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Giving more powers to LG necessary for momentum of development in J&K: Chugh

'People sick of partisan politics of Abdullahs, Muftis'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Sunday said vesting more powers in the hands of Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor was necessary to sustain the momentum of development and ensure good governance in the Union territory.

Chugh, who also serves as the party's in-charge for J&K, also came down heavily on National Conference Vice President and former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah for "misleading" people on the recent amendments to the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act.

"Abdullahs are unable to see the ground realities," the senior BJP leader said.

In a statement, Chugh defended the amendments to the Act, describing them as a measure to strengthen democratic governance in the Union Territory, combat corruption and ensure equitable development.

"The Act is pivotal to sustaining the momentum of development and ensuring that the people of Jammu and Kashmir continue to benefit from good governance. We are resolute in not allowing politics of appeasement and corruption to hinder progress," he said.

Chugh said that similar administrative powers have been delegated to

Lieutenant Governors in Delhi, Puducherry, and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, underscoring the government's commitment to uniformity and transparency.

The Centre has significantly strengthened the authority of the J&K LG, empowering him to make decisions on crucial matters such as police and all-India services officers and granting sanctions for prosecution in various cases.

"Omar Abdullah's statement reflects his party's disconnect from the ground reality in Jammu and Kashmir. The people of the region have moved past the appeasement politics of the past and are now benefitting from the decisive leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi," Chugh said.

He said J&K does not need "partisan politics" but a strong administrative set up that can take the people away from "bullets and stones".

"Politics of Abdullahs, Mufits and Gandhis had played havoc with the region. Now people want economic, cultural and social growth," Chugh said, slamming the National Conference, PDP and Congress. The BJP leader

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Army foils infiltration bid; three terrorists gunned down

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Three unidentified terrorists were killed on Sunday as army foiled an infiltration bid along the Line of Control (LoC) in Keran sector of Jammu and Kashmir.

The army said the anti-infiltration operation was going on till last reports.

"03x Terrorists have been eliminated in the ongoing anti-infiltration operation on the #LoC in Keran Sector, alongwith recovery of weapons and other war-like stores," Srinagar-based Chinar Corps of the Army posted on X.

Union Minister, delegation joined by MP meet LG

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Labour and Employment, Youth Affairs and Sports on Sunday met Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan.

Meanwhile, the representatives of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Forum, led by its Founder Chairman Rajnish Goenka, also called on the Lieutenant Governor and discussed the promotion of trade, industry and tourism sector of Jammu Kashmir.

They also briefed the Lt Governor on its endeavours to connect the local artisans with the buyers from across the country and to provide entrepreneurial

J&K LG Manoj Sinha with Union Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya at Srinagar on Sunday.

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Srinagar Admin allows 8th Muharram procession from Gurubazar to Dalgate

Shia Associations hail Govt decision

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The District Administration Srinagar on Sunday granted permission for 8th Muharram procession through the traditional route from Guru Bazar to Dalgate via Budshah Kadal and M.A Road.

According to an order issued by District Magistrate Srinagar, Dr Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat vide No. DMS/JUD/Muharram/2024 /786-793, dated 14.07.2024, stated that after considering the Shia leaders application about allowing the Muharram processions through traditional routes, Government has decided to allow the processions on 8th Muharram.

The order reads that "Whereas, an application was received from Yaadgar-i-Hussaini Committee seeking permission for taking out Muharram procession on 8th Muharram-1446 from Guru Bazar to Dalgate via Budshah Kadal and M.A Road, Srinagar".

The order added that "Whereas, the matter

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JKBOSE declares class 11 result

Girls excel again, score 75 pass percentage

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The J&K Board of School Education (JKBOSE) declared the result of class 11th Annual Regular 2024 pertaining to UT of J&K and the UT of Ladakh under Uniform Academic Calendar.

In total, 1,23,026 students were enrolled for this examination out of which 88,396 students passed the

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Around 15,000 pilgrims visit Shri Amarnathji cave shrine, total crosses 3 lakh

4,800 Yatris leave Jammu for Valley

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The number of pilgrims who paid obeisance to Lord Shiva at Amarnath cave shrine in South Kashmir crossed the three lakh mark on Sunday as nearly 15,000 yatris had Darshan of the naturally formed ice lingam, officials said here.

