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India commemorates Kargil Vijay Diwas

Mega events held in J&K, Ladakh



Candles lit at Kargil War Memorial in Drass, Ladakh, in memory of martyred soldiers.

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■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
NEW DELHI: President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday led the nation in paying tributes to the armed forces personnel who fought

valiantly in extremely harsh conditions to defend the country's territory during the Kargil conflict.
On July 26, 1999, the Indian Army announced the successful culmination of

"Operation Vijay", declaring victory after a nearly three-month-long battle on the icy heights of Kargil in Ladakh.
The day is observed as 'Kargil Vijay Diwas' to commemorate India's victory

over Pakistan in the war.

"Kargil Vijay Diwas is a symbol of extraordinary bravery, valour and determination of our armed forces. I bow to all the brave soldiers who laid down their lives to protect Mother India. The country will always be indebted to them and their family members. Jai Hind," Murnu said in a tweet in Hindi.

The President is the supreme commander of the armed forces.

In a tweet, Prime Minister Modi said Kargil Vijay Diwas is a symbol of pride and glory for the country.

"Kargil Vijay Diwas is a symbol of pride and glory of 'Maa Bharati'. On this occasion, I salute all the brave sons of the country who achieved the height of valour in the defence of the motherland. Jai Hind," he said.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh also paid tributes to the fallen heroes and said their acts of valour and indomitable spirit will

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Police encounters: 9-fold increase in J&K

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: Jammu and Kashmir has seen nine-fold increase in police encounters in 2021-22 highest in the country followed by Assam where such cases rose by over four times against the previous year, Lok Sabha was informed on Tuesday.

Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai said on Tuesday that there were 82 cases of police encounters in 2020-21 in the country

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Three IPS among 10 Police officers transferred

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The Government on Tuesday ordered transfer of three IPS among ten police officers.

According to order issued from Home Department, Umesh Kumar, IPS, awaiting posting in the Police Headquarters has been posted as SO to ADGP, Railways, J&K; Sanjeev Kumar Yadav IPS, awaiting posting in the Police Headquarters has been posted as Divisional

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Terror funding case: Recovery of Rs 43 lakh from Kashmir-bound car

SIA files charge-sheet; exposes nexus between JeM terrorists, Punjab gangsters

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The nexus between Jaish-e-Mohammad terror group and Punjab-based gangsters came to the fore as the State Investigation Agency Tuesday filed a chargesheet against five accused in a terror funding case registered last year.

The case was registered in November last year following the recovery of Rs 43 lakh from a Kashmir-bound vehicle.

The chargesheet was filed before the NIA special court

in Jammu against the accused including a Pakistan-based JeM commander and three Punjab gangsters under various sections of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, Arms Act and Indian Penal Code, an official of the SIA said.

This was the second chargesheet filed by the SIA in the terror funding case in the past three months after taking over the investigation in January.

Those chargesheeted

include JeM commander Ashiq Nengroo alias Ashiq Molvi, a resident of Hanjan Bala village of Rajpora in south Kashmir's Pulwama district, who is presently operating from across the border, the official said.

He said the other four accused chargesheeted are Muzammil Ahmad Malik of Pulwama and Ravi kumar alias Nona, Jaideep Dhawan alias Deep and Amarbir singh alias Gopi mahal -- all residents of Punjab.

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LG expresses gratitude to PM for ex-gratia of Rs 2 lakh to NoK of each deceased of flash flood near Amarnath

Rs 50,000 to be given to injured

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for sanctioning ex-gratia of Rs 2 lakh in favour of Next of Kin of all those who lost their lives in the unfortunate incident of flash-flood near Shri Amarnathji cave on July 08.

The Prime Minister Office has also sanctioned Rs. 50,000 each in favour of per-



sons who received serious injuries in the incident.

"I am grateful to the

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J&K Govt constitutes committee on Dam Safety

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The government on Tuesday constituted UT Committee on Dam Safety and UT Dam Safety Organization in terms of Dam Safety Act 2021.

