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Looking forward to strong ties with Brunei: Modi



in Brunei on Tuesday.

STATE TIMES NEWS

BANDAR BEGAWAN: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said he was looking forward to strong ties with Brunei, as he arrived here on the first leg of his two-nation trip meant to strengthen cooperation in sectors like defence, trade and investment, energy

as well as people-to-people exchanges.

Modi, the first Indian Prime Minister to travel to Brunei on a bilateral visit, said he was looking forward to his meetings with Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah and other members of the royal family to take the historical relationship to new heights.

As a special gesture, Modi was received by Crown Prince Al-Muhtadee Billah at the airport. From Brunei, Modi will travel to Singapore

Indians are residing in Brunei.

aid in a post on X.

Modi, who arrived here on the first leg of his two-nation trip earlier in the day, is the first Indian Prime Minister to travel to the country on a bilateral visit. Then Prime Minister CONTD ON PAGE 9

Brief gunfight between SFs, terrorists in Rajouri

STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI/JAMMU: There was a brief gunfight between security forces and terrorists Tuesday evening at a village in the Rajouri district, security officials said.

They said the exchange of fire occurred around 7.30 pm when police and Rashtriya Rifles personnel moved to the lower Karvote village of Thanamandi following information

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MCC violation: RO **Inderwal lodges FIR**

STATE TIMES NEWS

KISHTWAR: Taking cognizance of an inflammatory video being circulated on social media, Returning Officer (RO) Inderwal on Tuesday lodged an FIR, asking the police to investigate the matter.

The video in circulation on social media shows some unknown persons raising objectionable, inflammatory and inappropriate slogans

CJ (A) issues additional guidelines for Action Plan to achieve zero 5 year plus cases target in J&K, Ladakh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Chief Justice (A) Tashi Rabstan issued additional guidelines for action Plan to achieve target of zero five year plus cases in J&K, Ladakh.

According to the circular issued by Registrar General J&K High Court Shahzad Azeem that in continuation to the Action Plan circulated vide High Court Circular No. 08 of 2023 /RG/GS dated 05.12.2023 and with an intent to curb and decrease the pendency of five years plus old case, to indicate and suggest measures aimed at the disposal of oldest case, to ensure equitable and rationalized distribution / allocation of oldest case among the Judicial officers and to discuss measures to generally maximize the disposal of cases, the following guidelines are hereby issued for its adherence by the District Judiciary:-

The Principal District

Judges of each District shall constitute a 'District Case Management Committee' presided over by himself, a senior Additional District Judge (if available) and a Senior Civil Judge preferably CJM to supervise the case management strategy in each District. The committee may invite the Judicial Officers concerned in whose courts the oldest cases are pending, the President(s), office bearers and members of the Bar Associations as well as Govt. Pleaders and Public Prosecutors to the meetings if it is felt neces-

The District Management Committee shall hold periodical meetings at the District Headquarters preferably in the afternoon (after court hours) on the last working day of every month. The Judicial officers working at places other than the District Headquarters may opt to attend the meeting through virtual mode; The Pr. District Judge

shall set the schedule &

Agenda of review meetings of the Case Management Committee on monthly basis to monitor the progress of disposal of old cases and to issue directions or make suggestions to Judicial Officers for the speedy disposal of such oldest/target cases. The Principal District Judge shall submit the minutes of monthly review meetings of District Management Committee to the Member Secretary to the SCMS Committee by the 5th day of every month. The Member-Secretary of the Committee shall, in turn, place the same before the Hon'ble Committee for perusal and soliciting direc-

tions/instructions; The District Management Committee

shall identify and ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Two inter-state drug trafficking gangs busted; NCB arrests 4 narco smugglers

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In the wake of Legislative elections, the National Control Bureau (NCB) sleuths have intensified crackdown on drug peddlers and seized huge cache of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances in two separate cases.

Four narco smugglers have been arrested so far in connection with these cases.

On a specific information, the NCB Jammu Zonal Unit recovered and seized 3,000 Alprazolam Tablets, 14,106 Spasmo Proxyvon Plus (Tramadol) Capsules, 221 Bottles of Codeine based

Assembly Elections: DPAP releases second list of 10 candidates STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) on Tuesday released second list of ten candidates for the Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir. The party's General Secretary (organisation) R S Chib released the list.

