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## Modi directs recruitment of 10 lakh people in next 1.5 years: PMO

**BJP hails, Oppn says 'Jumle-Baazi'**

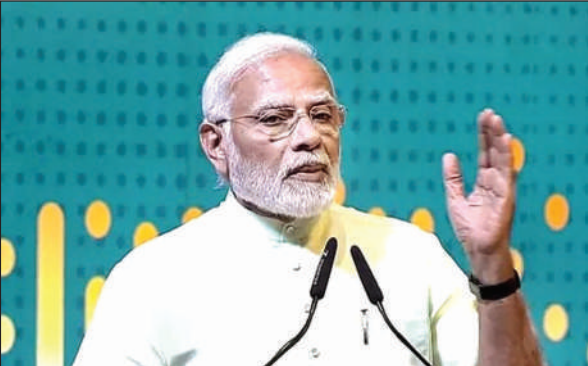
### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**NEW DELHI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi has asked various government departments and ministries to undertake the recruitment of 10 lakh people on a "mission mode" in the next year and a half, his office said on Tuesday.

The direction from Modi came following a review of the status of human resources in all government departments and ministries, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said.

The government's decision comes amid the opposition's frequent criticism of it on the issue of unemployment. A large number of vacant posts in different government sectors has often been flagged.

The decision to fill up 10 lakh posts in the next 18 months means that the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) will have something solid to counter the opposi-



tion's criticism of its government on the issue of unemployment in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

The country will be gearing up for the next general election, expected to be held in April-May in 2024, by the end of 18 months from now.

"PM Narendra Modi reviewed the status of Human Resources in all departments and ministries and instructed that recruitment of 10 lakh people be done by the Government in

mission mode in next 1.5 years," the PMO said in a tweet.

Government sources said various departments and ministries were asked to prepare details of vacancies following Modi's direction to this effect and the decision to recruit 10 lakh people was taken following an overall review.

During various Assembly polls, opposition parties have tried to corner the BJP over the issue of unemployment,

but the saffron party has been successful in neutralising the criticism with its planks of welfarism, development and Hindutva.

It has also consistently refuted the opposition's charge on unemployment, arguing that its various programmes have led to a rise in entrepreneurship and overall employment generation.

The announcement was hailed by the BJP while the Opposition dubbed it as "jumle-baazi (rhetoric)" and reminded the Prime Minister that the promise was to provide two crore jobs every year.

Reacting to the announcement, BJP chief J P Nadda said, "We are grateful to our Hon. PM Shri @narendramodi for this new mission of recruiting 10 lakh people into different government departments and ministries in 1.5 years."

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Curfew continues for 6th day in Bhadarwah, 9 persons detained

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**BHADARWAH:** Curfew continued for sixth day on Tuesday in Bhadarwah without any relaxation while nine people were detained in the town. However, restrictions were relaxed in the Kishtwar district headquarters for five hours, officials said.

The curfew was imposed in the two towns last Thursday following

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**SED orders cessation of academic activities in Jamaat affiliated schools**

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**SRINAGAR:** More than 300 educational institutions run by Falah-e-Aam Trust (FAT), an affiliate of banned Jamaat-e-Islami, have been stopped from operating by the Jammu and Kashmir School Education Department, officials said on Tuesday.

An order was passed by School Education Secretary B K Singh on

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## Pratham Puja held at Amarnath Cave Shrine

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**SRINAGAR:** Pratham Puja (first prayer), marking the ritual beginning of the annual Amarnath yatra, was held on Tuesday on the occasion of Jyestha Purnima at the holy cave shrine in south Kashmir Himalayas amidst chanting of Vedic Mantras to invoke the blessings of Lord Shiva, officials said.

The formal yatra will begin on June 30 and culminate on August 11, coinciding with Raksha Bandhan.

"To mark the beginning of annual #AmarnathYatra, Pratham puja was performed on Tuesday on the occasion of Jyestha Purnima at the holy cave shrine of Lord #Shiva," the Shri Amarnath Shrine Board (SASB) tweeted.

