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India has power to take action against terrorism even across border: Rajnath



STATE TIMES NEWS
MAVELIKKARA: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday said that India possesses the capability to counter terror activities by taking action across the border, if required.
"If anyone tries to encourage terrorist activities in India, we have the power to deal with it here and, if required, take action even on the other side of the border," the minister said.
Singh made the statement here while criticising the CPI(M)-led LDF and the

Congress-led UDF for having sought proof of the cross-border airstrike in 2019 carried out by Indian defence forces on terror camps across the border.
Addressing a poll rally organised by the BJP-led NDA in the Mavelikkara Lok Sabha constituency, he dubbed the questions of the Congress and the Left as "anti-national in nature", and said the people in the country are aware of that.
Senior Congress leader Kodikkunnil Suresh is the UDF candidate in

Modi made India secure by conducting surgical, air strikes inside Pakistan: Amit Shah

AHMEDABAD: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi made India secure by carrying out surgical and air strikes inside Pakistan after terror attacks. Modi also took the country's economy from the 11th to the fifth spot in ten years, and will take it to the third spot in the world in his third term, he said, speaking at a campaign rally in Vejalpur area of the city. Shah is contesting the Lok Sabha elections from Gandhinagar constituency.

"Narendra Modi worked to secure the country. In the Sonia (Gandhi)-Manmohan (Singh) government, anybody would enter from Pakistan and conduct bomb explosions here everyday," he said.

The BJP won all 26 Lok Sabha seats in Gujarat (in 2014) and Modi became the country's prime minister, Shah said.

Terrorists subsequently struck in Uri (in 2016) and Pulwama (in 2019), but they did not know that "now Manmohan Singh is not the prime minister but Narendra Modi is," the BJP leader said.

"Within a few days, we went inside Pakistan and conducted surgical and air strikes. Narendra Bhai secured the country," Shah said.



Mian Altaf, Mehbooba Mufti file nomination from Anantnag-Rajouri LS seat

STATE TIMES NEWS
ANANTNAG : National Conference leader Mian Altaf Ahmad on Thursday filed nomination papers for the Anantnag-Rajouri Lok Sabha seat as the candidate of the opposition INDIA bloc.

Accompanied by NC vice president Omar Abdullah and Congress General Secretary Ghulam Ahmad Mir, Ahmad filed the nomination papers before Deputy Commissioner Anantnag, Syed Fakhruddin, who is the returning officer of the constituency.

Talking to reporters after



NC leader Mian Altaf Ahmad filing nomination papers for Anantnag-Rajouri Lok Sabha seat on Thursday.

filing nomination papers, Abdullah said he was hopeful that Ahmad, the influential Gujjar leader from Kangan in central Kashmir, will emerge victorious.

"On behalf of the INDIA bloc, National Conference candidate Mian Altaf Ahmad has submitted his nomination papers to

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LG calls for promotion of Start Ups in J&K Discusses investment proposals

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Calling up for promotion of Start Ups in Jammu and Kashmir, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday issued directions for impact assessment of various initiatives like GI Tagging and QR code based labeling and scanning.

Chairing a review meeting of Department of Industries & Commerce and Department of Geology & Mining, the Lt Governor also reviewed district-wise availability, requirement of minor minerals and the issues related to time-bound operationalization of minor mineral blocks.

The meeting was attended by Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Santosh D Vaidya, Principal Secretary, Finance Department; Dr Mandeep Kumar



LG Manoj Sinha chairing review meeting of Department of Industries & Commerce and Department of Geology & Mining.

Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; Vikranjit Singh, Commissioner Secretary, Department of I&C and Mining Department; Bhupinder Kumar, Secretary, Public Works (R&B); HoDs and senior officials.

Detailed discussion took place on investment proposals, implementation

of projects and schemes of the Department of Industries & Commerce. The Lt Governor directed the senior officials to hold regular meetings with Investors and Industry bodies to address the crucial issues.

The chair was briefed on the steps taken for proper utilization of Land in existing

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RO Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency issues Election Notification

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Returning Officer (RO), 02-Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat on Thursday issued Election Notification for the upcoming Parliamentary Elections-2024 in the Srinagar Constituency comprising 18 Assembly segments of Ganderbal, Srinagar, Pulwama, Budgam and Shopian Districts.

Over 17 Lakh electorate eligible to exercise franchise

The Nomination papers can be filed by contesting candidates or their proposers before Returning Officer (Deputy Commissioner) or Assistant Returning Officer (Additional Deputy Commissioner-M) at Deputy Commissioner's Office, Srinagar between 11:00 AM to 03:00 PM on any day (other than public holiday) not later than April 25, 2024 (Thursday).

The Scrutiny of the Nomination papers filed

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Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 28.2°C Min: 21.4°C
Humidity
Max: 67 Min: 47
Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 17.7°C Min: 12.5°C
Humidity
Max: 84 Min: 72
Sunset : 19:02 Hours
Sunrise : 05:57 Hours

16.23 lakh voters eligible to vote in Udhampur PC today

23637 PwDs, 403 centenarians among electors

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The 4-Udhampur Parliamentary Constituency is all set to go to polls in the first phase of Lok Sabha elections, being held tomorrow April 19, with a total of 16.23 lakh voters including 8.45 lakh male and 7.77 lakh female electorates eligible to vote and participate in the electoral process.

