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## BRIEF

### PM Modi likely to visit J&K on Feb 20

**Jammu :** Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to visit J&K on February 20 to address a public rally in Jammu and inaugurate/lay the foundation stone of many developmental projects. In addition to addressing a large public rally in Jammu, PM Modi will inaugurate a series of developmental projects, including All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) at Vijaypur in Samba, the highest Railway bridge, which will link Kashmir with the rest of the country by this year, in Reasi district, Devika Rejuvenation project at Udhampur, IIM Jammu and Shahpur Kandi.

### Govt likely to operate 3 special trains from Katra, Udhampur and Jammu to Ayodhya

**Jammu :** Govt will be likely operating three special trains from Katra, Udhampur and Jammu to Ayodhya. Three trains will be operating to Ayodhya and all 22-coach trains will have stoppages at Ayodhya Cantt via Udhampur, Jammu, Kathua, Pathankot, Jalandhar Cantt and Ludhiana Cantt. It added that Train from Udhampur will be operating on Feb 16, from Jammu on Feb 22 and from Katra on Feb 27.

### J&K gun license scam: Court seeks presence of 21 accused on next date of hearing

**Jammu, Feb 12 :** A special court for CBI cases here on Monday sought appearance of 21 accused before it in a case related to issuance of alleged illegal arms licenses in Jammu and Kashmir between 2012 and 2016. Special Judge anti-corruption (CBI cases) Bala Jyoti issued the order after hearing a complaint under sections of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) filed by the Enforcement Directorate's Jammu wing through special public prosecutor Ashwani Khajuria.

### Army engages Pakistani drone with fire in Poonch, later returned

**Jammu :** Indian Army troops fired multiple shots at a Pakistani drone near the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district. The drone, which had briefly entered Indian territory late Sunday night, swiftly retreated to the Pakistani side after being fired upon by Indian forces. The incident occurred in the Nar Mankote area of Mendhar where Indian troops detected the movement of the hostile drone and responded by firing at least three rounds to deter its advance. Following the engagement, the drone retreated across the border into Pakistani territory, prompting Indian forces to conduct a search operation in the vicinity. This development comes in the wake of the Jammu and Kashmir police offering a cash reward of Rs 3 lakh for information leading to the interception of drones used for smuggling narcotics, arms, or explosives from across the border.

## Committed to ensure benefit of ST reservation is extended to Pahari, Padari, Koli, Gadda Brahmin this year : LG

**TT Correspondent Jammu, Feb 12 :** Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha interacted with the 120-member delegation of Pahari Community at Raj Bhawan on Monday.

The Lt Governor reiterated the commitment of the UT Administration to ensure that the benefits of Scheduled Tribes reservation is extended to Pahari, Padari, Koli and Gadda Brahmin this year and they are included in the Tribal plan schemes. The prominent Pahari leaders conveyed their heartfelt gratitude to Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi for empowering the Pahari community while safeguarding the interest of Gujjar, Bakarwals and other listed tribes. "We are all brothers and working with aim of nation-building," the Pahari community members

said. Muzaffar Hussain Baig, former Deputy Chief Minister lauded the Central Government and the UT Administration for fulfilling



the long pending demands of the Paharis and other communities. Rafiq Shah, a Pahari leader said that after 75 year of political and social slavery, Justice has been delivered. He said, today we are feeling empowered and free. Senior leader Vibodh Gupta said that Gujjar, Bakarwal and Pahari community will

work together for the development of J&K. He said Scheduled Tribes Community will play a major role in developmental

journey of UT. Dinesh Sharma lauded the historic decision of the government to grant scheduled tribe status to Paharis, Padari Tribes, Koli and Gadda Brahmin. It has removed the developmental imbalance and strengthened the vision of Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas, he said.

