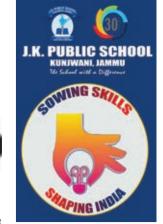


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Every attempt for peace with Pakistan met with hostility, betrayal: Modi

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STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that every attempt to foster peace with Pakistan was met with hostility and betrayal and hoped that wisdom would prevail on the leadership in Islamabad to improve bilateral ties.

In a podcast with Lex Fridman released on Sunday, Modi recalled that he had specially invited his Pakistan counterpart Nawaz Sharif for his swearing-in ceremony in 2014 with the hope that the two countries could turn

"Yet, every noble attempt at fostering peace was met with hostility and betrayal. We sincerely hope that wisdom prevails upon them and they



choose the path of peace," the prime minister said in his over three-hour interaction.

Modi said he believed that even the people of Pakistan long for peace because they also must be tired of living in strife, unrest and relentless terror where even innocent children are killed and count-

The accident took place

near Tara Morh when the

less lives are destroyed. The prime minister said his first attempt at improving bilateral relations was a ges-

ture of goodwill.

"It was a diplomatic gesture unlike any in decades. The very people who once questioned my approach to

PM to inaugurate Raisina Dialogue today

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will on Monday throw open the three-day Raisina Dialogue, India's flagship conference on geopolitics and geo-economics that will be joined by delegates from 125 coun-

New Zealand Prime Minister Christopher Luxon US Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard and Ukrainian Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha are among those attending the 10th edition of the conclave. In a first, a delegation, including a senior security official, from Taiwan is

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Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine records massive increase in pilgrim donations in 5 years

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Pilgrim donations at the Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine in Jammu and Kashmir has gone up to Rs 171.90 crore in Financial Year 2024-25 (till January) from Rs 63.85 crore in 2020-21, according to the temple board.

Similarly, the gold offerings at the shrine have also increased from over nine kgs to 27.7 kgs and silver from over 753 kgs to over 3,424 kgs during the same period, the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) has said.

Replying to an RTI application filed by Jammu-based activist Raman Sharma, the shrine board said an amount of Rs 63.85 crore were received as donation or offering in the FY 2020-21 followed by Rs 166.68 crore in FY 2021-22, Rs 223.12 crore in FY 2022-23, Rs 231.50crore in FY 2023-24 and Rs 171.90 crore in FY 2024-25 (upto January this

Only 17.20 Lakh pilgrims, the lowest

Over 200 investors from outside allotted land LeT terrorist Abu Qatal, mastermind of



in over three decades, visited the shrine atop the Trikuta hills in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district in 2020 when the temple, for the first time in its history, remained closed for five months due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic. It reopened for pilgrims on August 16 2020.

From 13.95 lakh in 1986, when the shrine board took over the affairs of the been a steady increase of pilgrim footfalls with each passing year, touching an all time high of 1.04 crore in 2012 against 1.01 crore the previous year.

According to the official figures, the pilgrim arrival at the shrine was 55.88 lakh in 2021, 91.25 lakh in 2022, 95.22 lakh in 2023 and 94.84 lakh in 2024.

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30 injured as mini-bus turns turtle in Reasi

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: At least 30 passen-

gers, mostly women, were when their mini-bus turned tur tle on a hilly



Two of the 30 are seriously injured and they have been rushed the Government Medical College Hospital in

10-year-old fraud case

solved, accused arrested

BARAMULLA, Mar 16: In

a significant breakthrough,

Police in Baramulla have

successfully solved a decade-

old fraud case and arrested

the accused involved in the

The 10-year-old case dat-

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata

Party (BJP), Jammu &

Kashmir led by its President

Sat Sharma, on Sunday held

its Core group meeting at

Tarun Chugh, BJP

National General Secretary

& Prabhari, J&K, Sat

Sharma, President Shrikant

Sharma, MLA Mathura &

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J&K, Ashok Koul, General

Secretary (organization)

chiefly addressed the meet-

Leader of Opposition Sunil

ing of party's core group.

party headquarters here.

Rajouri district, the

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Over 200 investors from outside Jammu and Kashmir have been provided land in the industrial estates to set up their business units in the Union Territory in the past decade, official data The process of land acquisi-

tion by outside investors, mostly from Delhi, Haryana and Punjab, marked manifold increase after the abrogation of Article 370 and bifurcation of the erstwhile

BJP holds core group meeting

Narinder Singh, MP Jugal

Kishore Sharma, former Dy.

CMs Dr. Nirmal Singh and

Kavinder Gupta, General

for setting up business units in J&K Territories in August 2019. According to the data

shared by the industries and commerce department, the majority of investors preferred Kathu and Samba districts in Jammu region to establish their firms compared to a very few businessmen showing interest in the

Under the industrial policy 2016-26, a total of 28 busi nessmen from different parts of the country were allotted over 500 kanals of land to set into two Union up their units in the twin dis-

tricts of Samba and Kathua. The allotment of land varies depending on the investment proposal.

However, the introduction of the amended industrial policy 2021-30 after the abrogation of Article 370 saw businessmen from Delhi, Chandigarh, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Haryana, Punjab, Bihar, Maharashtra, Guiarat, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu also eyeing the region for investment.

Almost 50 businessmen from Delhi have been allotted

Baloch rebels crash explosive-laden car into Pak bus, 5 soldiers dead

QUETTA (PAKISTAN): A roadside bomb exploded near a bus carrying security forces in restive southwestern Pakistan on Sunday, killing at least five officers and wounding 10 others,

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police said.