The party has decided to field Ch Gharu Ram from the Jammu South

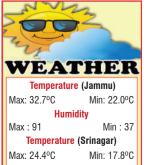
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Rahul to launch Cong's J&K poll campaign with 2 rallies today

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Leader

Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi will address two public rallies in Ramban and Anantnag districts on Wednesday, kickstarting the Congress' campaign for the Jammu and Kashmir assembly polls being held after a gap of 10 years. These rallies are part of the

campaign for the party's candidates contesting in the first phase of the elections ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9



Sunset: 18:53 Hours

Sunrise: 06:06 Hours

Max: 90

Cough Syrup (100 ml each) and Approx 5 Litres of Codeine based Cough syrup in water bottles at Near Zamindara Dhaba, Ring Road, Samba from the possession of two accused persons, Mohd Abbas Bhat, son of Nazir Ahmad Bhat, resident of Noorpora, Pulwama and Zahoor Ahmad Shah, resident of Takeya, Ghulab Bagh, Pulwama, who were arrested day before in this

"Today, the receiver of the seized drugs namely Sareed Ahmad Ganie, son of Abdul Rasheed Ganie, residen t of Anantnag has been

connection.

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Manmohan Singh visited Brunei

on Wednesday.

Modi visited the iconic

Omar Ali Saifuddien Mosque in Brunei, which was built by the current Sultan's father. He also inaugurated the new chancery premises of the **High Commission**

PM visits iconic Omar Ali

Saifuddien Mosque

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN: Prime Minister Narendra Modi Tuesday visited Brunei's iconic Omar Ali Saifuddien

Mosque built by the father of the current Sultan Hassanal

"Went to the Omar Ali Saifuddien Mosque in Brunei," Modi

The prime minister was received by Minister of Religious

Affairs Pehin Dato Ustaz Awang Badaruddin at the mosque,

where he also watched a video depicting its history. Minister

The mosque is named after Omar Ali Saifuddien III, the

28th Sultan of Brunei (father of the current Sultan, who also

A gathering of Indian community members was also present

to greet the prime minister. Currently, approximately 14,000

initiated its construction), and was completed in 1958.

of Health Mohammad Isham was also present.

BJP will make J&K industrial hub: Chugh

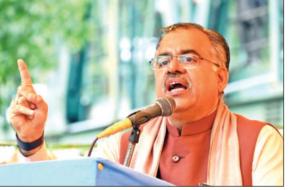
"Abdullahs, Muftis, Gandhis deliberately kept J&K on the boil to fill their coffers"

STATE TIMES NEWS

BHADARWAH: National General Secretary Tarun Chugh, who is also the party incharge for J&K, on Tuesday promised to set up industrial clusters in Jammu and Kashmir where the skilled youth would find new avenues of enterprise.

Addressing a public gathering in favour of the BJP candidate for the coming Assembly elections, Chugh said the youth of J&K need to touch new heights in different professions, be it lawyer, doctor or engineer.

"The time of stones and AK-47s is over and now



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given a new sunrise to J&K where prosperity and development would take place by leaps and bounds",

said Chugh amid thundering applause from the public gathering.

He said the Prime Minister has ensured foodgrains for

IGP reviews preparedness for

upcoming Assembly polls

every poor family. He has promised a shelter for every person and ensured adequate health facilities for the poor.

Making a strong appeal to the people to vote for the BJP, Chugh said it is time Abdullahs and Muftis are shown the door because in the past more than 70 years they have "looted the people and their resources to fill their coffers".

The trio of Abdullahs, Muftis and Gandhis had deliberately made J&K a capital of terrorists by secretly joining hands with the Pakistan ISI. Now

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All commercial establishments of J&K asked to observe mandatory 'Close Day' day of the week to observe

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Office of Labour Commissioner has asked all the Shops and Commercial Establishment of UT of Jammu and Kashmir to remain entirely closed on one day of the week to observe the mandatory 'Close Day'.

A circular issued by the Office ofLabour Commissioner reads, "in terms of Section-13 of the Jammu and Kashmir Shops & Establishment Act, 1966, every Shop or Commercial Establishment of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir, registered under the Act, shall remain entirely closed on one

the mandatory Close Day". It adds that it has come to the notice of this department that most of the Shops or Commercial Establishment

owners do not close their shops or establishments on their designated 'Close Days', thereby violating the provisions of J&K Shops & Establishment Act, 1966. The circular further reads

that Section-13 of the Act also provides that it shall not be lawful for an employer to call an employee at his shop or commercial establishment or any other place for any work in connection

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Need to change way women are viewed: President Murmu

President Droupadi MurmuTuesday emphasised the need to change the women are viewed and asserted country's progress cannot be fully realised without their socio-economic educational

development. Speaking at centenary celebrations of the Maharashtra Legislative Council in Mumbai, Murmu pointed out that women constitute half of India's population and added their active participation in various

spheres was needed to take the country forward.

