

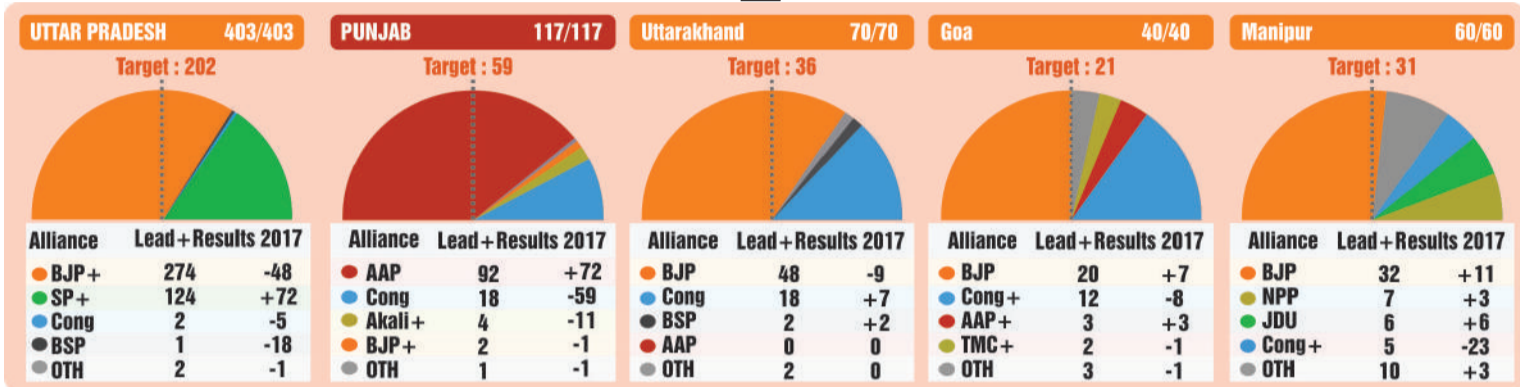
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## 4-1 for BJP, retains UP, Uttarakhand, Goa, Manipur; AAP wins Punjab



**Modi lauds 'Jeet Ka Chauka', says it shows people's strong approval for BJP's pro-poor policies**

NEW DELHI: Asserting that the BJP's emphatic win in four state polls underscore people's stamp of strong approval for its government's pro-poor and pro-active governance, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said that such a grand and decisive victory for the party is a guarantee for India's bright future.

Addressing BJP workers at the party headquarters, Modi also referred to the next Lok Sabha polls, scheduled for 2024, saying he hopes that political pundits will note that his party's win in the four states has also made clear the verdict for the next general election as they had linked its win in 2019 to its sweep of the Uttar Pradesh elections in 2017.

Hailing the BJP's "jeet ka chauka" (a boundary of wins) in distant states like Goa and Manipur besides Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand, he said the results have signalled that the sun will set on the dynastic politics in the country one day. People have blessed us from all



**Aircraft-shaped balloon with 'PIA' mark seized in Samba**

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: A balloon in the shape of an aircraft with 'PIA' mark was found in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district, officials said on Thursday.

On sighting the PIA' (Pakistan International Airlines)-marked balloon in Samba, a border village, the locals informed the police, who rushed to the spot and confiscated it, the

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**Miscreants set temple in Shopian afire, LG must order probe: Chugh**

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: BJP National General Secretary and the party in-charge of Jammu and Kashmir, Tarun Chugh on Thursday expressed shock over gutting of a temple in Shopian district and demanded a high-level inquiry into the incident.

Chugh said anti-national forces have been trying to disturb law and order situation for communal reasons.

He requested the LG to institute a high-level inquiry into the incident.

He said such incidents were being engineered by anti-national forces and they must be probed thoroughly



to know the exact designs of subversive forces.

Notably, a temple was gutted in a fire incident, reportedly due to an electric short circuit in Zainapora village of Shopian late last evening.

Chugh said there was sabotage and criminals must be brought to book.

**J&K highway closed for traffic due to landslide in Ramban**

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BANIHAL/JAMMU: A major landslide in Ramban district on Thursday has forced the closure of the 272 km-long Jammu-Srinagar national highway, leaving hundreds of vehicles stranded, officials said.

The landslide struck the highway, the only all-weather road linking Kashmir

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**141 people stranded in J&K, Ladakh due to snowfall airlifted**

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Over 140 people who were stranded at various places in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh due to heavy snowfall were airlifted on Thursday, officials said.

While the Indian Air Force's AN-32 Kargil Courier transported 105 people, 36 were flown out on the Pawan Hans service's Mi-172 helicopter, they

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**WEATHER**

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 27.0°C Min: 12.5°C

Humidity

Max: 78 Min: 48

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 20.1°C Min: 5.1°C

Humidity

Max: 82 Min: 55

Sunset : 18:36 Hours

Sunrise : 06:48 Hours

**The Kashmir Files: Court restrains showcasing scenes related to Martyr Sqn Ldr Ravi Khanna**

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: In a suit filed by Nirmal Kumari alias Shalini Khanna, wife of martyr Squadron Leader Ravi Khanna seeking direction to defendants to immediately remove & delete scene and incorrect facts displayed /shown regarding her husband namely Martyr Squadron Leader Ravi Khanna in movie 'The Kashmir Files' to be released on March 11, 2022, Additional District Judge Jammu, Deepak Sethi after hearing Adv Himanshu Beotra and Adv Rohan Kidar Sharma for plaintiff

restrained Director Vivek Ranjan Agnihotri and Abhishek Aggarwal Arts through its Producer, Abhishek Agarwal to showcase some scenes of movie 'The Kashmir Files' by imposing temporary injunction. As per the applicant, the scenes depicted in the movie regarding Martyr Squadron Leader Ravi Khanna are absolutely and entirely unrelated and non-identical to actual facts and urged for directing the producers to amend/alter scenes and incorrect facts, in accordance to actual and true facts which occurred on date

of incidence i.e., January 25, 1990 whereby husband of plaintiff was martyred.

