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India supports 'policy of development, not expansionism': Modi



PM Narendra Modi receives welcome during banquet hosted by His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah, in Brunei on Wednesday.

STATE TIMES NEWS
BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN: Prime Minister Narendra Modi Wednesday said India supports a "policy of development, and not expansionism", a remark that appeared directed at China as he wrapped up a bilateral visit to Brunei, where the two countries also reiterated their commitment to "freedom of navigation" in the region.

India and Brunei elevated their ties to "enhanced partnership" as Prime Minister Modi held wide-ranging talks with Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah covering defence, trade and investment. "We support the policy of development, and not expansionism," Prime Minister Modi said at a banquet hosted by Sultan Bolkiah, without naming any country.

China is engaged in hotly contested territorial disputes in the South China Sea (SCS) and the East China Sea (ECS). China claims most of the South China Sea, while the Philippines, Malaysia, Vietnam, Brunei and Taiwan have counter-claims. "We agree that a Code of Conduct should be finalised in this region," Modi said, adding that India has always given priority to ASEAN Centrality and will continue to do so. "We support

India ideal investment destination: PM

SINGAPORE: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday arrived here for his fifth official visit to Singapore aimed at boosting bilateral friendship, deepening 'strategic partnership' and attracting investment from the Southeast Asian country.

During his visit at the invitation of his Singaporean counterpart Lawrence Wong, the prime minister will connect with three generations of Singapore's leadership, officials in New Delhi said.

The prime minister was warmly hosted by his Singapore counterpart at the iconic Sri Temasek bungalow for dinner.

"Welcome PM @narendramodi to Singapore! Delighted to have the chance to catch up over a meal at the Istana, before the official meetings tomorrow," Wong posted on X along with his photograph with Modi.

Fortifying India-Singapore bonds of friendship, PM @narendramodi warmly hosted by PM @LawrenceWongST at the iconic Sri Temasek in Singapore. An evening cherishing the deep and long-standing India-Singapore ties awaits," Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said in a post on X.

Modi flew to Singapore after wrapping his visit to Brunei, the first bilateral visit there by an Indian prime minister.

ECI enforces exit poll ban during J&K Assembly elections

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Election Commission of India (ECI) has prohibited the conduct of any exit polls by media outlets during the Assembly Elections-2024 for Jammu and Kashmir under Section 126A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

The exit poll ban on election results, according to notification, starts from the beginning of hours fixed for poll on the first day of poll and continues till half an hour after the closing of the poll in J&K.

The Jammu and Kashmir Assembly Elections are scheduled to commence from 18 September 2024 in 3 Phases across the Union Territory.

A notification issued on Wednesday stated that the schedule for the ongoing General Elections to the Legislative Assemblies of Haryana and Jammu & Kashmir was announced by the Election Commission through Press Note No. ECU/PN/128/2024 dated August 16, 2024, and Press Note No. ECU/PN/132/2024 dated August 31, 2024.

Invoking Section 126A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 (R.P. Act, 1951), the notification emphasized that "no person shall conduct any exit poll and publish or publicize by means of the print or electronic media, or disseminate in any other manner whatsoever, the result of any exit poll during such period as may be notified by the Election Commission in this regard."

The notification further clarified that for the purposes of sub-section (1), the Election Commission shall, by a general order, notify the date and time having due regard to the following, namely:

In the case of a general election, the period may commence from the beginning of polling hours on the first day of polling and continue until half an hour after the closing of the poll in all States and Union territories.

In the case of a bye-election or multiple bye-elections held together, the period may commence from the beginning of polling hours on the first day of polling and continue until half an hour after the closing of the last poll.

The notification added that any person who contravenes the provisions of this section shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term that may extend to two years, or with a fine, or both.

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CS chairs high-level flood preparedness meet of J&K

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SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on Wednesday chaired a high-level meeting at Civil Secretariat regarding flood preparedness and response review in the UT of J&K.

Directs advance planning and mobilization of resources

At the outset, Chief Secretary praised the Divisional and District administration for the steps they have already taken regarding flood preparedness and said that we need to continue work in a coordinated manner in all respects.

While chairing the meeting, CS called for devising an effective strategy to deal with any eventuality. He called for evolving proper SoPs to deal with the situation where every concerned individual is fully acquainted with his/her role and responsibility in the times of emergency. He directed the officers to remain in a state of alertness to combat any eventuality that may arise.

