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and people have given the NDA government one more chance, Modi added. The NDA delegation that called on Murmu was led by Nadda and included Rajnath Singh, Amit Shah, Ashwini Vaishnav and C N Manjunath (all from the BJP), TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu, JD(U) leaders Nitish Kumar, Rajiv Ranjan Singh and Sanjay Jha, Shiv Sena chief Eknath Shinde, JD(S) leader II D Kumaraswamy, LJP(RV) leader Chirag Paswan, HAM(S) leader Jitan Ram Manjhi, Jana Sena leader Pawan Kalyan, NCP leader Ajit Pawar, Apan Dal(S) leader Anupriya Patel, RLD leader Jayant Chaudhary, UPPL leader Joyanta Basumatary, AGP leader Atul Bora, SKM leader Indra Hang Subba, AJSU leaders Sudesh Mahto and Chandra Prakash Choudhary and Ramdas Athawale from the RPI(A). Nadda handed over a letter to the president, stating that Modi has been elected as the leader of the BJP Parliamentary Party. The NDA leaders also handed over their letters in support of the BJP to Murmu.

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parking areas, regular market checks and ensuring availability of essential commodities in the markets at regulated prices. The Lt Governor instructed the Divisional Commissioners and Relief Commissioner to work in close coordination for pleasant experience of the devotees during Mata Kheer Bhawani Mela. It should be ensured that all the arrangements of transportation, accommodation, power & water supply, sanitation, cleanliness, medical aid, fire & emergency services, waterproof tents and security are in place well in advance, he said. The Lt Governor directed the concerned Deputy Commissioners for conducting on spot assessment of the facilities at the shrine, besides identifying requirements of any additional services for comfortable stay of the devotees. Taking stock of the arrangement for the transportation of pilgrims, the Lt Governor instructed the concerned authorities to take necessary measures. He also directed the officials to make arrangements to tackle any weather vagaries during the Mela so that pilgrims do not face any inconvenience.

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out three full terms and is set to start the fourth. "We have never lost. Our conduct following June 4 shows that we know how to digest victory," the prime minister said at the meeting of the NDA Parliamentary Party, and attacked opposition parties. The result of the just-concluded Lok Sabha polls was announced on June 4. Modi said he has been missing quality debates and participation in Parliament for 10 years and expressed hope that it may happen this time. He said he hopes opposition leaders will be guided by national interest. "They may be in opposition to us but not to the nation. I hope they will arrive in Parliament with the sentiment of national interest," Modi said. "There were efforts to not acknowledge this very victory, to cast a 'shadow of defeat' on this victory. But all such efforts remained fruitless... Such things 'die very young' and it happened," Modi said. NDA leaders, including N Chandrababu Naidu (TDP), Nitish Kumar (JDU), Eknath Shinde (Shiv Sena), Chirag Paswan (LJP-RV), H D Kumaraswamy (JDS), Ajit Pawar (NCP), Anupriya Patel (Apan Dal-S), Pawan Kalyan (Jana Sena), attended the meeting along with newly elected Lok Sabha members from the ruling alliance.

With Parliament often witnessing frequent disruptions in the past due to deep acrimony between the ruling coalition and opposition parties, Modi struck a conciliatory note. Having a "bahumat (majority)" is necessary to form government but "sarvmat (consensus or unanimity)" is much needed for running the country, he said. "I want to assure people of the country that you have given us the good fortune to run the government by handing us a majority, and it has then become our responsibility that we continuously strive to ensure unanimity in taking the country forward," Modi said. "For me the NDA stands for New India, Developed India, Aspirational India," he said, lauding the leading architects of the alliance, including Atal Bihari Vajpayee, George Fernandes, Bal Thackeray, Sharad Yadav and Parkash Singh Badal. Modi congratulated the victorious NDA leaders and said he must salute the lakhs of ground workers who worked to ensure this victory. "This is the most successful alliance in the history of our country. It has completed three successful terms and is now entering its fourth. The NDA is not a grouping of parties that have come together to get power, it is committed to the principle of 'nation first'," he added.

