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IAF has stood like strong wall for country's security: Rajnath

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CHANDIGARH: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday recalled the contribution and role of the Indian Air Force (IAF) in different wars since Independence and said it has stood like a "strong wall" in protection of the nation.

Addressing a gathering after inaugurating development projects for Chandigarh, he also said India has always stood for truth, justice and humanity. At a separate event, the defence minister inaugurated the IAF heritage centre.

Singh also paid tributes



Shiromani Akali Dal patriarch, the late, Parkash Singh Badal.

Remembering the valour of

air warriors in ensuring victories in different wars, Singh said the IAF

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Two civilians killed in MiG-21 crash, pilot safe

JAIPUR: A MiG-21 fighter aircraft of the Indian Air Force (IAF) crashed in Hanumangarh district of Rajasthan on Monday, leaving at least two civilians dead and as many injured on the ground, police said.

The pilot of the aircraft is safe, District Collector Rukmani Riar said.

Bikaner Inspector General of Police Om Prakash said two people have died and as many injured in the plane crash in Pilibanga

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Schools for students up to class 8 closed in 3 districts due to rains

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU/SRINAGAR: All schools for students up to class 8 in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban, Doda and Kishtwar districts were closed on Monday due to heavy rains, officials said.

Fresh snowfall was experienced in the upper reaches of Kishtwar, Doda, Reasi and Ramban districts of the Jammu region while heavy rains hit several other districts.

In view of the flooding situation triggered by heavy rains, schools were closed by authorities in Ramban, Doda and Kishtwar districts. "All schools, both

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BJP asks ECI to revoke registration of Congress Sonia's remarks in Karnataka threat to sovereignty: BJP

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The BJP on Monday demanded that the Congress party's registration with the Election Commission of India must be revoked immediately in view of Sonia Gandhi's tweet that talks about threat to sovereignty of the state.

A delegation of senior BJP leaders led by Union Ministers Bhupendra Yadav, Dr Jitendra Singh and BJP national general secretary Tarun Chugh called on the chief election commissioner and presented him a memorandum demanding immedi-



Delegation of senior BJP leaders led by Union Ministers Bhupendra Yadav, Dr Jitendra Singh and BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh after meeting ECI at New Delhi.

ate action against the Congress and its leader Sonia Gandhi. The memorandum demanded that since

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3.1-magnitude earthquake jolts Kashmir

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: An earthquake of 3.1 magnitude jolted the Kashmir valley on Monday as panicked residents rushed out of their homes and work places for safety. The tremor, measured 3.1 on Richter scale, had its epicentre in Baramulla district of north Kashmir at a depth of 10 kilometres, the National Center for Seismology said. The earthquake occurred at 14:28 hours of Indian Standard Time, it said. Officials said there were no reports of any damages due to the quake.

Azad visits migrant KP community at Jagti township, promises their return with dignity

'Migrant Kashmiri Pandits resolve to support DPAP's progressive vision for J&K'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Democratic Progressive Azad Party Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad has said that he will make all efforts to ensure return Kashmiri migrant Pandits to their respective homes in Kashmir with respect and dignity.

Azad said this while addressing the Kashmiri migrant Pandits community members and party workers at Jagti Township, here on



DPAP Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad addressing Kashmiri Pandits and party workers at Jagti Township.

Monday. "I ensured all of you return home when I was the chief minister of Jammu and

Kashmir. I opened job opportunities for all those who had migrated from Kashmir and paved the safe return with all required secured initiatives. I believe lot more is to be done and I promise you if I am elected to power, all the measures will be taken in this regard," he said.

Azad said that he feels and understands the pain of this migrant community since they have literally

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Justice Sreedharan to take oath on May 10

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Justice Atul Sreedharan, Judge of Madhya Pradesh High Court who has been transferred to High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh will take oath on May 10, 2023 at 9:30 AM at Srinagar. It is worthwhile to mention here that on April 27, 2023 the notification issued by Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India, in exercise of the power conferred by clause (1) of Article 222 of the Constitution of India,



the President, after consultation with the Chief Justice of India, has transferred Justice Atul Sreedharan, Judge of the Madhya

Pradesh High Court, as a Judge of High Court of J&K and Ladakh with the direction to assume charge of his office in J&K and Ladakh High Court. Last month, the Supreme Court Collegium accepted Justice Sreedharan's request to transfer him out of the State as his daughter, a law student, will start practising in the district courts and before the Indore Bench of the High Court starting next year. The five-member collegium headed by Chief Justice of

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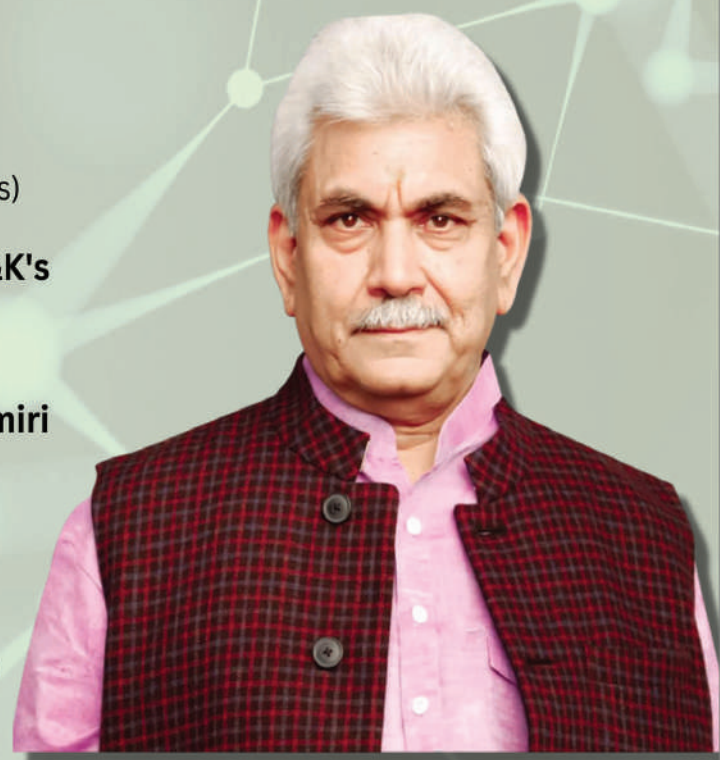
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