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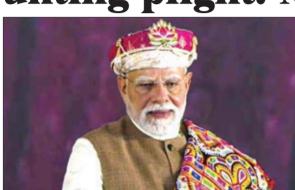
World saw Pak terrorist crying, recounting plight: Modi

STATE TIMES NEWS DHAR/HYDERABAD

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said Indian soldiers brought Pakistan to its knees "in the blink of an eye" during Operation Sindoor and the world saw a terrorist crying, comments coming after terror outfit JeM's commander admitted losses suffered by the family of its chief.

Addressing a mega gathering in Dhar district of Madhya Pradesh on his 75th birthday, he asserted the "New India" does not fear any nuclear threats and enters the enemy's house and

"Our brave soldiers brought Pakistan to its knees in the blink of an eye. Just yesterday, the country and the world saw a Pakistani terrorist weeping and recounting



PM turns 75, lauds rise of New India as world leaders

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi turned 75 on Wednesday with a host of prominent personalities, including world leaders, lauding his leadership, while the ruling BJP organised welfare initiatives under the fortnight-long "Sewa Pakhwada" to mark the birthday of its preeminent leader.

PM Modi said he was overwhelmed by the countless wishes and messages of affection from across the nation and overseas and resolved to continue working with even greater energy and devotion to realise the dream of a Viksit Bharat. Keeping ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 with his practice of unveiling

his plight," Modi said. He was apparently refer-

ring to a viral video in which commander of the Pakistan-based terror outfit, Jaish-e-Mohamad (JeM), is heard explaining how the Indian armed forces entered their hideout and attacked them.

The Operation Sindoor in May saw Indian armed forces carrying out precision airstrikes on terror hubs deep inside Pakistan and also PoK in retaliation for the April 22 Pahalgam massacre in which 26 people, mostly tourists, lost their lives.

Months after the military action, JeM commander Ilyas Kashmiri, in a viral video uploaded to a YouTube channel on Tuesday, has admitted the family of Masood Azhar, the

Omar hopes Centre will grant relief package for flood relief

Visits Kalaban, Poonch to review land subsidence damage; sanctions immediate relief for affected families

STATE TIMES NEWS

KALABAN: Chief Minister Abdullah Omar Wednesday reached out to the people of land subsidence-hit Kalaban border area in Poonch district, and hoped the Centre will extend a good package to the Union Territory on the pattern of the one given to Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttarakhand.

Abdullah said the administration has been asked to prepare a rehabilitation plan, including the grant of five marlas (one marla = 272.251 sq ft) of land under the existing policy, for the approval of the Cabinet.

"We also maintain communication with the central government, and they have constituted a team which visited different areas of Jammu

CM visits Udhampur; oversees restoration of NH-44 at Thard

UDHAMPUR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Wednesday visited the affected stretch of NH-44 at Thard Udhampur to take stock of the ongoing restora-

tion works. He was accompanied by Javed Ahmed Rana, Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology Environment and Tribal Affairs; Balwant Singh Mankotia, MLAChenani; Saloni Rai Deputy Commissioner Udhampur: Amod

Ashok Nagpure, SSP Udhampur; Adil Hamid, SSP Traffic; besides senior officers and members of the local public. During the visit, R.S. Yadav, Regional Officer J&K NHAI, briefed the Chief Minister

and Kashmir. We will present our demands in front of them and hope that a good package will be given to Jammu

and Kashmir, just as Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttarakhand," Abdullah told

The Chief Minister was accompanied by Minister for Jal Shakti, Forests

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Former Hurriyat Chief Abdul Peace can only be achieved by completely Gani Bhat passes away

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Former Hurriyat Conference chairman Abdul Gani Bhat died at his Sopore residence

Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday the age of 90, his family said.

fined to his residence at Sopore in Baramulla district due to ill health over the past few years, breathed his last this evening. Hurriyat chairman Mirwaiz Umar Farooq said. "I just

received a call from Bhat Sahib's son confirming the sad news about the demise of the veteran leader.' the Mirwaiz told

PTI. Born in 1935, Bhat graduated from Sri Pratap College in Persian studies.

uate degrees in Persian and a Law degree from Aligarh Muslim University. Bhat is likely to be buried in his ancestral graveyard in Sopore, sources close to the family said.

STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: Lieutenant

Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday attended the "Swasth Nari Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan- Healthy Empowered Women. Families", a national health campaign launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The 16-day campaign v strengthen screening, maternal health services, lifestyle counselling, yoga and Ayushbased interventions for women, adolescent girls



LG Manoj Sinha addressing at event to mark Swasth Nari Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan at Srinagar.

ACB arrests JE, SO of Electric Division in bribe case

CM Omar Abdullah overseeing restoration of NH-44 at Thard

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) arrested Shaiq Sultan Bhat, JE & Mohammad Ayoub Dar, SO of Electric Division Pantha Chowk, Srinagar red-handed while accepting bribe of Rs. 50,000 for realignment of HT Line.

