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SRINAGAR, Mar 23: After midnight confusion over the sighting of Ramadhan moon, Waqf Board Chairperson Darakshan Andrabi today said that the board will constitute its own Hial Committees.
The Ramadhan crescent was seen in Saudi Arabia and neighboring Pakistan last evening and Kashmir's grand mufti

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Azad's book to be released on April 5

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JAMMU, Mar 23: Statesman and stalwart Ghulam Nabi Azad has penned an honest and unflinching autobiography to be released in New Delhi

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Will appeal, says Cong Court sentences Rahul to two years in jail, grants bail

SURAT, Mar 23: A court in Surat in Gujarat today sentenced Congress leader Rahul Gandhi to two years in jail in a 2019 criminal defamation case filed against him over his "why all thieves have Modi surname" remarks.

Spending to be a major concern before elections In last year of their term; Panchayats, ULBs set to get hefty grants to boost development

Sanjeev Pargal
JAMMU, Mar 23: As Panchayats and Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) including Municipal Corporations, Councils and Committees enter last year of their five-year term, they are likely to get Rs 1550 crore during next financial year beginning April 1 from the Central Government.
This will be in addition to what these institutions will get from the Jammu and Kashmir Government but the spending will be a concern as five-year term of both Panchayats and Municipalities will end in January next year and elections will have to be held for them in November-December this year.

Official sources told the Excelsior that nearly Rs 1470 crore worth grants are likely to come for Panchayats and ULBs from the Central Government which will give major boost to development in urban as well as rural areas.
However, expenditure will be a concern as elections to Municipalities as well as Panchayats are due in November-December.

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Centre nod to 59,000 houses under PMAY in J&K

As per the sources, the Municipalities and Panchayats are likely to give nod to the works to be undertaken during next financial year in April-May itself to ensure their early start. Once the works are approved, the Model Code of Conduct imposed with announcement of elections will not be a hindrance, they said.
"The Central Government has also approved 40,000 new houses for houseless families under Prime Minister's Awas Yojana-Grameen (PMAY-G) in J&K," sources said.
Similarly, they added, the Government has also given nod for completion of 18934 dwelling units under Prime Minister's Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U).
Sources described this as a major pro-poor measure by the Central Government.
Elections to Panchayats were held in November-December 2018 after nearly four decades while polls to Municipalities were conducted in October-

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Lohia would have been proud of progress under Modi's leadership: LG

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Gwalior, Mar 23: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha delivered the keynote address for Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Memorial Lecture at ITM, here today.
He said, as a freedom fighter, statesman and philosopher, Dr Lohia tirelessly worked for the equality, human dignity and social justice and gave new hope and aspirations to common man.
"As a leader of masses and untiring champion of social equality, Dr Lohia's seven revolutions gave a new shape to social, economic and political ideas and strongly advocated equality between men and women", Sinha said.

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'Border Posts will further strengthen Grid' Dhangri attack executed by Pak militants, says DGP

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JAMMU, Mar 23: Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh today said Dhangri carnage in Rajouri district was executed by the foreign militants from Pakistan who had infiltrated from the border districts of Rajouri and Poonch but said 56 Pakistani militants, sent by the neighbour's security agencies for causing disturbances in J&K, have been eliminated.
Speaking to media persons on the sidelines of a sports function in Kathua, Dilbag said besides Rajouri and Poonch districts, some militants had also infiltrated from Baramulla and Kupwara districts in the Kashmir valley before snowfall

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JAMMU, Mar 23: The Union Ministry of Home Affairs today said private investments in Jammu and Kashmir which were Rs 64058 crore in December 2022 have now gone up to Rs 66,000 crore while 129 units have started working on ground and 560 others have come into production after announcement of New Industrial Policy for the Union Territory.
As per an official document, the Home Ministry said Jammu and Kashmir received a total of 5327 proposals and had allotted land in respect of 1854 units while 854 units have paid the

premium.
"As many as 560 units have signed lease deed and taken over possession of the land allotted to them while 129 units have started working on ground. In addition, 250 existing units have also come into production after announcement of the New Industrial Policy," the Home Ministry said.
It added that after the New Industrial Policy was announced, the Jammu and Kashmir Government received 5327 applications/investment proposals.
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