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**Court directs Tihar officials to take Sanjay** Singh to Parl for oath as RS MP

Sobhita Dhulipala opens up on debut Hollywood project Monkey Man: 'Dream to be part of Dev Patel's vision'

### MeT predicts rains, snow

The Meteorological Department today predicted cloudy weather with possibility of light rains, snow at many places with thunder, lightning and gusty winds over plains of Jammu and Kashmir on March 21 and

A MeT department official stated that the weather condition was expected to remain generally dry dur-

He said during March 21 remain generally cloudy with possibility of light rain,

One person was killed

The ill-fated car was plying on Khaleni-Marmat link road when it went out of control of its driver and then plunged into a deep

In the incident, one person, who was identified as Roshan Lal, died on the spot while another, who was identified as Tanveer Ahmad, sustained injuries.

talised. Overspeeding was

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Mendhar in Poonch district of Jammu today

the spot which is close to a

the bomb disposal squad, of-

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KDA calls for half-day strike in Kargil

**Himalayan Mail News** 

Alliance (KDA) has called for a half-day general strike on March 20 in solidarity with renowned education reformist Sonam

Wangchuk whose hunger strike in support of statetered 13th day on Monday.

is likely to intensify further in the coming days with the KDA and Leh-based Apex Cont. on P9 >

### **Army raises Elite** Unit to work on 6G, AI NEW DELHI, MAR

18: The Indian Army has raised an elite unit that will undertake research and evaluation of futuristic communication technologies like 6G, artificial intelligence, machine learning and quantum computing for military use in view of the changing nature of the

The Signals Technology **Evaluation and Adaptation** Group or STEAG is mandated to nurture technologies spanning the complete spectrum of wired and wireless systems, officials said.

The setting up of STEAG is part of the Army's efforts

to develop technologies

'Challenge accepted

# Modi assails Oppn's 'anti-Shakti' remark, vows to protect 'Shakti'

MAR 18: Lashing out at the Opposition INDIA Bloc over its 'anti-Shakti' remark, Prime Minister Narendra Modi today vowed to protect 'Shakti', saying that the fight in 2024 'is between those who want to destroy 'Hindu Shakti' and those who worship them'.

His comments came hours after Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's "we are fighting against a Shakti" remark at a political rally in Mumbai.

On Sunday, addressing a public rally in Mumbai, the Congress leader had said that PM Modi "cannot win the elections without EVMs (Electronic Voting Machines)"

'There is a word 'Shakti' in Hinduism. We are fighting against a Shakti. The question is, what is that Shakti? The soul of the King is in the EVM. This is true. The soul of the King is in the EVM and in every institution of the country, in ED, CBI, and the Income Tax department," he

"The nation dedicated 'Chandrayaan's' success to 'Shiv Shakti' and the Opposition parties are talking of destroying 'Shakti'," he said.

On Sunday in Mumbai, there was an INDI alliance rally after the announcement of the schedule for elec-

PUNE, MAR 18: Chief

of Defence Staff General

Anil Chauhan on Monday

said the unsettled borders

with China and the rise of

that country will remain the

most formidable challenge

for India and its armed

forces in the foreseeable fu-

Speaking at the 3rd

Strategic and Security Dia-

logue on the Rise of China

and its implications for the

world, General Chauhan

emphasised the need for as-

tute handling of the PLA

(People's Liberation Army)

at all friction points con-

MOSCOW, MAR 18:

leader in more than 200

All of the 71-year old's

major opponents are dead,

has overseen an unrelent-

ing crackdown on anybody

rule or his military offensive

"I want to thank all of you

and all citizens of the coun-

try for your support and this

on Ukraine.



festo in the rally. In Mumbai's Shivaji Park, they said their fight was against 'Shakti'. For me, every mother, every daughter is a form of 'Shakti'. Mothers and sisters, I worship you as 'Shakti'. I am Bharat Maa's 'pujari'," he said while addressing a public rally here.

