

PM Modi offers...

visit to his home state. Modi performed darshan and prayed at the Shiva shrine, the first of the 12 jyotirlingas, located in Prabhas Patan after visiting Vantara, an animal rescue, conservation and rehabilitation centre, in Jamnagar district during the day. After the temple visit, Modi left for Sasan, the headquarters of Gir Wildlife Sanctuary, which is the only abode of the Asiatic lions, in the neighbouring Junagadh district.

The PM is scheduled to go on a lion safari and chair a meeting of the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) at Sasan on Monday to mark World Wildlife Day, officials said. Currently, Asiatic lions inhabit approximately 30,000 square kilometres across 53 talukas in 9 districts of Gujarat, said a government release. Additionally, as part of a central project, a National Referral Center for Wildlife is being established on over 20.24 hectares of land at New Pipalya in Junagadh district, it said. Moreover, a high-tech monitoring centre for wildlife tracking and a state-of-the-art hospital have also been set up in Sasan to strengthen conservation efforts, added the release.

NEP will not...

only Hindi will be there; we have only said that education will be based on mother tongue, in Tamil Nadu, it will be Tamil," Pradhan told reporters here. The comments by the Education Minister come amid a tiff between the Tamil Nadu government and the Centre over the implementation of NEP and the three-language policy.

"I don't want to answer to the political ambitions of few people. NEP 2020 is focused on different languages of India, be it Hindi, Tamil, Odia, or Punjabi. All the languages have equal importance. In Tamil Nadu, few are opposing because of politics," Pradhan said. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin had on Friday said it was unnecessary to force any language as a third language in schools in the age of Artificial Intelligence. "Advanced translation technology already removes language barriers instantly. Students should not be burdened with extra languages," he wrote on X. The DMK leader also alleged that the BJP insists everyone in north India knows Hindi "to buy tea, pani puri, or use toilets ..."

Indians must work...

economic success through a strong work ethic and suggested that India must cultivate a similar mindset to build a world-class economy. "I strongly believe in hard work. Indians must work hard, whether it's 80 hours or 90 hours a week. If your ambition is to move from a USD 4 trillion to a USD 30 trillion economy, you can't do it through entertainment or by following the views of some film stars," he said while speaking at Business Standard's Manthan summit.

Currently, the size of the Indian economy is around USD 4 trillion. "We have made it fashionable to talk about not working hard. Why? India must work hard to deliver projects ahead of time, with world-class excellence, without time and cost overruns," he added. Responding to a question on work-life balance, Kant emphasised that there is enough time for personal well-being within a disciplined work schedule. "I work every day. I exercise. I play golf, and I still manage to work hard. Keep aside one-and-a-half-hour for yourself, and you still have 22.5 hours in a day. There's plenty of time to manage work-life balance, but don't make it fashionable to say people shouldn't work hard," Kant said.

He also asserted that Indians must learn the art of delivering projects with world-class excellence without time and cost overruns. "We are all sending wrong messages to the young generation of India that India can become a great nation without working hard. No, no country has been able to do this," Kant said. Larsen & Toubro (L&T) Chairman SN Subrahmanyam in January sparked an online outrage with his comments, advocating a 90-hour work week and suggesting that employees should even give up Sundays.

"How long can you stare at your wife," he was heard saying in a purported video address to employees where he urged them to spend less time at home and more in the office. His remarks have reignited the work-life balance debate, first triggered by Infosys co-founder Narayana Murthy's suggestion of a 70-hour workweek. "I regret I am not able to make you work on Sundays. If I can make you work on Sundays, I will be more happy because I work on Sundays," Subrahmanyam was heard saying in an undated video circulating on social media.

"What do you do sitting at home? How long can you stare at your wife? How long can the wives stare at their husbands? Come on, get to the office and start working," he had said. "India's work productivity is one of the lowest in the world...my request is that our youngsters must say, 'this is my country, I want to work 70 hours a week'," Murthy had said.

