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INDIA bloc talking about enforcing Art 370 again: Modi

Attacks Cong over 1984 anti-Sikh riots'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

GURDASPUR: Terming the INDIA bloc, of which the AAP is also a member, as the "biggest threat" to the country's national security, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said it is talking about enforcing Article 370 again.

"They again want terrorism in Kashmir. They want to hand over Kashmir to separatists. They will again send the message of friendship to Pakistan. And, Pakistan will carry out bomb blasts, and terror attacks will take place in the country," he said while canvassing for BJP Lok Sabha poll candidates in Punjab.

Prime Minister Modi also lashed out at the Congress for rejecting the invitation for the consecration ceremony of the Ram temple in Ayodhya. INDIA bloc leaders are dubbing the Ram temple as "apavitra (impure)" and "bekar (useless)", he said.



Alleging that the Congress and the AAP are putting Punjab's future at stake, Modi said drug menace is growing, criminals are getting the patronage of the state government, development is at a standstill and farmers are worried.

The Prime Minister attacked the Congress over the 1984-anti Sikh riots, alleging that while it allowed the "massacre of Sikhs" and its governments at the

Centre protected the rioters, he ensured the guilty were punished.

He also alleged that Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann cannot take any decision on his own and had to go to the Tihar Jail in Delhi to take orders.

"Delhi ke darbari' are running Punjab. The Punjab CM cannot take any decision on his own. His 'maalik' went to jail and the Punjab government started shutting

down," the prime minister said, referring to the arrest and incarceration of Delhi Chief Minister and AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal in the excise policy-linked money laundering case.

Kejriwal, whose AAP is in power in Punjab, was released after the Supreme Court granted him interim bail on May 10. He has to surrender on June 2.

"To take new orders and run the government, the CM (Mann) had to go to the Tihar jail" and "he had to present his report card to him (Kejriwal)", Modi said at a rally here to seek support for BJP candidates Dinesh Babbu (Gurdaspur), Taranjit Singh Sandhu (Amritsar) and Anita Som Parkash (Hoshiarpur).

He said after June 1, "kattar bhrastachari (the corrupt Kejriwal)" will again go to jail.

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Court timing change from May 27

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Registrar General Jammu and Kashmir High Court Shahzad Azeem issued a notification regarding change of timing in High Court Jammu and Kashmir and Subordinate Courts of Jammu Division during the Summer Session.

According to the notification, the timing of High Court and Subordinate Courts from May 27, 2024 to August 3, 2024 will be 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM for High Court Wing Jammu.

According to the order issued by Registrar General Shahzad Azeem that High Court registry will work from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM with half an hour break from 1:00 PM to 1:30 PM whereas Court timing from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM with the half an hour break from 1:00 PM to 1:30 PM.

According to the order the subordinate courts in Jammu Division except Bhaderwah, Kishtwar, Batote, Banihal, Gool, Bani and Ukhral, the office

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Sat phones, special runners and more... all in place for polls in Anantnag-Rajouri

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

ANANTNAG/RAJOURI : With the threat of cross-border shelling in some border areas and satellite phones and special runners in place to deal with contingencies, all is in readiness for elections in the Anantnag-Rajouri constituency.

Elections in the last of the five seats in Jammu and Kashmir took place against the backdrop of four terror incidents, including one that claimed the life of an Indian Air Force soldier and a former BJP sarpanch.

Nothing is being left to chance, said officials. Multi-layer security arrangements have been put in place in the constituency spread across 18 assembly segments in Anantnag, Kulgam and Shopian in south Kashmir and Rajouri and Poonch districts south of Pir Panjal to ensure free, fair and peaceful polling.

The Election Commission

Over 26,000 displaced KPs eligible to vote at 34 special polling stations

JAMMU: More than 26,000 displaced Kashmiri Pandit voters from across the country are eligible to vote at 34 polling stations in the sixth phase of the Lok Sabha elections in Jammu and Kashmir's Anantnag constituency on Saturday.

This marks the conclusion of voting in the Union Territory, with polling already completed in the other four constituencies.