As per order issued by Principal Secretary, Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Executive Engineer Jammu and Kashmir Power Development Corporation (J&KPDC) will be chairman of UT committee on Dam Safety while Superintending Engineer Jammu and Kashmir Power Development Corporation will be chairman of UT Dam

Safety Organization.

As per order the members of UT committee on Dam Safety include Chief Engineer, Irrigation and Flood Control, Jammu, Chief Engineer, Irrigation and Flood Control, Kashmir, Chief Engineer, Design Inspection Quality Control, Chief Engineer, Bhagilhar, Chief Engineer, National Hydro-electric Power Member Corporation, Chief Engineer, Chenab Valley Power Projects Limited, Representative from Himachal Pradesh Government (not below

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No KP resigned from Govt job after terror attacks: Govt

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: No Kashmiri Pandit working under the Prime Minister's Development Package (PMDP) has resigned in protest against the killings of fellow community members in the Valley by terrorists, Union Minister Nityanand Rai said in Lok Sabha on Tuesday.

Rai also said that a total of 5,502 Kashmiri Pandits

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JKCA scam case: 'Farooq shall stick to truth, vindicate himself'

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: The National Conference on Tuesday said its president Farooq Abdullah will always stick to the truth and vindicate himself in the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association money laundering case.

The Srinagar MP will cooperate with the

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 33.0°C Min: 24.4°C

Humidity

Max : 90 Min : 71

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 31.2°C Min: 20.3°C

Humidity

Max : 80 Min: 50

Sunset : 19:34 Hours

Sunrise : 05:43 Hours

Islamic Banking in J&K; PIL closed

Court cannot enter into realm of policy decision of Govt: DB

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: In a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) seeking the introduction of Islamic Banking in Jammu and Kashmir, A Division Bench of J&K High court, comprising Chief Justice Pankaj Mithal and Justice Javed Iqbal Wani, held that the Court cannot enter into the realm of policy decision of the Government.

The PIL, filed by an NGO J&K Peoples Forum in 2018, had sought directions upon the Union Finance Ministry for issuing necessary notification for the introduction of Sharia compliant windows (Islamic banking) as recommended by Deepak Mohanty Committee as well as in the light of a report of the inter-departmental group

of RBI.

The Forum had also sought direction to RBI for taking immediate steps in the constituent banks including the J&K Bank so as to facilitate Shariah compliant windows. The Forum wants J&K Bank Limited to place before the court entire details of Non Performing Accounts (NPAs) and the steps taken for recovery of the outstanding amount in NPAs, saying the same is public money which cannot be allowed to be misappropriated either by the account holders or by the management of the bank. The Forum also seeks direction to J&K Bank to take immediate steps for opening of Shariah compliant windows to accomplish the object of mass level participation in Shariah Banking.

"Chairman J&K Bank, after his take over, publicly made announcements one after the other setting agenda for the bank to introduce Islamic Banking," said the Forum. The Forum said since the respondents have failed to adhere to the reports of their own committees and expert groups in materialising the recommendations for creation of Shariah Compliant windows, it was left with no other option but to seek intervention of the court. The petitioner submits that "majority of the citizens in Jammu and Kashmir are Muslims by faith and thus have a constitutional right to enjoy all avenues of development provided the same do not contravene the article of their faith". The petitioner has cited the Holy Quran

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HC of J&K, Ladakh to hold preliminary scrutiny of Steno Typist aspirants

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: All the applicants who have applied for the divisional cadre posts of Steno Typist in Subordinate Judiciary of UT of Jammu & Kashmir, pursuant to the Advertisement Notification No. 01 of 2022/Psy dated 01.01.2022, are being informed that the competent authority on the recommendation of the Selection committee has now decided to hold preliminary scrutiny of the candidates by conducting two rounds of preliminary examination.

As per an official statement issued here it was

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ED questions Sonia; to appear again today

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday questioned Congress President Sonia Gandhi for the second time in six days in the National Herald newspaper linked money laundering case, officials said.

As ED officials quizzed Gandhi, 75, for six hours and asked her to appear before the agency for the third round of questioning on Wednesday, Congress workers staged 'satyagraha' in several parts of the country to protest against the alleged misuse of central agencies.

