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# India will become third largest economy soon: Modi

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

MUMBAI: India will soon become the third largest economy, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Saturday.

He was speaking after inaugurating INS Towers, the Indian Newspaper Society's secretariat in Mumbai's Bandra-Kurla Complex. Modi also spoke on how India has become the leader in digital payments.

"There was a time when some politicians used to say that digital transactions were not for India. They had a preconceived notion that modern technology can't work in this country," Modi said. "However, the world is witnessing the capabilities of the people of the country. Today, India is creating new records in digital transactions. Due to India's UPI and modern digital public infrastructure, the ease of living of people has improved, and it has become easier for them to send money across countries," he said. The country will benefit from the effective work done by the Indian Newspaper Society, Modi said.

"Media makes people aware of their strength," he said. Media's natural role is to create discourse, he added. "Before 2014, most people were unaware of the word 'startup', but media made it reach every home," Modi said.



## ‘Eight crore jobs created in last 3-4 years; it has silenced those spreading fake narratives’

MUMBAI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday emphasised that creation of eight crore new jobs in the last three to four years has "silenced" those spreading fake narratives about unemployment.

Quoting a recent report of Reserve Bank of India on the employment figure, the Prime Minister asserted the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government continues to prioritise stability and growth and added that small and big investors have welcomed the NDA's third term with enthusiasm. During the event launching projects costing Rs 29,000 crore in road, railway, and port sectors, Modi took a swipe at opposition parties for spreading misinformation on job creation, labelling them as hindrances to progress. "This figure has silenced those spreading fake narrative on jobs," Modi said in a

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## Over 4,600 devotees leave Jammu for Shri Amarnathji Yatra

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A fresh batch of 4,669 pilgrims, including 96 sadhus and two sadhvis, left Jammu city to join the pilgrimage to the cave shrine of Amarnath in the south Kashmir Himalayas early Saturday, officials said.

They will leave for the shrine, at a height of 3,880 metre, after reaching the two base camps of the

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## Crime Branch chargesheets cop for duping colleague

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Crime Branch of Jammu and Kashmir Police on Saturday filed a chargesheet here against a cop for duping his senior colleague and his daughter of Rs 51 lakh on the pretext of providing land and government jobs to their kins, a senior officer said.

The chargesheet was filed in the court of excise magistrate, Jammu, against

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# Rs 85.34 crore granted to CIBS Leh for preservation of Buddhist culture: Rijiju

## All Govt schemes designed to reach last person in society: Chugh



BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh, Minister for Minority Affairs, Parliamentary Affairs Kiren Rijiju and others at Leh on Saturday.

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

LEH: Minister for Minority Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs Kiren Rijiju in the presence of Chairman/CEC, LAHDC, Leh, Adv. Tashi Gyalson, Advisor to Lt. Governor; UT Ladakh, Dr Pawan Kotwal and Vice Chancellor; Prof. Rajesh Ranjan inaugurated the Bhoomi Pujan Ceremony of Traditional Arts Academic Block of CIBS, Leh on Saturday at CIBS, Choglamsar, Leh.

The ceremony commenced with monks performing the solemnization of land seeking blessings for a safe and successful project of the upcoming construction of Traditional Arts Academic blocks.

The ceremony also featured an exhibition showcasing Thangka Paintings, different spiritual texts and the statues of Avalokiteshvara.

Vice-Chancellor, CIBS, Leh Prof. Rajesh Ranjan delivered the welcome speech. In

his address, he expressed gratitude to the Union Minister, Rijiju for his assistance in funding the Traditional Arts Academic Block.

He told that CIBS has sent four proposals under Buddhist Development Plan out of which three got approved.

He also thanked CEC for his support in the newly renovated auditorium of CIBS.

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# 3 killed, 24 injured as bus plunges into gorge

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: Three people died and 24 were injured when a bus skidded off the road and plunged into a 200-foot-deep gorge in Doda district on Saturday, officials said.

They said the accident took place near Bhatyas around 10.30 am when the private minibus was on its way to Thathiri from Bhalessa.

The officials said a woman was found dead by the rescuers on the spot, while two more - another woman and the driver of the bus - succumbed to injuries at a hospital.



The deceased have been identified as Basheera

Begum (50), Saleema Begum (55) and driver Mohammad Asif (25).

The condition of eight of the injured was stated to be serious, the officials said, adding they were being treated at the

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# Centre gives more powers to J&K LG on matters related to police, all-India service officers

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Centre has vested more powers to the Lieutenant Governor (LG) of Jammu and Kashmir for taking decisions on police, officers of all-India services such as the IAS and the IPS, and giving sanction for prosecution in various cases.

Decisions regarding the appointment of advocate general and other law officers, besides matters related to the anti-corruption bureau will also be taken by the lieutenant governor (L-G).

These powers were given to the L-G by the Union home

ministry on Friday by amending the rules issued under the Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, which was enacted for the bifurcation of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir into Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh," while abrogating Article 370.

"No proposal which requires previous concurrence of the Finance Department with regard to 'Police', 'Public Order', 'All India Service' and 'Anti Corruption Bureau' to exercise the discretion of the Lieutenant Governor under

the Act shall be concurred or rejected unless it has been placed before the Lieutenant Governor through the Chief Secretary," according to the notification issued by the Union home ministry.

