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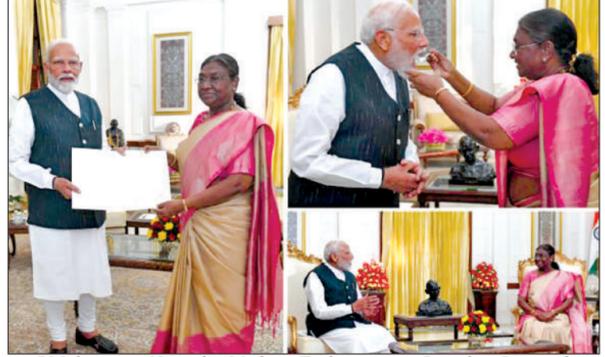
President appoints Modi as PM-designate; oath on Sunday evening

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Narendra Modi will take oath as the prime minister for a third consecutive term on Sunday evening as President Droupadi Murmu has invited him to form the government.

Murmu appointed Modi as the prime minister-designate on Friday after Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) chief J P Nadda handed her a letter on Modi's election as the leader of the BJP Parliamentary Party and NDA leaders submitted their letters of support.

The BJP won 240 seats in the just-concluded Lok Sabha polls, falling short of the halfway mark in the 543-member House, but the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) together won 293 seats, which is a comfortable majority.

"The President, having satisfied herself on the basis of the various letters of support received, that the BJP-led NDA alliance, which is also the largest pre-election alliance, is in a position to command majority support of the newly-constituted 18th Lok Sabha and to form a stable government, appointed Shri Narendra



PM-designate Narendra Modi on Friday meeting President Droupadi Murmu to stake claim to form the NDA government.

Modi as the Prime Minister of India, exercising powers vested in her under Article 75(1) of the Constitution of India," according to a communique from the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

The president will administer the oath of office and secrecy to the prime minister and other members of the Union Council of Ministers at 7:15 pm on Sunday at the Rashtrapati Bhavan, the commu-

party said in a post on X along with a photo of Murmu and Modi.

Earlier, leaders of the BJP-led NDA called on Murmu and handed their letters of support for Modi to her.

Addressing reporters in the forecourt of the Rashtrapati Bhavan, Modi said he has been appointed as the prime minister-designate by the president.

"The president has asked me to work as the prime minister-designate and informed me about the oath ceremony," he said and added that he will be comfortable if the event is held on Sunday evening.

Modi said the Rashtrapati Bhavan will work out the details of the oath-taking ceremony on Sunday, by when he would hand over the list of the Council of Ministers to the president.

"This 18th Lok Sabha is an important milestone towards fulfilling those dreams when the country will celebrate 100 years of independence in 2047," he said. The 18th Lok Sabha will be a House of new energy, youthful energy.

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LG reviews preparations for Mata Kheer Bhawani Mela, Eid-ul-Adha



LG Manoj Sinha chairing a high level meeting at Srinagar on Friday.

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday chaired a high level meeting to review the preparedness of District Administrations and various departments ahead of the annual Mata Kheer Bhawani Mela and Eid-ul-Adha festival.

The meeting was attended by Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; RR Swain, DGP; Chandraker Bharti, Principal Secretary Home Department; Vijay Kumar, ADGP Law & Order; Administrative Secretaries; Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; Divisional Commissioners; Deputy Commissioners; and senior officials of Civil and Police Administration.

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BDO, others booked for misappropriation of funds under MGNREGA in Poonch

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Anti-Corruption Bureau registered a case against several officials of the rural development department, particularly the former block development officer (BDO) on Friday in the Poonch district for misappropriation of funds worth about Rs 2 lakh, a spokesman said.

The FIR was registered against former BDO Aftab Ahmed and the then officials of the Department of Rural Development at Mendhar on the basis of a verification conducted into the allegations of misap-

propriation of government funds to the tune of over Rs 1.83 lakh pertaining to the non-existent works incurring loss to the state exchequer, he said.

