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Those dancing with Constitution on head lacked courage to implement it in J&K: Modi

Asserts mandate for stability, continuity; hurls 'balak buddhi' barb at Rahul

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Asserting that his government worked in the true spirit of Constitution and secularism by working for everyone, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday took a dig at the opposition, saying those who are dancing with the Constitution on their head lacked courage to implement it in Jammu and Kashmir.

Replying to a nearly 18-hour-long discussion on the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address in the Lower House, Modi said the Congress and its "ecosystem" are working day and night to impress upon people that the BJP-led NDA has been defeated in the elections despite voters handing his government a historic third-term for stability and continuity.

He mounted a stinging



counterattack on Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi, as he mocked him as 'balak buddhi' (childish mind), accused him of linking Hindus with violence and making false claims in Lok Sabha, and sought stringent action against him to protect parliamentary democracy.

"I will tell Congress leaders to not suppress people's mandate under the garb of fake

adding its cheerful response to the mandate is like a parent encouraging a child who has fallen off a cycle.

In his nearly 135-minute speech, which saw continuous slogan-shouting on the Manipur issue and heckling by opposition members, Modi turned his usual combative self after initially listing various successes of his government since 2014 as he took on the Congress and Gandhi without naming him.

"The mandate for the Congress is to sit in the opposition and keep shouting once it runs out of logic," he said.

Asserting that the main opposition party delivered its third worst performance in the national elections and failed to reach 250-mark after the 1984 polls, he took a swipe at Gandhi saying, "Aaj desh inse kah raha hai - tumse na ho

Lok Sabha adjourned sine die

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The first session of the 18th Lok Sabha was adjourned sine die on Tuesday after passage of the Motion of Thanks on the President's address to the joint sitting of both Houses of Parliament.

The session, which began on June 24, had seven sittings that were spread over 34 hours and the

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Ten pilgrims injured after jumping out from moving bus

STATE TIMES NEWS
RAMBAN: At least 10 pilgrims, including three women and a child, were injured during a harrowing Amarnath yatra return journey when they leapt from a moving bus in Ramban district. The alarming incident occurred after the driver disclosed the failure of its brakes, officials reported on Tuesday. The bus, carrying 40 pilgrims back

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LG reviews Muharram arrangements, calls for addressing concerns of religious leaders



LG Manoj Sinha chairing meeting to review security and logistics arrangements for Muharram at Srinagar on Tuesday.

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha chaired a high-level meeting to review arrangements for Muharram, on Tuesday at Civil Secretariat.

The meeting was attended by Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; RR Swain, DGP; Vijay Kumar, ADGP, Law & Order; Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Administrative

Secretaries, Deputy Commissioners, Heads of Departments and other senior officers of the Civil and Police Administration.

The Lt Governor directed the officials, DCs and SSPs to hold meetings with eminent members of Shia community and religious leaders to address their issues and demands at the earliest to facilitate smooth observance of Muharram.

He instructed the District Administrations and senior officials to take all possible

measures to ensure improved road connectivity to Imambaras, uninterrupted power supply and drinking water facilities, proper cleanliness and sanitation measures particularly in and around Imambaras, advance distribution of ration and other amenities as required.

All the arrangements must be made well in advance for smooth observance of Muharram, he said.

The Lt Governor laid emphasis on regular

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Tribunals confirm ban imposed on 2 J&K separatist groups

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Two judicial tribunals, headed by a judge of the Delhi High Court, have given their nod to the government's decision to declare two Jammu and Kashmir-based pro-Pakistan groups, including Syed Ali Shah Geelani's Tehreek-e-Hurriyat, as banned organisations.

The confirmation to the declaration of the Tehreek-e-Hurriyat, Jammu and Kashmir (TeH) as outlawed under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act was given on June 22 by a tribunal consisting of Justice Sachin Datta, Judge, of the

Delhi High Court.

The group was founded by the late separatist Syed Ali Shah Geelani.