Asserting that zonal level Committees play a critical role in time of an emergency, CS said that they need

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Congress dancing to tunes of Pak ISI: Chugh

PM has promised statehood to J&K soon; jobs for youth, empowerment of women top priority of BJP

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SRINAGAR: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh, who is also the Party Incharge of Jammu and Kashmir, on Wednesday said that the Congress has played havoc within the region for the past more than 70 years by playing in the hands of across the border forces.

Chugh said that the Congress, in league with the NC and PDP, has been waging a proxy war in J&K to spread violence and disturbances to deprive the youth employment opportunities.

"It has been a calculated design of the Congress to support divisive forces and to let down the Kashmiri pan-

ditions", Chugh said, adding that there have been signals that the Congress is mostly speaking the language of the cross border forces led by ISI.

Reacting strongly to the statement of senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for misleading the people on statehood issue, Chugh said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has already promised to restore the statehood as soon as law and order situation improved.

He said after the dismal failure of the 'Gupkar Gang' in the DDB and the Lok Sabha elections there has been a new upsurge in

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BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh along with Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh during poll campaign at Srinagar on Wednesday.

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Ex-militants openly campaigning for NC, PDP candidates: Ram Madhav

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SRINAGAR: BJP national general secretary Ram Madhav on Wednesday

accused the National Conference and the People's Democratic Party of taking support from ex-militants for the assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir, and said the two parties want to take the

Union territory back to its "trouble-filled days". Referring to the Abdullahs and Muftis, Madhav, who is the party's in-charge for J-K, said the two families need to be shown the door.

"I have information that ex-militants are openly campaigning for the candidates of the NC and PDP. The people will have to defeat the parties who want to take J-K back to its bad days and support new leadership which wants peace and progress," Madhav told reporters here.

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Lt Governor's greetings on Teachers' Day

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SRINAGAR: The Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, has greeted the teachers on the eve of Teachers' Day.

In a message, the Lt Governor said, "On the occasion of Teachers' Day, I extend my heartiest greetings and felicitations to all the teachers. Tributes to great educationist, philosopher and former President of India, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Ji on his Jamm-Jayanti. His life and works continue to inspire generations of Indians.

Teachers are the true architects of the nation and shaping the destiny of our country. A teacher plays many roles simultaneously by instilling creativity, curiosity, team-work, leadership qualities and civilizational values of harmony, brotherhood and compassion in our children. I convey my best wishes and express my gratitude to all the teachers for their dedication and commitment towards the growth of humanity".

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Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 33.0°C Min: 22.3°C
Humidity
Max: 77 Min: 66
Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 29.6°C Min: 18.2°C
Humidity
Max: 86 Min: 49
Sunset : 18:51 Hours
Sunrise : 06:07 Hours

INDIA bloc will ensure restoration of statehood to J&K: Rahul

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday kick-started his party's election campaign in Jammu and Kashmir, assuring people that his party along with the help of INDIA bloc partners will ensure the restoration of statehood to the Union territory.

The leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha expressed confidence that his party's alliance government is going to be formed next month.

Congress is in alliance with the National Conference for the assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir that will take place in three phases on

Union Territories and its special status revoked in August 2019.

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Govt signs peace pact with 2 insurgent groups of Tripura, Shah says

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NEW DELHI: The government is committed for all-round development of the northeastern region, especially tribals, while preserving their culture, language and identity, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Wednesday.

He also said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has not only bridged the gap between the Northeast and Delhi by connecting them through roads, railways and flights, but has also bridged the gap between hearts. Shah was addressing

"We wished for restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir before the holding of assembly elections but the BJP was not willing and wanted the polls to be held first.

"We will ensure the return of statehood to the region, whether BJP wants it or not. We will pressurise the government under the banner of the INDIA alliance to

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'My honour in your hands': Omar's emotional appeal to Ganderbal voters

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GANDERBAL: National Conference vice president Omar Abdullah Wednesday made a passionate appeal to the people of Ganderbal to vote for him, saying his honour is now in their hands.

Abdullah filed his nomination papers earlier from the constituency, marking the return of the NC leader to the constituency that he represented from 2008 to 2014 when he was the chief minister of the NC-Congress coalition government in the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir. He won the 2014 assembly polls from Beerwah assembly seat in central Kashmir's Budgam district, leaving the Ganderbal seat to his then party colleague Ishaq Jabbar.