"The total electorates included around 23637 persons with disability besides 403 persons above 100 years of age who have been enrolled to participate in the electoral process".

According to a communication received here on Thursday by the office of Chief Electoral Officer, J&K, around 2,637 polling stations are completely ready for first phase of the general elections being held across five districts of Kathua, Udhampur, Kishtwar, Doda and Ramban. Out of these, 136 polling stations are P-2 while 31 polling stations belong to P-7 to P-3 category. Among the districts, Kathua has 25 polling stations along the international border. In total, more than 11000 polling staff including

reserve will be deployed on duty.

The communication read that the polling will be held from 7.00 am to 6.00 pm before which there will be mock poll in presence of the polling agents. The voting will continue even after 6.00 pm, in case there will be voters still waiting for their turn in the polling station premises.

Every polling station will be provided with Assured Minimum Facilities (AMF) besides wheel chairs will also be provided to the needy.

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No need for chest-thumping, RSS will not celebrate centenary year, says Bhagwat

STATE TIMES NEWS
NAGPUR: The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh will not celebrate its centenary year in 2025 since it doesn't intend to indulge in chest-thumping over its achievements, the organisation's chief Mohan Bhagwat said on Thursday.

Speaking at a book launch, Bhagwat also said there was need for society to understand its identity and the link that binds all, which is "Hindu".
He said functionaries faced stiff opposition, lack of resources and difficulty connecting people when the RSS was formed in 1925 in Nagpur, adding that members must keep doing their work irrespective of the situation.

"There is no need to cele-



brate the centenary year of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh. The Sangh is not doing it to boost the ego of the organisation. The Sangh is not here to celebrate the completion of 100 years of an organisation and indulge in chest-thumping and take credit for some achievements."

The RSS wants to transform society and believes that victory of society must not be judged on wealth

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Union Ministry official visits Directorate of Ayush, Govt Ayurvedic Hospital; interacts with patients

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Padma Shri Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, Union Secretary Ministry of Ayush, Govt. of India visited Directorate of Ayush, Jammu and took detailed round of Govt. Ayurvedic Hospital, Jammu along with Dr. Mohan Singh Director Ayush J&K.

He visited OPD Block, IPD Blocks and various Procedure Sections of the Govt. Ayurvedic Hospital Jammu, wherein he interacted with the patients and their attendants.

He also interacted with doctors and Paramedical staff & enquired about services being provided to the patients.

He appreciated and complimented Medical



Padma Shri Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, Union Secretary Ministry of Ayush during visit to Govt Ayurvedic hospital, Jammu.

Superintendent Dr. Vandana Dogra and Deputy Medical Superintendent Dr. Aruna Bhat Govt. Ayurvedic Hospital Jammu for providing various Specialty Services in the aforesaid Standalone Tertiary Care Ayurvedic Hospital like Panchkarma, Ksharsutra, Leech Therapy, Para-surgical procedures, etc.

He also visited the other

Cong maligning constitutional office of ECI by spreading canard about EVMs: Chugh

STATE TIMES NEWS
CHANDIGARH: BJP National General Secretary

Tarun Chugh on Thursday said the Opposition, particularly the Congress, was deliberately spreading a disinformation campaign against the EVM to mislead and hoodwink the people of the country.

In a statement, Chugh said since the Congress and the other Opposition parties are facing an overwhelming defeat in the coming Lok Sabha election

they are trying to digress the mind of the people to flimsy issues.



Chugh said the opposition parties are not only trying to fool people but are also trying to insult the constitutional office of the Election Commission of

India. He said it was a blatant effort of the Congress to malign the office of the

ECI without realising that some EVMs have won the Congress win in Karnataka, Telangana, Himachal Pradesh and other states, besides AAP winning in Delhi and Punjab.

The promises and achievements highlighted in the "Sankalp Patra" released by Prime Minister Narendra Modi have rattled them and now they are floating jittery expressions.

Overstaying in Govt accommodations: J&K Admin moves HC to defer action against occupants

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Citing the Model Code of Conduct, Jammu and Kashmir estates department on Thursday sought permission from the high court to defer action till June 4 against politicians overstaying in government accommodations.

Senior Additional Advocate General S S Nanda filed the application in the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, days after the estates department served showcause notices to former chief minister Ghulam Nabi Azad, and ex-deputy chief ministers Kavinder Gupta and Muzaffar Hussain Beigh for overstaying in government accommodations in Jammu and Srinagar.

The show-cause notices

were served to the overstaying occupants, who also included J&K BJP chief Ravinder Raina and several former ministers and ex-legislators, in response to the recent directions of the division bench of the high court in a Public Interest Litigation (PIL), seeking eviction of overstaying politicians from government bungalows.

According to the showcause notices issued on April 8, the concerned politicians were asked to appear before the director (estates) in the twin capital cities of Srinagar and Jammu in person or through virtual mode for giving the written response along with the documentary evidence, if any, in support of continuation of accommodations

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