The newly created Anantnag-Rajouri Lok Sabha seat, covering the south Kashmir-Pir Panjal region, will cover the districts of Anantnag, Kulgam, Shopian, Rajouri and Poonch.

The polling parties and security forces are being dispatched for special polling stations set up for the Kashmiri Pandits in Jammu and Udhampur districts.

"Over 26,000 Kashmiri migrant voters will cast their ballots at special polling stations set up in Jammu, Udhampur and Delhi tomorrow. All arrangements have been made for free and fair polling tomorrow," Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner Dr Arvind Karwani told PTI.

Dr Karwani reviewed the arrangements along with election officers at 21 polling booths and 8

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Rain brings relief to pilgrims at Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine



■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: An evening spell of rain at the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine and its surroundings brought much needed relief to pilgrims from the scorching heat.

The moderate winds in the

evening also helped lower the temperature in Jammu to 32 degrees Celsius.

The rains lashed the Trikuta hills area, where the cave shrine is located, in the evening. The rainfall

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ACB registers 2 FIRs for DA, fraudulent mutation in revenue record

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Anti corruption Bureau has conducted verification into the allegations of accumulation of Disproportionate Assets (DA) through corrupt practices by one Patwari Halqa Matipora Pattan namely Abdul Majid Sheikh alias Malla, resident of Wahigund Kunzer, Baramulla, (Now Girdawar Qanoongo Circle Nowshera Tehsil Boniyar).

The verification revealed that the public servant is in possession of various disproportionate assets in the shape of immovable/movable properties acquired by him in

his name as well as in the name of his family members. Some of these properties/plots purchased by the suspect Abdul Majid Sheikh @ Malla during check period includes: - Land measuring 05 Kanals & 13 Marlas situated at Wahigund, Kunzer under survey No. 04. Land measuring 03 Marlas situated at Wahighund, Kunzer under survey No. 216/73. Land measuring 10.05 Marlas situated at Wahigund, Kunzer under survey No. 215/73. Land measuring 13 Marlas situated at Wahigund, Kunzer under survey No.91.

Land measuring 01 Kanal at Wahigund, Kunzer in the name of suspect's wife. Land measuring 04 Kanals and 04 Marlas situated at Wahigund, Kunzer. Land measuring 01 Kanal and 10 Marlas situatd at Wahigund, Kunzer in the name of suspect's son Ishfaq Majid. Land measuring 13 Marlas with single storey structure and two shops situated at Pattan, Baramulla in the name of suspect's wife. Land measuring 03 Marlas situated at Pattan.

The verification conducted further revealed that he has also constructed a double

storey house having a plinth area of 600 sft at Wahigund, Kunzer on ancestral land and is also having huge doubtful transactions in his various Bank accounts, besides is in possession of other properties/assets. The value of assets so accumulated as well as expenditure incurred by the suspect public servant were found disproportionate to his known sources of income for which he fail to satisfactorily give account.

Accordingly, on culmination of the probe a Case FIR No 07/2024 under section 5(1) (e) r/w 5 (2) J&K

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Anayat Ali posted as SSP Kathua

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government on Friday transferred an IPS officer.

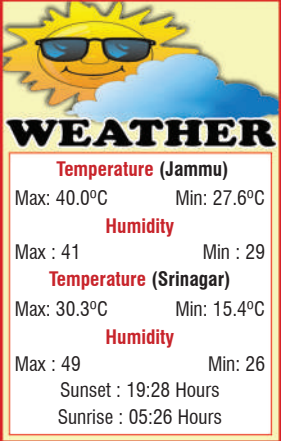
"It is ordered that Anayat Ali Choudhary, IPS, AIG (Procurement) PHQ, is transferred and posted as SSP Kathua vice Shiv Deep Singh Jamwal, who shall await further posting at Police Headquarters, till further orders," reda an order issued by Chandraker Bharti, Principal Secretary, Home Department.