"Without their (women) socio-economic and educa-



tional progress, the country's development cannot be achieved the way it should be," she said. "There is a need to change the way we look at

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STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: Kashmir's top

cop on Tuesday reviewed the security preparedness for the forthcoming Assembly polls in the valley "In order to review the pre-

paredness for the Assembly election. IGP, Kashmir Zone V K Birdi chaired a meeting with the senior police officers of the Kashmir Zone at the Police Control Room here," a police spokesperson said, adding that the meeting was attended by all range deputy inspectors general and senior superintendents of police of the districts of the valley. Birdi briefed the officers

regarding the overall election preparedness and arrival of Central Armed Paramilitary Forces (CAPF) to the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

All the district police chiefs were briefed about the phasewise deployments available, inter and intra-district movement of forces and their induction and de-induction the districts, the spokesperson said.

He said Virdi stressed upon all the district police chiefs to ensure proper logistics and transportation arrangement for the CAPF in their respec-

He said his CAPF counterpart may also be involved during the deployment process and directed that all efforts be taken for a smooth induction of the CAPF and to ensure their meticulous deployment in all three phases of the upcoming polls.

The district police heads briefed the IGP with regard to the preparations on the ground and assured him that all necessary measures would be taken to ensure a smooth and peaceful conduct of the

The IGP directed the range heads and district

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K Rajalakshmi Menon is new DG (Aero) DRDO STATE TIMES NEWS

BENGALURU: Rajalakshmi Menon has taken over as Director



General (Aero) of DRDO with additional charge of Director, Centre Airborne Systems (CABS).

as DG (Aero) will now be responsible for all pro-Cluster, which will function under her creative leader-

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Speed up transfer of technology to artisans: CS



Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo chairing a meeting at Srinagar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on Tuesday called upon the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) Srinagar to speed up efforts to transfer technologies from the lab to the grassroots level.

While chairing the 4th meeting of the State Level Advisory Committee (SLAC) of NIFT at Civil Secretariat here, Atal Dulloo said that fusion of craftsmanship and

technology will pave the way new opportunities. expanded markets, and enriched creative processes. CS said that NIFT and Craft Development Institute (CDI), Srinagar should come up with a comprehensive framework for capacity building and training of mas-

ter trainers who would later train the local artisans. He said that NIFT should think about introduction

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Result Notification Engagement of Apprentices

to Advertisement No. JKB/HRD/Rectt/ 2024-267 Dated: 09.05.2024 read with Advertisement No. JKB/HR/Rectt/2024-380 Dated: 02.07.2024, result of candidates who appeared in Online Examination for Engagement as Apprentice has been made available on Bank's website @ www.jkbank.com under careers tab as shared by IBPS Mumbai. Candidates can check their result by clicking the link "Online Result - Engagement of Apprentice"

Date & Venue for Document Verification of shortlisted candidates will be communicated separately via registered Email IDs as well as Bank's website.

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employees by applying different yardsticks, approach: CAT **STATE TIMES NEWS** department and as there is no by the respondent No. 5 & 7 JAMMU: A Bench of Central wise a non-speaking order difference between the status and the position of law as well, and it is well established and of lecturers in Education

State is one unit, can't discriminate between set of similar

Administrative Tribunal comprising B Anand (A) Member and Rajinder Singh Dodgra (J) Member, while quashing Government Order No. 01 JK (YSS) of 2022 dated January 3, 2022, observed that lacks the element of fairness and results in discriminations and treating the applicants differently especially when their claim is fairly admitted by the department violates the very basic concept of equal pay for equal work, which cannot be expected from the state, as the state is one unit and cannot discriminate between the set of similar employees by applying the different yardsticks and approach.

Min: 68 CAT further observed that other aspect of the case is that

settled law that quasi-judicial authorities must record reasons in support of its conclusion and insistence on recording of reasons is meant to serve the wider principle of justice that justice must not only be done but also appear to have been done and that recording of reasons is indispensable in the decision making process and the same facilitates the process of judicial review by the Superior Courts and it is also necessary to give reasons for sustaining the litigants' faith in the justice delivery system. CAT further observed that

by taking the note of the admission of the claim of the applicants by the respondent Department and Youth services and Sports Department, as both the cadres have specialization in their relevant subject, we feel that discrimination should not take place among similar situated candidates. At this stage among thousands of similarly situated lecturers, only few persons in the state are being discriminated by not getting same pay scale as others are being paid. It is also important to mention that government should also not suffer by financial burden which will come by giving retrospectively financial benefits. With these observations,

CAT said that the admission of the claim of the applicants

the O.A. is partly allowed and the Government order No. 01 JK (YSS) of 2022 dated 03.01.2022 issued by the respondent No.5 is hereby quashed. The respondents are further directed to place the applicants in the pay scale of 9300-34800 with Grade Pay of Rs. 5400/- as is being granted to other similarly situated lecturers of Education Department retrospectively from the date of their appointment on the post of lecturer in the department along with notional benefits. It is made clear that applicants will be given monetary (financial) benefit prospectively and they will not be entitled to any back wages/

"Dr K Rajalakshmi Menon

grammes under ship," an official