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Make national interest sole basis of your every decision: PM to civil servants

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday urged bureaucrats to make national interest the sole basis of their every decision, saying the country has put its faith in them and they must uphold that trust.

Addressing bureaucrats on the occasion of Civil Services Day here, Modi said it is the duty of civil servants to analyse whether a political party in power is using taxpayers' money for its own benefit or for the nation.

The prime minister also hailed the contribution of civil servants to nation building and said India's rapid development would not have been possible without their active participation.

In his nearly 33-minute speech, Modi urged "each and every" government employee, whether at state or central level, to ensure national interest is the

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Moon sighted, Eid to be celebrated today in India

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NEW DELHI: Eid-ul-Fitr, which marks the culmination of the fasting month of Ramzan, will be celebrated in the country on Saturday as the moon was sighted this evening.

Patehpuri Masjid Imam Mufti Mukarram Ahmad told PTI that the Ruet-e-Hilal Committee of the mosque contacted many places and was informed that moon was sighted at several places.

Eid will be celebrated in the country on Saturday, he said.

Describing Eid as a festival of brotherhood and harmony, Ahmad said "On this

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CBI asks ex-Guv J&K Satya Pal Malik to answer queries related to insurance 'scam'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The CBI has asked former Jammu and Kashmir governor Satya Pal Malik to answer certain queries in connection with an alleged insurance scam in the Union Territory, officials said on Friday.

This is the second time in seven months that Malik, who completed his terms as the governor of various states, will be questioned by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). He was

questioned in October last year after he concluded his gubernatorial responsibilities in Bihar, Jammu and Kashmir, Goa and finally, Meghalaya.

The CBI move comes barely a week after Malik's interview to "The Wire", in which he made critical remarks about the BJP-led Centre, especially regarding its handling of Jammu and Kashmir where he served as the last governor before the erstwhile state was bifurcated

into Union territories.

Reacting to the development, Malik told PTI that the CBI has asked for his presence at the agency's Akbar Road guesthouse here for "certain clarifications".

"They want certain clarifications for which they want my presence. I am going to Rajasthan, so I have given them dates from April 27 to 29 when I am available," he said. The CBI registered two FIRs in connection with

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J&K Mission Youth wins PM's Award for Excellence in Public Admin



Chief Secretary J&K Dr Arun Kumar Mehta and DC Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish receiving Prestigious Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration 2022 from PM Narendra Modi at New Delhi on Friday. Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh is also seen.

NEW DELHI: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha's brainchild and Jammu & Kashmir Government's flagship inter-sectoral initiative "Mission Youth", a specially designed programme for empowering youth made it to the highest civil services awards based on outstanding achievements over last two years.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi conferred the coveted Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration which was received by the Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, accompanied by CEO Mission Youth Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, on the occasion of Civil Services Day held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on Friday.

CEO Mission Youth, Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary earlier made the presentation before the Empowered Committee headed by the Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba leading to selection of Mission Youth in a multi-staged evaluation and selection process over

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Poonch attack: 12 detained; drones, sniffer dogs, MI chopper used in massive manhunt for terrorists

Jammu witnesses protests against dastardly attack



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POONCH: At least 12 people were detained on Friday for questioning in connection with the deadly ambush of five army soldiers in the

dense forest area of Bata Doriya here even as a MI helicopter, drones and sniffer dogs were pressed into service in a massive manhunt for the perpetrators of last after-

Grieving families get ready to bid last farewell

CHANDIGARH/RAJOURI/BHUBANESWAR: Inconsolable families of soldiers who were martyred in a terrorist attack in Poonch struggled to come to terms with their loss on Friday as they prepared for their loved ones' final journey home.

In the soldiers' villages in Punjab and Odisha, hundreds gathered at their homes to show solidarity with their families and hailed the sacrifice of the troops.

The soldiers were from a Rashtriya Rifles unit deployed for counter-terror operations.

The Army paid tributes to its soldiers at a wreath-laying ceremony at a military camp in Rajouri before their mortal remains were sent to their native places. "The nation will always remain indebted to our bravehearts for their supreme sacrifice and devotion to duty," an

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noon's attack.

