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Inshorts

Bhutan a very special friend of India: Modi

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday described Bhutan as a "very special friend of India" and said the cooperation between the two countries will get even better in time to come.

He made the comments on X following a meeting with his Bhutanese counterpart Tshering Tobgay.

Tobgay said, "Always happy to meet my friend Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji. Expressed my gratitude to the Government & people of India for their steadfast goodwill & cooperation. We reaffirmed our commitment to advancing our special bond of friendship from strength to strength."

Modi replied, "Glad to have met you in Delhi this morning, PM Tshering Tobgay. Bhutan is a very special friend of India's and our cooperation will continue to get even better in the times to come."

India brings great value to BRICS bloc

NEW DELHI: India on Monday said it brings great value to the BRICS and its contributions have played a vital role in shaping the bloc's efforts in areas such as economic growth and global governance reforms.

The comments by Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri came a day ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the Russian city of Kazan to attend the 16th BRICS Summit.

"India brings great value to the BRICS and its contributions have played a vital role in shaping the BRICS' efforts in areas such as economic growth, sustainable development and global governance reforms," Misri said. It will be the first **P11**

'Constitutional institutions puppets of BJP'

GARHWA: Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren on Monday alleged that constitutional institutions were working on behalf of the BJP, and they have turned into "puppets" of the central government.

Launching the campaign for the assembly polls from Garhwa district, the senior JMM leader this election is all about the rights and dignity of the state and its people.

Soren also asserted that the elections were announced before schedule and his government was "not allowed to even complete its full term".

Polling to the 81-member assembly in the state will be held on November 13 **P11**

J&K MLAs take Oath

SRINAGAR: The newly elected members of the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly were administered oath on Monday by pro-tem speaker Mubarak Gul, with Chief Minister Omar Abdullah taking the pledge in the Kashmiri language.

The 54-year-old Leader of the House was the first MLA to be administered the oath.

Omar Abdullah, son of Farooq Abdullah and his British wife Mollie Abdullah, had often faced criticism for not being able to speak his native language.

While the third generation politician from the Abdullah family is fluent in English, his fluency in **P11**

Major breakthrough after 49 months of persevering diplomacy

India & China agree to pre-2020 LAC patrolling in eastern Ladakh

Disengagement complete; Paves way for Modi, Xi meet in Russia

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LEH: In what is easily the biggest breakthrough in the four-and-a-half-year long military standoff between the two countries, India on Monday announced it has reached an agreement with China on patrolling along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh, paving way for the troops from two countries to carry out patrolling the way they used to do before the military standoff between the two sides erupted in May 2020.

The two sides sealed a



product to resolve the festering border row in eastern Ladakh ahead of a likely meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping in Russia this week.

The breakthrough, seen as a product of very patient

and very persevering diplomacy, has come following 49 months of negotiations between the two countries, which began with a meeting of External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi, held in Moscow in September 2020,

three months after the fierce clash in the Galwan Valley in June 2020 resulted in nose-diving of the ties between the two Asian giants.

On Monday, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri, at a media briefing on Modi's visit to Russia for the BRICS **P11**

First 2-day CAT Circuit sitting begins in Kargil



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KARGIL: With the aim to address service matters locally and for bringing justice to the doorstep, the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) Srinagar Bench conducted its first two-day Circuit Sitting at TFC, Baroo, Kargil on Monday.

The Division Bench of CAT, comprising Mir Syed Latif, Judicial Member, and Prasant Kumar, Administrative Member, held a Circuit Bench in Kargil in hybrid mode, allowing cases to be heard both physically and virtually for greater accessibility. Earlier, the inaugural session was attended **P11**

First Lady for limiting reliance on borewells

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LEH: First Lady Neelam Mishra on Monday convened a meeting with four Nambaradors from the Upper and Lower Leh areas to address pressing issues related to the cleanliness of Leh Town and women empowerment.

First Lady discussed the critical issue of water conservation. She stressed the importance of minimizing reliance on borewells to ensure the long-term sustainability of Leh's water resources.

Under Secretary Housing and Urban Development, Sumera Shafi, JKAS; Nam-



baradors from Leh town and representative from Municipal Committee were present during the meeting.

First Lady emphasized her unwavering commitment to making Leh a cleaner and

Ladakh talks set for Dec 3, Wangchuk breaks fast

MHA to resume dialogue with UT leaders after 8 months

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LEH: The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has announced the resumption of dialogue with Ladakh's leadership on a four-point agenda, addressing the region's pressing administrative and employment concerns.

The much-anticipated talks will take place in December 3, following a request from Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) Chairman, CEC Adv. Tashi Gyalson, who recently met Union Home Minister Amit Shah in Delhi.

On Sunday, to discuss and resolve the issues pertaining to union territory of Ladakh, Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Leh Chairman, CEC Adv. Tashi Gyalson called on Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah at his residence in Delhi.

