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Chandrayaan 3 was milestone, UU Chandrayaan 4 & 5 to follow: Dr Jitendra

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Modi to share Ukraine conflict resolution with President Zelenskyy

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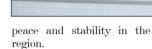
NEW DELHI: Two days ahead of his crucial visit to Ukrainian capital Kyiv, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said he was looking forward to sharperspectives with Volodymyr President Zelenskyy on a peaceful resolution of the Ukraine con-

The prime minister's comments came shortly before he embarked on a two-nation trip to Poland and Ukraine. In the first leg of the visit, Modi is visiting Polish capital city Warsaw on August 21

Modi will be in Kyiv for around seven hours on August 23 in the first visit by an Indian prime minister to Ukraine since the country became independent in 1991. In a departure statement, Modi, referring to the Ukraine conflict, said that as

a "friend and partner", India

hopes for an early return of



"From Poland, I will be visiting Ukraine at the invitation of President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. This is the first-

opportunity to build upon earlier conversations with President Zelenskyy on strengthening bilateral cooperation and share perspectives on peaceful resolution of the ongoing Ukraine conflict." he said.

"As a friend and partner, we hope for an early return of peace and stability in the region," he added.

Modi said he was confident that his visit to Warsaw and Kyiv "will serve as a natural continuation of extensive contacts with the two countries and help create the foundation for stronger and more vibrant relations in the years ahead".

The prime minister will travel to Kyiv from Poland in a 'Rail Force One' train that will take around 10 hours. The return trip will also be of the same duration.

A number of world leaders including US President Joe Biden, French

28,636 defacements removed within 72 hours across J&K state times news

JAMMU: The J&K Election Department has removed more than 28 thousand defacements across the Jammu and Kashmir within 72 hours after the announcement of J&K Assembly Election 2024.

With the announcement of Election in Assembly Jammu and Kashmir on 16 August 2024 by Election Commission of India (ECI), the Commission had issued directions for the effective enforcement of provisions of Model Code of Conduct (MCC) in J&K Union Territory.

Taking the ECI directives regarding the implementation of MCC after the announcement elections into the consideration, Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Jammu & Kashmir, P K Pole on Wednesday directed the enforcement wing of the department to remove all the wall-writing, posters, banners or defacement in any other form on

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Amarnath Yatra successfully completed; record 5.12 lakh pilgrims visited: Shah

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The pilgrimage to holy shrine of Amarnath was successfully completed and a record number of more than 5.12 lakh pilgrims visited it, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Wednesday.

The pilgrimage to the Amarnath shrine, located at a height of 3,880 metres in south Kashmir Himalayas, started on June 29 and ended on August 19.

"The holy pilgrimage of Shri Amarnathii was successfully completed. This year, the holy pilgrimage

lasted for 52 days, a record number of more than 5.12 lakh pilgrims visited Baba, which is the highest number in the last 12 years," Shah wrote on 'X' in Hindi.

Congratulating all security personnel, Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board, the Jammu and Kashmir administration and voluntary organisations

BJP announces Assembly wise Convenor/Co-Convenor for Assembly Elections 2024

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Ravinder Raina, President, J&K BJP, in consultation with JP Nadda, BJP National President, G. Kishan Reddy, Union Minister and J&K BJP Election Incharge, Tarun Chugh, BJP National General Secretary and J&K Prabhari, announced the Assembly wise convenors and co-convenors for Assembly Elections 2024 as follows.

In Poonch district, Naresh Sharma has been appointed as the convenor, with Sahil Mir as the co-convenor for Poonch Assembly constituency. For the Mendhar Assembly constituency, Sandeep Gupta (Babloo) has been appointed as the convenor, and Adv. Tanveer Qureshi will be the

Apni Party releases manifesto, promises to work for restoration of statehood

Announces first list of 8 candidates

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The April Party on Wednesday released its manifesto for the assembly elections, promising to press the Centre for constitutional guarantees to preserve culture and special identity of Jammu and Kashmir, and to work for the restoration of statehood of the Union terri-

The manifesto was released at a press conference here by the party's general secretary Rafi Mir along with other senior leaders.

"The April Party will press for constitutional guarantees to preserve the culture and

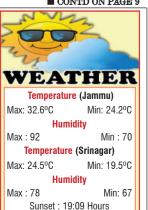
Rahul Gandhi, Kharge arrive Srinagar on 2-day J&K visit STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and Congress Mallikarjun president Kharge arrived in Srinagar on Wednesday on a two-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir to take stock of the party's preparations for the upcoming assembly polls in the Union Territory and explore a likely alliance with the National Conference.

The Congress leaders received a rousing welcome upon their arrival here with party activists and supporters lining up outside the airport. The enthusiastic supporters even stopped Gandhi's vehicle on the airport road, causing some anxious moments for the security personnel escorting him.