## People of J&K ready to embrace BJP in LS polls : Dr. Shehnaz Ganai



**Jammu, Feb 12 :** Former MLC Dr. Shehnaz Ganai on Monday joined BJP in New Delhi. She said people of Jammu & Kashmir are ready to embrace BJP in the upcoming Parliamentary elections. Dr Shahnaz was earlier

associated with regional oldest political party National Conference for a long time. She hails from J&K's PirPanchal region. In a function held at BJP headquarters in New Delhi, Ganai was warmly welcomed by BJP senior lead-

ers including MoS Dr. Jitender Singh and General Secretary & In-charge J&K Tarun Chugh. "Today I got an opportunity to unite with BJP and I'm thankful to the party high command," Dr. Shehnaz expressed.

While hailing PM Narendra Modi's efforts in bringing peace and development in Jammu & Kashmir, Dr. Shehnaz said "I am inspired by developmental approach of PM Modi. People of J&K are excitedly waiting to embrace BJP because a lot of positive changes happened in last few years (Cont. on Page-11)

## Three children burnt alive in a fire

**Jammu :** Three children lost their lives in a fire that took place at a three-storey house in the Ramban district of Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday night, according to the police. Three teenage sisters were burnt to death in an overnight fire incident in the Ramsou sub-division of Ramban district, a top official said on Monday. Deputy Commissioner of Ramban, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, said that the fire occurred during the night in the Tajnihal area of Ukherhal tehsil, resulting in

the death of three siblings. "Three sisters were sleeping on the third storey of the house, which caught fire during the night, and all of them were burnt alive." DC Ramban said that the house was also damaged in the incident. "Teams have been dispatched, and all possible assistance will be provided to the family." The deceased have been identified as 16-year-old Saniya, 14-year-old Bisma, and 12-year-old Saika, daughters of Abdul Latief Lone, a resident of Tajnihal.

## DGP sanctions financial assistance in favour of 20 wards of martyr police personnel/SPO pursuing coaching for IAS/JKAS

**Jammu, February 12 :** Continuing its efforts to provide financial assistance to the wards of martyr police personnel/SPOs, the Director General of Police J&K, Shri R.R. Swain has sanctioned monthly financial assistance in favour of 20 wards of the police martyrs, under an order issued by Police Headquarters today. Under this order, Rupees nine thousand each has been sanctioned in

favour of 18 wards and Rupees three thousand each in favour two wards of martyr Police personnel/SPOs pursuing coaching programmes for IAS/JKAS exams organized by Mission Youth J&K. The financial assistance has been sanctioned out of J&K Police Pariwar Fund for the months of September, October and November-2023. (Cont. on Page-11)

## No review of decision on Paytm Payments Bank : RBI Chief

**New Delhi, Feb 11 :** RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das on Monday reiterated that all decisions taken by the Central bank are carefully considered. The RBI Governor was speaking in the context of certain restrictions placed against Paytm Payments bank. The RBI Chief was speaking at the 606th meeting of the Central Board of Directors of the Reserve Bank of India which was held today at New Delhi.

When questioned as to whether the Central bank will review the decision on Paytm Payments Bank, the Governor said a firm no. "There is hardly any room for review. The word review being used is not appropriate. Our priority is that the customers should not face any inconvenience so we have given one month's time. The action was taken on January 31, time of one month (till 29 Feb) is given because customer interest is uppermost" the RBI Governor said.

We will release the FAQ this week. I request you to wait until that FAQ is

released, and the decisions we make at the Reserve Bank are carefully considered. Whether it's a bank, payment bank, NBFC, cooperative bank, or any other entity, if we take



action against them after months, a year, or two years, we do so after careful deliberation. I'm not specifically referring to Paytm, but in general, when we don't see effective action being taken, we take necessary measures. We have clarified this before. Therefore, the action we have taken has been well thought out" RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das further said.

The RBI which has received several queries and

clarifications on the issue of Paytm Payments Banks reiterated that it will issue a list of FAQs soon on this issue. "I want to emphasize that you should wait for the FAQ we are issuing. In that

FAQ, all the problems faced by customers will be addressed. Our priority is to ensure that customers and depositors do not face any inconvenience. That's why we have given a one-month time frame. The action was taken on January 31st, and we have given time until February 29th. We have provided this time because the transition, customer interest, and depositor interest are always our top priorities. (Cont. on Page-11)

## JK Admin orders transfer, posting of several police officers

**Jammu/Srinagar :** The administration of Jammu and Kashmir on Monday ordered the transfer and posting of 16 Police officers in the interest of administration.