Two associates of...

of Jammu and Kashmir (J-K) police Sub-Inspector Deepak Sharma on April 2, 2024, a top police officer said. SI Deepak Sharma suffered head injuries during an exchange of fire between police and gangsters in J-K's Kathua in April 2024. He later succumbed to his injuries during treatment at the Government Medical College. In a major breakthrough, Jalandhar Commissionerate Police apprehends 2 associates (Sukhwinder @Sukha and Harpreet) of #USA based Sonu Khatri Gang after a long chase and cross-firing and recovers 2 sophisticated weapons. Arrested accused were wanted in connection with the killing... pic.twitter.com/VFGICvymVx-DGP Punjab Police (@DGP Punjab Police) March 2, 2025

Punjab Director General of Police (DGP), Gaurav Yadav, said that the accused duo were arrested after a long chase and cross-firing. "In a major breakthrough, Jalandhar Commissionerate Police apprehends 2 associates (Sukhwinder @Sukha and Harpreet) of #USA based Sonu Khatri Gang after a long chase and cross-firing and recovers 2 sophisticated weapons," DGP Yadav said in a post on X. "Arrested accused were wanted in connection with the killing of Jammu and Kashmir Police Sub-Inspector Deepak Sharma on April 2, 2024," he added. DGP Yadav further said that the arrest of the accused "prevented 3 potential murders."

Rusted anti-tank mine...

The mine was noticed by a villager during cremation of a person at village Kamore near border out post Tanwar on Saturday. Police summoned the bomb disposal squad and the mine was safely destroyed in a controlled explosion.

Two minor girls...

The officials said the girls, belonging to nomadic families from south Kashmir's Anantnag district, were grazing their

animals when they were reported missing on Saturday evening. However, the girls remained untraced despite a search and finally their bodies were retrieved from the ditch, they said, adding preliminary investigation suggested that the girls might have accidentally fallen into the water body and died due to drowning.

The exact cause of their death would be known only after post-mortem, the officials said. In another incident, the officials said that Pranev Sharma (9) died in a collision between a scooter and an army crane at Patyari in Bishnah area on the outskirts of Jammu. The boy was on the two-wheeler driven by his father, they said and added that he died on-the-spot, while his father sustained injuries and was hospitalized.

Trump signs order...

government and organizations that received federal funding to provide language assistance to non-English speakers.

"Establishing English as the official language will not only streamline communication but also reinforce shared national values, and create a more cohesive and efficient society," according to the order signed by Trump on Saturday. "In welcoming new Americans, a policy of encouraging the learning and adoption of our national language will make the United States a shared home and empower new citizens to achieve the American dream," the order also states. "Speaking English not only opens doors economically, but it helps newcomers engage in their communities, participate in national traditions, and give back to our society."

More than 30 states have already passed laws designating English as their official language, according to US English, a group that advocates for making English the official language in the United States. For decades, lawmakers in Congress have introduced legislation to designate English as the official language of the US, but those efforts have not succeeded. Within hours of Trump's inauguration last month, the new administration took down the Spanish language version of the official White House website.

Hispanic advocacy groups and others expressed confusion and frustration at the change. The White House said at the time it was committed to bringing the Spanish language version of the website back online. As of Saturday, it was still not restored. The White House did not immediately respond to a message about whether that would happen. Trump shut down the Spanish version of the website during his first term. It was restored when President Joe Biden was inaugurated in 2021.

Modi govt unsparing...

Chandigarh Railway Station in 2021 for possession of 390 grams of charas. The accused was formally arrested, and upon completion of the investigation, a special court sentenced him to six months in jail. In June, 2021, the NCB intercepted a Zimbabwean woman on her arrival at the Cochin International Airport. The examination of her luggage led to the recovery and seizure of 2.910 kg of heroin.

