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Union Home Minister Amit

Shah on Sunday said the

Modi government is unspar-

ing in punishing drug traf-

fickers who drag the youth

into the dark abyss of addic-

tion for the greed of

money.In a post on X, Shah

said under the leadership of

Prime Minister Narendra

pledges to continue combat-

ing the drug menace with

ruthless and meticulous

investigations to build a

"drug-free Bharat".He said,

as a result of a foolproof

investigation with a "bottom

to top" and "top to bottom"

strategy, 29 drug traffickers

have been convicted by

courts in 12 different cases

across India. This success is a

testament to the "bottom to

the government

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GIR SOMNATH, MAR 2:

Prime Minister Narendra

Modi on Sunday offered

prayers at the revered

Somnath temple in Gujarat's

Gir Somnath district on the

(Cont. on P-8)

second day of his three-day

NEP will not

impose Hindi, TN's claim

unfounded, political: Pradhan

NEW DELHI, MAR 2:

Union Education Minister

Dharmendra Pradhan on

Sunday asserted that the

New Education Policy

would not impose Hindi on

states and Tamil Nadu's

opposition had "political rea-

sons" behind it. "We have

never said in NEP 2020 that

Indians must work hard

to achieve USD 30 tn economy

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Modi govt unsparing in punishing **PM Modi offers** drug traffickers: Amit Shah Somnath temple NEW DELHI, MAR 2:

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jail. In July 2022, the NCB in Madhya Pradesh's Mandsaur intercepted two vehicles in Shahdol and seized 123.080 kg of ganja. Four people were arrested in the case and sentenced to 12 years rigorous of imprisonment with a fine of Rs 2 lakh each.

In the Chandigarh Zone last year, a parcel containing two hockey sticks packed with 438 grams of opium was intercepted at DHL Express, Ludhiana, by the officers of the NCB.Two arrested accused in the case were sentenced to three years of imprisonment by a Punjab court for their role in

attempting to transport the opium to Canada. In another case, the NCB arrested one person at the

(Cont. on P-8≯)

Vice Prez Dhankhar favours nurturing every Indian language HYDERABAD, MAR 2:

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Amid the language row, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Sunday spoke confrontational against stance over language in the country and favoured nuturing every Indian language. (Cont. on P-8≯)

Stock market 'fraud': Court orders FIR against Ex-Sebi Chief Madhabi Puri Buch, 5 others

MUMBAI, MAR 2: A special court here has directed the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) to register an FIR against former Sebi chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch and five other officials

in connection with alleged (Cont. on P-8≯)

States' investment friendliness index expected to come in two months: NITI Aayog member Virmani

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NEW DELHI, MAR 2:

NITI Aayog member Arvind Virmani has said that work on the second phase of the investment friendliness index of states is in progress and it is expected to be released in a month or two. The Union government in

its FY26 Budget announced the launch of the 'Investment Friendliness Index of States' in 2025 to further the spirit of competitive cooperative federalism.

This index will motivate states to review regulations to identify what is impeding investment.

The initiative aims to promote healthy competition among states to attract private investment.

The Ministry of Finance is working on the parameters

related to 'Investment Friendly Index of States' in consultation with NITI Aayog and the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) Virmani said, "The first phase of preparing the index has been completed. Work is going on in the second phase. (Cont. on P-8≯)

CM Omar Abdullah chairs meeting of alliance partners ahead of Budget session

JAMMU BULLETIN BUREAU JAMMU, MAR 2:

As Jammu and Kashmir is preparing for the first budget session in seven years, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Sunday chaired a joint meeting of the alliance partners here and discussed various issues for the smooth functioning of the house. The 40-day budget session, having a total of 22 sittings, is scheduled to start on March 3 with the address of Lt Governor. This will be the first budget of the government after it assumed power in October last year. Abdullah,



who is set to present the budget on March 7, had held the charge of home and General Administrative Department among others during his previous stint as the chief minister in the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir from 2009 to 2014.

The previous five budgets were presented and passed by the parliament in the absence of the legislative assembly in J&K, while the then governor Satya Pal Malik led the state administrative council to pass the budget for (Cont. on P-8>)

Two associates of USA-based gang arrested in Jalandhar for killing J&K Police SI

achieved

JALANDHAR, MAR 2: Jalandhar commissionerate police have arrested two associates of a USA-based gang who were wanted in connection with the killing (Cont. on P-8>)

Won't name successor in my lifetime: Mayawati removes nephew Akash from key BSP posts

top" and "top to bottom"

approach adopted by the gov-

ernment, an official release

said.In pursuit of Modi gov-

ernment's zero-tolerance pol-

Narcotics Control Bureau

(NCB) has achieved this sig-

against drugs, the

icy

by 2047: Amitabh Kant LUCKNOW, MAR 2: NEW DELHI, MAR 2:

BSP chief Mayawati on Indians must work hard to Sunday removed her nephew achieve the ambitious target Akash Anand from all party posts, appointing his father of making India a USD 30 trillion economy by 2047, Anand Kumar and Rajya former Niti Aayog CEO Sabha MP Ramji Gautam as Amitabh Kant has said. national coordinators in his Joining the ongoing debate place, and said she would not on working hours, India's name a successor in her life-G20 Sherpa said Japan, time.The party is supreme South Korea and China have and relations can come later. said the former Uttar Pradesh (Cont. on P-8≯) chief minister, who had

Akash Anand, she said. sacked Akash Anand last

year only to later reinstate him and appoint him her political successor.