Saying that the INDIA bloc's manifesto talks about finishing 'Shakti', the PM said, "The fight is between those who want to destroy 'Shakti' and those who worship them."

"INDI alliance in its manifesto announced to finish/destroy Shakti. I accept their challenge. I will sacrifice my life for the security of mothers and sisters," he further said.

Stating that people's support to BJP was growing continuously in Telangana, Modi said, "As the vot-

India and the Indian armed

forces will face in the fore-

seeable future," the Chief of

He said the armed forces

need to maintain the legiti-

macy of India's claims dur-

ing peacetime on these dis-

puted borders, which will

require "very astute han-

dling of the PLA at all the

friction points, calibrated

firmness, and both sides to

operate within the ambit of

agreed rules of engage-

The top commander fur-

ther said that like all dis-

puted borders, there will be a

consciousness – no one has

ever succeeded in anything

like this in history. It has

not worked now and will

not work in the future.

With more than 80 pc of

voting stations having sub-

mitted results, Putin had

secured 87.2% of all votes

cast, official election data

showed – a record victory in

a presidential election

where he faced no genuine

The three-day election

was marked by a surge in

deadly Ukrainian bom-

bardments, incursions into

Never," he added.

competition.

Defence Staff said.

Rise of China, unsettled borders will be

most formidable challenge for India: CDS

General Chauhan said In-

dia has disputed borders

with neighbours and these

conflicts have led to the

emergence of terms like the

Line of Actual Control, Line

of Control, and Actual

"The unsettled borders

with China and the rise of

China will remain the most

formidable challenge that

Putin vows Russia can't be held

back in victory speech

conference today at his

campaign headquarters in

Moscow hours after polls

"No matter who or how

much they want to intimi-

date us, no matter who or

how much they want to

suppress us, our will, our

Govt sets up tribunals to

Ground Position Line.

ing day nears, there is a BJP wave in Telangana, while Congress and BRS will get cleaned up.

The whole country is saying more than 400 (seats for NDA) on June 4 (counting day), he further

Alleging that Congress has made Telangana its 'ATM state', he said the "looted money is going to Delhi".

"Our fight against Modi is not on a personal level. Modi is a 'mask' who works for a 'Shakti' (power). He is a shallow man who doesn't have a 56 inch chest," Gandhi said.

The Congress also hit back at PM Modi over his remark that the IN-DIA bloc's manifesto talks about finishing 'Shakti', saying the elections will decide whether the country would be run by 'Asuri Shakti' (demonic power) or 'Daivik Shakti' (divine power).

"The prime minister is upset and the entire BJP is talking baseless things after Rahul Gandhi attacked 'Asuri Shakti'. This election is between 'Asuri Shakti' and 'Daivik Congress national spokesperson Pawan Khera said.

The elections for 543 Lok Sabha seats will be held in seven phases from April 19 to June 1, with the counting of votes scheduled for June

### SIA files charge-sheet in narco-terror financing case

Himalayan Mail News JAMMU, MAR 18

The State Investigation Agency (SIA) today filed a charge-sheet against two including people, Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorist, accused of operating a narco-terror financing module in the Union Terri-

The charge-sheet was filed in the special-designated UA(P)A court under the NIA Act against Zaheed Ahmad Khoja and Zameer Ahmad Lone under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act Cont. on P9 >

### Soundararajan resigns as Telangana Guv, Puducherry LG



HYDERABAD, MAR 18: Telangana Governor and Puducherry Lieutenant Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan on Monday resigned from her post.

She is likely to contest forthcoming Lok Sabha elections from Tamil Nadu

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'Ease of Living' with dignity: Jitendra



Himalayan Mail News **JAMMU, MAR 18** 

Jitendra Singh, Union Minister & BJP candidate for Udhampur Lok Sabha constituency, today said that Prime Minister Modi gave women 'ease of living' with dignity.

