Phase-3 turnout points to rising **UU** BJP trend in East: Dr Jitendra

# Crackdown on illegal mining, JCB among 5 vehicles seized

have intensified the search

operations in the twin-border

districts of Poonch and

Rajouri in Jammu region to

track down the terrorists

responsible for attacking an

IAF convoy that claimed the

life of a corporal rank per-

The agencies have also

expanded the scope of opera-

tion to various areas of Doda,

Udhampur, and Kathua dis-

tricts to track down two

groups of terrorists involved

in the killing of a village

defence guard (VDG) in the

Basangarh area on April 28.

Terrorists targeted an

Indian Air Force (IAF) con-

voy in the Shaistar area of

Poonch district, resulting in

the martyrdom of an IAF

corporal and injuries to four

Armed with surveillance

equipment, including drones

others on Saturday.

and sniffer dogs, the

sonnel, officials said.

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# JK Public School Panjtirthi organises General Knowledge quiz

Air surcharge 50 paisa for Leh

# Top TRF 'commander' among 2 terrorists killed in Kulgam

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## Searches intensified in Poonch, Rajouri to track ultras involved in IAF convoy ambush

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR/JAMMU: Two terrorists, including a top 'commander" of Lashkar-e-Taiba offshoot TRF who was involved in several cases of killing of policemen and civilians, were eliminated by security forces in an encounter in Kulgam district on Tuesday, officials said.

One of the slain terrorists has been identified as Basit Dar, an "A" category terrorist who belonged to The Resistance Front (TRF), according to Inspector General of Police (IGP), Kashmir, V K Birdhi.

He said security forces got inputs about the movement of terrorists in Redwani village following which a cordon and search operation was launched there on Monday

"There was firing from the other side," he told reporters



Birdhi said the terrorists were given an opportunity to surrender, but they continued their firing on the security personnel.

'Two terrorists have been killed in this operation and their bodies have been retrieved, but the search operation is going on," he said.

Describing Dar's killing as a significant achievement, Birdhi said he was involved

in 18 cases including in

Srinagar city. "He was involved in the killing of police personnel and innocent civilians.He was involved in planning and carrying out attacks including on minority community members," the IGP added.

In 2022, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) announced a bounty of Rs 10lakh on Dar.

Meanwhile, security forces

### Properties of 7 Pak-based terror handlers attached

### STATE TIMES NEWS

BARAMULLA: Properties of seven Pakistan-based terror handlers were attached in Baramulla district, police said on Tuesday.

After obtaining an attachment order passed by the additional sessions court in Baramulla, 13 kanals of land worth lakhs of rupees belonging to terror handlers based in Pakistan were attached, a police

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### 3 SPOs dismissed for dereliction of duty

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SAMBA: Three Special Police Officers (SPOs) were on Tuesday dismissed from service for dereliction of duty and involvement in the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act in Samba district, officials said.

The SPOs -- Daljeet Singh, Bali Ram and Deepak Singh -- have been disengaged from service while disposing off two separate

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# Want 400 seats to ensure Cong doesn't bring back Art 370, put 'Babri lock' on Ram temple: Modi

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

DHAR(MP): Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said he wanted the 400-seat mandate for the BJP-led NDA to ensure the Congress does not bring back Article 370 in Kashmir and put a "Babri lock" on the Ram temple in Ayodhya.

He also hit out at RJD leader Lalu Prasad over his remarks favouring quota benefits to Muslims, saying the INDI alliance wants to snatch all reservations of SCs, STs and OBCs and give them to the "vote bank" as part of a deeper conspiracy.

Addressing a rally at Dhar in Madhya Pradesh, Modi said Congress has mentioned in the poll manifesto that it will ensure the participation of minorities in contracts. which means the opposition party will give contracts on a religious basis.

He claimed the Congress has also talked about giving priority to minorities in

sports and wondered whether the selection of players in the cricket team will be based on his religion. Modi accused Congress of

belittling Babasaheb Ambedkar by claiming he had a very little role in framing the Constitution compared to Pandit Nehru. "The truth is that the

Congress parivar (family) deeply hates Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar," he said.

Accusing Congress of spreading rumours that the BJP government will change the Constitution if it wins 400 seats, Modi said it seems the intelligence of Congress people is focused on their vote bank

"It is important for the country's people to know the BJP-led NDA already has 400-plus seats in Parliament. We used this number to scrap Article 370 (which provided special status to Jammu and Kashmir)," the PM said.