During the meeting, CEC Gyalson expressed heartfelt



gratitude to the Home Minister for the recent establishment of five new districts in Ladakh, which he described as a significant step towards enhancing local governance and development in the region.

Additionally, CEC requested for a suitable date for dialogue, and also discussed various important issues pertaining to Ladakh, including the urgent need for the recruitment of Gazetted posts and the resolution of various administrative service chal-

lenges. Home Minister Amit Shah assured CEC Gyalson that these concerns would be addressed promptly and effectively.

Following the announcement from the MHA, Sonam Wangchuk along with several others ended their hunger strike after fasting for 16 days. Expressing his relief, Wangchuk said, "Our main aim was to resume the talks. We believe the government will take them **P11**

Ladakh UT honours, pays tributes to Police Martyrs

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KARGIL: Highlighting the bravery of policemen who serve in the line of duty, and to honour the memory of the policemen martyred in the 1959 ambush by Chinese troops at Hot Springs, Ladakh paid rich tributes to the Police Martyrs on Monday.

In Kargil district Chairman, CEC, LAHDC, Dr Mohd Jaffer Akhoun on Monday attended the Police Martyrs Day at DPL, Kargil.

During the event, Executive Councillor, Tourism, Kachho Mohd Feroz, ASP, Kargil, Mujeeb ur Rehman, Dy SP, Headquarter, Nitin Yadav, Dy, SP DAR, Tundup Dorjay,



Dy SP, CID, Mohd Hussain, besides other officers and officials were present on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, the CEC paid homage is paid to police personnel who lost their lives for the country. He lauded the people-friendly attitude of the Police and the orientation programme which police organizes for the welfare of people. **P11**

Won't let 'vested interests' prevent peace in JK: Omar



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SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday said he will not allow "vested interests" to prevent the benefits of peace and development from reaching the

people of Jammu and Kashmir, who "enthusiastically" participated in the recent elections.

The statement comes a day after a deadly terror attack at a tunnel construction site in Jammu and Kash-

mir's Ganderbal left seven people, including a doctor and six migrant labourers, dead.

Talking to reporters here, Abdullah said he will ensure that no obstacles impede the flow of developmental benefits to the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

"The people have taken part in elections with enthusiasm with the hope that there will be improvement in their lives. We will not step back from that mission," Abdullah said.

The chief minister had gone to the SKIMS Hospital at Soura to enquire about the condition of those injured in the terror attack **P11**

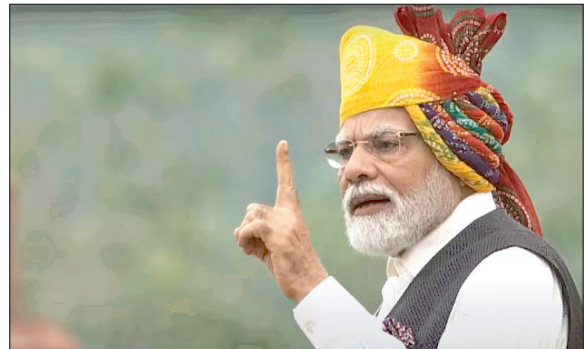
Gagangir: Protests rock J&K

LEH: Protests were held at several places in Jammu and Kashmir on Monday against the killing of seven persons in a terrorist attack in Ganderbal district, officials said.

A candlelight vigil was also held at Pulwama as a tribute to the seven victims - one local doctor and six non-local labourers -- of the terror attacks at Gagangir in Ganderbal district on Sunday night, the officials said.

The biggest protest march was held at Pulwama where youth held placards demanding an end to the **P11**

We don't take relations 'for-granted': PM Modi



NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi asserted on Monday that India does not believe in "taken-for-granted" relations, and the world is realising that trust and reliability make the

foundation of the country's ties.

His comments at the NDTV World Summit came amid deepening chill in India's ties with Canada as New Delhi recalled six of its **P11**

Shah to inaugurate CD&HG in Guj today

AHMEDABAD: Union Home Minister Amit Shah will inaugurate a national conference of Civil Defences and Home Guards in Gujarat on Tuesday.

Shah will address the legislative assembly and attend different events during his visit.

The cooperation minister is scheduled to address a gathering in Anand town on Tuesday morning to mark the diamond jubilee celebration of the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) and the birth anniversary of Tribhuvandas Patel, the father of the cooperative movement in India.

At around 2 pm, Shah will address the legislative assembly in the presence of Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel and other MLAs as part of a day-long "Legislative Drafting Training Workshop" for assembly secretariat officials, the Gandhinagar MP's office stated on Monday.

Shah will inaugurate the party office of the BJP's Gandhinagar city unit in the state capital.

Shah will inaugurate the "14th National Conference of Civil Defence and Home Guards" at the Mahatma Mandir convention centre at 4 PM. More than **P11**

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