The probe was conducted regarding works executed under MGNREGA by the department for the financial years 2018-19 in Galthuta-Kangra.

It revealed that the officers and officials abused their official position and, in furtherance of a well knit conspiracy hatched amongst themselves and the beneficiaries, released excess labour payment in

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Govt runs by 'Bahumat', country by 'Sarvmat': Modi

Asks NDA MPs not to fall prey to hoaxes about ministries, portfolios

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said he would strive to ensure unanimity in running the next government and asserted that the NDA is not a combine of some parties to get power but an organic alliance committed to the principle of 'nation first'.

Chosen by the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance as its leader to become prime minister for the third time, Modi said the ruling combine is committed to the constitutional principle of "sarva panth sambhava (interfaith harmony)" and



mutual trust was at the core of this bloc.

"If we look at numbers, then this is the strongest coalition government in the history of coalitions," he said,

asserting that the NDA has been the most successful pre-poll alliance since its existence for nearly 30 years, out of which it has served

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India to scale 'new heights' under Modi's leadership, say NDA partners

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: After President Droupadi Murmu appointed NDA Parliamentary Party leader Narendra Modi as prime minister-designate, leaders of the BJP and those of its coalition partners congratulated him and said the country will scale "new heights" of progress under his leadership in the next five years.

Modi will take oath as prime minister for a third consecutive term on

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Search operation launched in Jammu's Majeen area



STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A search operation was launched by security forces on the outskirts of the city on Friday, officials said.

The special operation group (SoG) and other security personnel launched the search operation in vast forest belts near Balaji temple in Majeen area, they said.

A top police officer said the search operation was a "routine exercise".

However, sources said the operation was carried out after detecting suspicious activity in the area.

High Court stays J&K Special Tribunal order on demolition of Mamta Singh's residence

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In a significant legal development, Justice Vinod Chatterjee Koul of the High Court of J&K & Ladakh (Jammu wing) has stayed the order of the Jammu & Kashmir Special Tribunal which had directed the demolition of the residential house owned by Mamta Singh, wife of Dr. Nirmal Singh, former Deputy Chief Minister of J&K.

The tribunal's order had also imposed a cost of Rs 10 lakhs on Mamta Singh. This order was challenged, leading to the High Court's intervention today.

The Special Tribunal had previously ruled that the construction of the residence was in violation of certain regulations and had mandated its demolition, along with the hefty fine.

However, the High Court stay order has halted these actions.

CS reviews Tawi Riverfront, Artificial Lake Dev Project



Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo chairing a meeting at Srinagar.

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on Friday convened a meeting to review the progress achieved, so far, in development of Tawi Riverfront and artificial lake being established as part of the Jammu Smart City project.

Among others the meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary, Jal Shakti, Commissioner Secretary, H&UDD, MD HADP, CEO, JSCL, Chief Engineer, I&FC

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besides other concerned officers while Jammu based officers participated online.

The Chief Secretary had a detailed overview of the progress registered on different components of this mega beautification project of Jammu City. He defined the project as vital for further enhancing the aesthetic appeal of the city by giving it an upgraded look for the visitors. He impressed upon the officers to maintain inter-departmental coordination for meeting the set deadlines for project execution. He stressed on close

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ITMS will become fully operational in Jammu City from June 10

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Intelligent Traffic Management System (ITMS) will become fully functional at all the 44 Junctions in Jammu City from Monday (June 10).

As per a Traffic Department communiqué, the system will help in Automatic Number Plate recognition, red light violation detection, without Crash Helmet, Triple Riding, Without Seat belt, use of mobiles while driving, wrong parking among others.

With the full implementation of ITMS all types of vehicles will be under

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NIA Court grants interim bail to Ex-Minister, two others in alleged terror funding case

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Special Judge NIA Jammu Jatinder Singh Jambwal on Friday granted interim bail upto June 25, 2024 to Jatinder Singh alias Babu Singh Ex-Minister, Mohd Shareef Shah alias Sharief-ud-din alias Sharief Bukhari and Mohd Arshad.

