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06:57 (APRIL 7)

**LeT terrorist associate arrested in Bandipora**

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Security forces have arrested a terrorist associate of the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) in Bandipora district, police said on Thursday. On specific information regarding the

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## Modi exudes confidence of BJP's win in 2024 LS polls Slams oppn for 'Badshahi mindset'

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Setting his sights on BJP win in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday asked party workers not to be complacent as there is a view that "no one can defeat" the party next year, and slammed the Opposition for a "badshahi" mindset and insulting poor and backward classes.

Addressing BJP members at the party's 44th foundation day, he said those fighting an "existential battle" have become desperate at the



exposure of their corruption and are conspiring against his government, which

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## Budget session concludes; productivity suffers due to daily adjournments, disruptions

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: The Budget session of Parliament ended on Thursday amid noisy protests by the Opposition over the Adani issue, a matter which virtually washed out the 25-day-long second leg and all six bills including the crucial Finance Bill were passed without any debate.

As both the houses were adjourned sine die, the productivity of Lok Sabha was 34.38 per cent, the only time it was lower was in the Monsoon Session of 2021,

while Rajya Sabha worked for around 24 per cent of its scheduled time, according to a think-tank.

When Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar were delivering their valedictory addresses in the respective Houses, opposition members were raising slogans.

While the Opposition pressed for a probe by a joint parliamentary committee into the Adani issue,

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## Modi took tough decisions without any confusion: Amit Shah

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SALANGPUR (GUJ): Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken some tough decisions without any confusion and also maintained peace and tranquillity in the country while implementing them.

Shah was referring to some of the big projects of religious and cultural significance including renovation of the

## HC quashes new VDG policy to extent of SPOs

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Justice Sanjeev Kumar of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court has quashed new Government policy on Village Defence Group (VDG) to the extent of SPOs.

Justice Sanjeev Kumar, after hearing battery of lawyers for petitioners, whereas Vishal Sharma, Deputy Solicitor General of India with Eishan Dadhihi, CGSC for Union of India whereas Sr AAG Monika Kohli for the UT, while allowing the bunch of petitions, observed that the Court is not fully convinced

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## LG meets martyr civilian Sanjay Sharma's family



Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha meeting family members of martyr civilian Sanjay Sharma at Raj Bhawan on Thursday.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha met the family members of martyr civilian Sanjay Sharma at Raj Bhawan, here on Thursday.

Sanjay Sharma was martyred by terrorists in Pulwama on 26th February, 2023.

The Lt Governor expressed heartfelt sympathies with the family members of the

Martyr and assured every possible assistance and support to the family by the administration.

The Kashmiri Pandit family, which stayed put

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## Court rejects bail of three accused in SI recruitment scam

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: 2nd Additional Sessions Judge Jammu Balbir Lal Jaswal has rejected bail applications of Ashish Yadav, Sunrender Singh and Pawan Kumar, who are in custody in much publicized SI recruitment Scam.

While rejecting bail applications, 2nd Additional Sessions Judge Jammu Balbir Lal Jaswal after hearing Adv Vivek Gaur for applicants whereas Vijay Kumar APP for the CBI and DP Singh APP, observed that in

present case, the exam for the post of Sub Inspector J&K Police has been leaked by accused, thereby damaging the future of younger generation. Court further observed that facts of the case are serious in nature if the factum is evaluated and accused succeeded in their design undeserving candidates are allowed to secure the top positions. "It does not merely deprive the deserving candidates, it will also deprive the society

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