Modi wants 400 seats so that the Congress won't bring back Article 370

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## HC imposes Rs 20,000 cost on petitioner for playing mischief with court

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: In a significant judgment, Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court while dismissing the petition of Gulshan Kumar, observed that petitioner has not come to this court with clean hands by playing mischief before the Trial Court, wherein, the petitioner was aware that respondent no.5 was a necessary party and yet, deliberately omitted him from the array of respondents and obtained interim direction against him.

Court after hearing Adv Jang Bhadur Singh Jamwal for the petitioner whereas

for accepting bribe,

SgCT nabbed for

facilitating offence

Corruption Bureau (ACB)

on Tuesday trapped and

arrested Maqbool Hussain

Dar, Naib Tehsildar Khrew,

Pulwama for accepting and

demanding Rs 10,000 bride.

Constable (SgCT) Ajaz

Ahmad was also arrested for

According to a statement,

J&K Anti Corruption

Bureau received a complaint

against Naib Tehsildar,

Khrew, District Pulwama

alleging therein that he was

demanding Rs 10,000 from

complainant through his

clerk namely Ajaz Ahmad

for settlement of dispute of

ancestral land at village

approached the Tehsil Office

Khrew several times for set-

tlement of the dispute, but

the Naib Tehsildar didn't

budge. Moreover the complainant had been harassed

WEATHER

Sunset: 19:16 Hours

Sunrise: 05:37 Hours

Max: 38.5°C

Max: 29.2°C

Max: 51

Max: 60

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Min: 27

through Notices by the

complainant

Sathpokhran,

Pulwama,

facilitating the offence,

grade

Selection

STATE TIMES NEWS

PULWAMA:

Deputy AG KDS Kotwal for the UT and Advocates Parvesh Singh Salaria & Satinder Gupta for the private respondent 5 namely Harshvardhan Singh, further observed that the act of petitioner falls within the realm of playing fraud with the court and such unscrupulous litigants, who play mischief with the court, cannot go scot-free and thus, this court deems it proper to burden the petitioner with costs to the tune of Rs. 20,000 to deprecate such practice of suppression of material facts and playing mischief with the court, which shall be

NT arrested red-handed for accepting bribe 110 yr-old woman, visually impaired man

# LG for solarizing all Govt buildings under NHPC domain



LG Manoj Sinha chairing a review meeting of Science and Technology Department at Srinagar on Tuesday

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday impressed upon NHPC to solarize all Government buildings within their mandate and instructed Technology Department, the

cast vote through home voting facility

the Science & Technology Department to collaborate with NHPC and identify buildings for solarization.

Chairing a review meeting of the Science and

Home Voting Facility, facili-

tated by the District

subsequent to guidelines of

Election Commission of

India in the direction of

Participation of voting

process. The Home Voting

Facility commenced through-

Administration,

Shopian

Inclusive

Lieutenant Governor further directed the officials to explore the installation of solar panels along canals, riverbanks, and other water bodies, besides proper

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## Woman drug peddler arrested in Kathua

#### with cash, heroin STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A woman drug peddler was arrested in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district on Tuesday and cash and heroin was recovered from her possession, police said.

Acting on information, a police team intercepted a woman at a checkpoint in Rajbagh area and recovered heroin, Rs 15,670 cash and a mobile in Khanpur area, they said.

The drug peddler identified as Asha Bibi was arrested and a case was registered against her, police said. She was involved in illegal

### Sinha reviews functioning of **Cooperative Department**

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday chaired a meeting to review the functioning of Cooperative

The Lt Governor took appraisal of the interventions and Schemes in Cooperative Sector including the progress achieved in establishing Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS). He reviewed the functioning of Cooperative Banks, Cooperative Training & Educational Institutions, Societies

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# CS inaugurates 'SBI e-Corner' inside Civil Sectt



CS Atal Dulloo after inaugurating SBI developed e-Corner outside legislative assembly complex at Srinagar.

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Secretary, Atal Dulloo on Tuesday inaugurated State Bank of India (SBI) developed e-Corner outside leg-

islative assembly complex inside the campus housing it along with Civil Secretariat here. The corner is a smart space housing the

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# Ration kept rotting during Congress rule, children of poor used to die of hunger: Chugh

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

CHANDIGARH: National General Secretary Tarun Chugh has criticized the previous Congress regime, alleging that under their rule, ration would rot in warehouses while children from impoverished families would succumb to hunger.