The two leaders are visiting the UT for key meetings in connection with the threephased assembly elections beginning September 18, a senior Congress leader said.

There were no official meetings scheduled for the two leaders for



Sunrise: 05:58 Hours

special identity of Jammu and Kashmir, similar to the provisions of Article 371 in some north-eastern states. This includes land and job protection, addressing the

people's sense of loss," the manifesto read. The party said it will work tirelessly to restore statehood as promised by the Union Home Minister on August 5, It also promised the

restoration of repealed and amended laws. "The Apni Party will revisit and restore all the laws that

were withdrawn or

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Taking aim

at Rahul Gandhi's visit to

Jammu and Kashmir, the

BJP on Wednesday asked

the Congress leader to clear

his party's stand on the

Article 370 and Article 35A.

Tarun Chugh, who is his

party's organisational in-

charge for the Union

Territory, said Gandhi's visit

will introduce him to the

"peace and development"

ushered in the region by the

government headed by Prime

He alleged that three fami-

lies, a reference to the

Minister Narendra Modi.

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JAMMU: A total of 117

smart city projects have been

completed, while 10 others,

including the ambitious Tawi

River Front development

project, are at different

BJP General Secretary

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JAMMU: On the occasion of

the National Senior Citizens

Day, 2024, J&K Legal

Services Authority in collabo-

ration with the District

Legal Services Authority

(DLSA) Jammu and Global

Peace Organisation, on

Wednesday organized a sig-

nificant event focusing on the

Rights of Senior Citizens at

the Home for Old Aged and

Infirm, Amphalla, Jammu.

The event underscored the

enduring respect and care

that society owes to its elder-

The event was graced by

the presence of Justice Tashi

stand on Art 370: Chugh

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117 smart city projects completed

in Jammu, 10 under execution

National Senior Citizens Day celebrated at Home for Old Aged and Infirm, Amphalla

Rabstan, Chief Justice (A), High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Patron-in-Chief, J&K Legal Services Authority.

Rahul should clear Congress

around since 2014.

Chief Justice (A) Tashi Rabstan during an event at Home for Old Aged and Infirm, Amphalla, Jammu.

Upon his arrival, Justice

Kashmir is now identified

with tourism and not terror-

ism, Chugh said, adding that

brisk polling was witnessed

in the recent Lok Sabha elec-

The government had in

August 2019 abrogated

Article 35A and Article 370,

which gave special rights to

Jammu and Kashmir, and

bifurcated it into Union

Territories of Jammu and

The NC and the PDP, both

constituents of the opposi-

tion INDIA bloc of which the

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Congress is the largest

tions in the erstwhile state.

Tashi accompanied by M. K. Sharma, Principal Secretary and Amit Kumar Gupta, Member Secretary, J&K

Legal Services Authority was

received by Sanjay Parihar, FIRs filed against 2 for possession of 'gattu'

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: In a crackdown on the sale and use of banned string, 'gattu', FIR has been filed against individuals found in possession of the

prohibited material. Based on frequent inspections and surprise checks, FIRs have been lodged against Amit Dogra and Munish Salpona, both residents of Janipur, for the recovery of the banned Gattu string from their residential complexes cum shops.

The action was taken by Tehsildar Jammu North, Aman Kumar Anand and Naib Tehsildar

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Principal District & Sessions Judge (Chairman, DLSA) Jammu, Anusuia Jamwal, ADC Jammu, I. D. Soni, President, Old Age Home, Smriti Sharma, Secretary, DLSA Jammu, Shafiq Lone, Addl. Mobile Magistrate, Jammu, Shivam Sidhanth, North, Adv. Altaf Hussain, President & Ms. Rashi, Deputy Chairperson, Global Peace Organisation, Anil Sharma, Chief LADC, Jammu, Deepika Mahajana and Meharban Singh, Panel Lawyers, HCLSC Jammu. In his presidential address, Justice Tashi Rabstan

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CS assesses functioning of JKMSCL, H&FW & DCO



Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo chairing a meeting at Srinagar.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: Chief

Secretary, Atal Dulloo on Wednesday held a meeting of Health Department to review the functioning of J&K Medical Supplies Corporation Limited (JKM-

SCL), Health & Family Welfare Department (H&FW)along with that of Drug Control Organization (DCO). Besides the Secretary, H&ME the meeting was attended

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CCCs set up at CEO office at Jammu, Srinagar to check MMC violations

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: To curb the spread of misinformation and uphold the integrity of the electoral process in the upcoming Assembly Elections in Jammu and Kashmir, the Command-and-Control Centres CCCs) have been set up in the offices of Chief Electoral Officer at Jammu and Srinagar. Similarly, on smaller size, control rooms have been made functional on 24×7 basis in all 20 DC offices.