She was subsequently arrested and a court in Ernakulam sentenced her to 11 years in jail. In January 2018, the NCB seized 450 grams of charas, leading to the arrest of one person in Dehradun, who was later sentenced to one year in jail. In 2021, the NCB seized 1.950 kg of charas from the possession of two accused who were later arrested. A court in January 2025 sentenced the accused to 10 years in jail. In February 2021, the NCB seized 681.8 kg of ganja in the Ranga Reddy district of Telangana. Eight accused were arrested and charged with drug trafficking. A local court sentenced them to 10 years in prison.

In September 2021, the NCB intercepted a truck in Seoni, Madhya Pradesh and seized 152.665 kg of ganja. Four people were arrested sentenced by a special court to 15 years of rigorous imprisonment. In July 2020, the NCB seized 1,301 kg of ganja from a truck between Plassey and Krishnanagar in West Bengal. Two accused were arrested and charged with drug trafficking and one of them was sentenced for 15 years of imprisonment. "These convictions exemplify the NCB's dedication to ensure successful prosecution of its cases filed before courts," the release said. The home ministry said under the guidance of Shah, the NCB is working relentlessly to realise the prime minister's vision of a drug-free India by 2047.

Vice Prez Dhankhar...

Addressing the students of IIT, Hyderabad, he said India is a land of rich languages. Even in parliament, simultaneous translation takes place in 22 languages, he said. "Let me refer to some changes that are worrisomely alarming, concerning... Our civilisational ethos tells us inclusivity. Should there be a confrontational stance on language in the land of Bharat," he said. What a moment of pride it was for everyone when languages were included in the classical language status recently, he said. Emphasising that the languages of the country are a gold mine of literature with profound knowledge and wisdom, he said every language should be nurtured. "Therefore, I call upon the youth of the country, Social media have given you the power to take a call. If there is deviation from our commitment to nationalism, if there is assessment of development through partisan prism, we need to be watchdogs," Dhankhar said.

He said the narratives that emanate from forces that are financially fuelled only to injure Bharat should be blunted. The Vice President further called upon corporates to invest in research for development and innovation. "Our corporates... I am not critical of them... I am critique. They must invest in research. They must invest in research for development and innovation. They must compete with global giants, because this investment is not for the beneficiary student of an institute, but it is for the benefit of our present, our future," Dhankhar said.

He noted that there has been a big change in our strategic system globally. The conventional war system has collapsed, he said, adding it is diplomacy that defines. "Innovation and research give us a great cutting edge in soft diplomacy. We have become a great power. Therefore, I appeal to corporates to examine what your peers are doing in the West. Please come closer to them," he said.

Stock market 'fraud'...

stock market fraud and regulatory violations. "There is prima facie evidence of regulatory lapses and collusion, requiring a fair and impartial probe," the special ACB court judge, Shashikant Eknathrao Bangar, said in the order passed on Saturday.

The court said it would monitor the probe, and sought a status report (of the case) within 30 days. The court order also noted that the allegations disclose a cognisable offence, necessitating an investigation. The inaction by law enforcement (agencies) and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) necessitates judicial intervention under the provisions of the CrPC (Criminal Procedure Code), it added.

The complainant, a media reporter, had sought an investigation into the alleged offences committed by the proposed accused, involving largescale financial fraud, regulatory violations and corruption. The allegations pertain to the fraudulent listing of a company on the stock exchange with the active connivance of regulatory authorities, particularly the Sebi, without compliance under the SEBI Act, 1992 and rules and regulations thereunder.

The complainant claimed that the SEBI officials failed in their statutory duty, facilitated market manipulation, and enabled corporate fraud by allowing the listing of a company that did not meet the prescribed norms. Despite approaching the police station and regulatory bodies concerned on multiple occasions, no action has been taken by them, the complainant said. The court, after considering the material on record, directed the ACB Worli, Mumbai Region, to register an FIR under relevant provisions of the IPC, Prevention of Corruption Act, SEBI Act, and other applicable laws.