According to an order, Anayat Ali Choudhary, IPS, awaiting posting upon repatriation from Union territory of Ladakh, is posted as AIG (Procurement) PHQ. One post of Superintendent of Police from overall reserve shall be utilized for purpose of draw of salary of the officer. Master Popsy, Addl. SP Reasi, is transferred and posted as Dy.CO IR-7? Bn., against an available vacancy. Ch. Ifkhar Ahmed, awaiting posting upon repatriation from Union territory of Ladakh, is posted as Addl. SP Pulwama, against an available vacancy. Feroz Ahmad Qadri, Dy.CO IR-5h Battalion, is transferred and posted as SP PTWS Kashmir, relieving Showkat Ahmad Dar, Commandant IR-4th Bn. of the additional charge of the said post. Pardeep Kumar, Dy.CO IR-2md Battalion, is transferred and posted as Addl.

SP SIA, against an available vacancy. Sunil Kumar Kesar, is posted as SP PC Doda, against an available vacancy.

Prithpal Singh, is posted as Dy.CO IR-7? Battalion, against available vacancy. Zafar Iqbal Nawaz, is posted as Addl. SP Handwara, against an available vacancy.

Bashir Ahmad, is posted as Dy.CO IR-21 Battalion, against an available vacancy. Ifkhar Ahmed, is posted as Addl. SP Reasi, vice Master Popsy, SP. Peerzada Aijaz Ahmad, is posted as Dy.CO IR-4? Battalion, against an available vacancy. Aumer Iqbal, is posted as Dy.CO IR-22M Battalion, against an available vacancy. Ms. Shivali Kotwal, is posted as Dy.CO IR-14M Battalion, against an available vacancy. Wajahat Hussain, is posted as Dy.CO IR-5h Battalion, against an available vacancy. Mohd. Shafiq, is posted as Dy.CO IR-2 Battalion, against an available vacancy. Rashid Younis, is posted as Addl. SP Awantipora, against an available vacancy.

## ED issues fresh summons to NC chief Farooq Abdullah for questioning JKCA money laundering case

**Jammu, Feb 12 :** The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has issued fresh summons to NC chief Farooq Abdullah for questioning in the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association money laundering case. Abdullah has been asked to appear before the investigative agency on Tuesday (February 13). He has been summoned under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA). The ED had filed a charge sheet in this case in 2022. The 86-year-old politician was

previously summoned by the central agency for this case on January 11, but he did not attend. According to sources that he is unlikely to appear at the Srinagar office of the central agency this time as well. The National Conference leader



financial irregularities within the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association. Farooq Abdullah, who represents Srinagar in Parliament, was charged by the Enforcement Directorate in 2022 in connection with this case. The case involves the diversion

of JKCA funds through transfers to various personal bank accounts of unrelated parties, including JKCA office-bearers, as well as through unexplained cash withdrawals from its bank accounts, as per the ED's statement.

While, it should be mentioned here that the summons have asked the former Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir to depose at the ED office in Srinagar. The quantum of proceeds of crime identified by ED in this case so far is Rs 51.90 crore, out of which assets worth Rs 21.55 crore have been attached by ED. The ED earlier arrested Ahsan Ahmad Mirza, the then treasurer of JKCA, on September 4, 2019, and a prosecution complaint was filed on November 1, 2019, against him.