Besides, the ministry said, in the principal rules, after rule 42, the following rules shall be inserted.

"Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs shall submit the proposal for appointment of Advocate-General and other Law Officers to assist the Advocate-General in the court proceedings, for approval of the Lieutenant

Governor through the Chief Secretary and the Chief Minister," it said.

The notification also said any proposal regarding the grant of prosecution sanction or filing of appeal shall be placed before the L-G through the Chief Secretary by the Department of Law, justice and parliamentary affairs.

In the principal rules, in rule 43, after the third proviso, the home ministry said, the following provisos shall be inserted, namely.

"Provided also that in respect of matters

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## CS reviews TDAs; asks to initiate strict action against violations

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on Saturday held a meeting with the Tourism Development Authorities (TDAs) of the UT to take appraisal of their functioning, revenue generation and facilities being extended to the visitors.

Present in the meeting were Commissioner Secretary, Tourism, Director Tourism, Jammu/Kashmir, CEOs of Development Authorities besides other concerned officers while Jammu based officers participated virtually.

The Chief Secretary took serious notice of the violations happening in tourist destinations in terms of illegal constructions or that of the Master Plan. He stressed on the concerned authorities to have close vigil over their jurisdictions for strict enforcement of rules and necessary action against the violators. He also directed for demarcation of lands coming under their

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# Amit Shah stresses on need to provide employment opportunities in border areas

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday stressed the need to provide employment opportunities to residents of border villages and increase connectivity to prevent migration from such remote areas.

Reviewing the implementation of the "Vibrant Villages Programme" (VVP) at a high-level meeting here, Shah directed all concerned to continue the efforts being

made by senior ministers and officials to better understand



the issues of border villages under the special initiative taken by the central government.

During the meeting, the

home minister said the Narendra Modi government is committed to the all-round development of the border villages.

He stressed on the need to provide employment opportunities to local residents and increase connectivity with villages to prevent migration from these border villages,

according to an official statement.

Shah said central armed police forces and

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## Two drug peddlers detained under PSA

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KISHTWAR: Two alleged drug peddlers were detained under stringent Public Safety Act (PSA) in Kishtwar district, police said on Saturday.

The accused were identified as 'Tousif Qayoom alias "Chadda" and Muzaffer Hussain alias "Dagga" and lodged in the district jail Kathua, a police spokesman said.

He said both are 'notorious drug peddlers' and involved in numerous drug peddling cases, making it necessary for the civil administration to order their

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# No compromise on illegal crushers, miners, land encroachers: Dr Jitendra

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: "There will not be any compromise in dealing with illegal crushers, illegal mining, illegal land encroachers and drug peddlers", stated Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh here on Saturday.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, anybody linked with illegal crushers, unauthorised mining or land encroachment




Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing public gathering at Kathua on Saturday.

will not be spared , no matter how influential he thinks of himself or whatever public clout he thinks he enjoys.

The Minister said, nobody has a right to indulge in illegal mining and erode the

foundations of our precious bridges like Keediyani Gandiyal. Similarly, nobody has the right to earn ill-gotten wealth by turning others' children into drug

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**WEATHER**

Temperature (Jammu)  
Max: 34.9°C Min: 21.6°C

Humidity  
Max: 65 Min: 54

Temperature (Srinagar)  
Max: 31.0°C Min: 18.6°C

Humidity  
Max: 66 Min: 41

Sunset : 19:40 Hours  
Sunrise : 05:32 Hours



Muharram procession taken out in Jammu on Saturday. Vice President Anjuman-e-Imamia Syed Afaq Hussain Kazmi delivering the vote of thanks.

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: On 7th Day of Muharram Anjuman-e-Imamia Jammu commemorate, the martyrdom of Shahzada-e-Qasim, a procession was taken out from the residence of Late Syed

Mazhar Ali Shah under the banner of Anjuman-e-Imamia Jammu.

Among the 72 martyrs of Karbala Shahzada-e-Qasim was one who laid down his life in Karbala for the sake of Islam. A Majlis was

organized before the procession which is addressed by Moulana Syed Safdar Hussain Baqri Novgama Sadaat.

In his address Maulana stressed upon the teachings of Prophet Mohammad

(Pbuh) and also highlighted the great sacrifice of Shehzada Qasim (A.S) for the sake of truth. He further added that one can learn from the History of Karbala that how to be a victorious when you are oppressed. It's

the only battle in the history where Blood Wins Over Swords. He added when you are on the path of Allah no force can oppress you.

During the procession mourners were

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## STATE TIMES pays tribute to Imam Hussain (A.S)



JAMMU: STATE TIMES group of newspapers on Saturday offered fruit juice to the mourners participating in the procession, which walked through various city roads from Janipur to Imam Bara via New Plots and Amphalla.

On reaching STATE TIMES road, the Editor-in-Chief Raj Dahiya, joined by the staffers, offered fruit juice to the mourners, carrying Taziyas, symbolizing replica of the mausoleum of Imam Hussain (AS), who attained martyrdom in the battle of Karbala. Fruit juice stalls were laid in front of the STATE TIMES head office at Ambphalla. Raj Dahiya paid tributes to Imam Hussain (AS), saying Muharram conveys the message of adherence to truth and steadfastness against injustice.