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Entire world passing through delicate period now: Modi



■ STATE TIMES NEWS
MIRZAPUR (UP): Stating that the entire world is passing through a delicate period now, Prime Minister Narendra Modi Friday asserted no matter how deep the crisis is India's response is even bigger.

Addressing an election rally here, the PM also said that thousands of students have been brought back from Ukraine safely under the ongoing Operation Ganga, and those still there are being evacuated.

"The entire world now is passing through a 'najuk

daur' (delicate period) of this century. Many countries are today affected by the pandemic, unrest and uncertainty. But you must have seen however deep the crisis is India's attempts (to address them) are even bigger and firm," he said.

"We have brought back thousands of students from Ukraine under Operation Ganga safely," the PM said, adding special flights are being operated for those still stuck there.

Any campaign associated with mother Ganga is bound to succeed, he added.

"During the coronavirus period, India brought every single citizen stuck abroad by running Operation Vande Bharat. Operation Devi Shakti was carried out in Afghanistan. Now, India is engaged in saving every citizen and student in Ukraine," he added.

Targeting the Opposition, the PM said the voters of Uttar Pradesh need to defeat "parivarwadi" (dynasts) and 'Mafiawadi' (those who support the mafia elements) and bring the BJP government.

"Uttar Pradesh continuously needs leadership which is filled with patriotic spirit, is honest and can toil hard for development. The history of these dynasts (Opposition) is written in black. Their history is of looting the state, freeing terrorists, helping rioters, patronising the mafia and criminals. Such people can do good neither to the country nor UP," Modi said.

He said the Opposition

Court work to remain suspended today

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu has decided to suspend work in all the courts on March 5 (Saturday).

As per the press note, the decision has been taken in view of the recent incidents of high handedness of police against the members of legal fraternity at the behest of vested interest.

"The work in all the courts including High

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Udham posted as SDM Jammu North, Farooq Dy Secy RD&PR Deptt

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Government on Friday transferred two JKAS officer.

According to the order issued by Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Principal Secretary, General Administration Department, Udham Dass, JKAS, Deputy Secretary, Department of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj has been transferred

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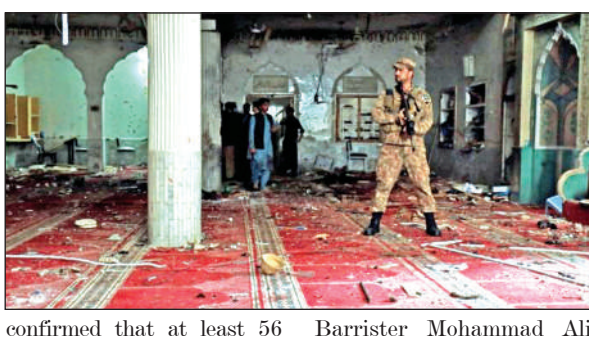
56 killed, nearly 200 injured in blast at Shia mosque in Pakistan

■ AGENCY
PESHAWAR: A suicide bomber blew himself up inside a crowded Shia mosque during the Friday congregation here in north-west Pakistan, killing at least 56 people and wounding nearly 200 others, in one of the deadliest attacks in the restive province, bordering Afghanistan.

The blast occurred at an Inambargah located near the Qissa Khwani Bazaar area of Peshawar when the worshippers were offering Friday prayers.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the blast in Peshawar, the provincial capital of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa which borders Afghanistan. However, the Islamic State and sectarian militant groups have claimed responsibility for the deadly attacks targeting Shias in the past.

Mohammad Asim, a spokesperson for Lady Reading Hospital (LRH),



confirmed that at least 56 people were killed while 194 were injured in the blast.

An eyewitness identified a person as dressed in black as the suicide bomber, saying he entered the mosque, shot and killed the security guard first and then fired five to six bullets.

"After that, he quickly entered the [mosque's] main hall and blew himself up in front of the pulpit. Following this, there were bodies and injured people lying everywhere," the eyewitness told Geo News.

Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa government spokesman

Barrister Mohammad Ali Saif said that two terrorists were involved in the suicide bombing.

Talking to the media, Peshawar SSP Operations Haroon Rasheed Khan said the explosion was a suicide blast.

There were two attackers but only one of them was a suicide bomber, he said.

Inspector-General of Police Moazzam Jah Ansari the terrorist first opened fire at the worshippers after entering the mosque and then blew himself up. Ansari said that about five to six

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Fire at hospital in Srinagar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: A massive fire broke out at a tertiary care hospital here in Jammu and Kashmir on Friday, officials said.

Fire tenders have been pressed into service to put out the blaze in the inpatient department of the Bone and Joint Hospital in Barzulla here, the officials said.

Hospital staff, locals and disaster management

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Retired employee should not be made to suffer for no fault of his: SC

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court Friday directed a Coimbatore-based college to pay interest on the delayed payment of retirement benefits to an associate professor, saying the retired employee should not be made to suffer for no fault of his.

The apex court said interest be paid on the delayed payment, subject to the final decision that may be taken by the government on the objections to the enquiry report in the matter, and it will be open for the college to

recover the same from the person who is held responsible for the delay.

A bench of Justices M R Shah and B V Nagarathna delivered its verdict on an appeal filed by the retired associate professor against the October last year order of the Madras High Court which had disposed of his plea observing that it is ultimately for the government to take an appropriate decision in the matter based on the enquiry report. The management/trustees/college

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Govt constitutes Apex, Working Committees for implementation of Digital J&K Programme

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Government of Friday constituted Apex Committee and Working Committee for timely implementation of the Digital Jammu and Kashmir Programme in a mission mode. According to the

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J&K logs 33 COVID cases, Ladakh 23

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Friday recorded 33 fresh COVID-19 cases that took its tally to 4,53,167, while one more fatality pushed the death toll to 4,749, officials said.