The confirmation to the ban imposed on Muslim League Jammu Kashmir (Masarat Alam faction) groups, including Syed Ali Shah Geelani's Tehreek-e-Hurriyat, as banned organisations, was given on June 22 by a tribunal consisting of Justice Sachin Datta, Judge, of the

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Misappropriation of passenger tax: ACB books RTO Jammu's employees

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Anti-corruption Bureau (ACB) on Tuesday registered a case against officials of the Motor Vehicle Department in the Regional Transport Office (RTO) for alleged embezzlement of passenger tax worth lakhs of rupees from 2018 to 2023.

PIR 09/2024 under section 13(1)(a) r/w 13 (2) PC Act, 1988 & section 120-B, 409 has been registered against Manju Sharma, the then Jr. Assistant, other officers/officials then posted in RTO office Jammu and others on the outcome of a verification

conducted by ACB to look into the allegations of irregularities committed by officials of Motor Vehicle Department in Regional Transport Office Jammu with regard to collection/deposition of passenger tax as well as probable misappropriation of same from 2018 onwards till collection of same through online mode, pursuant to receipt of communication dated March 6, 2023 from General Administration Department.

The verification conducted revealed that Manju Sharma, Jr. Assistant was deputed in Accounts Section of Regional

Transport office, Jammu to collect Passenger Tax from owners of Passenger Commercial Vehicles during the period in question. While collecting the passenger Tax Dues, she acted dishonestly and resorted to randomly conceal the actual amount of Passenger Tax received from Vehicle owners/operators by way of reflecting only meager part of amount in official record than amount which she collected on account of Passenger Tax.

The only amount of Passenger Tax as reflected in counterfoil of Government Receipts (GRs) was deposit-

ed in Government treasury whereas rest of the amount collected from Vehicle Owners/Operators stands misappropriated by her. Furthermore, the Manual Cash Book/Day Book and vehicle-wise details pertaining to collection and deposition of Passenger Tax dues during the period has not been properly maintained which paved way to embezzlement/misappropriate Passenger Tax dues.

During the course of verification, it surfaced that an amount of more than 10 lakhs has been

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514 route permits, registrations of commercial vehicles suspended for traffic violations

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In a major crackdown on traffic violators, the Jammu and Kashmir Transport Department has suspended route permits and registration certificates of over 500 vehicles for a period of three months due to violations of the Motor Vehicles Act in Jammu and Samba districts.

This action follows the implementation of the Intelligent Traffic Management System (ITMS) at all 44 junctions in Jammu since June 10.

The system facilitates Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) and

detects violations such as red light infractions, driving without a helmet, triple riding, seat belt non-usage, mobile phone usage while driving and improper parking, among others.

"The route permits and registration certificates of 384 vehicles in Jammu city have been suspended for three months from the date of suspension due to various Motor Vehicles Act violations," said an official from the Regional Transport Office.

The decision was based on recommendations from the Traffic Police

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Two cabs with identical registration number seized

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Two commercial passenger vehicles, bearing same registration number plates, were seized and their drivers detained for questioning here on Tuesday, a police official said. The two cabs of same colour were seized from the Jammu bus stand area on specific information, he said. The official said the bus stand police station

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Terror associate arrested in Baramulla

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: A terrorist associate linked to the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and its offshoot group The Resistance Front (TRF) has been arrested from Baramulla district, officials said on Tuesday.

A pistol, a magazine, eight rounds and three hand grenades were found in his possession, they said. The man was identified as Shakir Ahmad Lone of Dangepora Sheeri. "Police in Baramulla, along with security

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 37.2°C Min: 25.7°C

Humidity
Max: 69 Min: 54

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 34.6°C Min: 22.8°C

Humidity
Max: 67 Min: 39

Sunset : 19:42 Hours
Sunrise : 05:26 Hours

CS reviews status of power sector reforms taken across J&K



CS Atal Dulloo chairing a meeting at Srinagar on Tuesday.

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on Tuesday had a thorough review of reforms undertaken by the Power Development

Department (PDD) across the Union Territory to bring added efficiency in the power scenario besides reducing the AT&C losses considerably.

Principal Secretary, PDD,

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MD, JPDCL/KPDCL, DG, Resources, Chief Engineer, JPDCL/KPDCL, representatives from NTPC, PESL and other concerned officers attended the meeting held in this regard.

