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Govt to extend e-office to all offices, create online census management system

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Gymnasts bring laurels to J&K UT

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Union Govt sanctions Z+ security cover to AP Chief Altaf Bukhari STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Union government has sanctioned Z+ category VIP security cover to Jammu and Kashmir politician and Apni Party (AP) president Altaf sources Bukhari, Wednesday

The Union home ministry has accorded the cover of armed commandos that will be jointly provided by the Central Reserve Police

PM's five resolves will make India **developed country by 2047: LG**Delivers inaugural address at 3-day mega event PM's Panch Pran at JU



LG Manoj Sinha addressing inaugural session of 3-day mega event on PM's Panch Pran in Jammu University on Wednesday

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Talking about Amrit Kaal and referring to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Panch Pran-- to move the country ahead as a developed India, eradicating the mentality of slavery, be proud of India's heritage and legacy, strength of unity and solidarity and duties of citizens

towards the nation--Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday said these five resolves will make India a developed country by 2047.

"In 2047, when we celebrate 100 years of Independence, India will have the world's youngest and most skilled workforce.

Today we are the fifth largest economy in the world and in next 25 years, we will be a \$26 trillion economy", observed the Lt Governor Lieutenant Governor while addressing the inaugural session of the 3-day mega event on Panch Pran of Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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SP Traffic Jammu attached

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government on Wednesday attached SP Traffic (Rural) Jammu with J&K Police Headquarters.

"In the interest of administration, Ranjit Singh, SP Traffic (Rural), Jammu is attached with Police Headquarters, J&K, with immediate effect. M. Fiesel Qureshi, SP Traffic (City), Jammu shall hold the additional charge of the post of SP Traffic (Rural),

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Govt defers restructuring of Public Works (R&B) Deptt

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JAMMU: The government on Wednesday deferred the proposal about restructuring of the Public Works (R&B) Department.

"It is ordered that the restructuring of the Public Works (R&B) Department by way of re-organisation of cadre and rationalization of jurisdiction(s) ordered in terms in Government Order No. 22-JK(GAD) of

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Rahul main reason why I, many others left Cong; need to be 'spineless' to remain in that party: Azad

Air surcharge 50 paisa for Leh

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Veteran politician Ghulam Nabi Azad on Wednesday said Rahul Gandhi is the primary reason why he and many others are not in the Congress today and claimed that one has to be "spineless" to remain in the grand old party.

He further claimed that it is not in the hands of Congress Parliamentary Party chairperson Sonia Gandhi or even Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge to ensure his return in the party fold even if they wanted.

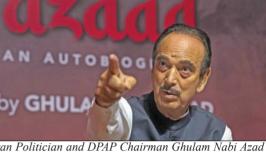
He asserted "it was too late" for him to do so even if Rahul Gandhi sought his return.

The veteran leader, who has since floated the Democratic Progressive Azad Party, said no one is "untouchable" in politics today and he could go with any party to form a government as he did not rule out going with the BJP, to be a part of a government in

Terrorist hideout unearthed in Ramban, mortar bomb seized

BANIHAL/JAMMU: Assorted ammunition, including a mortar bomb, was seized as security forces busted a terrorist hideout in the higher reaches of Ramban district, a police

The hideout was unearthed during a joint search operation by Army and police in Jamalwan forest on Tuesday evening, Deputy Superintendent of Police, headquarters Ramban, Pradeep Kumar



speaking at the release function of his new book "Azaad: An Autobiography" at New Delhi on Wednesday.

Jammu and Kashmir if both win once elections are held

Azad also noted that had Rahul Gandhi not torn the ordinance brought out by the UPA government in 2013 he would not have been disqualified today and described the then Union Cabinet as "weak" by not going ahead despite Gandhi tearing the ordinance.

Speaking about his new book "Azaad: An book Autobiography", which was released by former union minister and Sadr-i-Rivasat of the state of Jammu and Kashmir Dr Karan Singh, he said he continues to remain "2000 percent more Congressi" than those leaders who work through

The former Congress stalwart, who has worked with four Congress prime ministers and remained party general secretary for almost every state, quit the

CS reviews progress of vital NH projects



of vital NH projects during a meeting at Srinagar.

execution

Jaiswal

which included

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bridge

Udhampur-Ramban section,

Ramban flyover and tunnels.

meeting that work on these

vital projects is being expe-

dited to the fullest extent, CS

STATE TIMES NEWS

National General Secretary

Tarun Chugh, who is also

Telengana, on Wednesday

strongly condemned the

arrest of Telengana BJP

President Bandi Sanjay

Kumar in a raid at his resi-

Chugh said it was a cow-

ardly act of the police since

the BJP has launched a cam-

paign against the KCR gov-

"KCR is in panic on the

ernment and its corruption.

face of increasing unpopular-

ity of his government and is

dence in Karimnagar.

incharge

HYDERABAD:

was informed that

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STATE TIMES NEWS

Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Wednesday chaired a meeting to review the progress of vital projects of National Highway.