Congress leader Rahul

Gandhi and several party MPs were detained by police at Vijay Chowk in the national capital. "India is a police state, Modi is a king," said Rahul, who sat on the road before being put in a police bus. The Congress leaders were later released after being in detention for several hours.

During today's questioning when her statement was recorded, Sonia Gandhi's response was sought to a set of around 30 questions pertaining to her involvement with the National Herald newspaper and Young Indian Pvt Ltd, the company

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Record 19 MPs suspended for unruly behaviour as Oppn protests rock RS

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: A record 19 MPs from opposition parties were suspended from Rajya Sabha on Tuesday for the rest of the week after they continued to disrupt proceedings to press for an immediate discussion on price rise and levy of GST on essential items.

The development, which came a day after Lok Sabha Speaker Om Prakash Birla suspended four Congress MPs for the rest of the current Monsoon session, is likely to further intensify the standoff between the Opposition and the

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DG CISF briefs LG on security of important installations

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Sheel Vardhan Singh, Director General, Central Industrial Security Force, on Tuesday called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha . The Lt Governor and the DG CISF held discussion on various matters pertaining to security arrangements at the important installations, government institutions and industrial establishments.

The Lt Governor lauded the commendable efforts of the CISF personnel in keeping the vital institutions secure while serving the people. The Lt Governor extended his best wishes to the DG and the CISF personnel for maintaining the high standards of training and professionalism, and discharging their duties of serving the nation.



JAMMU: Enraged over the announcement of CBI probe into the Excise Policy and apprehensive about the imminent arrest of his deputy Manish Sisodia, Aam Aadmi Party chief and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind

Bhagat Singh didn't even know the term surrender. And Kejri is on record having surrendered wholesale. Basing his politics on lies and indulging in character assassination of his adversaries, the Delhi Chief Minister surrendered umpteen times. One doesn't know how many times he will do so with a sense of pride. He has also referred to the reported apology of Veer Savarkar to the British, conveniently ignoring his apologies to who's who of the Indian politics.

Credibility is something unknown to the erstwhile disciple of Anna Hazare. He is hugely suffering from the credibility deficit, which is why his clean chit of honesty to his jailed minister Satyander Jain has no takers.

Infamous for leveling baseless charges and making false accusations against one and all, Kejriwal is on record having apologized to the former Punjab Minister Bikram Singh Majithia for repeatedly targeting him over the drug problem in Punjab. He also apologized to senior BJP leader Nitin Gadkari for his ``unverified

allegations against the Union minister and including his name in the AAP's list of 'India's most corrupt'. Kejriwal has also reportedly sought an apology from the Congress leader Kapil Sibal.

Tendering apology after apology by a person for his false allegations raises several questions about the sanctity of the constitutional positions he holds. He is a habitual offender and therefore making brave claims of not fearing from going to jail appear to be hollow. Kejriwal's credibility got a huge dent when he offered his apology to the late former Finance Minister Arun Jaitley, by writing to him, I had made certain statements about you and your family in December 2015 and thereafter in connection with your tenure as the president of the Delhi and District Cricket Association. These allegations also form part of the subject matter of proceedings currently pending adjudication before the Hon'ble Delhi High Court and Lt.CMM, Patiala House Court, New Delhi. These allegations made by me were based on information and papers furnished to me by certain individu-

als who represented to have first-hand insight into the affairs of DDCA. However, I have recently discovered that the information and the imputations contained therein are unfounded and unwarranted and I was clearly misinformed into making these allegations. Therefore, I unequivocally withdraw all the allegations made by me in question whether made in print, electronic or social media against you. I offer my sincere apology to you and your family members for any harm caused to your reputation as a consequence of my allegations. Though we belong to two different political parties, I believe that we should end the unsavoury litigations between us and serve the people of our country to the best of your ability."

In a nationwide climate of 'violent' Satyagrahs and Jail Baro Andolans by the sympathizers of those facing corruption charges across the country, the Delhi Chief Minister should introspect over his chronic syndrome of indulging in falsehood. He better watch his words before making these public to escape embarrassment and ridicule.