Equipped with state-of-art infrastructure,

Command-and-Control Centre has integrated latest

technologies. It would function round-the-clock to keep a close vigil on all the election-related activities ensuring strict and prompt action, including against any suspected case of fake news, a statement from the office of Chief Electoral Officer, J&K said.

establishment of Command-and-Control Centres would bolster the electoral process in Jammu and Kashmir, and will be a collaborative work space to review the situation in all the 90 constituencies of the Union Territory.

channels, the Command & Control Centre is also keeping strict vigil on social media channels and media portals and accounts viz a viz Media Monitoring on such elements who may attempt to build any such narrative which can prove detrimental to the peace and tranquillity in the society, violate ECI norms of MCC applicable to all stakeholders," the statement said on Wednesday.

It is pertinent to mention here that Chief Electoral Officer of Jammu and Kashmir, has appealed all citizens and all political

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Elderly dies in Banihal hospital; inquiry ordered

Ramban district, an official

Ghulam Nabi Bhat, who was suffering from Chronic Pulmonary Disease, was rushed to Sub-District Hospital in Banihal by his son Altaf Ahmad, but he was forced to perform Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) on him because there was no doctor or paramedical staff avail-

A video of the son trying to revive his father on a hospi-After half an hour since his

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MVA does not mandate re-registration fee: HC quashes 9 pc tax demand on vehicle outside I&K

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: While quashing 9 per cent tax demand on Vehicle outside J&K, Justice Javed Iqbal Wani of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court has clarified that once a motor vehicle is registered upon payment of the prescribed fee under the Central Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, such registration is valid throughout India, and there is no provision for reregistration or the imposition of additional fees upon reregistration.

Striking down the imposition of a 9 per cent token tax on a vehicle brought into the Union Territory Haryana, Justice Javed Iqbal Wani ruled that this additional tax was illegal and discriminatory

The case originated when petitioner Ishfaq Ahmad Tramboo, a resident of Srinagar, brought his vehicle, initially registered Gurgaon, Haryana, to the Union Territory (UT) of Jammu and Kashmir in October 2023. As Tramboo intended to use the vehicle in the UT for more than 12months, he sought to have it registered with the local authorities as per the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988. However, respondent 3, the

local transport authority, demanded that Tramboo pay 9 per cent of the vehicle's declared value, approximately Rs. 4.00 lakh, as a condition for assigning a new registration mark.

Petitioner heavily relied on a previous Division Bench

judgment in Zahoor Ahmad Bhat and another vs. Government of J&K and Others (, where the Court had ruled that lifetime tax could not be levied merely on the presumption that a vehicle registered outside Jammu and Kashmir had remained in the UT for over 12 On the other hand, the

respondents defended the demand, citing Section 3 of the J&K Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, 1957, which they argued allowed them to charge a token tax (road usage tax) on vehicles registered outside the UT.

Justice Javed Inbal observed that the Act mandates the registration of a vehicle only once, with the assigned registration mark

The Act does not provide for re-registration or the pay-

ment of additional fees when a vehicle is moved to another state or UT, apart from specific provisions related to the assignment of a new registration mark after 12 months, the court underscored. Clarifying that the J&K

Motor Vehicle Taxation Act, 1957, operates in a different domain and does not serve as a prerequisite for the registration of a vehicle under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 Justice Wani cited the earlier Division Bench judgment in Zahoor Ahmad Bhat, which was upheld by the Supreme Court and reiterated that lifetime tax could not be imposed on the

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STATE TIMES NEWS BANIHAL/JAMMU: A 71 year-old man died on . Wednesday allegedly because there was no one to give him CPR at a hospital in

Obstructive able at the moment.

tal bed has gone viral since.

arrival at the hospital,

stages of execution, an offi-■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 cial said on Wednesday. The information was given at a meeting chaired by Devansh Yadav, the newly appointed Jammu Municipal The Tawi River Front

Commissioner and Chief Executive Officer of Jammu Smart City Limited (JSCL). JSCL is a special purpose vehicle launched in August

2017 to give a new look to the city of temples. The Tawi river front project is being developed on the lines of the Sabarmati river front in Gujarat. It aims to

enhance the aesthetic value

of the water body by improv-

ing natural purifying capabilities and promoting environmental and urban infrastructure sustainability.

During the meeting, Yaday stressed that the success of the smart cities mission hinges not only on the timely completion of projects but also on their ability to address the real needs and aspirations of the people.

Project, a flagship initiative, is aimed at revitalising the Tawi River and its surroundings, the official said. Earlier, Yadav conducted a

Electric-Bus Depot in the city's Bhagwati Nagar area. During the tour, the JMC commissioner was apprised of the current status of the electric bus fleet, which

maiden visit to inspect the

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