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### Shri Rajnath Singh chairs 11th Standing Committee meeting of InterState Council

The Union Home Minister, Shri Rajnath Singh chaired the 11th Standing Committee meeting of the Inter-State Council here today. The Union Minister for Finance, Corporate Affairs and Defence, Shri Arun Jaitley, the Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, Dr. Raman Singh, Chief Minister of Tripura, Shri Manik Sarkar, Chief Minister of Odisha, Shri Naveen Patnaik and Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh,

#### <u>President Mukherjee Urges All Citizens</u> <u>to Extend Unstinted Support to The</u> <u>Mission of A Less Cash India</u>

The President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee urged all citizens to extend their unstinted support to the mission of a less cash India. He stated that all efforts of the Government will achieve their end only if people were to adopt them pro-actively.

## Address by The President of India on The Occasion of Mega Draw of Lot for Lucky Grahak Yojana and Digi Dhan Vyapar Yojana

I am happy today to be a part of the digital payment movement that India has embarked upon. I congratulate each one of you who has contributed in this mission to make India a less cash society. This will help ensure financial inclusion where every Indian, irrespective of her socio-economic status, is empowered with necessary digital tools to participate in the new age economy.

### Indian Navy Ships respond to Piracy Attack on Foreign Merchant Vessel in Gulf of Aden

A distress call was received from a foreign merchant vessel MV OS 35 (Tuvalu registered vessel), which was attacked and boarded by pirates in the Gulf of Aden late night on 08 April. Indian Navy ships Mumbai, Tarkash, Trishul and Aditya proceeding on deployment to the Mediterranean and passing through the Gulf of Aden, responded to the call and rapidly closed the merchant vessel by the early hours of 09 April.