India's first woman Sebi chief Buch, who faced conflict of interest allegations by the US-based short-seller Hindenburg and also political heat thereafter, completed her three-year tenure on Friday. Although, Buch in her tenure made significant strides in areas like faster settlements in equities, enhanced FPI disclosures and increasing mutual fund penetration through Rs 250 SIP, the last year of her tenure saw heightened controversy, when she battled a series of allegations by Hindenburg and the Congress party, while simultaneously dealing with in-house employee protests against "toxic work culture".

In August last year, Buch faced pressure to resign after the Hindenburg Research accused her of having conflict of interest that prevented a thorough examination of manipulation and fraud claims at the Adani Group. Hindenburg accused Madhabi Puri Buch and her husband Dhaval Buch of investing in off-shore entities that were allegedly part of a fund structure in which Vinod Adani - the elder brother of Adani group founder chairman Gautam Adani - also had investments. Buchs has denied the allegation, saying the investments were made before she joined the regulator and she had complied with all disclosure requirements. Hindenburg recently announced shutting down its business.

States' investment friendliness...

In this, suggestions are being taken from the industry. The opinion of the industry is important in the index because they have to make the investment. Necessary improvements will be made in it based on the suggestions.

About the expected timeline for the release of the index, he said, "I cannot give any specific date about this. But the index is expected to be released in a month or two." "Virmani said, "The prime minister had instructed us that all states should get the benefit of FDI (Foreign Direct Investment) and private investment. Overall, all states will benefit from this and investment and manufacturing will increase. Overall, the economy of the states will get a boost. They will be able to tell their strengths in this and work will be done to correct the shortcomings."

Earlier, Expenditure Secretary Manoj Govil had told that several regulations and reforms have been done at the Centre level but some investors feel similar reforms are needed at the state level too. "The main idea behind this index is not to rank states and say which one is good or bad. Its purpose is to motivate states to look at their own rules, regulations and procedures. To help them figure out which rules investors find practical or difficult..." Govil said.

Won't name successor...

and Ramji Gautam as national coordinators to oversee party affairs across India. Appreciating Anand Kumar, who is also the BSP's national vice-president, she said he always worked with devotion for the party.

"Be it paperwork, Income Tax, court issues, all are handled by Anand Kumar, who quit his government job. He also looked after (BSP founder) Kanshi Ram when he was ill," she said. Anand Kumar decided to marry his children into non-political families so that no one tries to damage the party like Siddharth did, she said. The meeting was held to strengthen the BSP at all levels, expand its base with all sections of society and address organisational shortcomings, the BSP said in a statement.

During the meeting, Mayawati underlined the need to counter rising inflation, poverty, unemployment and backwardness, and alleged that these were being ignored by the government. She also criticised the budgets of both the central and the Uttar Pradesh governments, saying they were "unrealistic" and detached from ground realities. Government policies have failed to improve the lives of millions of poor, labourers, Dalits and backward communities, she said.

"India continues to be a country of the poor despite being called a rich nation," she said. Reiterating the BSP's commitment to upholding the ideals of BR Ambedkar, Mayawati said her party would continue to work for the uplift of marginalised communities, according to the statement. The meeting also outlined preparations for the birth anniversary celebrations of Kanshi Ram on March 15. Party workers from various regions will pay tributes at designated memorial sites, including the Kanshi Ram Memorial in Lucknow and the Dalit Prerna Sthal in Noida.

Targeting the Samajwadi Party (SP), Mayawati said the party faced a humiliating defeat in the Milkipur assembly bypoll even when the BSP did not contest the election and asked whom the SP would blame for its loss. "The SP and the BJP are two sides of the same coin. Only the BSP can defeat the BJP and other casteist parties with its Ambedkarwadi policy," she said.

CM Omar Abdullah...

2019-2020 following the fall of the PDP-BJP government in June 2018. The joint meeting, attended by Congress legislative party leader G A Mir and CPI(M) MLA M Y Tarigami among others, took place shortly after Abdullah presided over a separate legislature party meeting of the National Conference at his official residence here.