"As many as 14,974 pilgrims performed the yatra on Sunday and had darshan of Baba Bholenath on the 16th day of the annual yatra," the officials said.

They said the number of pilgrims who have been to the 3,880-metre high cave shrine has now reached 3,09,957.

The officials said 9,755 male pilgrims, 3,291 female pilgrims, 245 Sadhus and one Sadhvi were among those who paid obeisance at the cave shrine. Over 1,500 security forces and 159 children also

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FIR lodged against individual for interfering with Revenue Deptt work

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: An FIR has been registered against an individual for illegally interfering and participating in the official work of the Revenue Department. The district administration Jammu has taken swift action, lodging an FIR and sending a strong message against corruption.

Deputy Commissioner Sachin Kumar Vaishya, has issued a stern warning against anyone who attempts to interfere or influence the fair and routine functioning of the department's work. The DC's warning comes after taking

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Modi's followers on X reach 100-million milestone

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The number of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's followers on his X handle crossed the 100-million mark on Sunday, registering an impressive growth of nearly 30 million in the past three years, officials said.

He is already the most followed head of government on the social media platform globally. Officials noted that his followers are quite

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NTA to conduct CUET UG retest for over 1000 candidates on July 19

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The National Testing Agency (NTA) has decided to conduct a retest for over 1000 candidates of CUET UG on July 19.

The NTA had on July 7 released the provisional answer key of Common University Entrance Test (CUET)-UG 2024 and announced that it will conduct a retest for CUET

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Justice Nargal sets new course for Kupwara Judiciary; promises IT enabled infrastructure

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KUPWARA: Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal, Judge High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh and Administrative Judge for district Kupwara, has concluded a two-day visit to Kupwara and Handwara, charting a new trajectory for the district's judiciary.

His visit included extensive inspections, interactions, and key decisions aimed at improving access to justice and enhancing judicial infrastructure.

Earlier, Justice Nargal was received with a guard of honor at the Kupwara Court

Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal interacting with locals at Kupwara.

Complex, where he symbolically planted a tree and distributed aids to beneficiaries, including wheelchairs, old-age sticks, and cheques.

Additionally, sanitary napkin machines were provided to local schools, underlining his commitment to community welfare. Addressing the Bar, Justice Nargal

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Trump survives assassination attempt at campaign rally in Pennsylvania

■ AGENCY

CHICAGO/WASHINGTON: Former US president Donald Trump survived an attempt on his life on Saturday when a young shooter fired multiple shots at him at a campaign rally in Pennsylvania, injuring his right ear, days before he was to accept the Republican Party's nomination for the presidential election in November.

Trump, 78, was speaking at the packed outdoor election rally in Butler town when bullets started flying. Video footage showed him grabbing his ear as shots were fired. The crowd started screaming behind him and then someone yelled "Get down, get down, get down, get

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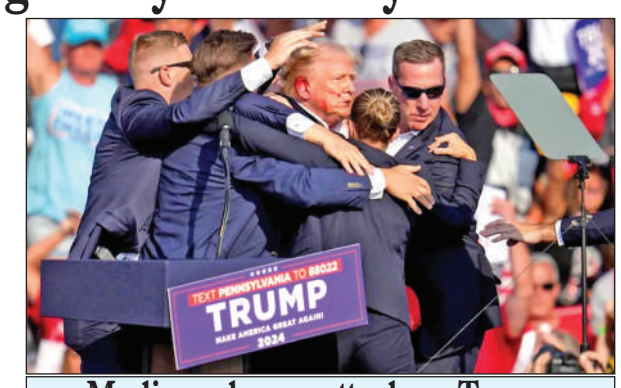

Modi condemns attack on Trump

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday expressed deep concern over the attack on former US president Donald Trump, and said violence has no place in politics and democracies.

Trump's campaign said that he was "doing well" after an assassination attempt at his election rally in Pennsylvania.

Modi said on X, "Deeply concerned by the attack on my friend, former President Donald Trump. Strongly condemn the incident. Violence has no place in politics and democracies. Wish him speedy recovery."

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Humidity
Max : 73 Min : 49
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