During the meeting, threadbare discussion were held on vital projects under

Theft at district court complex in Rajouri, ASI among 5 cops suspended STATE TIMES NÉWS

JAMMU: Some seized articles and case property were stolen from the district court complex in Rajouri, prompting the authorities to suspend five police personnel including an officer, and detain some suspects.

Officials said some thieves broke the locks of the 'Malkhana' of the district court complex in Rajouri last night and decamped with the items. They said an FIR has been registered in the case and investigation started.

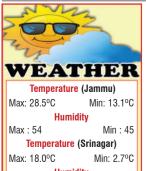
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185 outsiders bought land in J&K in last 3 years: Govt STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: As many as 185 people from outside Jammu and Kashmir have bought land in the Union Territory in the last three years, Rajya Sabha was informed on Wednesday.

Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai, however, said as per the

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PIL on preservation, conservation of Dal Lake DB seeks status report regarding steps taken for preservation of water-body

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) on preservation and conservation of Dal Lake, which was initiated in 2002 on basis of a letter of one Syed Iqbal Tahir Geelani, a student of 6th Semester LLB University of Kashmir, Srinagar, highlighting miserable conditions of various water bodies and lakes, a Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court comprising Justice Sanjeev Kumar and Justice Puneet Gupta directed updating status report regarding conservation and preservation

KCR IN PANIC

Telengana BJP Chief's arrest unconstitutional;

will launch state-wide agitation: Chugh

now resorting to undemocra-

tic and repressive measures

to stifle the voice of the

The BJP would launch a

statewide campaign to seek

BJP", he said

of the water-bodies in terms of the orders passed by the Court from time to time.

A Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court Comprising Justice Sanjeev Kumar and Justice Puneet Gupta after hearing Law Officer, LAWDA who submitted that order passed by this Court could not be complied with as the draft report is before the Government for approval and as and when necessary approval is accorded, a fresh report shall be submitted in this Court. On this, DB granted four weeks' time to file

release of the State president

from the illegal police cus-

tody and would intensify its

campaign against the KCR

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government, which

fresh status report. It is worthwhile to mention here that on Feb 27, 2023, DB granted two weeks time to

Government Advocate, who submitted that the Committee headed by the Principal Secretary to the Government of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Housing and Development Department, has already taken certain decisions with respect to the directions passed by this Court from time to time and that he will be placing on record the said decisions within two weeks by

2 accused in terror-related case who escaped police

custody arrested ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Two accused in a terror-related case, who escaped from police custody in Baramulla district, were traced and arrested hours later on Wednesday evening, police said.

They were in custody at the Baramulla police station and had escaped in the morning, a police official said.

During investigation, police collected and examined CCTV camera footage of the incident, he said.

Police had also appealed to people to provide any information about the two accused and had

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officer said on Wednesday.

reporters in Banihal.

Besides the 52 mm mortar bomb, the search

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CBI registers case for grabbing land worth crores ■ STATE TIMES NEWS tion by CBI into allegations JAMMU: The Central

Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has registered a case against Sominder Singh alias Saminder Singh alias Souray, son of Late Darshan Singh, resident of village Nan, Kuldeep Kour, wife of Late Darshan Singh, resident of village Nari, Tehsil R S Pura, Jammu and unknown public servants for grabbing land worth crores of rupees

According to CBI, Dr Mohammad Usman Khan, KAS, Deputy Secretary, GAD, Government of J&K conveyed the decision of Government for investigaregarding forgery of documents to grab prime land worth crores, on basis of a report received from Deputy Commissioner, Jammu. CBI after perusal of report,

which revealed prima facie criminal conspiracy hatched by the accused to grab prime land worth crores by use of forged documents and register a regular case against accused namely Saminder Singh alias Sourav, son of Late Darshan Singh, resident of village Nan, Kuldeep Kour, wife of Late Darshan Singh, resident of village Nari, Tehsil R S

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HM terrorist, JEI Chief among 4 charge-sheeted in terror funding case

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The National Investigation Agency on Wednesday filed a charge sheet against four people, including a Pakistan-based Hizbul Mujahideen terrorist and Jamaat-e-Islami (JEI) chief. in a terror funding case here, an official said.

The 'Al Huda Educational Trust (AHET)' terror funding case was registered in September last year after investigations revealed that despite being declared as unlawful association in 2019, the JEI had set up the trust to mobilise funds to further its anti-India agenda, a

spokesperson of the federal agency said.

The NIA said it filed the charge sheet in the NIA Special Court after extensive investigations and multiple raids in Jammu and Kashmir.