The evidence of this is

### **Electoral Bonds**

### SC gives SBI tongue-lashing, asks it to disclose all details by Mar 21

NEW DELHI. MAR 18: In a third tongue-lashing to the State Bank of India, the Supreme Court on Monday told it to stop being "selective" and make "complete disclosure" of all details related to the electoral bonds scheme by March 21.

The apex court said the details to be disclosed include the unique bond numbers that would reveal the link between the buyers and the recipient political

A five-judge Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud said there is "no manner of doubt that the SBI is required to make complete disclosure of all the details" which are in its possession.

The bench, also comprising Justice Sanjiv Khanna, Justice B R Gavai, Justice J B Pardiwala and Justice Manoj Misra, said the Election Commission shall forthwith upload on its website the details received from the SBI.

In a landmark verdict, a five-judge constitution bench had done away with the scheme, calling it "unconstitutional", and ordered disclosure by the Election Commission of donors, the amount donated by them and the recipients by March 13.

On March 11, the SBI, which unsuccessfully sought an extension of time till June 30 to disclose electoral bonds details, faced searching questions from the top court which wanted to know about the steps taken to comply with its directions.

Last Friday, the SC admonished SBI for furnishing incomplete information and issued a notice to the bank to explain the reasons for the non-disclosure of unique alphanumeric numbers.

On Monday, the bench noted the submission of senior advocate Harish Salve, appearing for the SBI, that there is no reservation on the part of the bank in disclosing all the details of electoral bonds which are in its possession.

"In order to fully effectu-

ate the order and to obviate any controversy in the future, the chairman and managing director of SBI shall file an affidavit on or before 5 pm on Thursday (March 21) indicating that SBI has disclosed all details of the electoral bonds which were in its possession and custody and that no details have been with-

During the hearing, the bench asked the SBI to disclose all conceivable information on electoral bonds, including bond numbers.

held," the bench said.

"We had asked all details to be disclosed by the SBI which includes electoral bond numbers as well. Let SBI not be selective in disclosure," the bench mentioned orally.

It said the apex court had, in its verdict in the electoral bonds case, asked the bank to disclose all the details of the bonds and it should not wait for further orders on this aspect. The bench refused a

hearing on unlisted pleas of industry bodies, Associated

### 8 killed as Pak conducts airstrikes inside Afghanistan; Taliban reacts March 17-18, the security sanitisation operations

ISLAMABAD/KABUL, MAR 18: Eight people were today killed in airstrikes carried out by Pakistan inside Afghanistan on multiple suspected hideouts of Pakistani Taliban. Amidst a war of words between the two neighbours, Pak army said that those killed were "militants", including a wanted terrorist commander, but the Taliban, which described the attack as "reckless", said the dead included women and children.

The Pakistani army, which issued a statement

forces conducted an intelligence-based operation in North Waziristan district on the reported presence of terrorists "During the conduct of

the operation, after intense fire exchange, eight terrorists including HVT (highvalue target) terrorist commander Sehra @Janan were sent to hell," the statement said. "He was involved in or-

chestrating the terrorist attack on Security Forces' Post in Mir Ali on March 16 and was highly wanted by said that on the night of cies," it said and added that

were being conducted to eliminate any other terrorists found in the area as the security forces remain determined to wipe out the menace of terrorism from the country.

Afghan interim government spokesperson Zabihullah Mujahid condemned the attacks, denouncing them as violations of Afghan territory and asking Pakistan to desist from blaming Afghanistan for its internal issues.

A senior Afghan interim government official con-

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## Lok Sabha polls EC orders large-scale transfers of bureaucrats, WB DGP

**NEW DELHI, Mar 18:** Seeking to ensure a levelplaying field in the Lok Sabha elections, the Elecday ordered the removal of the home secretaries of Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand. Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, and it also directed the shunting out of West Bengal DGP Rajeev Kumar.