"ACB_rec complaint from a complainant alleging therein that demand of bribe of Rs 50,000 by public servants namely Junior Engineer (JE) Shaiq Sultan Bhat and

Mohammad Ayoub Dar posted at Power Development Department. Division Pantha Chowk for realignment electric pole installed in his property land situated at Sempora Pantha Chowk etc," ACB official

Section Officer

Consequent upon the inforallegations against the public servants, official added, the matter was discreetly verified through a designated

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Search operation launched near IB

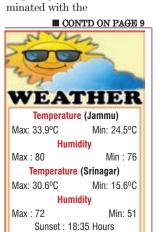
STATE TIMES NEWS KATHUA: Security forces

on Wednesday launched a search operation in a dense nursery near International Border (IB) in Kathua district, officials

The search operation was jointly launched by Special Operations Group (SOG) of local police and CRPF in the area of Dholka-Sanyal nursery along the possible infiltration route around 3 pm. the officials said.

They said the search operation was continuing when the last reports were received.

In March, security forces intercepted a group of heavily-armed terrorists in the same nursery after their infiltration from across the border, leading to a prolonged operation which cul-



Sunrise: 06:15 Hours

Operation against terrorists not suspended due to intervention of anyone: Rajnath

STATE TIMES NEWS

HYDERABAD: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Wednesday virtually rejected US President Donald Trump's claims of intervening to stop the Indo-Pak conflict following Operation Sindoor, saying the action against terrorists was not suspended due to any thirdparty mediation.

Speaking at 'Hyderabad Liberation Day' celebrations organised by the union government here, he said 'Operation Sindoor'



would resume if any terrorist attack took place in the

ask whether the

gathered

SIA arrests narcotic smuggler absconding for 3 years

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Police's State Investigation Agency (SIA) Wednesday said it has arrested a notorious drug smuggler who had been absconding for the last three years in a narco-terror case. Zafraan Khan, a resident of Mohra Dawran area of Uri in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, was arrested on Tuesday, a spokesperson of the SIA said. He said Khan, who was evading arrest for the

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Excise Deptt nabs man with 1,464 IMFL liquor bottles imported from Chandigarh

STATE TIMES NEWS KATHUA: A team of Excise

Department at Lakhanpur under the overall supervision of Excise Commissioner J&K Subhash Chibber recovered 122 cases/ 1464 Bottles of IMFL for sale inChandigarh, at Erstwhile Toll-post Lakhanpur.

Lakhanpur Excise team under the close supervision of DEC(Accounts) Jammu Additional Charge, DEC, Toll Post Lakhanpur, Tinna Mahajan established a late night naka at Lakhanpur,

Kathua area to keep a check on inflow of illicit liquour

smuggling. During Naka Lakhanpur excise team consisting of Inspector Razi Ahmed, Inspector SI Akhil Dharamvir Kanathia, SI Atul Jamwal along with HG Rakesh Kumar , EG Hans Raj, Kanwar Dutt, Gulshan Akeel Ahmed. Kumar. Mohinder Kumar, noticed one vehicle Mahindra Bolero-PIK UP bearing number LA02 5488 under suspicious manner. On being stopped was questioned, and the vehicle on being checked was carrying illicit liquor for sale in

Chandigarh. The recovery include Royal Stag Superior Whisky 750 ml 25 Cases (300 Bottles); Old Monk Extra Special XXX Classic Rum 08 Cases (96 Bottles); 111 Ace Rum $750 \, \mathrm{ml}$ 36 Cases (432 Bottles) and 999 Powerstar Fine Rum 750 ml 53 Cases (636 Bottles). Accordingly, the excise team taking

Vaishno Devi pilgrimage restarts after 22-days pause, halted again due to bad weather

STATE TIMES NEWS

KATRA/JAMMU: After a 22-day suspension due to a deadly landslide and continuous heavy rainfall, the pilgrimage to revered Mata Vaishno Devi shrine atop Trikuta hills in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district resumed on Wednesday, bringing smiles on the faces of the devotees.

However, the respite was short-lived, as the shrine board once again suspended the vatra amid inclement weather this evening after allowing 2,500 pilgrims during the day, the officials said. The Shri Mata Vaishno



(SMVDSB) announced the -- the base camp for the pilgrims visiting the shrine. reopening of the vatra subject to favourable weather Chanting slogans like 'Jai conditions from this morn-Mats Di', the enthusiastic ing, much to the relief of pilgrims hundreds of devotees who Banganga Darshani gate,

the starting point of the yatra, in the early hours of the day, much before the start of the yatra.

Shrine board officials said the yatra began at 6 am from both the routes leading to the hilltop shrine after a temporary suspension necessitated by inclement weather conditions and essential maintenance of the track leading to the shrine.

However, the shrine board used public address system to announce the immediate suspension of the yatra around 5.30 pm after dark clouds covered the

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Sinha inaugurates Bailey Bridge on Ramban-Gool road

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: On the occasion of commencement of fortnight-long Pakhwada', the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha virtually inaugurated Bailey Bridge on the Ramban-Gool Road. The Lieutenant Governor dedicated the bridge to the people of Ramban. He expressed gratitude to the brave engineers of the Army who had worked tirelessly and under challenging conditions to build the Bailey Bridge.

"The bridge is a symbol of hope and lifeline for around 1.5 lakh people living in



Ramban, Sangaldan, and Gool areas. It will boost connectivity and enhance the

ease of living. Recent natural calamities had severely impacted lives.



and disruption on important connecting Gool, Sangaldan and surrounding

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