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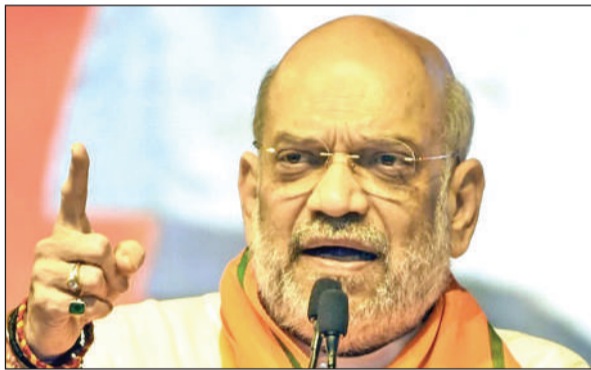
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Making Modi PM again means responding to bullet from Pakistan with cannon shell: Amit Shah

'Cong preserved Art 370 for long, Modi revoked it'

STATE TIMES NEWS
MUMBAI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday said making Narendra Modi prime minister for the third time would mean responding to every bullet fired from Pakistan with a cannon shell, and accused the Congress of promoting the agenda of the neighbouring country. Shah was speaking at a campaign rally in Jalna Lok Sabha constituency in central Maharashtra for Union minister and BJP candidate Raosaheb Danve. "Making Narendra Modi PM for the third time means responding to every bullet from Pakistan with a cannon shell," he said. In the BJP-led NDA, it is decided who would be the



prime minister after the elections, but in the opposition's INDIA bloc, decision was yet to be taken on the issue, the senior BJP leader said. "Their leaders say they will become PM one by one. But such a huge country can not be run like a partnership company. They don't have any vision. But Modi has

worked for ten years and has an agenda of 25 years," Shah said. He also alleged that if there was anyone who takes forward Pakistan's agenda, it was Rahul Gandhi's Congress. "PM Modi undertakes surgical and air strikes (against Pakistan), but Rahul Gandhi

Terrorist killed in fresh gunfight in Kulgam

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: A terrorist was killed in a fresh gunfight with security forces on Wednesday near the site of an encounter in Jammu and Kashmir's Kulgam district where two ultras were killed a day earlier. During search of houses near the encounter site in the Redwani area of the district, the fresh exchange of fire took place with a terrorist hiding there, officials said. One terrorist was killed today, the officials said and added that the identity of the deceased was being ascertained. They said firing was going on till last reports came in. Two ultras, including wanted terrorist of Lashkar-e-Toiba Basit Dar, were killed in the encounter with security forces on Tuesday.

LG for ensuring 100 pc seeding of beneficiaries under welfare schemes



STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Taking appraisal of the saturation of social welfare schemes, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday directed the officials to make dedicated efforts to ensure 100 percent Aadhaar seeding of the beneficiaries under various schemes. Chairing a meeting to review the functioning of the Social Welfare Department, the Lt Governor directed to conduct a study to assess the impact of the Poshan Abhiyaan scheme on the ground. He also reviewed the performance of Anganwadi Centres and directed the officers to ensure that all Anganwadi Centres are fully functional with all the facilities in place. The Lt Governor emphasized the role of Anganwadi Centres as a hub for health, nutrition, early learning,

NIA attaches six immovable properties of top JeM terrorist

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Wednesday attached six immovable properties of a top terrorist of the banned terror outfit Jaish-e-Mohammed in Jammu and Kashmir. The attached land parcels of arrested terrorist Asif Ahmed Malik are located in Mirpora and Pulwama, the NIA said in a statement. The properties were attached under Section 33 (1) of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), 1967, on the orders of the

NIA Special Court, Jammu. Malik was arrested on January 31, 2020, in a case related to transportation of terrorists, infiltration into Kashmir from across the border, and seizure of arms and explosives from terror operatives of JeM. The NIA charge-sheeted him on July 27, 2020, under various sections of the Indian Penal Code, Explosive Substances Act, Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) and the Indian Wireless Telegraphy Act, 1933. Malik is

Police seizes drug peddler's vehicles, freezes mother's bank account

STATE TIMES NEWS
SAMBA: In a decisive move against drug trafficking, the Jammu and Kashmir Police, under Operation Sanjeevani, has seized vehicles and frozen the bank account of a notorious drug peddler in accordance with Section 68F (Chapter 5A) of the Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act. The action has been taken by Police Station Bari Brahmana against Mushtaq Ali alias Kaka, son of Shah Din alias Shauwa, resident of



Gujjar Basti Sarore Adda. Ali, a fugitive, facing warrant for his arrest issued by Session Court Samba, in connection with FIR 05/2023 of NCB Jammu under the NDPS Act. Two vehicles have been

