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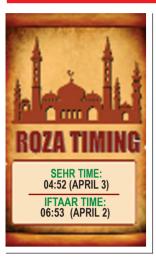
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Air surcharge 50 paisa for Leh



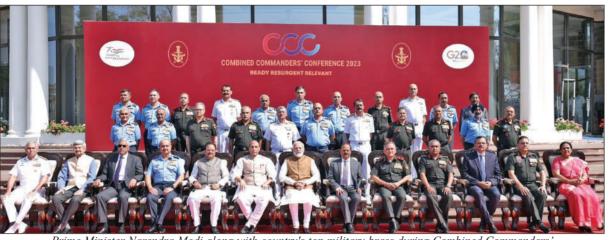
#### Minor girl raped in Leh; accused arrested within 48 hours STATE TIMES NEWS

LEH/JAMMU: A 12-yearold girl was allegedly raped by a man who also tried to kill her in Leh district of Ladakh, police said on Saturday, claiming to have solved the case within 48 hours by arresting the accused.

Despite being assaulted and left to die inside a pit, the girl mustered courage and walked five km

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## **Modi reviews operational readiness of armed** Tax revenue marks over 31 pc increase forces at Combined Commanders' Conference



Prime Minister Narendra Modi along with country's top military brass during Combined Commanders Conference at Bhopal on Saturday

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday called upon the three services to stay ready to deal with new and emerging threats as he carried out a comprehensive review of the national security challenges with the country's top military brass at the Combined Commanders Conference in Bhopal. The defence ministry said Prime Minister

#### 'Some people have given 'Supari' to dent my image

BHOPAL: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said some people are hellbent to sully his image and they have given a "supari" (contract) for this purpose colluding with certain people sitting in India and also outside the country.

Modi's veiled attack on Congress comes amid a slugfest between the Grand Old Party and BJP over Rahul Gandhi's "democracy under brutal attack in India' remarks in the UK and Germany taking note of Rahul's disqualification from Lok Sabha. The BJP has accused the Congress of "inviting foreign powers" for interfering in India's internal matters. The prime minister was addressing a gathering at Rani Kamalapati railway station after flagging off the

# during 2021-22 in J&K: CAG

JAMMU: The tax revenue in and Kashmir Jammu touched Rs 11,707.28 crore in 2021-22 compared to Rs 8,876.99 crore in the previous year, marking an increase of 31.88 per cent, according to the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG). State Excise, State Goods and Services Tax (SGST) and Taxes on sales and trade showed the maximum increase of 32.31 per cent, 32.13 per cent and 27.46 per cent, respectively, the CAG said in its audit report on the Union Territory Finances for the year ended 31 March

The government's performance in the mobilisation of resources is assessed in terms of its own tax resources comprising revenue from its own tax and non-tax sources.

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"SGST, State Excise and Taxes on Sales/Trade showed maximum increase of Rs 1,554.95 crore, Rs 435.37 crore and Rs 410.70 cores respectively. The highest percentage increase with respect to 2020-21 was 536.67 per cent and 87.02 per cent under Taxes on Goods and Passengers and Land Revenue respectively," the CAG said.

The collection of taxes on vehicles increased from Rs 488.38 crore in 2020-21 to Rs 616.24 crore in 2021-22 (26.18 per cent) and stamp duty and registration fee from Rs 325.54 crore in 2020-21 to Rs 512.02 crore in 2021-22 (57.28 per cent).

Land revenue rose from Rs 60.57 crore in 2020-21 to Rs 113.28 crore in 2021-22 (87.02 per cent) and taxes on goods and passengers from Rs 5.73 crore in 2021-22(536.67 per cent) and other taxes from Rs 319.22 crore in 2020-21 to Rs 376.60 crore in 2021-22 (17.98 per

During 2021-22, it said the GST collection was Rs 6,394.31 crore compared to Rs 4,839.35 crore in 2020-21, registering an increase of Rs 1,554.96 crore (32.13 per cent). This includes advance apportionment of IGST amounting to Rs 4,334.63

"The Government of J&K received compensation of Rs 892.56 crore as Revenue Receipt on account of loss of revenue arising out of implementation of GST during 2021-22.

