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Big, powerful people in India, abroad joined hands to remove me from power: Modi

STATE TIMES NEWS
CHIKKABALLAPURA/BE
NGALURU: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said big and powerful people in India and abroad have joined hands to remove him from power.
Modi also attacked the Congress government in the state.
Citing recent incidents of the bomb blast in Bengaluru and the murder of a girl student in Hubballi in north Karnataka, he urged the people of the state to be alert about Congress, and also accused the party's government here of being "focused on corruption."
"Mothers and sisters have come in a large number here. Your struggle and the challenges you face to nurture your family, Modi has seen this in his house. These days big and powerful people in the country and abroad have united to remove Modi," he said.



"But, because of Nari Shakti and Maatru Shakti's blessings and Suraksha kavach (safety armour), Modi is able to move on fighting challenges," he said addressing campaign rallies in Chikkaballapura and here.
"Serving mothers, sisters and daughters and protecting them is Modi's priority," the PM said, listing out measures taken by his government for women's welfare

and former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda who shared the stage with him, for his energy and commitment at the age of 90, Modi said he too draws inspiration from him.
"His (Gowda) commitment towards Karnataka, the pain in his heart for the plight of Karnataka today and the 'josh' in his voice, is the testimony for Karnataka's bright future," he said, as he thanked Gowda for his "blessings".
The JD(S) joined the NDA in September last year.
Earlier, in his speech at Chikkaballapura rally, Gowda hit out at Congress, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar over a sarcasm-laced newspaper advertisement campaign alleging that the Modi government's gift to Karnataka was empty 'Chombu' (a small, round water container).
Praising JD(S) patriarch

Terrorist hideout busted in Reasi

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A terrorist hideout was busted in Reasi district on Saturday, leading to seizure of some incriminating material, police said.
The hideout was busted in Dalas Barnali area in Arnas sub division during a search and cordon operation, which was launched following reliable information about its presence, a police

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Inclusive Elections: Absentee voters cast votes via postal ballot in Jammu

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Jammu Parliamentary Constituency has observed a seamless exercise of electoral rights by essential services employees. The Returning Officer, Sachin Kumar Vaishya, has confirmed that these employees, registered under the Absentee Voters category, have successfully cast their votes at designated postal voting centres on Saturday. This development comes

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LG for ensuring adequate power supply during summer season



LG Manoj Sinha chairing a review meeting of Power Development Deptt in Jammu.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday called for ensuring adequate availability of power during the summer season.
Chairing a review meeting of the Power Development Department, the Lieutenant Governor also stressed upon raising awareness on 'PM-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana' scheme through which the households will be able to save electricity bills as well as earn additional income through sale of sur-

plus power to DISCOMs.
He stressed the need for streamlining the process for new power connections for the ease of consumers.
The Lt Governor discussed the power situation and reviewed the progress of key power projects. He took stock of the measures taken to curb AT&C losses, capacity additions, and the progress registered on smart meter installation.
Addressing the concerns over power theft, the Lieutenant Governor highlighted the need for height-

ened enforcement efforts on the ground.
The meeting also discussed the progress on underground cabling project for the Grid connectivity of the Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra (from Rayil Pathri to Holy Cave and from Sangam top to Panjtarini).
The Lt Governor instructed the officials to ensure timely completion of work before the commencement of the holy Yatra.
Various matters pertaining to power supply during

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19 Inspectors transferred to ACB J&K

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Director General of Police (DGP) has ordered transfer of 19 Inspectors of J&K Police to Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) J&K.
According to the order, the Inspectors, who have been transferred to ACB J&K include Pushapjeet Singh, Arun Kotwal, Manoj Kumar, Karnail Singh, Yash Paul, Vishal Kumar, Vishal Kumar, Ravinder Kumar, Atul Singh Rakhwal, Aijaz Ahmad, Muneer Ahmad, Rayees Ahmad, Tariq Ahmad, Rabinder Singh, Davinder Singh, Mohd Hafiz, Peerzada Bashir,

Showkat Ahmad and Bahar Ahmad.
"Moreover, Inspector Suresh Kumar upon his promotion to the present rank vide PHQ Order No 3467 of 2023 dated December 12, 2023, has been adjusted in Armed Zone and further transferred to ACB J&K for further duties. The post of Sub-Inspector held by the officer during his incumbency in CID is restored to Armed Zone," it added.
Further, Inspector Inder Dev Sharma has been transferred from ACB J&K to PHQ for further duties with immediate effect, it stated.

