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**STATE TIMES**

## Shah skips Darjeeling rally as helicopter fails to land due to inclement weather

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**DARJEELING:** Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday could not attend a scheduled election rally in Darjeeling town of West Bengal as his helicopter failed to land due to inclement weather, a party leader said.

Shah was scheduled to address the rally in support of Lok Sabha seat, Raju Bista.



Lok Sabha seat, Raju Bista. "Amit Shah ji's visit to

Darjeeling had to be cancelled as his helicopter failed to land in Darjeeling because of bad weather," he said.

Later, while talking to reporters, Bista, who is the local MP, said Shah might come to the hills at a later date before Darjeeling Lok Sabha seat goes to polls on April 26.

Local BJP leaders addressed the gathering.

## Chhattisgarh: ED arrests retired IAS officer Tuteja in liquor 'scam' case

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**RAIPUR:** Days after filing a fresh case, the Enforcement Directorate has arrested retired Chhattisgarh IAS officer Anil Tuteja in connection with a Rs 2,000 crore alleged liquor scam linked money laundering case in the state, official sources said on Sunday.



The officer retired from service last year. He was last designated as joint secretary in the industry and commerce department of Chhattisgarh.

The ED had filed a fresh money laundering case in the alleged liquor scam case after the Supreme Court recently quashed its earlier FIR that was based on an Income Tax Department complaint. The apex court ruled there was no scheduled offence and hence the money laundering case does not stand.

The agency, just before this ruling, had shared details of its probe in the case with the state EOW/ACB seeking registration of a criminal case and once they filed a FIR, the ED registered a new money laundering case taking cognizance of that complaint.

The EOW/ACB registered this FIR on January 17,

about a month after the BJP defeated the incumbent Congress government in the assembly polls, and named 70 individuals and companies, including former excise minister Kawasi Lakshma, former chief secretary Vivek Dhand and others.

The ED has estimated the alleged "proceeds of crime" in the case at Rs 2,161 crore.

Money was "illegally" collected from "every" bottle of liquor sold in Chhattisgarh and evidence of "unprecedented" corruption and money laundering of Rs 2,000 crore generated by an alcohol syndicate led by Anwar Dhebar, the elder brother of Raipur Mayor and Congress leader Aijaz Dhebar, has been unearthed, the ED had alleged.

Slamming the BJP government in the state, former chief minister and Congress leader Bhupesh Baghel earlier had said that the EOW/ACB action was politically motivated.

For the last three years, the ED and Income Tax Department were probing the cases and now they have recommended the ACB to register an offence, Baghel said.

"Earlier the names of several of our party leaders did not come up in the probe but now

their names have been mentioned in the (EOW/ACB) FIRs. It has been done to defame them ahead of the Lok Sabha polls..." Baghel had told reporters.

Refuting these claims, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai had said that the ED was "an independent agency and it has been doing its job. It has nothing to do with elections."

Anwar Dhebar, businessman Arvind Singh and Arunpuri Tripathi, an Indian Telecom Service (ITS) officer and special secretary of the excise department, were arrested by the EOW/ACB as part of the January registered FIR.

Anwar Dhebar and Tripathi were arrested by the ED as part of the quashed FIR too.

It has also been alleged by the ED in the past that "bribe" was collected from distillers in the state on a per liquor case basis procured from the CSMCL (state body for purchase and sale of liquor) and country liquor was being sold off-the-books.

"In this (country liquor) case, not even Rs 1 reached the state exchequer and all the sale proceeds were pocketed by the syndicate. The illegal liquor was sold from state-run shops only," the

agency had alleged.

The ED has claimed that "bribes" were taken from distillers to allow them to make a cartel and have fixed market share.

"This cartel was exclusively a supplier (of liquor) for the state of Chhattisgarh," the ED said, adding the "commission" was also generated from the sale of foreign liquor in the state.

It alleged the syndicate also "manufactured and sold" illicit liquor in the state entirely on cash with no income tax or excise duty being paid.

"The entire sale consideration was siphoned off with each person getting its share, including distiller; transporter; hologram maker; bottle maker; excise department officials and their higher echelons, Anwar Dhebar, senior IAS officers and politicians."

"ED investigation has found that between the years 2019 and 2022, this kind of illegal sale was almost 30-40 per cent of the total sales of liquor in the state," the agency claimed.

The agency alleged that the commission generated through this illegal sale of liquor was shared "as per the directions from the highest political executives of the state."

## Opposition parties trying hard to save their dynasties: Nadda



**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**MUMBAI:** Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) president J P Nadda on Sunday criticised the opposition parties, claiming they were trying hard to save their dynastic politics.

Addressing a rally in Maharashtra's Buldhana district, Nadda said the BJP provided a stable government in the last 10 years and crucial issues like the practice of instant triple talaq and the Ram temple construction in Ayodhya were resolved under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership.