He noted that the BJP-led NDA is in power in seven of the 10 states where Scheduled Tribes are in large numbers and also in Goa and North Eastern states where Christians are in sizeable numbers. Modi said that the "INDI alliance" parties have already started saying they came together only for the Lok Sabha polls. Such an approach shows their character and hunger for power, he said. "Our 10 years were just a trailer. We will work much harder and faster for the development of our country. People know that we will deliver," Modi said. The prime minister said he had been missing parliamentary debates and hoped that the opposition MPs also contribute to nation-building when they come to Parliament. Taking a dig at the Congress, he said the opposition party could not even touch the 100-seat mark, and that their total seats in the last three Lok Sabha polls were fewer than the BJP's tally in this election alone. "We are glad to note that for the first time one of our representatives has emerged victorious in Kerala. We have been having a brilliant performance in Arunachal Pradesh. In Sikkim also, we (NDA) have almost registered a 'clean sweep'. In Andhra Pradesh, it is a historic victory. The way NDA's vote share has increased in Tamil Nadu clearly shows what is in the offing," Modi said. "In the last 10 years, we worked to make the country touch new heights of success. A common thing that exists amongst all the leadership pillars of the NDA is good governance," Modi said. "Whenever given the chance to serve, each and every leader of the NDA has ensured good governance across Bharat. The NDA has become synonymous with good governance," he said. The Prime Minister urged NDA MPs not to fall prey to hoaxes about ministries and portfolios and claimed the "INDI Alliance" could also indulge in spreading "fake news" about such issues. Modi said he did not find much truth in what was being aired on TV in the last couple of days. "I did not find any truth in what is being run. I said one should ask where do they get such information from. There had not been such an occasion in the last 10 years, so there will be such excitement. Some people reach out to you and say they have high contacts and will make you minister... We fall for it thinking this could be a way to become a minister," PM Modi said. He said now technology is such that people could also come out with a list of ministers with even his signatures on it. "Some intelligent person may also distribute portfolios. A lot of people are busy in forming government these days, distributing ministries and posts. I request you, those who know Modi, know that all such attempts are useless. If you get a phone call, verify that they are from the authority concerned or not," he said. "So there is an entire army indulging in such rumour-mongering. Some people do it habitually, some do it for entertainment while some do it with ill-intentions. I urge all MPs not to fall prey to such conspiracies," he said. PM Modi alleged that during the Lok Sabha elections, the "INDI Alliance" perfected themselves in spreading "fake news" and have done a "double Phd in it. They will make use of such tactics. We should stay away from such things, stay away from rumours," he said. Referring to senior leaders, PM Modi said the team that was sitting there was experienced and gave him the right advice. "That is why the team will make the right decisions jointly. Be rest assured that the country will not run on the basis of breaking news," he said.

India to scale...

Sunday after Murmu invited him to form the government. Murmu appointed Modi as prime minister-designate on Friday after BJP chief JP Nadda handed her a letter on Modi's election as leader of the BJP Parliamentary Party and National Democratic Alliance (NDA) leaders submitted their letters of support. Telugu Desam Party (TDP) MP Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu asserted that his party will remain part of the NDA and provide its complete support to the coalition government under Modi for nation building, fulfilling regional aspirations and formulation of public welfare schemes. "We conveyed the same during the NDA meeting also that we will stay with the NDA and there will be no confusion on it in the next five years as the people of Andhra Pradesh have given their mandate to the NDA. The people have given responsibility to us. We will fulfil the duty that people have assigned to us with their

mandate and play a significant role," Naidu told PTI. Asked if his party had demanded the Lok Sabha speaker's position for being part of the NDA, the TDP leader said, "We have not made any specific demand. But we definitely want due respect in the NDA." He claimed that the Jagan Mohan Reddy government destroyed Andhra Pradesh during its rule and the TDP wants the NDA government at the Centre to provide all possible help for the progress of the state and its people. The BJP's Anurag Thakur, reelected from Himachal Pradesh's Hamirpur Lok Sabha seat, congratulated Modi on being elected as NDA Parliamentary Party leader and said the country will scale new heights of progress under his leadership. "The people of the country want a stable government. The people of the country want to see a powerful and honest leader at the helm," he told PTI. Senior BJP leader Dharmendra Pradhan, who was elected to the Lok Sabha from Odisha's Sambalpur, said the NDA government will do "much better" this time. "We will work much harder in national interest," he told PTI. Congratulating Modi, LJP (Ram Vilas) chief Chirag Paswan said people of the country are waiting for Modi to take oath and fulfil his promises. "The entire country has given a mandate to Prime Minister Modi and, honouring this mandate, all NDA constituents have endorsed his leadership to fulfil his resolve of making India a developed country," he told PTI. Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) chief Jayant Singh said the same energy and zeal with which Modi worked in the last 10 years will take the country forward on the path of progress.