Evaluate, enhance strategies to thwart potential terror activities: IGP

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Kashmir IGP V K Birdi has directed security forces in the valley to evaluate and enhance existing strategies to thwart any potential terror activities to ensure public safety and uphold the integrity of the electoral process, police said on Saturday.
The Kashmir zone IGP chaired a joint security coordination meeting at Avantipora in south Kashmir's Pulwama district on Friday, a police spokesman said.
Birdi, along with IGP CRPF, and GOC Victor Force of the Army held a joint security review meeting which was attended by senior officers of the police, CRPF, and Army. The meeting was also attended by DIG CKR, DIG SKR, all sector commanders of Victor Force, DIGs of CRPF Anantnag /SKOR and all SsPs of South Kashmir, SSP Budgam and all COs of RR & CRPF units deployed in South

BJP defends decision not to field candidates from 3 LS seats in Kashmir

Expresses gratitude for massive turn-out in Kathua-Udhampur-Doda PC

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Facing criticism for not putting up candidates on the three Lok Sabha seats in the Kashmir valley, Jammu and Kashmir BJP on Saturday said sometimes "decisions are made to achieve a big goal" and the BJP is supporting "patriotic" parties.
Jammu and Kashmir BJP chief Ravinder Raina said the party is finalising its strategy under the leadership of national president J P Nadda on the three seats of Anantnag-Rajouri, Srinagar and Baramulla on providing

support to the contesting candidates as he requested people to reject the Congress, National Conference and PDP for the larger interest of the region.
Raina said this while addressing a press conference before chairing a high-level meeting at party office here, which was attended by Union Minister Jitendra Singh, national general secretary, incharge J&K, Tarun Chugh and others.
"We were desirous of fighting the elections from all the three Lok Sabha seats in Kashmir on our own

strength. But sometimes different decisions are made to achieve a big goal, setting aside personal interests. We are supporting those parties who are patriotic, working for betterment of Kashmir, strengthening peace and brotherhood and eager to serve the society," Raina said.
Without identifying any such candidate or the party, he said they will soon meet Nadda and other central leaders to discuss the strategy and will reveal the names so that the BJP workers and supporters can vote for them.
"We will work in accordance

217 cases of MACT, bank recovery resolved amicably in Special Lok Adalat

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Under the patronage of Justice N. Kotiswar Singh, Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh & Patron-in-Chief, J&K Legal Services Authority and with the approval of Justice Tashi Rabstan, Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority as well as under the guidance of Justice Sindhu Sharma, Chairperson, High Court Legal Services Committee, a Special Lok Adalat was organized throughout the UT of J&K on Saturday, with special emphasis on amicable settlement of MACT and Bank Recovery Cases that were pending disposal before various courts in UT of J&K.
As per the data received from various District Legal Services Authorities, UT of J&K, a total of 667 cases were taken up in the Special Lok Adalat, out of which 217 cases were amicably settled involving a total amount of Rs. 6,83,11,343/- giving a huge relief to the litigants. District Ganderbal emerged as front runner with amicable resolution of 50 cases out of 53 cases taken up in the Special Lok Adalat.
Amit Kumar Gupta,

Member Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority while talking to media persons informed that this was the fourth Special Lok Adalat of the current calendar year and the next special lok Adalat shall be held on Saturday, May 17, 2024 focusing on the settlement of consumer cases pending disposal in different consumer forums within the UT of J&K. He urged the Advocates in general and the litigants in particular to take maximum benefit of such Special Lok Adalats which are being organized by