Targeting the opposition, he said political parties earlier used to make tall claims in their manifesto

and forget their implementation after coming to power.

"The opposition parties in the country are now trying hard to save their dynastic politics, be it the Sharad Pawar-led NCP (SP) or Uddhav Thackeray's Shiv Sena (UBT)," Nadda said.

The BJP offered a stable government in the last 10 years that helped in resolving crucial issues like the triple talaq and Ram temple construction, he said.

"We also provided hundreds of thousands of homes to the homeless people and increased the reach of various government schemes, offering a comfortable life to the rural people," he said.

The BJP-led government also came up with the Citizenship (Amendment) Act that now offers Indian citizenship to persecuted Hindus, Parsis and Christians (from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan who have come to India), Nadda said.

The Congress never took such steps to help them, he said.

"After Modi came to power, politics of the country changed and became more accountable to the people. In a way, it has become more responsible," Nadda said.

Polling in the Buldhana and seven other Lok Sabha seats in Maharashtra will be held on April 26.

## Delhi HC to hear on Monday CM Kejriwal's plea against ED summons in excise case

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**NEW DELHI:** The Delhi High Court will on Monday hear Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's petition challenging the summons issued to him by the Enforcement Directorate in connection with its probe into an excise policy-linked money laundering case.

Kejriwal, arrested by the agency on March 21 after the high court refused to grant him interim protection from coercive action, has also challenged the constitutional validity of certain provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act with respect to arrest, questioning and grant of bail.

The plea is scheduled for hearing before the bench of Justice Suresh Kumar Kait

and Justice Manoj Jain.

The AAP national convenor had approached the high court in the wake of the ninth summons issued by the ED asking him to appear before it on March 21. The high court bench on March 20 asked the ED to file its reply with respect to the maintainability of the petition.

The next day, it asked ED to also respond to Kejriwal's plea seeking protection from arrest, saying "at this stage" it was not inclined to grant any interim relief. Kejriwal was arrested by ED later that evening and is presently in judicial custody.

The federal probe agency has alleged that the accused were in touch with Kejriwal for formulating the now-

## Many extreme events of 2023 in line with predictions of warmer world, study finds

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**NEW DELHI:** Multiple regions across the world simultaneously experiencing heat extremes could become an "emerging feature" of a warmer planet, according to a new study.

The new research that reviewed the weather and climate of 2023 also said that many of the extreme events experienced last year are consistent with predictions previously made about a warmer world.

Change in seasonality of extreme events too is another trend the researchers observed.

"We are seeing extremes appearing in seasons in which they are usually less likely. Heat waves, for example, appeared in spring 2023 in south western Europe, Brazil, Morocco and South Africa," Robin Clark of the Met Office in the UK, a co-author of the study published in the journal Advances in Atmospheric Science, said. Further, multiple regions across the world simultaneously experiencing heat extremes could become an "emerging feature" of a warmer planet, the researchers said.

Many regions of North America, southern Europe, northern Africa, and Asia together experienced a record-breaking hot extremes in the month of July last year.

The team also found that intense cyclones exacerbated rainfall extremes such as the Libya flooding in September and the North China flooding in July 2023. They said that an increased occurrences of such events too are in line with projections about the future under continued global warming.

"Many of 2023's events are consistent with projected future changes in a warmer world, showing the challenges that are to come, while some were a surprise, suggesting there is still more to learn about what's potentially around the corner," Wenxia Zhang from the Institute of



Atmospheric Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences, and the lead author of the paper, said.

Droughts in California in the US and the Horn of Africa transitioned into floods in 2023, and more of such events are projected to occur in the coming decades, the authors said.

The compounding effects of drought-to-flood events can be more severe compared to when floods and droughts occur separately, they said.

The researchers also found that wildfires, such as those that occurred in Hawaii and Canada last year, are causing widespread damage, along with threatening emissions targets aimed at limiting global warming.

Ecosystems have come under immense pressure due to wildfires, they said.

The authors called for improved predictions and early warning systems to be better prepared for climate hazards.

## Tirthankaras' teachings of non-violence getting new relevance as wars break out: PM Modi

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**NEW DELHI:** Teachings of Indian Tirthankaras have gained a new relevance at a time when "many countries are getting into wars", Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Sunday and asserted that India is making a place for itself as "Vishwa Bandhu in a divided world".



Addressing the 2,550th Bhagwan Mahaveer Nirvan Mahotsav here, Modi also said India is now projecting the principles of truth and non-violence on the global fora as a solution to the problems in the world, and its cultural image is playing a big role in it as well.

The prime minister also released a commemorative stamp and a coin on the occasion and thanked the Jain community for their blessings. He said his government put emphasis on promoting heritage as well as material development when it came to power in 2014 at a time when the country was engulfed in despair, a swipe at the previous UPA dispensation.