The Congress legislature party also met separately at Residency Road party headquarters before Mir joined the meeting convened by Abdullah.

National Conference president Farooq Abdullah also attended the joint meeting. "The budget session is happening after a long time and the people have high hopes with this government. We all have a responsibility to live up to the people's expectations so that they can get relief," Tarigami told reporters after the meeting. He said the legislators have an opportunity to raise public issues inside the House.

"The cabinet resolution on the restoration of statehood is before the centre government which has also made repeated promises to the people of J&K on the issue. They should fulfil their promise by restoring the statehood so that the people are not rendered hopeless," he said. National Conference Chief Whip Mubarak Gul said the party legislature party met under the chief minister for an hour, discussing the party strategy to counter the opposition charge in the assembly. "It was followed by a meeting of alliance partners which was also attended by Farooq Abdullah. The concerns of the participants were heard and various issues were discussed in detail to ensure a peaceful session," he said, adding the meeting took place in a cordial atmosphere.

Congress Legislature party leader G A Mir said people's aspirations are linked with the budget session as earlier bureaucrats used to prepare the budget and the parliament was discussing it. "After seven years, the budget is being presented by an elected government and it will reflect the people's aspirations...the people's voice will echo the house for six weeks," he said, assuring the people that the government will fulfil all its promises in the next five years.

Earlier talking to reporters at the Congress headquarters, Mir said it is a tradition for both the ruling and the opposition parties to convene their legislature party meetings before the start of the assembly session to discuss the issues needed to be raised in the house. "Only four-and-a-half months have passed since the formation of the (NC-led) government but many people are questioning the government that it has not done this or that. They should remember that when the government was formed (on October 16), the budget had already been decided and it was also a big hurdle in the way," he said.

Mir hoped that the budget being presented by the government will address the popular public issues and will also lay the foundation for the implementation of the manifesto during the financial year 2025-26. He said the government has already passed a resolution in the last session held in Srinagar and so the delay in restoring statehood is from the BJP-led central government which has made repeated promises to the people of J&K on the subject.

"When the prime minister chaired the All Party Meeting of J&K leaders (in June 2021), we were all witness to his statement that reorganization will be followed by delimitation, elections and then restoration of statehood. The centre should have fulfilled its promise after the formation of the popular government in J&K," he said. Mir said the Congress has been repeatedly saying that restoration of statehood was the biggest issue during last year's assembly elections and "INDIA alliance is committed to it. Cong being the largest party in the INDIA bloc has already made it clear in their working committee meeting and during the election campaigns."

Asked about PDP planning to introduce bills to push for the prohibition of alcohol and seek regularization of property rights of residents on public land, he said it is up to the house to decide on such bills. "It is also a matter of thought that when they were in power with BJP why they did not introduce such bills? The government is more concerned about the issues raised in the election manifesto for which the people voted for it," he said.

Mehbooba urges PDP...

protest against the "oppressive rule" of the Dogra monarchy, according to Mehbooba. A PDP leader said, "These martyrs are remembered for their resistance against colonial and autocratic rule, symbolising the Kashmiris' long-standing struggle for democracy and constitutional rights."

"However, the day, which was traditionally observed as a holiday to honour the martyrs, faced a gradual erasure from public memory, especially under the Union Territory administration," he said, adding that the holiday was eventually revoked, reflecting a deliberate attempt to downplay its significance. The PDP looks at the decision, which sparked widespread resentment, as part of a "broader effort" to alter the region's political narrative and suppress historical symbols of democratic struggle, he said.

Restoring recognition for the day holds deep symbolic value for Kashmiris, reaffirming their history and craving for democratic rights, the PDP leader said. He claimed that, on the party's directions, a PDP MLA had submitted a resolution to put the facts right and seek the restoration of July 13 as a gazetted holiday in Jammu and Kashmir, as it was before August 2019.