Officials said that those

detained were being

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Rahul Gandhi to vacate official bungalow today

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, who was disqualified as MP after conviction in a defamation case, moved out all his belongings from his official residence on Friday, with sources saying he will hand over the 12, Tughlaq Lane bungalow to the Lok Sabha secretariat on April 22.

The former Congress president was asked to vacate the premises by April 22 following his disqualification after the conviction and two-year

sentence in the case pertaining to the "Modi surname" remark.

The former Congress chief had on April 14 shifted his office and some personal belongings from the bungalow.

Sources said Gandhi moved out his remaining articles on Friday evening from the bungalow which was allotted to him as an MP. A truck was seen moving out the building with the belongings. He has been living in the

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Young generation main stakeholder of future: LG

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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday termed young generation as the main stakeholder of the future, saying that it is our collective responsibility to provide them with the opportunities to fulfil their potential and strengthen their involvement in development processes.

"The young generation is the key to change and today they are eager to play a bigger role in sustainable economic growth and social cohesion", Sinha said while speaking at the Rajya Puraskar Ceremony of J&K Bharat Scouts & Guides at Convention Centre, adding



LG Manoj Sinha speaking during Rajya Puraskar ceremony of J&K Bharat Scouts & Guides in Jammu on Friday.

that with their commitment to selfless service, Scouts and Guides is contributing to build an inclusive and prosperous society.

The Lt Governor, who is also the Chief Patron of Jammu & Kashmir Bharat

Scouts and Guides, congratulated the Rajya Puraskar Awardee Scouts & Guides and lauded their contribution to the society. "With its aspirational vision, Scouts and Guides is leading the

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Culprits of Army Jawans' martyrdom would be punished soon: Chugh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Friday said that the Pakistan ISI's nefarious designs would never succeed in J&K as the people of the Union Territory have started looking up to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's path of peace and development.

Strongly condemning the

terror attack near Rajouri yesterday, Chugh said their sacrifice for the nation would not go waste.

While asserting that none of the culprits in this heinous crime would be spared, Chugh said "the entire nation pays homage to the martyrs of the Indian Army and will always stand by their families". He said J&K has entered a

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5 tourists among 6 injured in accident at Anantnag

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SRINAGAR: Five tourists were among six injured after the vehicle they were travelling in skidded off a road in Anantnag district on Friday, officials said.

Six people, including the five tourist and a local cab driver, were inside the vehicle when the accident happened in Pahalgam area, they said.

The five tourists included a woman and two children, the officials said. They were rushed to a hospital and their condition is stated to be stable, they said.

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Narendra Modi: Most sought after in Pakistan, eyesore for 'some' back home

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What an irony! Despite being the most sought after world leader in economically wreck and psychologically bankrupt Pakistan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is menacingly becoming an eyesore for a chronic section of compatriots back home.

Pakistanis say 'Hame Modi Chahiye' but some Indians yell 'Modi Teri Kabar Khudghi'. A day before facing a no-confidence vote in Pakistan National Assembly, Prime Minister Imran Khan had said no power can dictate terms to India because of Modi's foreign policy and Rahul Gandhi cries democracy gone in Lok Sabha days before being expelled as Member Parliament.

'Hamen Modi mil jaaye bas,' say Pakistani citizens in viral videos as Islamabad spirals into the worst kind of economic mayhem but some political adversaries raise slogans 'Mar Ja Modi'.

This is the truth of India. This is the depth of Indian opposition. This is the 'Hate Modi Toolkit' designed somewhere by enemies of the nation and implemented by the adver-

saries of the Prime Minister in their desperation to get away from the power corridors. Having lost the sense of entitlement, the elite Indian politicians can go to any extent because of hatred for Narendra Modi. They will not even desist from unleashing a public relations campaign for China by belittling India and undermining the valour of Indian armed forces. They will blindly believe what the establishments in China, Pakistan or other inimical countries say about India. They are not peeved just because of being rejected by the electors but due to Modi's efforts of reviving Indian heritage and culture. They are pained over the great Indian renaissance. They feel uncomfortable in Sanatanis getting together and becoming stronger. The government in New Delhi might have changed but the Congress mind-set of 'Minorities first right on Indian resources' remains intact.

That the Sanatanis are asserting their identity is somehow painful for the pseudo seculars and Marxists, who have ganged up against their own country.

The global scenario is, however, different. The world now knows the power India yields. The international community sees hope and promise in Narendra

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