"Further, it also received Rs 3,845.49 crore debt during 2021-22 (total debt of Rs 5,945.29 crore as on 31 March 2022) as back-toback loan from the

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#### Courts should ensure that trials are taken up and concludes speedily: SC

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Jails are overcrowded and their living conditions appalling and the courts should ensure that trials, especially in cases where special laws enact stringent provisions, are taken up and concluded speedily, the Supreme Court has said. The top court said if the tri-

als are not concluded in time, the injustice wrecked on the individual is immeasurable.

A bench of Justices S Bhat Dipankar Datta made the observation while enlarging a man accused under the the Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act

#### 700 people injured while performing with swords, sticks on Ram Navami in Hazaribag

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

HAZARIBAG: Around 700 people were injured while playing with swords and sticks during Ram Navami celebrations in Jharkhand's Hazaribag district, officials said on Saturday.

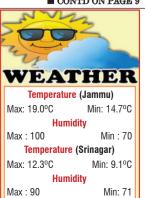
The Ram Navami celebrations, which began around 8 pm on Friday, concluded on Saturday night. Braving heavy rains, 91 akharas took part in the centuries-old celebrations in the town's Boddom Bazar in Bada Thakur Bari area, they said.

The celebrations that were marked by well-decorated tableaux touring the length and breadth of the town saw the participation of over 2 lakh people, they added.

No untoward incident was reported during the celebrations, officials said, adding that huge number of security personnel were deployed to maintain law and order.

Fifteen medical camps were set up by the Hazaribag Medical College

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Sunset: 18:52 Hours

Sunrise: 06:20 Hours

"Incarceration has further deleterious effects, where the accused belongs to the weakest economic strata: immediate loss of livelihood, and in several cases, scattering of families as well as loss of family bonds and alienation from society. "The courts, therefore,

have to be sensitive to these aspects, and ensure that trials, especially in cases where special laws enact stringent provisions, are taken up and concluded speedily," bench said.

The apex court said laws which impose stringent

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### The report said there was

#### ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 BSF firing pushes back suspected Pak



STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Border Security Force (BSF) on Saturday said its troops opened fire at a suspected Pakistani drone along the International Border

here, forcing it to retreat. A massive search operation is underway to ensure no weapons or narcotics were airdropped by the drone, a BSF spokesper-

"A blinking light (of a suspected drone) was observed around 12:15 am (Saturday) on the IB in the night in the general area of Ramgarh. Alert troops fired towards the blinking light due to which it (drone) was forced to return," he said. He said the area was being searched thoroughly. Official sources said over two dozen rounds were fired by the BSF in Arnia sector to bring down the suspected drone but it managed to return to the Pakistani side. A vast area was cordoned off by the BSF and a search operation was underway when the last reports were received, they said.

This is the second such incident in the past two weeks. The BSF had fired at a Pakistani drone at the Chamlival border post in Samba district on March 22, preventing it from flying into India.

#### Chugh writes to Governor, ECI for action against AAP minister

CHANDIGARH: National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Saturday lodged a formal complaint to the Punjab Governor and the ECI seeking action against Punjab Cabinet Minister Harbhajan Singh ETO, who, he said, had been indulging in gross violation of model code of conduct in the Jalandhar Lok Sabha constituency by pasting posters against Minister Narendra Modi.

The posters do not carry the name of printer, nor do they mention who has issued them, he said.

He sought the Governor to

demanded the ECI to take disciplinary action against him. As the by-election is slated to

take place on May 10 in the Lok Sabha constituency such illegal activities are meant to misguide the voters and tantamount to unfair electoral practices for which a strict action is called for, he said.

#### Absence of Yasin Malik, other accused leads to deferment of identification by eye-witness

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: A local court Saturday deferred the identification by an eyewitness of six accused including JKLF chief Mohd Yasin Malik in connection with the martyrdom of four Indian Air Force (IAF) personnel in a terrorist attack in the summer capital Srinagar

The identification was deferred due to non-availability of some of the accused in the court here even as one of the two eyewitnesses who turned up cross-examination

#### Teen girl drowns, two rescued in Poonch

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A young woman drowned while her two cousin sisters were rescued after they allegedly jumped into a river in Poonch district, police said on

The girls had left their home in Jandrola village on Friday to offer prayers at a shrine but did not return, a police official said.