Abdullah, who contested the 2024 Lok Sabha polls from Baramulla constituency, had lost to independent candidate Engineer Rashid.

Addressing his party workers at the NC office here, Abdullah said he has come again to Ganderbal after 16 years with a



hope to serve the people of the constituency.

"After 16 years, I am again placing myself before the people of Ganderbal with a hope that you will again let me serve as your MLA and servant," he said.

In a bid to strike a chord with the voters, Abdullah made his over-five-minute speech largely in Kashmiri.

"The people of Ganderbal have suffered a lot after 2016, no one healed their wounds, no one addressed their difficul-

ties. We will talk about all these issues in the coming two-three weeks," he said. A teary-eyed Abdullah made a passionate appeal to the voters, seeking their support and vote, saying his honour was in their hands.

Making a rare gesture of holding his cap in his hands, the former chief minister appealed to the people of Ganderbal for a chance to serve them once again.

"Muin dastar (my turban), muin izzat (my honour), muin topi (my cap), are in your hands, ath kariw raech (uphold it)," he said as he held his cap in his hands.

"Just give me one opportunity to serve you, I am appealing to you with folded hands," he added.

The rare, passionate moment sent his supporters into an emotional frenzy and they raised slogans of Omar Zindabad (long live Omar), assuring the NC leader to sacrifice their lives for him.

Calling upon his party workers to remain united, he said God willing; the party will taste success in the elections.

DB takes serious note of media report on Judge's leave

Refers matter to CJ for consideration of criminal contempt proceedings

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A Division Bench (DB) of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court, comprising Justice Atul Sreedharan and Mohd Yousaf Wani, has taken serious note of a media report published by 'The Hindu' and circulated on social media regarding the leave taken by a judge, and referred the matter to the Chief Justice (Acting) for consideration of criminal contempt proceedings.

This significant order has been passed by Division Bench while hearing bail application Syed Meriajul Yasin in which it has been brought to the notice of the Court that an item published by the "The Hindu" in the social media platform and also its newspapers cap-

tioned "NIA, Habeas Corpus cases shifted from Justice Atul Sreedharan-J headed by the Double Bench in J&K; Judge goes on leave".

In the said social media post and the newspaper, it is alleged that the 'rosters of NIA, Habeas Corpus cases were shifted midway from the Bench headed one of us (Atul Sreedharan-J) to a new Division Bench in Srinagar.

The entire article in the social media post and as reported in the newspaper has also been placed before us. Inter alia, the post also mentions "Justice Atul Sreedharan-J went on a leave of absence on Monday (2nd September, 2024), apparently in the backdrop of the unprecedented change in the roster".

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"DB observed that from the material that has been placed before us by the Registrar General, it appears that the roster was issued by the Chief Justice (Acting) for the period commencing from 1st July, 2024 to 28th September, 2024 vide notification dated June 28, 2024 bearing no. 23629-80/RG, wherein inter alia, the Division Bench (DB-I) in the Srinagar Wing of the High Court headed by the Chief Justice (Acting), was assigned matters which included all LPAs in Habeas Corpus petitions of both wings and DB-II was headed by one of us (Atul Sreedharan-J) for the period commencing from 29th July, 2024 to 28th September, 2024. The

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EXTENSION NOTIFICATION
FOR ENGAGEMENT OF RETIRED OFFICERS OF J&K BANK AND OTHER PSU BANKS FOR CREDIT AUDIT

In continuation to Notification No. S&C/CR/AUDIT/CHQ/24 regarding the empanelment of Retired Officers of J&K Bank & other PSU Banks as Credit Auditors for the branches/LCUs of the Bank in various states/ UTs across the country. It is notified that the last date for submission of Online application on Bank's website is extended upto 11th September, 2024.

All terms and conditions, eligibility criteria as notified previously shall remain same and are available on Bank's website www.jkbank.com (under careers link) along with online application form & other annexures.

Hard Copies of the downloaded application form along with duly filled annexures should reach the Office of DGM, S. C & Audit Department, J&K Bank, Corporate Headquarters, M.A.Road, Srinagar, Kashmir 190001 by or before 14.09.2024.

Bank reserves the right to reject any application without assigning any reason(s) thereof.

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