He cited his government's promotion of Indian heritage like yoga and Ayurveda, asserting that the country's new generation now believes that self-pride is its identity.

He praised the dance drama 'Vartaman Mein Vardhaman' that was show-

cased on the occasion and said the dedication of the youth towards the values of Bhagwan Mahaveer is a sign of the nation moving forward in the right direction.

Modi also bowed before the Jain saints present at the event and conveyed his best wishes to all on the auspicious occasion of Mahaveer Jayanti on Sunday.

In his address, he said the "teachings of our Tirthankaras have gained a new relevance in the time when, globally, many countries are getting into wars".

Tirthankaras are gurus or preachers of Jainism.

Modi recalled the philosophies such as Anekantavada and Syadvada that teach people to look at all the aspects and embrace the views of others too.

Today, humanity is expecting peace from India in these times of conflict, he said.

The "new role" of this "New

India" is being credited to India's growing capabilities and foreign policy. "But, I want to tell you that our cultural image has a big role in it," he said.

"Today we put forward the principles of truth and non-violence with full confidence on the global fora. We tell the world that the solution to global problems is found in the ancient Indian culture and tradition. This is why India is making a place for itself as 'Vishwa Bandhu' in a divided world", the prime minister added.

He mentioned India's initiatives such as Mission LiFE for combating climate change and the vision of 'One Earth One Family and One Future' along with a roadmap of One World-One Sun-One Grid and International Solar Alliance.

During his address, Modi also paid tributes to Acharya Shri Vidyasagar Maharaj

who passed away in February and recalled his recent meeting with him, saying "his blessings are still guiding us". Referring to the Lok Sabha polls, he said a big festival of democracy is happening "and, the country believes from here a new journey into future will also begin".

The prime minister also suggested to the audience that they should use their franchise early in the day and added in a lighter vein that saints have links to lotus, a flower often used in holy events which also is the BJP's poll symbol.

"We are celebrating Bhagwan Mahaveer's Nirvan Divas even after 2500 years and I'm sure that the nation will continue to celebrate his values for thousands of years to come", he said.

He asked people to follow the teachings of Bhagwan Mahaveer as revival of those values is the demand of the time.

The prime minister said that Jainism is the path of 'jin' or the victorious.

The event is a rare occasion and is happening at the beginning of 'Amrit Kaal', Modi said, adding the country is working to make centenary year of freedom a "golden centenary".

Prime Minister Modi underlined that the idea of

## LS polls: TN records 69.72 per cent voter turnout

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**CHENNAI:** Tamil Nadu recorded a voter turnout of 69.72 per cent during the April 19 elections to 39 Lok Sabha constituencies, the Election Commission announced on Sunday.

According to the "end of poll voter turnout data as uploaded by the respective Returning Officers," released by the Election Commission of India, Dharmapuri recorded the highest turnout of 81.20 per cent.

Central Chennai witnessed the lowest of 53.96 per cent.

## Confident civil servants will continue to serve fellow citizens with nation first spirit: Prez



**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**NEW DELHI:** President Droupadi Murmu on Sunday greeted civil servants on Civil Services Day, and expressed confidence that they will continue to serve fellow citizens with the spirit of "nation first".

April 21 is celebrated as Civil Services Day and is an occasion for bureaucrats to rededicate themselves to the cause of citizens and renew their commitments to public service and excellence in work.

"Greetings to all civil servants on Civil Services Day! You have carried forward the great legacy of working for the progress of the country with indefatigable spirit. Our civil services always face the challenge to adapt quickly to the dynamic environment,

while upholding the three fundamental values Sardar Patel underlined in his speech on this day in 1947 - dignity, integrity and incorruptibility," she said. "I am confident you will continue to serve the fellow citizens with the spirit of Nation First. My best wishes to you in this endeavour," Murmu said in a post on X.

The day commemorates the address of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the first home minister of independent India, to Administrative Services Officers on probation in 1947 at Metcalf House, Delhi. He had referred to civil servants as the "steel frame of India".

The first Civil Services Day function was held in Vigyan Bhawan here on April 21, 2006.

## Lawlessness prevailing in Bengal under Mamata Banerjee dispensation: Rajnath

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JALANCI (WB):** Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday alleged that lawlessness was prevailing in West Bengal under the Mamata Banerjee-led dispensation.

He said that despite the state having a woman chief minister, incidents like Sandeshkhali were taking place.

"There is lawlessness in West Bengal under the Mamata Banerjee dispensation," Singh said, addressing an election rally here in Murshidabad Lok Sabha

constituency in favour of BJP candidate Gouri Shankar Ghosh.

He also said that "people across the world were ashamed" over the allegations of atrocities on women in Sandeshkhali.

Some local TMC leaders have been accused of committing sexual atrocities on women as well as grabbing land of villagers, including tribals, at Sandeshkhali in North 24 Parganas district.

"Goons are ruling the roost here and people are afraid," Singh claimed.