The attack occurred in Naushki, a district in Balochistan, said Zafar Zamanani, a local police chief. He said the the blast also badly damaged another nearby bus. The dead and wounded were transported to

land in Jammu and Kashmir, followed by Haryana (45), Punjab (43), Uttar Pradesh (14), Maharashtra (nine) and seven each from Gujarat, Chandigarh, and Himachal Pradesh.

The officials said the land for creation of industrial estates was placed at the disposal of the Industries & Commerce Department by the Revenue Department which was then allocated to the aspiring entrepreneurs as per the established policy

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Rajouri attack, shot dead in Pakistan received from the neighbour-

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NEW DELHI: A top Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) commander, wanted by security agencies for several deadly terror attacks in Jammu and Kashmir, was eliminated by gunmen in an attack in Pakistan, officials said on Sunday.

Zia-ur-Rehman Nadeem alias Abu Qatal alias Qatal Sindhi was gunned down in the Jhelum area of Punjab on Saturday evening. His security guard was also killed, the officials said, quoting information

ing country.

Considered the most trusted handler of LeT founder and 26/11 Mumbai terror

attack mastermind Hafiz Saeed, they said 43-year-old Rehman was the main handler of the terror outfit involved in the planning of various attacks in the Poonch-Rajouri region of Jammu and Kashmir.

The officials said Re had infiltrated the Jammu region in early 2000 and exfiltrated in 2005. He

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CS directs for popularizing 'Digidost' to bring services at doorsteps of public

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on Sunday chaired a high level meeting to explore the potential of Community Service Centres (CSCs) in providing seamless Government-to-Citizen (G2C) and Government-to-Business (G2B) services across Jammu & Kashmir.

The meeting focused on integrating a wider range of government services with the CSC platform to ensure accessibility for the people, particularly in remote areas. Those who attended the



Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo chairing a meeting in Jammu.

meeting included Principal Secretary, APD; Principal Secretary,

Commissioner Secretary, IT; CEO, JaKeGA; JPDCL; Chairman, concerned officers while the Deputy Commissioners participated online. Observing the extensive

SIDCO/SICOP besides other

scope of online services

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Sharma, BJP National Secretaries Dr. Devinder Adv. Sunil a nearby hospital. Secretary and MLA Dr. Kumar Manyal and Adv. ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 Over 3,000 athletes participate in 'Run for Fun' marathon in Jammu

Vibodh Gupta, senior leader

Dr. Darakshan Andrabi,

Vice-President Shakti Rai

Parihar, Chief Spokesperson

Tarun Chugh, BJP National General Secretary & Prabhari,

J&K along with Party President Sat Sharma chairing the

meeting in Jammu on Sunday.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Police on Sunday organized the "Jammu Marathon 2025" 'Run for Fun', a prominent event under its Civic Action Programme (CAP), held at Gulshan Ground

With more than 3000 athletes from across various states and regions participating. the marathon saw an overwhelming turnout from individuals of all ages, including schoolchildren, veterans, and fitness enthusiasts.

The marathon covered a variety of distances across nine categories, catering to diverse participants.

The event included routes ranging from a 21-km run from Gulshan Ground to Hill View Honda near Bajalta Crossing, to shorter runs of 10 km, 5 km, 4 km,



ADGP Armed Police, J&K Anand Jain flagging of run from Gulshan Ground, Jammu on Sunday.

and 2 km designed for different age groups and levels of competi-

21 km Half Marathon (Men):

Manjit Singh (Ferozpur, Punjab) first, Gurcharan Singh (R.S. Pura, Jammu), second and Ravi (Ramnagar, Udhampur), Das

10 km Road Race (Women,

18+): Savita Paul (UP), first, Veerpal Kour (Punjab), second

Shamshada Bano (Balicharana, Jammu), third.

10 km Road Race (Boys, Under 18): Parveen Kumar (Chenani, Udhampur), first, Vibhum Panday (Sainik School, Nagrota), second and Ankit Kumar (Ludhiana, Punjab), third.

10 km Junior Road Race (Girls, Under 18): Sulekha, first, Mehak Nishad, second and Sania Choudhary, third.

10 km Veterans Race (Women, 45+): Manminder Kour (Trikuta Nagar, Jammu), first, Tina Sahi (Jammu), second and Seema Khanyal (Gangyal, Jammu), third.

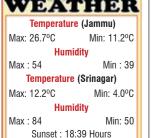
10 km Veterans Race (Men, 45+): Joga Singh (Ludhiana, Punjab), first, Ram Raj (Pathyal, Jammu), second and Parshotam Lal (Lakshmi Nagar, Mutti, Jammu), third. 5 km Sub Junior Race (Boys,

Under 14): Mohd Fareed (Rajouri), first, Ummar Shoukat (Nagrota, Jammu), second and Rahik Manhas (Katra, Reasi), 4 km Sub Junior Race (Girls,

Under 14): Komal (Gujjar Nagar, Jammu), first, Eleena Singh (Old Janipur, Jammu), second and Shabu Devi (Katra, Reasi), third.

2 km Run for Fun (Open for All, Senior Citizens, Men, Women, & Children): Youngest Female: Nanshika Rajput (5 years old); Youngest Male: Priyansh Singh Saini (4 years old); Oldest Female: Amrit Kour (63 years old); Oldest Male: Angrez Singh (72 years old).

The prize distribution ceremony was attended by prominent offi-■ CONTD ON PAGE 9



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