Out of the fresh cases, 15 were from the Jammu division and 18 from the Kashmir division of the union territory, they said.

Jammu district recorded the highest number of fresh cases at 12, followed by nine in Srinagar district. Twelve of the 20 districts in

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Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 24.7°C Min: 10.6°C

Humidity

Max: 81 Min: 46

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 15.8°C Min: 4.8°C

Humidity

Max: 92 Min: 63

Sunset : 18:31 Hours

Sunrise : 06:55 Hours

CS launches e-services on mobile platform in J&K Initiative offers 25 services through online mode

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Ushering an era of mobile governance in J&K, the Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, on Friday launched 25 e-services on the UMANG platform.

The UMANG unified mobile application for new age governance is a multi-lingual mobile platform for providing 'any time-anywhere governance'.

Speaking on the occasion Chief Secretary said that in sync with the vision of 'APPKA MOBILE HAMARA DAF'TAR' the Government of

J&K is committed to providing citizen centric services through the mobile mode. "This will enhance the accessibility of services and add to the convenience of citizens availing services", he added.

The services on the UMANG platform are end to end digitized and provide a one-stop solution to the citizens starting from application for a service, its processing to receipt of certificates / permissions. The services being provided are integrated with online payment gateway and Rapid Assessment

System (RAS) of digital feedback.

The Chief Secretary complimented the efforts of IT department and directed them to integrate more services on the mobile platform.

It was informed that henceforth 25 popular services like birth certificate, death certificate, rehari license, marriage certificate, income certificate, character certificate, dependent certificate, SC/ST RBA certificate etc. can be accessed by the public at <https://web.umang.gov.in> or by downloading mobile app

'UMANG' which is available on 'Android' and 'IOS' platform. Deeraj Kumar Gupta, Principal Secretary, Housing & Urban Development Department, Prerna Puri, Secretary, Information Technology Department, Amit Sharma, CEO, Jammu and Kashmir e-Governance Agency, Dr Rajinder Kumar Khajuria, Additional Secretary, Information Technology Department, Saleem Khan, Additional State Informatics Officer (SIO) were present on the occasion.

Two Pvt Secys transferred

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Government on Friday transferred two Private Secretary.

According to the order issued by Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Principal Secretary, General Administration Department, Mehraj-ud-Din Rather, Private Secretary of the J&K Secretariat (Gazetted) Service-II has been transferred from the J&K Public Service Commission and posted in the Office of Director, SKIMS, on ex-cadre basis; and Irshad Ahmad, Private Secretary (HoD Cadre) presently posted as Administrative Officer in the J&K Academy of Art, Culture & Languages has been transferred and posted as Private Secretary in the J&K Public Service Commission.

LeT terrorist injured in gunfight with Army personnel, arrested in Kupwara 3 over-ground workers arrested in Shopian

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Security forces on Friday arrested a terrorist who was injured in a shootout with Army personnel in Kupwara district.

"Today, an Army patrol came under the fire of terrorists in Dand Kadal area of Langat and the fire was retaliated. In the meantime, additional reinforcement of security forces rushed to the spot followed by a joint cordon and search operation in the area," a police spokesman said.

The spokesman said during the search operation, one terrorist in an injured condition was apprehended tactfully by the joint team. He was identified as Abrar Gojri, a resident of Azadgunj in

Baramulla district.

"As per police records, Abrar was earlier a chronic stone-pelter and several FIRs were registered against him before working as terror associate and joining terror folds of proscribed terror outfit LeT recently," he said.

The spokesman said incriminating materials, arms and ammunition including one pistol, one magazine, two rounds and Rs 1,41,500 were also recovered from his possession.

He said the cordon and search operation in nearby areas was underway.

Meanwhile security forces have arrested three over-ground workers of terror outfit Lashkar-e-Toiba from Shopian, police said.

Incriminating materials, including arms and ammunition, were recovered from their possession, a police spokesman said.

According to the spokesman, the security forces had established a mobile checkpoint at Khudpora orchards in the district.

During checking, movement of three suspects was noticed who were challenged to stop. Instead of stopping, they started fleeing away but were chased and arrested tactfully by the alert joint party, the spokesman said.

The arrested persons were identified as Ishfaq Ahmad Dar, Nadeem Rafiq Rather and Rouf Mushtaq Najar,

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ACB nabs Patwari red-handed while accepting bribe in Baramulla

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has arrested one Abdul Majid Bhat, presently working as a Patwari in Halqa Goom, Ahmadpora, Tehsil Pattan, District Baramulla for demanding a bribe of Rs. 20,000 from complainant on Friday.

As per an official spokesperson, the ACB received a complaint alleging therein that Abdul Majid Bhat, Patwari, Halqa Goom, Ahmadpora, Tehsil Pattan District Baramulla was demanding a bribe of Rs 20,000 from complainant for preparing & providing him revenue extracts of land. The

prima facie disclosed commission of offence under section 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act 1988, FIR No. 09/2022 under section 7 of PC Act 1988 was registered at Police Station ACB Baramulla and investigations started. Subsequently, a trap team was constituted and accused Patwari was caught red handed while demanding and accepting bribe from complainant in presence of independent witnesses. The accused official was arrested on spot and bribe money was recovered from his possession," said official, adding that further investigations is going on in the matter.

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