"A Pak-based Hizbul Mujahideen terrorist Mushtaq Ahmed Mir alias 'Mushtaq Zargar', is among the four individuals/entities named in the charge sheet.

"Others charged in the case are AHET, Mohd Amir Shamshi, a 'rukun' (primary member) of JEI and chairperson of AHET, and (JEI chief) Abdul Hamid Ganai alias 'Hamid Fayaz' of Shopian," the spokesperson

The official said all four have been charged under various sections of Unlawful Activities (Prevention)Act and the Indian Penal Code.

"Investigations revealed that Shamshi was responsible for the day-today working of AHET, which was formed by JEI with the explicit purpose of mobilising funds to carry on its secessionist activities in Jammu

"He collected funds for

US and German hypocrisy



Donald Trump would go in the annals of history as the first former US President to face criminal charges. A New York Court has indicted him on 34 counts, the main being the charges of paying \$

130,000 to a film star before his 2016 sucessful presidential election. Since he was fingerprinted, Trump was considered to have been arrested for appearing before a court and undergoing the judicial procedure. And, thus the law took its own course.

The developments involving Trump, before and after the event, certainly hogged headlines the world over but no official reaction from any country-obviously so because it was a domestic issue of a sovereign country. The US must be appreciating the non-interference of the foreign governments.

However, the self-styled global cop does not appreciate the sensitivities of the other nations, especially the world's largest democracy India. Shamelessly the US State Department poked its nose into conviction and disqualification of the Congress leader Rahul Gandhi by a Surat Court after undergoing an elaborate judicial process, as per the law of the land. Accordingly, as per the People's Representation Act, the Gandhi scion lost his Lok Sabha membership. Instead of appreciating and understanding the Indian procedure, the US State Department came up with an unwarranted, unethical and uncalled for observation with its main Deputy Spokesperson Vedant Patel saying, "respect for the rule of law and judicial independence is a cornerstone of any democracy. We're watching Mr. Gandhi's case in Indian courts, and we engage with the Government of India on our shared commitment to democratic values - including, of course, freedom of expression". This is how the US is encouraging racist comments by Indian leaders. He also parroted the same rants 'protection of human rights' and 'democratic principles'. What is the locus standi of the US in interfering with India's internal matters? Who

should have told the US to 'shut-up'. But 'no', the comments were soothing and serving like oxygen to the Congress on its last breaths. On the contrary, the Congress's loose cannon, not as loose as Rahul Gandhi himself, Digvijay Singh expressed his gratitude to Germany for making similar remarks after the court conviction and disqualification of the Congress MP from the Lok Sabha. The Germany Foreign Ministry spokesperson had told reporters that Berlin had "taken note" of the verdict, and was watching the next steps, including his ability to appeal the verdict and whether the suspension of his mandate" was justified. "[Germany] expects that standards of judicial independence and fundamental democratic principles will equally apply to the proceedings against Rahul Gandhi.

Highly elated and indebted Digvijay Singh responded: Thank you Germany Foreign Affairs Ministry and Richard Walker @rbsw for taking note of how the Democracy is being compromised in India through perseare they to 'watch' or 'monitor' as to what is happening constitutionally, democratically cution of @RahulGandhi and legally in India? The Congress, which

The Congress is itching to make India a

colony, only because it has been deprived of its assumed right of ruling the country, and that too by a family, directly or indirectly though remote control. India has shown tremendous grace and grit in meeting the global challenges, especially post 2014 when the Congress, after losing power, maligned and defamed the nation--in its hate-Modi state of mind, by

seeking interference from the world powers. The grand old party did not feel any shame or remorse in 'seeking the assistance' from even the failed state of Pakistan, India's chronic enemy in the backyards. The campaign is going on. It witnessed all time low when the disqualified and convicted Rahul Gandh, prior to the legal and administrative developments, had virtually sought the intervention of the US and the UK during his visit to Cambridge University, saying that Europe and the US are not doing enough to restore democracy in India as they are getting trade and money from the

What if the US gets back from other countries what it stated on Rahul Gandhi's conviction and disqualification? The hypocrites!

and Kashmir.

JEI, J&K, through the

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SC refuses to entertain plea of 14 parties alleging misuse of central probe agencies STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Observing that politicians do not have "higher immunity", the Supreme Court Wednesday refused to entertain a plea by 14 political parties led by the Congress alleging arbitrary use of central probe agencies against opposition leaders, asserting that laying down guidelines without facts of a criminal case will be a "very dangerous" proposition.

A bench of Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justice J B Pardiwala expressed disinclination to entertain the petition, saying courts are always there for taking up the grievances of political leaders as they do for common citizens.

"I think that in the absence of the specific fact, for

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