Chugh praised the initiatives of the Modi government, particularly focusing on the provision of free ration, reservation policies, and development efforts.

He highlighted Modi's intervention, stating that the Prime Minister personally unlocked these grain ware-



allowing for the implementation of the free ration scheme, which has instrumental addressing food insecurity. Chugh emphasized the

sanctity of the Indian Constitution, asserting that its framers had decided against providing reservation on the basis of religion.

However, he criticized the current political landscape, claiming that the INDI Alliance, including the Congress, was diverting reservation benefits meant for backward classes and Dalits to a particular religious group

This shift in policy, according to Chugh, goes against the foundational principles of the Constitution. Chugh lauded the Modi

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# Around 62 pc polling in third phase; clashes in West Bengal

#### in Budgam segment under Srinagar PC ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

SRINAGAR: On the first

day of Postal and Home

Voting in the district for the

02-Srinagar Parliamentary

Constituency, on Tuesday a

Postal ballot voting begins

BUDGAM: The process of postal ballot voting began on Tuesday at Budgam, marking an important step in ensuring that all eligible voters, especially employees in essential services who may not be able to attend polling stations on election day, have the opportunity to exercise their democratic rights.

To oversee the smooth execution of the postal ballot voting at Boys Higher Secondary School Budgam, the District Election Officer Budgam, Akshay Labroo visited the facilitation centre for postal ballot.

The DEO underscored the commitment to ensuring a free and fair voting process for all eligible voters. He

said, the facilitation ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

# casted her vote through

exercised her franchise. Therin Kandi in Tehsil Keller

110 year old female voter of Shopian Assembly Segment

The voter, residing at

exercising her franchise.

out the Shopian assembly segment of the Srinagar 110-year-old female voter of Shopian Assembly Segment Parliamentary Constituency wherein senior citizens and specially-abled voters, numbering 185 shall exercise their franchise, in a process monitored by election

machinery of ECI and ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: A nearly 62 per cent voter turnout was recorded on Tuesday in the third phase of Lok Sabha elections in 93 constituencies spread over 11 states and Union Territories with stray incidents of violence in West

Assam recorded the highest turnout at 75.53 per cent followed by Goa at 74.47 per cent and West Bengal at 73.93 per cent, while Maharashtra witnessed the lowest at 55.54 per cent, with Bihar at 56.55 per cent and Gujarat at 56.98 per cent doing slightly better, according to the figures from the Election Commission at 9

The overall voting percentage was around 61.89 per



Home Minister Amit Shah along with his family after casting vote

mate trend" and are likely to rise as data is being collected. While the official time for the voting to conclude is 6 pm, it can go beyond to enable voters who have come in the queue before the end of fixed polling hours to exercise their franchise

cent. According to the EC,

the figures are an "approxi-

Among other states and UTs, Uttar Pradesh recorded 57.34 per cent polling, Chhattisgarh 67.64 per cent, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu 65.23 per cent. Karnataka 68.85 per cent, and Madhya Pradesh 64.02 per cent, according to

As many as 17.24 crore

people, including 8.39 crore females, were eligible to vote in the third phase and 1.85 lakh polling stations manned by 18.5 lakh officials had

With this, voting has been completed in 282 seats out of

The overall voting percentage in the first and second phases was 66.14 per cent and 66.71 per cent respec-

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah were among those who exercised their franchise in Gujarat, where elections were held in 25 seats. While PM Modi cast his vote at a polling booth in Gandhinagar Lok Sabha constituency,

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## DGP, BSF Special DG discuss security situation in J&K



Special DG BSF and Head of Western Command Yogesh Bahadur Khurania along with DGP R.R. Swain in Jammu.

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Director General of Police R R Swain and Border Security Force (BSF) Special DG Yogesh Bahadur Khurania on Tuesday discussed the current security situation in Jammu and Kashmir, officials said.

Khurania, who heads the

BSF's Western Command, called on Swain in Jammu, they said. The officials said that both

sides, during the hour-and-ahalf-long meeting, extensively discussed the current security scenario in various areas and pockets of Jammu and Kashmir, including

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