HC adjourns hearing till May 22 on ED plea to cancel Lal Singh's bail

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir High Court on Wednesday heard a petition of the Enforcement Directorate seeking cancellation of bail to Congress Lok Sabha poll candidate Lal Singh and his wife and adjourned the matter till May 22 after the ED failed to submit its grounds for the same. The single judge bench of Justice Rajneesh Oswal also heard the petitions filed by Singh and his wife Kamta Andotra who sought quashing of cases filed by the ED

and the CBI. Singh, the Congress nominee from J-K's Udhampur Lok Sabha seat, was arrested by the ED last year in connection with a money laundering case against an educational trust run by his wife and former legislator Andotra. A special court in December granted 'absolute' bail to Singh. During hearing on Wednesday, lawyer R K Kotwal, appearing for Singh and his wife, raised concerns about the absence of charges against government

Suspension is not punishment as it is neither punitive nor stigmatic: CAT

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Central Administrative Tribunal held that suspension is not a punishment as it is neither punitive nor stigmatic. It is generally done for fair inquiry. This significant order has been passed by Rajinder Singh Dogra (J) Member Central Administrative Tribunal in a petition filed by Dr. Vikas Gupta quash the Government Order No. 195-JK (APD) of 2024 dated April 18, passed by Respondent No. 2, whereby and whereunder, he has been placed under suspension. The applicant also seeks a direction to respondents to allow him to perform his duties as Incharge Assistant Project Officer in

Poonch IAF convoy attack: Search operation to track down terrorists enters Day-5

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The cordon and search operation (CASO) to track down terrorists responsible for attacking an IAF convoy, which claimed the life of a corporal rank personnel, entered the fifth day on Wednesday, officials said. Security forces, including the Army, police and Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), have further intensified combing and search operation in nearly 20 square kilometres area in Surankote belt and over five kilometres of the area has been



searched, the officials said. Terrorists targeted an Indian Air Force (IAF) convoy in the Shaistar area of Poonch district, resulting

Boat capsizes in Pulwama, 2 persons missing

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Two persons were missing while seven others were rescued after a boat capsized in a river in Jammu and Kashmir's Pulwama district on Wednesday, officials said. A boat carrying nine people capsized in river Jhelum in Hatiwara area of Avantipora in the south Kashmir district, the officials said. A rescue operation has been launched by SDRF teams, police and locals to rescue the two missing persons, they added.

'SUVIDHA' app embodies ECI's commitment to foster transparency, efficiency in polling process: CEO

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: As a sequel to measures being initiated towards facilitating a smooth and transparent election process, the Election Commission of India (ECI) has launched "Suvidha" application, a platform designed to streamline the application process for various permissions required during election campaigns for candidates and political parties participating in the upcoming 2024 elections. The portal serves as a one-stop solution, empowering



the candidates and political parties to apply for and obtain permissions efficiently and conveniently. With a user-friendly interface and robust features, the App simplifies the process,

Cong 'Shehzada' should explain why stopped talking about 'Ambani-Adani': Modi

STATE TIMES NEWS
HYDERABAD: Mounting an attack on the Congress, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday demanded that the party should explain to people why it has stopped raising the 'Ambani-Adani' issue as its 'Shehzada' used to do for the past five years and asked if it has struck a deal. Have "tempo loads of notes (money)" reached the Congress that it has stopped targeting "Ambani-Adani," Modi said while addressing an election rally at Vemulawada in Telangana.

"Ever since elections have been announced, these people (Congress) have stopped abusing Ambani-Adani. I want to ask from Telangana soil, let the Shehzada announce, how much has been lifted from Ambani-Adani. Has tempo loads of notes (currency) reached the Congress? What deal has been arrived at, that abusing Ambani-Adani has stopped overnight," he asked. "Certainly something is fishy. For five years, (they) abused Adani-Ambani and it stopped overnight. It means you have received some



tempo loads of 'chori ka maal' (loot). You have to answer the nation," the Prime Minister said. The Congress has been attacking the Modi government, accusing the Prime Minister of favouring the top five industrialists in the country, including Gautam

Adani and Mukesh Ambani. Addressing the rally after the third phase of general elections, Modi also said the phase has blown the third 'fuse' of Congress and its INDI Alliance. He added four phases of polling are left and with the blessings of the people, the BJP and NDA were marching toward victory. Attacking the Congress and K Chandrasekhar Rao-led BRS in Telangana, Modi said while the BJP believes in the 'nation first' principle, for the two parties it is 'family

Six PWD officials booked for abuse of official position

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Wednesday booked six officers, including an executive engineer of the Public Works Department (PWD), for abusing their official positions to confer undue pecuniary benefits upon a contractor for upgradation of a road in Jammu, officials said. The ACB registered a case under sections of the Prevention of Corruption Act and criminal conspiracy to cause loss to the government exchequer against the then executive engineer Bikram

Singh, the then assistant executive engineer Gureharan Singh and draftsman Sunder Kumar Kotwal, Sumesh Singh, Shiv Darshan Singh Jamwal and Atul Sharma. "An FIR was registered on the outcome of a verification conducted by the ACB on the basis of complaint alleging therein that the contractor Avikash Choudhary in league with concerned engineers of PWD Jammu and others manipulated to get the contract of upgradation of road in block Marh under NABARD by putting

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Humidity
Max: 39 Min: 27
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Max: 30.4°C Min: 11.6°C
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