BDO, others booked...

respect of the works of construction at Mohalla Shahab, he said. "By acting in this manner, the officers/officials of RIDD Block Mendhar have misappropriated Rs 1,83,745, Rs 1,16,041 as excess payment and Rs 67,704/- for the non-existent works thus conferred undue benefit upon themselves and the beneficiaries with corresponding wrongful loss to the state exchequer. These omissions and commissions on the part of officers and officials of RIDD Block Mendhar namely Aftab Ahmed, then BDO Mendhar and other officials of Rural Development Department, Block Mendhar in connivance with the beneficiaries (job card holders) prima facie constitutes offences punishable under Section 5(1)(c)(d) r/w 5(2) J&K PC Act, 2006 and Section 120-B RPC", an official statement added. Further investigation in the case is going on.

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mobile number without the permission of Chief Investigation Officer of the case; they shall not use any IOS device(Apple etc.), any social media.

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CCTV surveillance 24x7 and the E-Challans will be supported by strong evidence of violations through high-definition cameras. All types of motorists have been asked to follow Traffic Rules and regulations strictly to avoid penalization under relevant sections of Motor Vehicle Act for violations committed. The people have been advised to stay cautious and follow all traffic rules.

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monitoring of works by the senior officers to ensure both quality and efficiency in delivery outcomes. Dulloo exhorted upon the concerned authorities to ensure that all the diversion works and installation of sluice gates are completed within set deadlines so that pondage of designated lake area is carried out at the earliest. He asked for ensuring completion of all allied works simultaneously by the Smart City and other executing agencies so that the project gets accomplished at an earliest. The Chief Secretary enquired about the quantum of work still pending on diversion work of each nallah on the right and left bank of the lake. Earlier, ACS, Jal Shakti Department, Shaleen Kabra, presented a broad overview of the works being carried out by his department for development of the lake inside the Tawi river from 4th bridge up to Gujjar Nagar in first phase. He informed that the works included construction of 4 promenades and embankments for a length of 2.7 km on both sides of the river from Bhagwati Nagar Barrage to Bikram Bridge including central island as part of phase first of this project. He added that the project, being established with an estimated cost of Rs 191.15 crore, is expected to be completed by September this year with an aggregate progress of nearly 80% on all of its components. Regarding physical progress of the project, the updated photographs of the works carried out on right and left banks including the central island were displayed during the meeting. In another presentation, Commissioner Secretary, H&UDD, Mandeep Kaur, also detailed out the possible land use pattern on both the banks. She explained that the intended land use includes for development of land parcels for residential, commercial and recreational purpose.

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alternative dispute resolution mechanisms. Parties have the flexibility to participate in the Special Lok Adalat either physically or virtually through the online platform. This ensures accessibility and convenience, allowing individuals to engage in the settlement process from anywhere with an internet connection. To avail of the benefits of the Special Lok Adalat, parties are encouraged to contact their nearest State, District, or Taluka Legal Services Authority. Detailed information regarding participation and registration can be found on the official website of the Supreme Court of India at <https://www.sci.gov.in/>. The Supreme Court of India remains committed to facilitating access to justice for all and looks forward to the active participation of stakeholders in this endeavor.

J&K people will...