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WEATHER
Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 31.9°C Min: 16.8°C
Humidity
Max: 57 Min: 36
Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 19.3°C Min: -1.2°C
Humidity
Max: 83 Min: 63
Sunset: 19:03 Hours
Sunrise: 05:54 Hours

Cong unleashed stigma of having UNO Lane T.Tillo, UNMO Hq Sonawar

ANZIOR SPECIAL REPORT
JAMMU: For over seven decades, Indians in general and the people of Jammu and Kashmir in particular have been happily living with the stigma of having the presence of United Nations Military Observer Group headquarters in their backyards in the Jammu and Srinagar cities. Citizens fondly call two localities as UNO Lane in Talab Tillo, Jammu and UNO Chowk, Sonawar in Srinagar, forgetting that these are the symbols of the Congress's colossal blunder that inflicted scars on the national pride and causes miseries to minorities in Kashmir, latest in early 1990 and earlier during the holocaust of Kabali Raid in the Valley via Baramulla on October 22, 1947.
The Congress and its ally the National Conference gave 'terrorism' respectability of 'Kabali Raid'. Pakistan has never admitted that the rogue country had Pakistan Army regulars in the guise of Kabalis, as it has been denying its role in 1965 'Mujahideen

influx' and 1990s sponsorship of terrorists. The Congress and the National Conference willingly acknowledged the Pakistan line of 'Kabalis' for terrorists from her army and 'misguided youth' for Talbani, Jammati Jihadis. This is the irony of India under Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and the Congress.
On April 13, 2024, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, significantly rightly observed that in 1947, Pakistan sent tribal invaders into Kashmir and the Army countered them and the integration of the state took place, he pointed out: "While the Indian Army was taking its action, we stopped and went to the UN and mentioned the work of tribal invaders instead of terrorism. If we, from the very start, were clear that Pakistan is using terrorism, then we would have had a very different policy."
India, under Prime Minister Nehru, approached the UN Security Council in 1948 with the plea that Pakistan has unleashed an attack on the State of Jammu and Kashmir with the motive of annexing it, despite the fact that Maharaja Hari Singh had formally acceded to the Indian Union on 26 October 1947. In the first instance, New Delhi should not have gone to the UN at all and then accepted its

Military Observers on its soil in J&K. The UN established two group headquarters at Talab Tillo in Jammu and Sonawar in Srinagar. Ironically, what transpired later continued to remain a huge shock and stigma for years to come. The Security Council, has time and again blatantly favoured Pakistan and made her a party to the dispute instead of declaring her an aggressor. The trauma and stigma continued for decades, with the people, under the political banner of the Kashmir centric parties, reconciling with this fact happily till the Narendra Modi Government made up its mind not to tolerate chronic humiliation anymore. What is being circulated on social media now does not only reflect the public mood but their longing to regain national pride. Social media is abuzz with observations like, "The stigma that was there for 74 years was removed in just 30 minutes... India was suffering from a poisonous insect for the last 74 years, whose name is United Nations Military Observer Group UNMO".
With the Modi government in command, the day is not far when the UNMO will be shown the door. The sentiment of the people against the group is overwhelming.

New criminal justice laws signify watershed moment for our society: CJI

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Hailing the enactment of the new criminal justice laws as a watershed moment for society, Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud on Saturday said India is set for a significant overhaul of its criminal justice system.
Speaking at a conference here on 'India's Progressive Path in the Administration of Criminal Justice System', he said the new laws would be successful if those, who are in charge of implementing them, adapt to them.
These new laws have transitioned India's legal frame-



work on criminal justice into a new age, the CJI said.
He also said much-needed improvements have been introduced to protect the interests of victims and carry out investigation and prosecution of offences efficiently.
"India is set for a significant overhaul of its criminal justice system with the upcoming implementation of three new criminal laws... These laws signify a watershed moment for our society because no law affects the day-to-day

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