He said a search operation was launched following which the body of Asiya Kousar (18) was recovered from a river near S K Bridge late Friday night, while two others who were rescued from the water body were shifted to a hospital.

Police have registered a case and further investigation is on, the official said, adding preliminary

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identify them, CBI chief prosecutor Monika Kohli

Malik, who is lodged in Delhi's Tihar jail, was present through video conferencing during the hearing of the much publicised case.

eye-witnesses turned up for cross-examination and one of them expressed willingness to identify the accused. Since some of the accused were not present in the court, the identification was deferred till next hearing," Kohli, who is

expressed readiness to also senior additional advocate general, told

She said the cross-examination of the other evewitness was completed but he expressed his inability to identify the accused.

The special TADA court has already  $_{
m framed}$ separately against the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) chief and several others in this case, as well as another related to the abduction of Rubaiva Sayeed, daughter of former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Mufti

Mohammad Sayeed, by his

group in 1989. While the charges were framed against Malik and six others on March 16, 2020 in the killing of four IAF personnel, the court has framed the charges against Malik and nine others in the 1989 abduction case of Rubaiya on

January 11 last year. Malik was arrested by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) in April 2019 in connection with a terror funding case, a month after his group was banned by the central gov-

#### Will take corrective measures: SKUAST-K on CAG findings

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Sher-i-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST) Kashmir on Saturday said the institute will take corrective measures wherever irregularities have taken place, days after the CAG highlighted shortcomings in manpower planning, appointments. career advancement and entitlements in the twin agriculture universities in the Union ter-

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of a function at

Kashmir Vice Chancellor Nazir Ahmad Ganai said the university will look into the findings of the report when it receives it. "I have not seen the CAG report yet. As soon as we receive it, we will look into it," he said. Ganai said when it comes to SKUAST Kashmir, "we are one of the fastest growing institutions nationally in efficiency, transparency and in building innovations"

"...this is a report since the inception of the university till now, there could be some irregularities. Wherever there are, we will correct when we have the report with us," he said.

premature to say what action the university would take as "the report is yet to reach

"There could be some irregularities in the past, but we look towards the future...how we become number one in the country," he added.

Highlighting shortcomings in manpower planning, appointments, advancement and entitlements in the twin agriculture universities in Jammu and Kashmir, the CAG has

#### Rains lash parts of J&K, snowfall expected in higher reaches

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Rain lashed parts of Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday, bringing the day temperature down by several degrees and another spell of wet weather is likely from early next week, the weather office here said.

A western difference will affect Jammu and Kashmir from April 3 to April 6 due to which, many places will experience light to moderate intermittent rainfall, director of the Meteorological Department here Sonam Lotus told PTI.

Many areas in the union territory, including Srinagar and Jammu, received rain since early morning, he Lotus said the weather will remain as

such till the evening and the temperature will drop about five to six degrees. He said on Sunday, there will be some

respite and the weather will improve. "But, there is a possibility of rain in the evening at some places.



Vehicles wading through a waterlogged road in Jammu after heavy rainfall on Saturday morning.

The higher reaches could receive snowfall, however, there is no forecast of heavy rain/snowfall, the director

The weather will remain inconsistent till April 6, after which it will improve and the temperatures will also increase, he said.

#### Villagers stage candle march in memory of Dangri victims, demand arrest of attackers



Dangri villagers taking out candle light march.

**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

RAJOURI/JAMMU: Scores of people on Saturday evening took part in a candle march in the terror-hit Dhangri village of Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district and demanded stern action against those involved in the gruesome murder of seven people three months

The one-km march from Dhangri chowk to Khalsa chowk was led by the family members of the deceased people with participants raising slogans in support of their demand for justice for the victims.

Terrorists attacked Dhangri village on the outskirts of Rajouri town

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