upholding abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir on December 11, 2023, had directed the Election Commission to conduct Assembly elections in the Union Territory before September 30, 2024. Last Assembly polls in J&K were held in November-December 2014. The UT has 90-seat Assembly. Plus, there are 24 seats reserved for Pakistan occupied Jammu Kashmir (PoJK) in the Assembly. There is also a provision for nomination of five MLAs including two Women, two Kashmiri migrants, one of them a woman, and a PoJK refugee. PTI adds: Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar and Election Commissioners Gyanesh Kumar and Sukhbir Singh Sandhu handed over the list of candidates who won the Lok Sabha elections to President Droupadi Murmu. Accepting the recommendation of the Union Cabinet, the President had ordered the dissolution of the 17th Lok Sabha on Wednesday. Meanwhile, a voter turnout of 65.79 per cent was recorded in the just-concluded Lok Sabha elections, but the final figures may change as it does not include postal ballots, the Election Commission said. Kumar had earlier said a total of 64.2 crore voters had exercised their franchise. In the 2019 Parliamentary polls, the turnout was 67.40 per cent. In 2019, India had 91.20 crore voters and out of these, 61.5 had exercised their franchise. In the 2024 polls, the size of the electorate grew to 96.88 crore voters. "Overall, 65.79 per cent voter turnout recorded in general elections, 2024, at the polling stations," the Election Commission said in a statement. The Commission said detailed statistical reports having number of postal votes and gross voter turnout will be made available after finalisation of details, as received from States and Union Territories in due course according to standard practice. The women voter turnout was more than that of men in the seventh phase of the Lok Sabha elections held on June 1, according to the EC data. The women voter turnout was 64.72 per cent while that of men was 63.11 per cent. The turnout of persons of the third gender was 22.33 per cent, the data showed. Similar trends were witnessed in the fifth and sixth phase of the polls held on May 20 and May 25 respectively. In the fifth phase, the women voter turnout was 63 per cent and that of men was 61.48 per cent. In the sixth phase, 61.95 per cent men and 64.95 per cent women voted, according to EC data. The overall voter turnout of the 2024 general election was 65.79 per cent, it said. In the seventh phase, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Odisha and Uttar Pradesh were among the States that had a higher women voter turnout. In Himachal Pradesh, the turnout of women voters was 72.64 per cent while that of men was 69.19 per cent, it was 73.75 per cent for women and 68.10 per cent for men in Jharkhand and it was 76.50 per cent for women and 72.42 per cent for men in Odisha. In Uttar Pradesh, the women voter turnout was 58.56 per cent compared to 53.47 per cent for men. Meanwhile, the Model Code of Conduct that came into force on March 16 with the announcement of the Lok Sabha election has been lifted. In a communication to the Union Cabinet Secretary and State Chief Secretaries, the Election Commission said as results of Lok Sabha elections and Assembly polls in Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Odisha and Andhra Pradesh, along with some Assembly bypolls have been declared, "Model Code of Conduct has ceased to be in operation with immediate effect.

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NOTA option. There were 22 candidates in the fray and 14 of them polled fewer votes. Thus, out of the total 100, 68 candidates have secured fewer votes than NOTA, an analysis of the EC data shows. Meanwhile, in the Ladakh Union territory, which was part of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir until the Centre divided J-K into two Union territories and abrogated Article 370 in August 2019, NOTA was favoured only by 912 voters. "Ladakh is the sole Parliamentary constituency in the UT. There were only three candidates in the fray and all of them got more votes than NOTA.

EC to accept applications from registered unrecognised parties in J&K for common symbols

■ STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: In an indication that assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir are imminent, the Election Commission on Friday said it has decided to accept applications seeking allotment of 'common symbols' from registered unrecognised parties in the Union Territory with immediate effect. An official explained that under Para 10 B of the Election Symbols (Reservation & Allotment) Order, 1968, any registered unrecognised political party can apply for a 'common symbol' six months prior to the end of the term of a House. But since no assembly is functional in Jammu and Kashmir; the Election Commission (EC) has issued a press statement inviting applications for symbols. While recognised national and state parties have their 'reserved symbols', registered unrecognised parties have to apply for one to field candidates. When free symbols are allocated to unrecognised parties, the returning officer allocates the remaining unclaimed symbols to Independents "on the spot". "The Commission has decided to accept applications seeking allotment of common symbols under Para 10B of the Election Symbols (Reservation & Allotment) Order, 1968, for the General Election to the Legislative Assembly of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir with immediate effect," the EC statement read. Enthused by the voter participation in Jammu and Kashmir in the just-held Lok Sabha polls, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar had recently told PTI Video that the poll panel will "very soon" initiate the process of holding assembly polls in the Union Territory. While announcing the schedule for the Lok Sabha elections in March, Kumar said holding assembly and parliamentary elections simultaneously was not practical due to logistical and security reasons. Whenever assembly elections are held in Jammu and Kashmir, they will be the first since the August 2019 abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution and the bifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir into two Union Territories. The electoral exercise in Jammu and Kashmir is usually spread over a month. Following a delimitation exercise, the number of assembly seats has gone up from 83 to 90, excluding those allocated to Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.

Police adopts latest GPS tracking technology to monitor movement of bailed-out drug peddler

■ STATE TIMES NEWS KULGAM: In compliance to an order received from Hon'ble Court Kulgam, Police installed a GPS tracking device on a bailed-out drug peddler of Police Station Kulgam. The accused was arrested along with recovery of contraband and has been bailed out recently. The GPS anklet will be used to monitor the movement of the drug peddler and ensure that he doesn't violate the bail conditions. This action of Police reaffirms its commitment to make Kulgam a drug free district.