It said Nitishwar Kumar, Chief Executive Officer of the board, along with other office bearers, participated in the prayers.

More than 10 Lakh pilgrims are expected to pay obeisance at the 3,880-metre-high cave shrine of Amarnath in south Kashmir Himalayas, 45 kilometres from tourist resort Pahalgam.

Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board has been organizing Pratham Pooja on the auspicious occasion of Jyeshtha Purnima every year to seek the blessings of Lord Amarnath for the peaceful conduct of the Annual Yatra.

The CEO prayed for the smooth conduct of Yatra 2022 and well-being of the people. The



Nitishwar Kumar, Chief Executive Officer, Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board participating in Pratham Pooja at Holy Cave Shrine.

CEO welcomed and encouraged the devotees across the country to take part in the 43 days long Shri Amarnathji Yatra 2022 which is scheduled to commence

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## Encounter breaks out between SFs, terrorists in Kulgam

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**SRINAGAR:** An encounter broke out between security forces and militants in Kulgam district of Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday,

**3 recently killed ultras were sent by Pakistani handlers to attack Amarnath Yatra: IGP**

police said.

The gunfight took place in the Mishipora area of the south Kashmir district, a police official said.

The exchange of fire was going on, he said, adding there were no reports of any casualty on either side so far.

Meanwhile, Inspector

General of Police (IGP), Kashmir Vijay Kumar this afternoon said three Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorists, who were killed in recent encounters, were sent

from Pakistan to attack the annual Amarnath Yatra, which is scheduled to start this month-end.

Of the three slain terrorists, two were Pakistanis and one was a local.

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## Modern tech to augment security for Amarnath Yatra: DGP

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**SRINAGAR:** Jammu and Kashmir Police chief Dilbag Singh on Tuesday called for putting in place an effective mechanism for the smooth and peaceful conduct of the Amarnath Yatra and directed for making adequate use of technology to augment the security for the pilgrimage.

Singh chaired a high-level meeting of senior officers from police, civil administration and CAPFs to review the security arrangements and deployment of personnel for the yatra, at the Police Control Room here.



The director general of the J-K Police directed for placing all possible security arrangements at the pilgrimage base camps and strengthening the communication network.

He stressed for effective and planned regulation of

traffic management on the national highway and other roads, parking of vehicles and deployment of forces on the yatra routes of Pahalgam and Baltal.

Singh emphasised upon the officers to make adequate use of modern security gadgets and technology, including CCTVs and drones, to further augment the security at important yatra locations and en route.

He stressed for keeping special focus on sensitive locations and base camps, including parking places,

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**Parliament's Monsoon session likely from July 18**

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**NEW DELHI:** The Monsoon session of Parliament is likely to commence from July 18, the day presidential poll will be held, and could conclude on August 12.

Besides the presidential poll, the election for vice-president's post, will also be held during the session.

The term of the vice president, who is also Chairman of Rajya Sabha, ends on August 10.

This time Secretary General of Rajya Sabha is the returning officer for the president's election,

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## Modi's 8 years gave India vision for 2047: Dr Jitendra

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**KATHUA:** Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh said on Tuesday that Narendra Modi's 8 years as Prime Minister gave India vision for 2047 and laid the roadmap for the next 25 years of Amrit Kal which would witness the ascent of India to emerge as the front rank nation.

Addressing mammoth 'Jan Kalyan' public rally organised by the BJP, Dr Jitendra Singh said that these 8 years witnessed unprecedented development and growth, but what is often not discussed is the subtle rise of self-esteem



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing 'Jan Kalyan' public rally, at Kathua on Tuesday.

in the common Indian as well as Jammu & Kashmir, said Dr Jitendra Singh, was often humiliated by the then ruling parties like

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**CS directs for filling 10,000 vacancies next year**

**'Exemplary punishment incase malpractices found in Sub Inspns recruitment'**

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**SRINAGAR:** Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta on Tuesday reiterated that exemplary punishment will be awarded to the culprits and no guilty person will be spared irrespective of his position, in case, any malpractices are found during enquiry in the recent Sub-Inspector

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**Money laundering case: ED summons Rahul for 3rd time today**

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**NEW DELHI:** Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has been summoned by the ED on June 15, the third day in a row, for questioning in the National Herald money-laundering case, officials said on Tuesday.