While granting interim bail, Special Judge NIA Jatinder Singh Jambwal after hearing both the sides observed that accused are admitted to interim-bail till June 25, 2024 on furnishing two sureties, each in the sum of Rs. 1,00,000.

While granting Interim

bail, Special Judge NIA imposed conditions that they shall not change their residences during the period of temporary bail; not go beyond the limits of District. They shall not come in contact with any of the prosecution-witnesses, in any manner whatsoever; they shall not re-engage in the similar activities and shall not make any communication or establish any link telephonically with the militants or any banned organization.

Court further directed that Jatinder Singh alias Babu Singh Ex-Minister, Mohd Shareef Shah alias Sharief-ud-din alias Sharief Bukhari shall wear GPS tracking device to be provided by the SSP, SIA, Jammu and adhere to all the conditions imperative for its effective use.

Court further directed that applicants shall attend the office of the Superintendent of Police, at least once in a fortnight and remain available on such mobile number which he would furnish to the Superintendent of Police, District: and the Superintendent of Police, SIA Jammu shall not switch off or change the

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 38.6°C Min: 22.7°C

Humidity
Max: 39 Min: 29

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 21.6°C Min: 12.0°C

Humidity
Max: 75 Min: 64

Sunset : 19:36 Hours
Sunrise : 05:22 Hours

68 pc of candidates in J&K polled fewer than NOTA votes

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Sixty-eight per cent of the total 100 candidates in the fray on Jammu and Kashmir's five Lok Sabha seats polled fewer than None Of The Above (NOTA) votes, according to Election Commission data.

Cumulatively, 34,788 voters pressed the NOTA button in the five seats, showing their rejection of the candidates fielded by parties.

The maximum 12,938 NOTA votes were polled in the Udhampur constituency of Jammu region, a seat retained by BJP candidate Jitendra Singh.

There were 11 other candidates in the fray from Udhampur, and NOTA polled more votes than nine of them.

In the neighbouring

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J&K people will soon get chance to elect their Govt: CEC

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Rajiv Kumar today said that the Commission will shortly give a chance to the people of Jammu and Kashmir to elect their Government.

"We will give the people an opportunity to form their Government and choose their representatives as per their choice as soon as possible," Kumar told reporters in New Delhi.

Asserting that Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir are due, the Chief Election Commissioner said when they visited the Union Territory on March 12, he had dropped hint that they will hold the elections at an

appropriate time.

"We wanted one good election in Jammu and Kashmir

Kumar said there was large enthusiasm among the people about voting in Jammu and Kashmir.

It may be mentioned here that voting percentage in Jammu and Kashmir has broken record of four decades. While Jammu and Udhampur Lok Sabha seats are known for good turnouts; Baramulla, Anantnag and Srinagar also recorded impressive polling percentage this time.

CEC Rajiv Kumar had earlier also stated that Assembly elections will be held in Jammu and Kashmir shortly after successful conduct of Parliamentary polls. The Supreme Court while

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SC to organize Special Lok Adalat week from July 29 to August 3

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Supreme Court of India to organize a Special Lok Adalat week from July 29 to August 3, 2024.

This initiative aims to facilitate the timely resolution of legal disputes through a collaborative and efficient process.

Advocates-on-record, Counsel, and parties involved are encouraged to participate in this mega settlement drive, either in person or through the online platform.

The Special Lok Adalat offers expedited resolution, ensuring swift compromise and settlement of disputes,

thereby saving time and resources for all parties involved.

Parties can expect final and executable awards, providing closure to their legal matters and enabling them to move forward with certainty.

The Special Lok Adalat provides a cost-effective alternative to traditional litigation, minimizing expenses associated with prolonged legal proceedings.

Participants may benefit from the refund of court fees upon successful resolution of their disputes, further incentivizing the use of

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