The Chief Secretary emphasised upon the officers to ensure completion of all ongoing works taken up under power sector reforms and those aiming loss reduction without any further delay. He also stressed on further bringing efficiency in billing and collection of revenue to saturate it fully for each feeder.

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Dynastic rule of Mufti, Abdullah, Gandhi families close to decimation BNP new promise in J&K with impressive public mandate: Chugh

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: BNP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Tuesday said that the people of Jammu and Kashmir have decisively turned their back on the dynastic politics of the National Conference (NC), the People's Democratic Party (PDP), and the Congress.

"By securing the highest percentage of votes in Jammu and Kashmir in the recent Lok Sabha elections, the BJP has emerged as a new sunshine in J&K", Chugh said, saying that the PDP managed a mere 8.4



per cent vote share in the recent Lok Sabha elections, illustrating a broader rejection of their leadership and policies.

He noted that while the PDP garnered only 8.4 per cent of the vote, the BJP secured the highest share at 24.4 per cent, translating to a substantial 12.58 lakh votes.

"The overwhelming support for the BJP testifies the people's desire for genuine progress and development, as opposed to the self-serving agendas that have characterized the regimes of the NC, PDP, and Congress," Chugh asserted.

Chugh highlighted that during their tenures, the NC and the PDP were primarily focused on fulfilling their own party demands rather than addressing the needs of the people.

"The governance under the NC and PDP was marked by a blatant neglect of public welfare. Their leadership was more concerned with

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116 killed in stampede in UP's Hathras, most victims women

STATE TIMES NEWS
HATHRAS (UP): A stampede at a religious congregation here killed 116 people on Tuesday as devotees suffocated to their deaths and bodies piled atop each other in the worst such tragedy in recent years.

The stampede took place as people headed home after a 'satsang' in the district's Phulrai village, conducted by a preacher known as Bhole Baba.



Twenty-seven bodies were brought to a hospital in neighbouring Etah district. Senior Superintendent of Police Rajesh Kumar Singh said 23 of them were women. And 89 lay dead in Hathras itself.

Aligarh Range Inspector General of Police Shalabh Mathur put the death toll at 116.

Clips before the stampede showed people in a large 'shamiana' listening to Bhole Baba. The baba sat before them on a throne-like chair.

District Magistrate Ashish Kumar said the satsang was a private function for which the sub-divisional magistrate had granted permission. The local administration provided security outside the venue while the arrangements

inside were made by organisers, he added.

Eyewitness Shakuntala Devi told PTI Videos that the stampede took place while people were leaving the venue after the 'satsang', which was a day-long affair. People fell atop each other, she said, and then the bodies were pulled out.

According to Sikandra Rao sub divisional magistrate Ravendra Kumar, the stampede took place when devotees tried to get a glimpse of Bhole Baba as the event ended. They also wanted to collect some soil from around the baba's feet, he told PTI.

Satsang participant Sonu Kumar blamed the slippery ground for the stampede.

"When Guruji left the place after almost one and half hours, all of a sudden devotees ran behind him to touch

his feet," he said. When they turned back, some slipped.

Sikandra Rao police station SHO Ashish Kumar blamed "overcrowding" at the 'satsang'.

Another eyewitness, who left the place before the 'satsang' ended said the arrangements were not adequate, given the number of devotees.

Agra's additional director general of police and Aligarh divisional commissioner are part of a team that would probe in the incident, the state government said. The team has been asked to give its report in 24 hours.

Amid his reply to a two-day debate in Parliament on the motion of thanks on the President's address to both Houses of Parliament, Prime Minister Narendra Modi

Fresh batch of over 6,500 pilgrims leaves for Amarnath Shrine



STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A fresh batch of more than 6,500 pilgrims left for the Amarnath shrine in south Kashmir Himalayas from here on Tuesday amid tight security, officials said.

On Monday, more than 23,000 devotees paid obeisance at the 3,880-metre high cave shrine, taking the total number of pilgrims past the 51,000 mark, officials

said. More than 2,000 on-the-spot registrations of devotees were done on Monday, they said.

The fifth batch of 6,537 pilgrims left in 261 vehicles for the twin basecamps of Baltal and Palagam at 3.05 am and were escorted by security vehicles, they said.

While 4,431 pilgrims took the 48-km traditional

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