The questioning on Tuesday, the second day of his appearance before

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**WEATHER**

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 43.1°C Min: 27.5°C

Humidity

Max : 36 Min : 18

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 32.2°C Min: 16.2°C

Humidity

Max : 62 Min: 25

Sunset : 19:40 Hours

Sunrise : 05:24 Hours



**JAMMU:** Just a few years back, hugely enraged parents in Ganderbal area of Central Kashmir locked a government school to register their protest against dismal results in the government-run educational institutions across Jammu and Kashmir in general and the failure of all the students of Shallabugh school in class 8 and 9 results.

Madrasas are yet another set of institutions getting government grants for imparting education but it is no more a secret that children learn the concept of believers and non-believers (Kaafirs) first rather than the scientific knowledge and technology.

And finally, there are private educational institutions, which take nothing from the government but give the best-ever results, with students feeling a sense of loss and frustration for securing first class and not

the distinction.

Difference lies here-the irony being that the government schools and Madrasas get all the assistance and facilities from the government while the private institutions face one after another harsh measures that impact their smooth functioning and survival even in many cases.

The government schools have become a source of pension for many teachers, who concentrate less on teaching and more in public relation pursuits to be in the good books of superiors so as to enjoy the loaves without working. It may sound strange but the fact is that some teachers had been found engaging substitutes in their places some years back on daily-wage basis to continue their avocation as contractors in Poonch-Rajouri area. There are numerous instances of influential teachers remaining attached in the city schools and places of their choice by abandoning their original places of postings at the cost of poor students.

## Dismal performance of government schools, radicalization in Madrasas

## Roadblocks in smooth functioning of private schools can prove counterproductive

Notwithstanding the fact that poor tax-man's hard-earned money goes hugely to the education sector, the output has been generally dismal. On an average, Rs 8,700 are spent per student per month in government schools but still the results are poorer compared to private schools.

When in power, the politicians and their bureaucrats keep giving lofty sermons and flaunting that government schools would be made models with teachers becoming stakeholders in the performance of educational institutions. Their career advancement will be directly linked to the performance of students, so on and so forth. But the tragedy is that over the years, the void in standards and achievements in the government schools has widened. Who is to be blamed for the 'gross injustice' that is not an exception but almost a rule in the government-run schools? Why shouldn't a mechanism be adopted to make salaries performance-oriented to achieve optimum results? It is an admitted fact that the government teachers

are far better placed remuneration-wise than those in the private schools. However, the accountability before the management in the private sector makes all the difference, which is why the drop-out in the government schools is increasing with admissions in the private schools of repute becoming almost difficult. In Jammu, recommendations of the politicians, bureaucrats and top functionaries of the government are sought to have children admitted in private schools. This is a sad story of the government sector.

Successful governments in Jammu and Kashmir have been harping over academic auditing of the government schools but has it ever happened? The answer will be negative because of the vicious circle prevailing in the system. The governments have been non-serious because the wards of politicians, bureaucrats, so-called activists and even the government teachers study in private schools, which is why the private sector is flourishing notwithstanding obstacles

being created by the line departments.

The question arises why the government schools never inspire confidence of parents despite whopping funds being earmarked in successive budgets? Why do private schools remain major stakeholders in the educational sector?

The parents and the administration recognize that private schools are often better than government schools. Parents prefer these schools and spend quite hefty amounts on sending their wards there because they know that their children will get the best education in contrast to government schools, even though the latter provide free books, uniforms, stationery and mid-day meals and charge no tuition fee.

With this glaring difference in the primary objective of providing quality education to children, it is high time for the government to incentivize the private schools rather than creating roadblocks on one and all the issues. These measures could boomerang and become counterproductive.