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## Modi set to take oath as PM for 3rd term today

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister-designate Narendra Modi is set to take oath on Sunday for a third straight term as the head of a coalition government after two full tenures in which the BJP enjoyed a majority on its own.

Modi, 73, will be equalling the feat of first prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru, who won in 1952, 1957 and 1962 general elections.

Leaders from India's neighbourhood and the Indian Ocean Region are among the dignitaries and special invitees expected to attend the swearing-in ceremony of the prime minister and his council of ministers at the Rashtrapati Bhavan at 7.15 pm.

Sri Lanka President Ranil Wickremesinghe, President of Maldives Mohamed Muizzu, Vice-President of Seychelles Ahmed Afif, Bangladesh Prime Minister



Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of Mauritius Pravin Kumar Jugnauth, Prime Minister of Nepal Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' and Prime Minister of Bhutan Tshering Tobgay have accepted invitations to the ceremony.

"The visit of the leaders to attend the swearing-in ceremony of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his third consecutive term is in keeping with the highest priority accorded by India to its 'Neighbourhood First' policy

and 'SAGAR' vision," the Ministry of External Affairs said.

The leaders of the regional grouping SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation) attended Modi's first swearing-in as the prime minister after a massive electoral victory for the BJP in 2014.

Leaders of the BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) countries attended Modi's swearing-in ceremony in

2019 when he became prime minister for the second consecutive term.

Also invited to the ceremony are people from different walks of life. Surekha Yadav, the pilot of the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus-Solapur Vande Bharat train in Maharashtra, is among 10 loco pilots of the Indian Railways who have been invited.

Necessary arrangements have been made for the guests, including designated enclosures for the council of ministers to be sworn in and the VVIPs, the officials said on Saturday.

The Rashtrapati Bhavan shared visuals of the preparations for the grand ceremony in the forecourt with chairs, red carpet and other paraphernalia being set up.

Security has been stepped up with Delhi Police imposing prohibitory orders and the national capital

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## AC approves lease of 1750 Kanals 17 Marla of land to CVPPPL

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Administrative Council (AC) which met here on Saturday under the chairmanship of Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant Governor, J&K approved grant of 40 Year lease with mortgage rights of 1750 Kanal 17 Marla (87.54 Ha) of land acquired by Collector Land Acquisition, Kishtwar for Kiru Hydroelectric Project in village Galhar Bhata Tehsil Nagseni District Kishtwar to Chenab Valley Power Projects Private Limited (CVPPPL) under Rule 13 (ii) read with Rule 16 of J&K Land Grants Rules, 2022.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor; Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor attended the meeting.

Kiru HE Project is presently under construction by Chenab Valley Power



LG Manoj Sinha chairing Administrative Council meeting at Srinagar on Saturday.

### Establishment of SPV for dev of Amusement Park at Tattoo Ground approved

SRINAGAR: Administrative Council (AC) which met here on Saturday under the chairmanship of Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant Governor, J&K granted approval for conveying consent of the UT Government to Government of India for setting up of Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) for the development of Theme/Amusement Park at Tattoo Ground, Srinagar over 139.04 acres of land.

Earlier UT Government had approached MHA in this regard who proposed a collaboration with Government of UT of J&K for the development of this amusement park. The Government of India intends to support the UT of J&K to leverage the tourism potential of J&K and catalyze growth in the tourism sector by attracting tourists from across the globe by creating a State of the Art

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Project Private Limited (CVPPPL) which is a Joint Venture of NHPC Limited & JKSPDC. The work on the project allotted on EPC mode is currently in full swing and is scheduled to be completed by March-2026.

The process has been initiated by CVPPPL for arranging commercial loan for 70% debt component. The lending agencies have made a condition of mortgage of movable and immovable assets including land for grant of

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## Sonia Gandhi re-elected Congress Parliamentary Party chairperson

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Former Congress president Sonia Gandhi was unanimously re-elected as the chairperson of the Congress parliamentary party on Saturday, its leaders said.

At a meeting of party MPs, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge proposed Sonia Gandhi's name as the chairperson of the parliamentary party.

The proposal was seconded by Gaurav Gogoi, K Sudhakaran and Tariq Anwar.

Gandhi, 77, was elected to the Rajya Sabha in February.



