybody who enters and lives in another country illegally, they have absolutely no legal right or authority to live in that country."

Modi added that as far as India and the US are concerned, "we have always said that those who are verified Indian citizens and who are living in the US illegally, India is prepared to take them back."

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Modi at the White House on Thursday in their first bilateral meeting after Trump became the US president for a second term.

Trump, addressing a joint media briefing with Modi, announced that his administration has approved the extradition of one of the "very

evil people" of the world to India.

"He is going to be going back to India to face justice," he said. "We're giving him back to India immediately" and more such extraditions could follow as we have quite a few requests

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LG Manoj Sinha speaking during 11-day long Divya Kala Mela in Jammu on Friday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Dr Virendra Kumar on Friday inaugurated the 11-day long Divya Kala Mela, a unique initiative of Government of India towards the economic empowerment of Divyangjan, at Gulshan Ground.

Divya Kala Mela being organised by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities

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►► LG, Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment inaugurate Divya Kala Mela- unique initiative of Gol towards economic empowerment of Divyangjan

►► Divya Kala Mela showcased extraordinary talent, creativity, and entrepreneurial spirit of Divyang artisans, entrepreneurs, artists from across J&K

►► Sinha says, "In 2020 I had introduced multi-faceted approach in Administration so that Divyangjan can realise their potential and become active participants in development process"

►► J&K Administration has made number of assistive devices accessible to differently abled

►► Devices like hearing aids, wheel chairs, limb prosthetics and motorised Scooty,

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Dir Information reviews performance, functioning of Deptt



Director Information J&K, Nitish Rajora chairing a meeting in Jammu on Friday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Director Information J&K, Nitish Rajora, emphasized enhanced public outreach, efficient communication strategies, timely dissemination

tion of government initiatives as well as strengthening media coordination and improving public engagement through digital platforms. The Director

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Soldier hit by gunfire along LoC

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: An army personnel was injured by a gunfire along the Line of Control (LoC) in Akhnoor sector near here on Friday, security officials said.

The soldier was manning a forward post in Battal area when he received a bullet apparently from across the border, the officials said.

They said that the injured was immediately evacuated to the hospital where he is responding positively to the treatment.

It is premature to say whether the Pakistan Army or terrorists were involved in the firing, the officials said.

Several incidents of cross-border actions, including an IED attack by suspected terrorists and a ceasefire violation by Pakistan, were witnessed along the LoC over the past week. While two Indian Army personnel, including a captain, were killed in the IED attack in Akhnoor sector on February 11, the Pakistani troops also suffered "heavy casualties" in retaliatory action.

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 23.7°C Min: 6.7°C

Humidity
Max: 63 Min: 32

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 14.5°C Min: -1.3°C

Humidity
Max: 78 Min: 35

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

CM stresses on strengthening emergency services in J&K Hospitals

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday emphasized the need to improve handling of emergency cases and capacity at various Government Medical Colleges (GMCs) to ease the burden on major hospitals.

He also stressed the importance of ensuring that doctors serve beyond urban centers.

"We need to augment and improve the emergency handling capability and capacity in new GMCs so that the pressure on GMC Jammu and GMC Srinagar is automatically reduced. Similarly,



CM Omar Abdullah addressing at National Medical Conference in Jammu on Friday.

we must ensure that our doctors don't just practice in cities. I know it's not a popular thing to say, but rural areas also deserve proper healthcare access," he said.

The Chief Minister was addressing JK MediCon-2025, the first ever National Conference-cum-Workshop, at Government Medical College (GMC) Jammu.

IG BSF meets LG, discusses border security

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Shashank Anand, Inspector General, BSF, Jammu Frontier called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, on Friday.

He briefed the Lieutenant Governor on the security situation in the area of his responsibility and discussed various important issues of border security.

The Lieutenant Governor emphasized the need for constant alertness and synergy among various security agencies to effectively deal with any emergent situation in a coordinated manner.

Air-strikes after Pulwama terror attack befitting reply to terrorists: Amit Shah

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

HALDWANI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah Friday paid homage to the martyrs of the Pulwama terror attack and praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for giving a befitting reply through airstrikes in Pakistan.

Forty jawans were killed when a Jaish-e-Mohammad suicide bomber rammed an explosive-laden car into a CRPF convoy at Lethpora-Pulwama on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway on February 14, 2019.

Days later, Indian Air Force fighter jets bombed



terror training camps in Balakot, deep inside Pakistan.

On the anniversary of the terror attack, Shah said the martyrdom of the jawans

made the country's borders safe.

Addressing an event at the conclusion of the 38th National Games here, the Union home minister said, "On this day in 2019, our 40 jawans were martyred in Pulwama. But their martyrdom made the country's borders safe.

"I pay tribute to them with all my heart. But through the airstrikes that followed Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave a fitting reply to terrorists," he said.

The Pulwama attack

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Modi scores a big diplomatic victory in the US



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It was in the small hours of February 14 morning in India, when the US President Donald Trump made a big announcement of approving extradition of 26/11 accused Tahawwur Rana to India to face justice. This announcement was made in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the White House press briefing, marking conclusion of his remarkable visit to the US.

The February 14 is embedded in the memory of the Indians as a day when 40 CRPF men were martyred in Pulwama, south Kashmir, in a terror attack orchestrated by Pakistan six years ago. So, this announcement of the US President assumed great significance in the context of fight against terrorism that India has launched to eliminate this danger to the humanity once and for all.

