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Jubilant BJP workers of J&K celebrate Cop found hanging inside friend's room party's success in Assembly polls

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

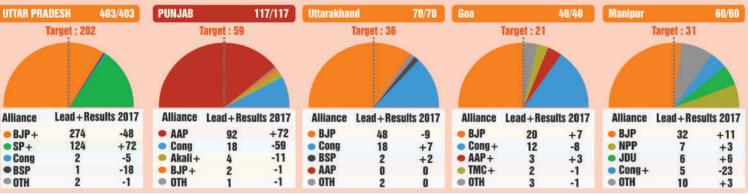
#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

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 Sarna, a border village, the locals informed the police, who rushed to the spot and confiscated it, the

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



#### STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The BJP on Thursday retained power in the politically crucial state of Pradesh, Uttar Uttarakhand, Goa and Manipur while the AAP swept Punjab with threefourths majority to give a boost to its pitch for a national role and the opposition camp ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

As counting of votes in the Assembly elections to five Holi came a week early for the BJP as an incumbent government returned to power in UP after over three decades with the saffron party riding on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's popularity and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's effective implementation of welfare policies to create a "new history".

The spectacular rise of the Arvind Kejriwal-led Aam Aadmi Party(AAP)outside unprecedented mandate in Punjab and a toehold in Goa by bagging two seats also foretells a big likely churn in the opposition camp. While Kejriwal hailed the party's performance in Punjab as a revolution, it was a hattrick for the BJP in Goa.

"Poll results highlight people's stamp of strong approval for BJP's pro-poor pro-active governance," Modi said in his address to jubilant party workers at the party headquarters in Delhi.

"Those who look at UP through prism of caste insult it; people of state repeatedly voted for politics of development since 2014."

The outcome of the Assembly polls held over February and March and seen as a barometer of people's mood also saw the Congress' epitaph written on the electoral battlefield.

The Congress, now in power only in Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh, an all-time low, lost Punjab and could

bag only two seats in UP notwithstanding the highdecibel campaign by the Gandhi siblings Rahul and Priyanka. Like the Congress, the AAP will also be in power in two states.

In trends and results available for the 403 seats in Pradesh Uttar Adityanath also achieved the maiden feat of an incumbent returning to power in the state after serving a full term, the BJP crossed the

#### 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,  $\mathbf{Prime}$ Narendra Modi on Thursday said

> ry for the party is a guarantee for India's bright future. Addressing BJP workers at the party headquarters, Modi also

that such a grand and decisive victo-

Chowk, National Highway-1A, Jammu ORTHOPAEDIC OPD Dr. K.K. Singh

Dr. A.A. Mehra

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

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 ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

win in 2019 to its sweep of the Uttar Pradesh elections in

seats and was leading in 53, short of its earlier count of

The BJP's showing in UP

tating second Covid wave last vear and the intense protests by farmers against the three contentious farm laws,

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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 district and Shopian 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 antinational forces and they must be probed thoroughly J&K highway closed

for traffic due to

landslide in Ramban

major landslide in Ramban

district on Thursday has

forced the closure of the 272

km-long Jammu-Srinagar

national highway, leaving

hundreds of vehicles strand-

The landslide struck the

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highway, the only all-weather

141 people stranded

in J&K, Ladakh due

to snowfall airlifted

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

Courier transported 105

people, 36 were flown out on

the Pawan Hans service's

Temperature (Srinagar)

Sunset: 18:36 Hours

Sunrise: 06:48 Hours

Mi-172 helicopter, they

Max: 78

Max: 20.1°C

Max: 82

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Min: 48

Min: 55

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road linking Kashmir

ed. officials said.

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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 sabo-

tage and criminals must be brought to book.

## 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 husnamely Martyr Squadron Leader Ravi Khanna in movie 'The Kashmir Files' to be released 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 Abhishek Aggarwal Arts Producer. through itsAbhishek 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 nonidentical 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

## their country, did not

#### 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.

No breakthrough in

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

the then Union Home Minister, Late 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 highlevel amid which brave soldiers including the husband of plaintiff being inclined to their duties as their sole worship, willing to sacrifice for

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## Patwari, Chowkidar land in trap of ACB while accepting bribe 10.000 for issuance of Fardi

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The sleuths of Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) have arrested on Asif Farooq Wani, Patwari, Halqa Brein Nishat, Srinagar and Chowkidar, Nazir Ahmad Dar for demanding and accepting a bribe amount of Rs 10,000 from a complainant for issuance of Fardi Naqsha Intikhaab.

As per an official spokesperson, ACB received a written complaint wherein complainant alleged that one Asif Farooq Wani, Patwari,  $\operatorname{Brein}$ Nishat. Halqa Srinagar and Chowkidar, Nazir Ahmad Dar are demanding a bribe of Rs

Naqsha Intikhaab of land from him. The official further said that on receipt of complaint, FIR No 08/2022 under section 7 of PC Act 1988 read with 120-B of IPC was registered at Police Station ACB Srinagar and investigation started, during which a trap team was constituted, which caught the accused officials red-handed while demanding and accepting bribe amount of Rs 10,000. "Both were arrested on the spot and taken into custody by ACB Team. The bribe money was also recovered from their

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# Cong's ideological fight against BJP in J&K will be intensified: Patil

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir has suffered the most under the BJP regime, senior Congress leader and MP Rajni Patil alleged Thursday, asserting that in run-up to the assembly elections, the Congress will intensify its ideological fight against the saffron party and its policies towards the union territory

Patil said the Congress has always stood for secularism and unity in diversity and taken care of each and every section of society equally, while the BJP "believes in division and polarisation" for

vote bank politics.

"Jammu and Kashmir has suffered the most under BJP regime and the people's anger is writ large against the policies of the central government and the UT administration," Patil told a rally here.

Patil, who in incharge of J&K Congress, further said, The ideological fight against the BJP and its policies towards Jammu and Kashmir shall be intensified in the run up to the assembly elections

Accompanied by J&K Congress chief G A Mir, Patil welcomed leaders and over

100 other prominent people into the party. She said the Congress pro-

vided able leadership to the country right since independence and former prime minister Manmohan Singh is example of simplicity, honesty, integrity above all capa-

The economic policies of Congress especially Dr Singh's took the nation to great heights and brought out 27 crore BPL families while the BJP pushed down 323 crore people to the BPL category. The poor and common people are suffering

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

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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 Unani Medicine (CCRUM), Union Ministry



Union AYUSH Minister Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurating Unani Da Celebration, International conference on Unani Medicine at SKICC.

Union Minister of State for Ayush, Women and Child Development, Munjapara Mahendrabhai Kalubhai was the guest of

honour on the occasion. Among others who were present on the occasion were

Special Secretary, Ministry of Ayush, Pramod Kumar Pathak, Additional Chief Secretary, Health and Medical Education Department, Government of

J&K, Vivek Bhardwaj,

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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-

(LeT) was killed in a brief shootout in Hazratbal area

tion is in progress.

### 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 Murran Chowk Pulwama at around 3.55 pm. "Terrorists fired upon and injured a bank guard in Murran

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 investiga-

rorist of Lashkar-e-Taiba to flee, police said. The trio tried to snatch weapons from the guard while a search was underway posted at the for two others who managed

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## 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 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 selfsufficiency but earning liveli-

hoods for others as well. Meanwhile, keeping its commitment to extend banking facilities and financial services into the underbanked 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 einaugurated the business units Model Town Sopore. Bakura Ganderbal and Narakara Budgam during the function attended

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