Advisory issued on fire prevention in view of rising temperatures

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Taking stock of situation and daily rise in fire incidents, Director Fire and Emergency Services (FES), Alok Kumar on Friday issued strict directions and advisory keeping in view the increasing temperatures and heat wave across UT especially Jammu province. In view of the warning issued by the Jammu & Kashmir

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 40.0°C Min: 27.6°C

Humidity
Max: 41 Min: 29

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 30.3°C Min: 15.4°C

Humidity
Max: 49 Min: 26

Sunset : 19:28 Hours
Sunrise : 05:26 Hours

India would have progressed much faster if borders had been more secure, defined: Doval

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: India would have progressed at a much faster pace if its borders had been more secure, defined and not in "adversarial dispossession", National Security Advisor Ajit Doval said, underlining that the country's power has grown immensely in the last 10 years.

Delivering the Rustamji Memorial Lecture organised by the Border Security Force (BSF) on its 21st investiture ceremony, Doval said India's economic progress would have been much faster if "we had more secure borders".



"In the foreseeable future, I don't think our borders are going to be as secure as we will require for our fast economic growth. So, the responsibility on border guarding forces has become very, very heavy. They have

got to remain on alert 24X7 in perpetuity. They have got to see that our national interests and country are protected," he said.

Borders are important because that is the limit which "defines our sovereignty", he said.

"Jameen par jo kabja hai wo apna hai, baki to sab adalat aur kachehri ka kaam hai, usse farak nahi padta (The land which is in our possession is ours, the rest is the matter of courts and that is immaterial)," Doval said.

The government has paid very, very high attention

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Courts to observe 15 days summer vacations from June 10

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh on Friday ordered 15 days summer vacation in district courts in Jammu province excluding the courts in Kishtwar, Doda and Ramban's Batote, Gool, Banihal and Ukhral besides Bani in District Kathua from June 10.

"It is notified for the information of all concerned that the District Courts falling in summer zone of Jammu province in UT of Jammu and Kashmir, excluding the courts located in District Kishtwar, District Doda and also the courts at

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SHO Pantha Chowk caught red-handed while taking Rs 1.5 lakh bribe

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Friday apprehended and arrested Inspector Azim Iqbal, Station House Officer (SHO) of Pantha Chowk, Srinagar for demanding bribe.

According to FIR, the Anti-Corruption Bureau acted on a complaint and set a trap to catch Inspector Azim Iqbal in the act of accepting the bribe.

On receipt of the complaint, an FIR was registered, under section 7

Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 in Police Station ACB central Kashmir and investigation was taken up.

The officials said a team of the ACB caught the SHO of the Pantha Chowk police station red-handed while demanding and accepting the bribe. The police officer was allegedly demanding a bribe of Rs 5 lakh for settling a case, and was apprehended by the ACB, the officials added.

The Anti-Corruption Bureau sleuths have allegedly recovered cash

amounting to Rs 1.5 lakh and a cheque of Rs 50,000 from the possession of the arrested police officer in presence of independent witnesses, the officials said.

Further investigations are underway to uncover more details about the case and any possible accomplices.

The arrest of such a high-ranking officer sends a strong message about the seriousness of the Anti-Corruption Bureau's commitment to fighting corruption, the officer said.

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Measures be taken to ensure well-being of Indian students in Kyrgyzstan: J&K students' body to Jaishankar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: A students' association of Jammu and Kashmir on Friday wrote to External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and requested that "proactive measures" be taken immediately to ensure well-being of the Indian students in Kyrgyzstan.

This comes days after mobs targeted the foreigners in capital city Bishkek triggering concerns about their safety.

Jammu and Kashmir Students Association in its letter also said that students from the Kashmir Valley studying there are "waiting to return to their homeland" after the incident.

Meanwhile, the Indian Embassy in Kyrgyz Republic on Friday said the situation in Bishkek "continues to

remain calm".

"However, upon request of Indian medical students, the Embassy is working with Medical Universities in the Kyrgyz Republic to arrange for their transport to the nearest international airport to address their concerns," it posted on X.

Ambassador Arun K. Chatterjee had met the Indian medical students at International Higher School of Medicine (IHSM) in Bishkek on May 22 and as part of its outreach activity, some embassy officials had also met with various Indian medical students at Royal Metropolitan University.

Jammu and Kashmir Students Association in its letter said that several Kashmiri students and

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