Earlier, the Congress Working Committee (CWC) unanimously urged Rahul Gandhi to take on the mantle of the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha and he told the party's top brass that he will take a decision on it "very soon".

## J&K Govt dismisses 4 employees for anti-national activities

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Government on Saturday dismissed four employees, two belonging to Police Department (Constables) and one each to Education Department (Teacher) and Jal Shakti Department (Assistant Lineman) in terms of Article 311 of the Constitution of India for their involvement in anti-national activities.

The activities of these employees had come to the adverse notice of law enforcement and intelligence agencies, as they found them involved in activities prejudicial to the interests of the State, such as involvement in

terror related activities.

Abdul Rehman Dar, Selection Grade Constable in Police Department, son of Sona Ullah Dar, resident of Larmoo, Tral, District Pulwama, was involved in the commission of offence of not only carrying illegal Arms and Ammunition from one place to another for their delivery to the terrorists, but also providing camouflage uniform cloth and other material to them, taking undue and criminal advantage of his being a member of the Police Force.

Gh. Rasool Bhat, Constable in J&K Police, son of Jawaid Hyder Bhat, resident of Lalgam, Tral, District

Pulwama, is also involved in the commission of offence of carrying illegal Arms and Ammunition from one place to another for delivery to the terrorists. As Kote NCO in the Army of a district, he was supplying ammunition and weapons to the terrorists for a long time. He was linked to the terrorist ecosystem, through a network of OGWs, who have been operating at the behest of terrorist outfits based in Pakistan.

Shabeer Ahmad Wani, Teacher in the Education Department, son of Mohammad Ashraf Wani, resident of Bungam, Damhal Hanjipora, District Kulgam, has been an active member of

Jamat-e-Islam (JeI), a proscribed separatist association having tangible links with terrorist organization. He played a substantial role in strengthening JeI and creating network of people among JeI sympathizers. Various FIRs have been registered against him because of his direct involvement in inciting and leading an unlawful assembly of mob instigating rioting and violence in D.H. Pora, during the 2016 unrest. He continues to be a hardcore OGW of banned terror outfits, in particular the HM and his affiliation has perpetually aided terrorist activities in and

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## Properties of 2 Pak-based terror handlers seized in Baramulla

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Police attached properties worth crores of rupees belonging to two Pakistan-based terror handlers hailing from Baramulla district on Saturday.

As per details, Police in Baramulla after obtaining attachment order passed by Hon'ble Addl. Sessions Court Baramulla, attached properties (08 Kanals & 04 Marlas) land worth crore belonging to 2 terror handlers namely Jaleel Ahmad Rather son of Gh Mohd & Mohd Ashraf Mir son of

Sonaullah Mir, both residents of Tilgam Baramulla, based in Pakistan.

The action was taken under sections of 83 CRPC & are linked with case FIR No. 04/2008 u/s 2/3 EIMCO Act, 121 RPC, 7/25 Indian Arms Act, 13 UA (P) Act of PS Kreeeri. The properties were identified belonging to terror handlers during the course of investigation/enquiry conducted by Police.

The operation reaffirms the commitment of Police to combat the terror activities.

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## DM Jammu invokes PSA against 2 land grabbers

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: District Magistrate Sachin Kumar Vaishya has invoked the Public Safety Act (PSA) against two individuals involved in the sale of illegal plots and fraudulent conversion of forest lands in Sunjwan and Bathindi areas. The DM's decision to invoke the PSA aims to ensure public order and serve as a deterrent against any similar misadventures by others.

## Gurvinder appointed CoE BOPEE, Sunil repatriated to HED

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government on Saturday repatriated Dr Sunil Gupta, Controller of Examinations (CoE), Jammu and Kashmir Board of Professional Entrance Examinations (JKBOPEE), to his parent Higher Education Department (HED) and appointed Prof Gurvinder Raj Verma, Incharge Principal, GDC Qazigund as CoE BOPEE.

## CWC asks Rahul to take on LoP mantle in LS; he says will decide 'very soon'

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Congress Working Committee (CWC) on Saturday unanimously urged Rahul Gandhi to take on the mantle of the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha and he told the party's top brass that he will take a decision on it "very soon".