Notorious drug smuggler booked under PIT NDPS Act

■ STATE TIMES NEWS BARAMULLA: Acting tough against drug peddlers and to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police booked notorious drug smuggler under PIT NDPS Act in Baramulla after obtaining formal detention order from competent authority. The notorious drug smuggler namely Tauseef Nabi Ganie @Tauseef Pujj son of Ghulam Nabi resident of Stadium Colony Baramulla has been booked under PIT-NDPS Act after obtaining formal detention orders from the competent Authority. The booked drug smuggler has been detained and subsequently lodged in Central Jail Kot-Balwal Jammu. Pertinent to mention here that many cases are registered against the said drug smuggler and was involved in promoting drug abuse trade by supplying drugs to local youth of Town Baramulla & other areas of district. Despite his involvement in many FIRs, he did not mend his activities and was again involved in promoting drug abuse trade by supplying drugs to local youth. General public appreciated the role of Police for their action against drug peddlers. Our consistent actions against the drug peddlers should reassure the community members that police is making all efforts to keep our society free from drug abuse.

Crackdown on illegal mining, 3 vehicles seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: In a drive against illegal mining and to tighten noose against the violators, Jammu Police has initiated strict action against the criminals involved in illegal mining & minting money out of the public resources. In an operation which was carried out at different locations in South Zone of District Jammu, PP Phallain Mandal detained a dumper and a tractor trolley loaded with sand seized under illegal mining. In another instance, PP Bathindi detained a dumper which were loaded with river bed sand and failed to produce the Form A. In all, 01 vehicles have been seized in jurisdiction of PS Satwari and 01 vehicle has been seized in jurisdiction of PS Bahu Fort of South Zone by JKP. After detaining of these vehicles District Mining Officer was informed for necessary legal actions.

Missing girl traced, reunited with family

■ STATE TIMES NEWS DODA: Police traced a missing girl in Gandoh area and re-united with family. In a statement issued by Doda Police, one girl namely resident of Gandow Tehsil Chilly Pingal, was missing and accordingly her missing report was entered in Police Station Gandoh on May 26, 2024. Soon after the registration of missing report police swung into action and search started. After hectic efforts ,Police traced out her from Gandoh Jakyas and after completion of legal formalities, the said girl was handed over to her legal heirs. Her missing file has been closed.

Trespass cases: Chargesheets presented against 4 criminals

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: The police Post Belicharana under Police Station Satwari in Jammu District has submitted chargesheets in 4 significant trespassing cases, underscoring its commitment to upholding law and order in the region. These cases, involving various accused from Belicharana, have been presented before the respective Hon'ble courts in Jammu. Case FIR No. 103/2024 against accused Jameel Ahmed, son of Bashir Ahmed, resident of Lane No. 06, Bashir Gujjar Basti, Belicharana in the court of Railway Magistrate, Jammu. Case FIR No. 105/2024 against accused: Bashir Ahmed Khan, son of Sher Zaman Khan, resident of House No. 106, Gujjar Basti, Belicharana, in the Court: 2nd Additional Munsif Court, Jammu; Case FIR No. 115/2024 against accused Wali Mohammad Khan, son of Mohammad Sharief Khan, resident of Doda Basti, Belicharana in the court of Passenger Tax Magistrate, Jammu; and Case FIR No. 118/2024 against Barkat Ali, son of Mir Hussain, resident of Bashir Gujjar Basti, Belicharana in the Court of Special Magistrate, 13 FC, Jammu These chargesheets related to the cases under section 447 IPC which deals with criminal trespassing. The accused individuals are alleged to have unlawfully entered properties, causing disruptions and distress to the lawful occupants.

Cyber Cell solves online fraud, recovers Rs 80K

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Cyber cell DPO Jammu, a dedicated unit to deal with cases of online frauds and cyber crime, has successfully recovered hard earned money. In a new technique of looting money by fraudsters, Cyber cell DPO Jammu received a complaint in which fraudster posing himself as a Police officer asked complainant for money on the pretext that her son has been caught in a rape case and asked her that he will not file any case against her son if she deposit an amount of ₹80,000 in the bank account provided by fraudster. The complainant deposited cash amount of ₹80,000 in the bank account provided by the fraudster. During the investigation, the Cyber Cell DPO Jammu, acted swiftly and exhibited hectic efforts which ultimately led to recovery of Rs 80,000. Further investigation is underway.