26/11 is numerical calendar abbreviation for a series of terror assaults in Mumbai in November 2008 in which more than 180

persons of several nationalities, including Americans, were killed at the hands of a band of 10 terrorists exported to India by Pakistan via sea. They shook peace and iconic structures, including Taj hotel near Gateway of India. The mayhem lasted for three days. It was 9/11 moment for India.

It is not difficult to understand the link between February 14, 2019, the sixth anniversary of which is being observed across the country, paying floral tributes to the 40 CRPF personnel who made supreme sacrifice on this day. The source of the terror attacks in Mumbai in November 2008 and February 14 in Lethpora, Pulwama, was same. The terrorists were activated and launched by Pakistan. Trump's announcement was a big vindication of the stand of India against Pakistan that over the decades has been exporting terrorism to India

While making announcement, the US President said: "I am pleased to announce that my administration has approved the extradition of one of the plotters (Tahawwur Rana) and one of the very evil

people of the world, having to do with the horrific 2008 Mumbai terror attack to face justice in India."

"He is going back to India to face justice," Trump added.

Tahawwur Rana has been charge sheeted for his role in plotting the Mumbai terror attack. He has deep links with Pakistani-American terrorist David Coleman Headley, a key conspirator in the attacks.

Rana is a Pakistani-origin businessman having close links with Pakistan's spy agency Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI)

The extradition of Tahawwur Rana to India to face justice is a big diplomatic win for India under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. This shows his consistent anti-terrorism approach in which terror violence has no place and the punishment for the perpetrators and plotters of the terror attacks is ensured. Securing Tahawwur Rana's extradition after more than 16 years from the US was not an easy task. Modi did it by summoning all the anti-terrorism enthusiasts to

the same page, and he found President Trump on his side on the issue.

This very development is not just a big political and diplomatic victory for the Modi government at home, where the next to kin of the victims of 26/11 were waiting for punishment to the perpetrators of the heinous crime against humanity, but sends a message across the globe that Modi's fight against terrorism dismantles all barriers even if those happen to be seas across. He has covered time and space. Unlike his predecessors, he took up the fight against terrorism to its logical conclusion. His predecessors were not only indifferent but callous in dealing with terrorism. This was a big failure which encouraged Pakistan to go in for repeated terror attacks. Had they taken Modi government type approach, many terror attacks on the Indian soil could have been prevented. Unfortunately that didn't happen, and it fell on shoulders of Modi to clear the mud all around.

In short, Modi has scored a big diplomatic triumph vis-a-vis fight against terrorism.

Major narcotic smuggling racket busted in Rajouri; 6 kg heroin seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI/JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Police on Friday seized six kg of narcotics, believed to be high-grade heroin worth over Rs 30 crore in the international market, from a village near the Line of Control in Rajouri district, officials said.

The recovery from Sair Bhawani village in the Nowshera sector was made on the disclosure of the arrested kingpin of the racket Jaswinder Kumar alias Sonu, a resident of Lamberi who was arrested 10 days ago following an investigation of a case registered last

year, officials said.

They said two more accused, Ashok Kumar and Sanjay Kumar of Sair Bhawani, were also arrested during the operation, taking the total number of those arrested to five and the recoveries to 11.3 kg of narcotics.

Terming the operation a "significant breakthrough", a police spokesperson said two drug peddlers, Sajjan Kumar alias Vicky and Subash Chander, were arrested along with 5.3 kilograms of heroin-like narcotic substance last year. "Following sustained efforts the prime

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J&K Legislative Assembly releases provisional Calendar 2nd Session Budget to be presented in Assembly on March 7; LG to address House on March 3

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Legislative Assembly Secretariat of Jammu and Kashmir has announced the provisional calendar for the second session of the Union Territory's Legislative Assembly, set to begin on March 3, 2025. The session, extending through March and April, will feature key legislative activities, budget discussions, and holidays marking cultural observances.

The session will commence with the Lieutenant Governor's Address on March 3, followed by discussions

sions on the Motion of Thanks from March 4 to 6, concluding with a reply on March 6. On March 7, the Annual Financial Statement (Budget) 2025-26 and the Supplementary Expenditure Statement for 2024-25 will be presented.

General discussions on the budget will take place from March 8 to 11, with the government responding on March 11. From March 12 to 25, the session will focus on scrutinizing Demands for Grants, with holidays for Holi on March 14 and Navroz on March 21.

On March 25, the Appropriation Bills to authorize expenditures will be introduced. The session will resume in April with Private Members' Resolutions and Bills scheduled for April 7 to 9, followed by a holiday for Mahavir Jayanti on April 10. The session will conclude with government business on April.

The calendar, issued by Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather under reference No: LA-674/Legn/2025, has been mandated for publication in the Government

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Three JKAS officers transferred

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government on Friday transferred three JKAS officers.

According to the order issued by M. Raju, Commissioner/ Secretary, General Administration Department (GAD), Shagun Sharma, JKAS, Special Secretary, GAD has been transferred and posted as Special Secretary, Housing & Urban Development Department; Joginder Singh Rai, JKAS, Special Secretary with Deputy Chief Minister, has been transferred and posted as Special Secretary, GAD; and Abdul Khabir, JKAS, Deputy Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department, has been transferred and posted as Special Assistant with the Deputy Chief Minister.