At a meeting of the CWC, the party's highest decision-making body, chaired by Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge and attended by Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, among others, the party's Lok Sabha polls showing was

hailed but it was also decided that separate committees would be set up in states where the performance was not good or below expectations, to take corrective measures.

Kharge said the Lok Sabha poll mandate is a "decisive rejection" of the politics of divisiveness and hate, and stressed that the INDIA bloc must continue functioning cohesively both inside and outside Parliament.

Two resolutions were unanimously passed by the CWC, including one requesting Rahul Gandhi to assume the position of the Leader of

Opposition in the Lok Sabha. Asked if he had agreed to take on the position, Congress general secretary K C Venugopal said Gandhi took note of the sentiments of the CWC members and told them that he would take a decision on it "very soon".

In the other resolution, the CWC congratulated the people for voting so powerfully to preserve democracy, protect the Constitution and enhance social and economic justice.

"They have decisively rejected both the substance and style of governance

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## Cook killed in suspected firing along IB

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: In a case of mistaken identity, a 26-year-old man was killed when the Border Security Force (BSF) troops opened fire on observing suspicious movement near a forward post along the International Border (IB) in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district, officials said on Saturday.

The deceased was identified as Vasudeva, a resident of Akhnoor area of Jammu district, who was working as a cook in a company engaged in construction work in the border area, they said.

"An untoward incident took place at border

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## Have to act tough against unscrupulous elements to maintain peaceful atmosphere: DGP

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Law enforcing agencies have to act tough against some unscrupulous elements to ensure that the atmosphere of peace in Jammu and Kashmir is not disturbed, Director General of Police RR Swain said on Saturday.

"When there will be peace, elections can take place and, when there is no fear, then only people can vote without fear. That's the atmosphere we want to maintain. Sometimes, we have to face brickbats as well (while doing so)," Swain told reporters after holding a public darbar



DGP R R Swain speaking at public Darbar in Pulwama district.

in Pulwama district. "To ensure that the streets remain peaceful, please accept that we have to be tough against some people. Police, by definition, is law enforcement," he added.

Swain said everyone was satisfied that the recent Lok Sabha elections were held peacefully and witnessed a high voter turnout in Jammu and Kashmir.

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## Two minor girls raped in Udhampur, accused held

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Two minor girls were allegedly raped by two men in a forest area in Udhampur district, police said on Saturday.

The police identified the accused as Dalip Kumar and Ravinder Kumar, both residents of Panchound.

According to the police, the girls aged 16 and 17, were on their way home from a school picnic when they were accosted by the accused, who allegedly raped them in a forest on Friday evening, a police spokesman said.

The spokesman said the girls were lying unconscious in the forest area throughout the night and were recovered by the police upon getting information Saturday morning. The girls were shifted to a hospital in Ramnagar

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## 25,037 traffic Challans, 492 electricity disputes resolved amicably in Special Lok Adalat

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Under the patronage of Justice N. Kotiswar Singh, Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Patron-in-Chief, J&K Legal Services Authority and with the approval of Justice Tashi Rabstan, Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority, as well as under the guidance of Justice Sindhu Sharma, Chairperson, High Court Legal Services Committee, a Special Lok Adalat was organized throughout the UT of J&K on Saturday, with a special emphasis on the amicable settlement of traffic challans and disputes related to electricity bills pending disposal before various courts in the UT of J&K.

As per the data received

from various District Legal Services Authorities in the UT of J&K, a total of 26006 Traffic challans and 767 Electricity disputes were taken up in the Special Lok Adalat, out of which 25037 Traffic Challans and 492 disputes relating to electricity were amicably settled, involving a total amount of Rs. 1,02,56,419/- providing significant relief to the litigants. District Jammu and District Srinagar emerged as the leaders in settling 11887 and 10814 cases respectively which constitutes about 90% of the total cases disposed of in the today's Special Lok Adalat.

Member Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority, Amit Kumar Gupta, while appreciating the efforts

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**WEATHER**

Temperature (Jammu)  
Max: 38.1°C Min: 24.1°C

Humidity  
Max: 57 Min: 25

Temperature (Srinagar)  
Max: 24.2°C Min: 12.1°C

Humidity  
Max: 79 Min: 62

Sunset : 19:37 Hours  
Sunrise : 05:22 Hours