During the course of hearing, Adv Himanshu Beotra and Adv Rohan Kidar Sharma submitted that in 1990, especially during its commencement, Srinagar was going through a humongous turmoil and strained atmosphere with clouds of communal tension hovering all over in backdrop of different vital developments viz., migration of Kashmiri Pandits followed by brutal massacre, release of 5 dreaded terrorists in exchange of Rubeya Sayeed, daughter of

the then Union Home Minister, Late Mufti Mohammad Sayeed and most importantly, the separatists' call to announce independence of Kashmir on January 25, 1990 from Radio Kashmir by capturing the station. Moreover, all aforesaid developments coupled with others triggered security apparatus of the State machinery to a high-level amid which brave soldiers including the husband of plaintiff being inclined to their duties as their sole worship, willing to sacrifice for their country, did not

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**No breakthrough in Ukraine-Russia talks**

**■ AGENCY**  
AANTALAY: Ukraine's foreign minister says talks between the top diplomats of Moscow and Kyiv produced no breakthrough on ending the war in Ukraine following Russia's invasion.

Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba said he attended the meeting Thursday with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov in Turkey to discuss humanitarian corridors and a cease-fire.

Kuleba said there are other decision-makers in Russia who need to be consulted, adding that he agreed with Lavrov to continue to

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**Union Minister inaugurates Unani Day celebration, Int'l Conference at SKICC**

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Union Minister for Ayush, Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal on Thursday inaugurated Unani Day 2022 celebration and two day International conference on Unani Medicine at SKICC, Srinagar.

The theme of the international conference was "Diet and Nutrition in Unani Medicine for Good Health and Well-being" which was being organized by the Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM), Union Ministry of Ayush.



Union Minister of State for Ayush, Women and Child Development, Dr. Mnnjapara Mahendrabhai Kalubhai was the guest of honour on the occasion.

Among others who were present on the occasion were

**J&K Bank wins National Award for SHG Bank Linkage, commissions 4 Business Units**

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: In recognition of its best performance in Self Help Group Bank Linkage, Ministry of Rural Development (GoI) has awarded J&K Bank with 'National Award for Outstanding Performance for FY 2020-21'.

Zonal Head Delhi Kirti Sharma received the national award on behalf of Bank from the Union Minister for Rural Development, Giriraj Singh during the event organized by the Ministry of Rural Development (GoI) to celebrate Women's Day at Vigyan Bhawan Delhi. The event was attended by various women self-help groups who shared their success stories and praised the Bank for providing them timely sup-

port in gaining not only self-sufficiency but earning livelihoods for others as well.

Meanwhile, keeping its commitment to extend banking facilities and financial services into the under-banked areas of Jammu and Kashmir, J&K Bank has expanded its footprint by commissioning four Business Units (BUs) in the valley.

The Bank's MD & CEO, Baldev Prakash inaugurated the Business Unit Pattan Village in Baramulla in presence of Executive President Sunil Gupta, President Ashutosh Sareen. He also e-inaugurated the business units Model Town Sopore, Bakura Ganderbal and Narakara Budgam during the function attended

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**Two terrorists killed in Pulwama; Pak ultra eliminated in Hazratbal shootout**

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Two Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorists were killed in an encounter with security forces in Pulwama district on Thursday while a Pakistani ultra of the same outfit was eliminated in a brief shootout in Hazratbal, police said, adding that a search was underway for two others who managed to flee.

Acting on specific inputs about the presence of terrorists in Naina Batpora area of the south Kashmir district, security forces launched a cordon and search operation there, a police official said adding that the search operation turned into an encounter after the terrorists fired upon the forces, who retaliated.



In the ensuing exchange of fire, the two terrorists were killed, the official said.

He said both the slain terrorists were affiliated with LeT. They have been identified as Shahid Ahmed Khan son of Mohi-ud-din Khan resident of Batpora, Pulwama and Fayaz Sheikh son of Gh Rasool Sheikh resident of Shahpora, Ganderbal.

As per police records both the killed terrorists were categorized terrorists and were wanted by law in many terror crime cases.

Meanwhile, a Pakistani ter-

**Terrorists snatch rifle from bank guard in Pulwama**

SRINAGAR: Terrorists shot at and injured a bank guard in Pulwama district of Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday and snatched his rifle, officials said.

According to an official, the terrorists targeted the Jammu and Kashmir Bank guard posted at TP branch Murrann Chowk Pulwama at around 3.55 pm.

"Terrorists fired upon and injured a bank guard in Murrann Chowk area. They also snatched his 12 bore rifle," a police spokesman said.

The guard was identified as Abdul Hameed Wani, resident of Tahab. Wani was shifted to hospital where his condition is stated to be stable, the spokesman said.

The area has been cordoned off and search in the area is in progress, he said. A case has been registered and investigation is in progress.

rorist of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) was killed in a brief shootout in Hazratbal area while a search was underway for two others who managed

to flee, police said.

The trio tried to snatch weapons from the guard posted at the

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