Also, the secretaries of the general administrative departments of Mizoram and Himachal Pradesh have been removed.

The decision to shift the West Bengal DGP was taken as the officer was removed earlier too from active election managementrelated duty during the 2016 assembly election in the state and in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, the sources pointed out. The EC has asked the

state chief secretary to post Rajeev Kumar to a "nonelection" related assignment, and, as an interim arrangement, post an officer immediately junior to him as DGP.

The state has been asked to send a panel of three officers who would be posted as the DGP.

The home secretaries of Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand were removed as they were found to be holding dual charges in the offices of the chief minister in the respective states. This may potentially compromise or be seen to be compromising the impartiality and neutrality required during Cont. on P9 >

### **General Elections**

# CEO issues guidelines for printers, publishers the printing and publication print or cause to be printed

**Himalayan Mail News** JAMMU, MAR 18

In run up to the forthcoming Lok Sabla elections, the Election Office today issued guidelines with regard to printing and publication of election pamphlets, posters and related material across the Union Territory.

The Chief Electoral Officer issued a public notice to all the registered printers and publishers of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, informing that

of election pamphlets, posters etcetera is being governed by the provisions of section 127-A of Representation of Peoples Act, As per "127-A Restrictions

on printing of pamphlets, posters etcetera; no person shall print or publish, or cause to be printed or published, any election pamphlet or poster which does not bear on its face the  $names \, and \, addresses \, of \, the \,$ printer and the publisher thereof. No person shall

any election pamphlet or poster; unless a declaration as to the identity of the publisher thereof, signed by him and attested by two persons to whom he is personally known, is delivered by him to the printer in duplicate and unless, within a reasonable time after the printing of the document, one copy of the declaration is sent by the printer, together with one copy of the document "Where it is printed in the capital of the state, to the



ing March 18 and 20. and 22, the weather would

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# Car falls off road, 1 killed

and another injured critically after a car they were travelling in skidded off the road near Khaleni in Doda district today and fell into a

gorge, officials said.

The injured was hospi-

A mortar shell was found lying near the bank of a stream in Muglian area of

According to officials, the mortar shell was spotted by a villager near the bank of a stream at Muglian. After he informed forces, a bomb disposal squad along with a police team forthwith reached

primary school. The shell, said to be a rusted one, was defused by

**JAMMU, MAR 18** Vladimir Putin said Russia The Kargil Democratic would not be "intimidated" as he hailed an election victory that paves the way for the former spy to become the longest-serving Russian

hood and constitutional in prison or exiled, and he safeguards for the Union Territory of Ladakh enwho publicly opposes his

The agitation in Ladakh in support of the demands

assess ban on 2 J&K groups NEW DELHI, MAR **18:** The Centre on Monday constituted two tribunals under Justice Neena Bansal Krishna of the Delhi High Court to adjudicate whether there were sufficient grounds for declaring the Muslim Conference Jammu and Kashmir (Bhat faction) and the Muslim Conference Jammu and Kashmir (Sumji faction) as banned

> Both the organisations were declared banned groups by the government on February 28 under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 for five

groups.

years for their anti-India and pro-Pakistan propaganda and for asking people to refrain from taking part in elections.

According to the UAPA, the constitution of a tribunal is necessary for confirming any government decision banning an outfit.

In a notification, the Union Home Ministry said in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 5 read with subsection (1) of section 4 of the Unlawful Activities (Pre-

vention) Act, 1967, the cen-

tral government constituted

Unlawful Activities

(Prevention) Tribunal consisting of Justice Neena Bansal Krishna for the purof adjudicating pose whether or not there is sufficient cause for declaring the Muslim Conference Jammu and Kashmir (Bhat faction) (MCJK-B) as an unlawful association. In a separate notification,

the home ministry said a tribunal has been constituted consisting of Justice Neena Bansal Krishna for the purof adjudicating whether or not there is sufficient cause for declaring the Muslim Conference Jammu

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