## Defence Mins Rajnath Singh unveils Gen Bipin Rawat's statue, calls him a role model

**Dehradun/Uttarakhand, Feb 12:** Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday unveiled a statue of the country's first Chief of Defence Staff Gen Bipin Rawat at a school in Dehradun, describing him as a person who brought significant reform in the history of the Indian Army. Singh was addressing students at The Tons Bridge School in Dehradun where he said the appointment of Gen Rawat as CDS was a significant reform in the history of the Indian Army. The creation of this post itself shows the determination of the government

towards the empowerment of the forces and their respect. "We expressed our gratitude to the armed forces by establishing the National War Memorial. We are working continuously to empower our soldiers by giving them modern weapons and providing them best facilities," he said. He said that civilizations survive only because of the sacrifices of soldiers. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the government has maintained the dignity of the soldiers and remembers their contribution to the security and safety of the



nation. The role of soldiers in the growth of India is very important. "Schools provide the platform where we can imbibe our role models. And when it comes to role models, who can be

a better role model for children than General Bipin Rawat," he said. The statue is not just to pay tribute to that person. The present and future generations are also influenced by statues.

## PM distributes over 1 lakh appointment letters to newly inducted recruits

**New Delhi, Feb 12:** The Prime Minister Narendra Modi today distributed more than 1 lakh appointment letters to newly inducted recruits via video conferencing. He also laid the foundation stone of Phase-I of the Integrated Complex "Karmayogi Bhavan" in New Delhi. This complex will promote collaboration and synergy among various pillars of Mission Karmayogi.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister said that appointment letters are being handed out to more than 1 lakh recruits and congratulated them and their families on the occasion. He underlined that the campaign to provide job opportunities to the youth in the Government of India is continuing in full swing.

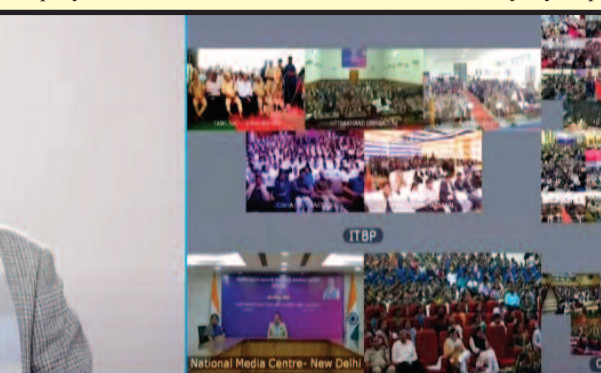
Pointing out that the long time spent between the job notification and handing out appointment letters led to an increase in bribery, the Prime Minister stated that the present government has made the entire process transparent while also completing the recruitment process under the stipulated time. He said that it has led to equal opportunities for every youth in showcasing their capabilities. "Today, every youth believes that they can cement their job position with hard work and skills", PM Modi said, highlighting that the government strives to make the youth a partner in the development of the nation. He informed that the present government in the last 10 years has handed out jobs to the youth 1.5 times

more than the previous governments. The Prime Minister also touched upon laying the foundation stone of Phase I of the Integrated



Complex "Karmayogi Bhavan" in New Delhi and said that it will strengthen the government's initiative

employment for the youth due to the efforts of the government, the Prime Minister mentioned the Budget



plying power to the grid. This scheme will create lakhs of new jobs also, he said. Mentioning that India is the

third largest startup ecosystem in the world with about 1.25 lakh startups, PM Modi expressed happiness that many of these startups are from tier 2 or tier 3 cities. As these startups are creating new job opportunities, the latest budget announced the continuation of the tax rebate for the startups. The Prime Minister also mentioned the 1 lakh crore fund that has been announced in the Budget for promoting research and innovation.

Informing that recruitment in Railway is also taking place today through the Rozgar Mela, the Prime Minister highlighted that Railway is the first choice of the common people when it comes to traveling. PM Modi drew attention to the fact that

Railway in India is undergoing a massive transformation and the sector will witness a complete makeover in the next decade. He recalled that not much attention was paid to the Railway before 2014 and mentioned the electrification and doubling of rail lines as well as flagging off new trains and increasing facilities for the passengers. But after 2014, the Prime Minister informed that a campaign to reinvent the entire train travel experience was initiated with a focus on modernization and upgradation of railways. He informed that 40,000 modern bogies like Vande Bharat Express will be prepared and added to normal trains under this year's Budget, thereby

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