NC must rise...

It said the episode unfolded during an all-party meeting on February 26, when Leader of Opposition Sunil Sharma demanded that Rather block any resolutions or Bills deemed "unconstitutional or anti-national" in the upcoming session.

"With 29 seats rooted in Jammu, the BJP flexed its muscle, attempting to gag debate before it even begins - a chilling echo of last November, when their protests against the Article 370 restoration resolution turned the House into a battlefield. "This isn't mere opposition posturing; it's an opposition party presuming to govern, issuing edicts to a Speaker who should answer to the people, not a single faction's agenda. And where is the NC in this storm? Silent, faltering, absent when their constituents needed them most," it added.

The party also hit out at the Speaker, saying the NC stalwart offers "platitudes of cooperation but no steel to rebuff this overreach." "What message does this send to the farmer in Anantnag, the trader in Srinagar, the youth in Poonch? That their elected leaders can't or won't stand up to a party that thrives on stifling their story?" the PDP asked.

Duplication of voter...

According to the EC website, ERONET helps election officials maintain the electoral system "by removing duplicate entries and inclusion of migrated electors." "To allay any apprehensions, the commission has decided to ensure allotment of unique EPIC number to registered electors. Any case of duplicate EPIC number will be rectified by allotting a unique EPIC number," the EC said. The ERONET 2.0 platform will be updated to aid and assist in this process, it said.

DC Poonch assesses progress in Agricultural, allied sector schemes

JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS

POONCH, MAR 2:

Deputy Commissioner Poonch Vikas Kundal today held a comprehensive review of agriculture and allied sectors. He also reviewed the progress of credit linked schemes of the agriculture sector. During the meeting, the DDC assessed the progress of several key initiatives, including Holistic Agriculture Development Plan (HADP)

Credit, Kisan Credit Card (KCC) Scheme Current status and Smart Card distribution, PM Kisan Scheme overall progress, Pradhan Mantri Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME), Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF), Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF), Horticulture Development Plan (HDP), National Livestock Mission

(NLM) and PM Fasal Bima Yojana (PM FBY) The Deputy Commissioner emphasized the urgency of achieving targets for these schemes, directing all Executing Officers to meet their respective deadlines by March 10. The DC called upon the banks to expedite the issuance of Smart Cards to all Kisan Credit Card (KCC) holders, highlighting the importance

of timely access to financial support for farmers. Additionally, the DC instructed officers to create informative graphics for schemes such as PM FBY and NLM. This initiative aims to raise awareness among farmers about the various benefits and opportunities available through these programs, ensuring they can take full advantage of the support provided by the government.

2 day training on "Computer Skill Enhancement Programme" concludes at J&K Judicial Academy

JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS

JAMMU, MAR 2:

The two day programme on "Computer Skill Enhancement Programme- Level I & II, Cyber laws & Appreciation & Handling of Digital Evidence and e-Courts (ECT_13_2024; ECT_14_2024; & ECT_16_2024)" held for Civil Judges of Jammu province concluded here today at J&K Judicial Academy, Jammu.

On the second day, both the sessions were conducted by Nisheeth Dixit, Advocate from Delhi, who gave a detailed overview of the cybercrimes and relevant Cyber Laws (IT Act and BNS 2023). He said that as technology advances, so do cyber offenses, including hacking, identity theft, cyber fraud and content-related offenses like

child pornography, xenophobia, and racism. The Information Technology Act, 2000, along with provisions in the IPC/BNS, provide the legal framework to deal with these crimes, he added. The resource person highlighted various landmark judgements on IT Act and shared various real-life experiences related to the combating cases of cyber-crime. He

also emphasised the admissibility of electronic evidence and its judicial approach. He stated that the possibilities to manipulate electronic evidence are varied and the court must take all possible precautions against possible alterations. Anoop Sharma, Registrar Computers(IT), High Court of J&K and Ladakh, also graced the sessions.