Removing Akash Anand from all party posts, Mayawati hit out at his fatherin-law Ashok Siddharth and said he had divided the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) into two groups and tried to weaken it, according to a party statement. He also ruined the political career of

Mayawati last month expelled Siddharth from the BSP on charges of factionalism and anti-party activities. She said she would not name a successor in her lifetime. The party and the movement are supreme and relations like brother, sister and their children come later, she added. Mayawati appointed her

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nificant success, it said.The

details of 12 cases include

the seizure of 23.859 kg of

charas at the Sabarmati

Railway Station in Gujarat's

Ahmedabad in 2019, where

three people were arrested

and sentenced to 14 years in

Mehbooba urges PDP MLAs to ensure resolution seeking holiday for 'July 13 martyrs' passed in House

JAMMU, MAR 2:

PDP supremo Mehbooba Mufti has urged the party's three legislators to ensure that a resolution seeking a holiday in memory of the July 13 martyrs is the first to be passed during the budget session of the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly.July 13 was observed as a public holiday in Jammu and Kashmir to commemorate the 22 men who fell to the bullets of the Dogra maharaja's soldiers outside Srinagar central jail in 1931. The holiday was, however, scrapped by the lieutenant governor-led administration following the 2019 abrogation of Article



13 as an official holiday to remember the sacrifices of

the protestors. The PDP wants

the House to remember July

brother Anand Kumar (Cont. on P-8≯)

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martyrs during the session, scheduled to begin on Monday.However, it was not immediately clear if any PDP MLA had moved a resolution to the Assembly Secretariat, seeking declaration of July



Rusted anti-tank mine found in Samba

SAMBA, MAR 2: A rusted anti-tank mine was found and subsequently destroyed in a controlled explosion by the bomb disposal squad in Samba district of Jammu and Kashmir, offi-

cials said.

(Cont. on P-8≯)

Two minor girls found dead in Samba; boy dies in road accident in Jammu JAMMU, MAR 2:

Two minor girls were found dead in a trench filled with rain water in Samba district, while a nine-yearold boy died in an accident here on Sunday, officials said. The bodies of Asiya (10) and Tahira (9) were recovered from the ditch at Lower Birpur in Bari Brahmana area of Samba, they said.

(Cont. on P-8≯)

Trump signs order designating English as official language of US

WASHINGTON, MAR 2: President Donald Trump has signed an executive order designating English as the official language of the United States. The order allows government agencies and organizations that receive federal funding to choose whether to continue to offer documents and services in language other than English. It rescinds a mandate from former President Bill Clinton that required the (Cont. on P-8≯)



370 and the reorganisation of the erstwhile state into two Union Territories.

Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) sources said former chief minister Mehbooba asked her party's legislators to garner support for the resolution to push for a holiday in memory of the July 13

13 as the beginning of the political awakening of the people of Jammu and Kashmir for democratic rights, the sources said. July 13 holds significant historical importance in Kashmir as it marks the day in 1931 when 22 Kashmiris

were martyred during a (Cont. on P-8>)

NC must rise to expectations of people who voted for it: PDP

JAMMU BULLETIN BUREAU SRINAGAR, MAR 2:

The PDP on Sunday said National the ruling Conference (NC) must rise to expectations of the people who voted for it in the 2024 Jammu and Kashmir Assembly elections.The PDP, in its monthly newsletter 'Speak Up', said a "bitter disillusionment" has settled as a BJP MLA was "brazenly dictating" terms to Assembly

Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather."When the National Conference (NC) reclaimed power in 2024, the people of the erstwhile state of Jammu & Kashmir saw a glimmer of possibility after a decade of political limbo. With 42 seats and a coalition tally of 49, the NC's victory promised a government that would stand firm for its constituents. "Yet, as the Legislative Assembly prepares for its

Budget Session on March 3, a bitter disillusionment has settled in. The sight of a Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) legislator brazenly dictating terms to Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather -- and by extension, the NC-led government -- is not just a slight to the Speaker's chair. It's a wound inflicted on the very soul of Jammu & Kashmir's people," the PDP said. (Cont. on P-8≯)

Duplication of voter card numbers: EC to update system demographic details, assem-

New Delhi, Mar 2:

other

Amid reports flagging bly constituency and polling booth, are different. issuance of identical voter "Irrespective of the EPIC card numbers to electors in number, any elector can cast two different states, the Election Commission on a vote only at their designated polling station in their Sunday said it will rectify the respective constituency in issue and also update its technology-driven platform.The their state or Union territory poll authority also asserted where they are enrolled in the that duplicate numbers do not electoral roll and nowhere necessarily imply fake votelse," the poll panel said.It explained that identical EPIC ers.It said while the elector photo identity card (EPIC) numbers or series were allotnumbers of some of the votted to some electors from difers "may be identical", the ferent states and Union terridetails, including tories due to a "decentralised

and manual mechanism" being followed prior to shifting of the electoral roll database of all states to the ERONET (Electoral Roll Management) platform.

This resulted in certain state chief electoral officers using the same EPIC alphanumeric series and leaving a scope for the possibility of duplicate EPIC numbers being allotted to electors in different assembly constituencies in different states, the poll body said.

(Cont. on P-8≯)

