

Not here to rule, but serve...: PM Modi

'Even I, as a Prime Minister, have no right to interfere in the ED's work'

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said that the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) are just doing their jobs, which is to probe corruption, adding that nobody should be stopping them.

In an interview with Asianet Newsable, PM Modi responded to a question on the Opposition's allegations that the Centre was misusing probe agencies and taking actions against their leaders to suppress their voices.

"It is ED and CBI's job to probe corruption. Would you for example stop a ticket-checker from checking tickets in trains? Let ED-CBI do its job," he said. "Even I, as a Prime Minister, have no right to interfere in the ED's work," the PM added.

PM Modi said that questions should be raised if the ED and CBI don't do their



jobs, but here the Opposition is instead asking why the agencies are doing their jobs. He took note that only three per cent cases registered by the ED are against political figures, asserting that the rest 97 per cent are against non-political persons. "Why is nobody talking about that," he asked.

Before 2014, the Prime Minister noted, the ED registered 1,800 cases. However, since then, the anti-corruption agency has

taken on "more than 5,000 cases and that itself shows ED's efficiency".

He further noted that the probe agency had conducted 7000 searches since 2014 in comparison to the mere 84 searches done earlier. "After 2014, properties worth Rs 1.25 lakh crore were seized," the PM added.

In interview with Asianet News Network, Prime Minister Narendra Modi criticized state governments for their treatment of govern-

ments, emphasizing the importance of upholding the dignity of constitutional posts. He highlighted instances of disrespect and inconvenience faced by governors, urging state administrations to prioritize the honour and integrity of these roles. Without naming Rahul Gandhi, the Prime Minister also predicted that the prominent Congress leader would contest from another constituency besides Wayanad in Kerala.

Psychiatry Dept GMC Sgr, ITOP conduct workshop

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The Department of Psychiatry, Government Medical College Srinagar in collaboration with the Indian Teachers of Psychiatry (ITOP) on Saturday conducted a workshop on Undergraduate Psychiatry Competence Based Medical Education (CBME) for J&K Psychiatry faculty.

The CBME was introduced in India in 2019 by the National Medical Commission, both at the UG and PG level.

Psychiatry as a subject in CBME undergraduate course has received a boom in terms of extension of the teaching hours from 20 to 45 hours (theory) and clinical class duration has been increased from 2 to 6 weeks. That being appreciated, Psychiatry is still not a mandatory subject to pass for qualifying MBBS exit examination, as such we are producing doctors without any formal, assessed training in mental health.

The core of CBME is the specific learning objective



(SLO) for every session, as it gives immense clarity to optimize CBME. The affective (communication skill/professional skill) and psychomotor (physical skill) domains of CBME must be given precedence in the active teaching-learning sessions. Empathetic listening, keen observation and the Socratic method of interview are also emphasised at every step.

The trainers in the programme also talked about providing orientation, updated knowledge and skills necessary to the implementation of CBME in the undergraduate

medical education. Multiple learned trainers from different parts of the country provided insightful training sessions. Dr. Sujit Sarkhel, Professor, Institute of Psychiatry Kolkata and editor Indian journal of Psychiatry, Dr. M Kishor, Professor and Head Department of Psychiatry JSSMC Mysore and Dr. Ajay Kumar, Associate Professor, AIIMS Raipur, trainers for the workshop, discussed various domains of the CBME for capacity building of the faculty in the implementation of the new curriculum.

The programme was attended by Psychiatric Faculty from medical colleges from all districts of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir viz. GMC Srinagar, SKIMS medical college Hospital, GMC Baramulla, GMC Anantnag, GMC Handwara, GMC Doda and GMC Udhampur.

The programme ended with a vote of thanks from the Organizing Secretary Dr. Rayees Wani, Associate Professor Psychiatry IMHANS (K).

He expressed his gratitude to the trainers and the attending faculty.

Under Trial Review Committee meeting held at Bandipora

STATE TIMES NEWS
BANDIPORA: The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Bandipora under the aegis of J&K Legal Services Authority on Saturday conducted Under Trial Review Committee (UTRC) meeting at District Court Bandipora.

The meeting was aimed to expedite the identification and review of prisoners who are eligible to be considered for release, as well as to accelerate the regular functioning of UTRC and review all eligible under-trial prisoners (UTPs)/Prisoners.

The meeting was chaired by Pr. District & Sessions Judge (Chairman DLSA),

Bandipora, Amit Sharma, with the members of Under Trial Review Committee (UTRC).

In the meeting, the committee reviewed cases of eligible UTPs/Prisoners shortlisted by the Secretary, DLSA Bandipora for consideration and the committee recommended 06 Prisoners for release.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Shakeel-ur-Rehman; Secretary DLSA, Nusrat Ali Hakak; DySP-DAR Ahmad Shaafi; Chief Prosecution Officer, Abdul Majeed Bhat and Incharge Subsidiary Jail, Ghulam Mohammad.

'Unfortunate' that NC contesting in Anantnag-Rajouri seat against friend who turned 'greedy': Omar

STATE TIMES NEWS
PULWAMA: National Conference (NC) vice president Omar Abdullah on Saturday said it was "unfortunate" that his party was contesting elections in the Anantnag-Rajouri parliamentary constituency against a friend who turned "greedy" for a Lok Sabha seat.

Abdullah was apparently referring to PDP president Mehbooba Mufti contesting the polls from the seat in south Kashmir. The NC has fielded its senior Gujjar leader Mian Altaf from the seat.

"The fight on the south Kashmir seat is not with the BJP. NC's contest there is unfortunately with one of our friends who was with us till some days ago. Unfortunately,

they left us for the greed of a seat. Our contest at least in south Kashmir is not with the BJP or its 'B' or 'C' teams," Abdullah said here.

He was speaking to reporters after addressing an election meeting in support of the party candidate from Srinagar Lok Sabha constituency Aga Syed Ruhullah Mehdi.

The NC and PDP, who are part of the opposition's INDIA bloc, were also a part of the People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD), which was formed after of the abrogation of Article 370.

The alliance broke after the NC announced to field candidates from all the three constituencies in the Kashmir valley, without

leaving any seat for the PDP. The PDP also later announced to field its candidates on all the three seats.

The NC vice president said while the BJP was not directly contesting the parliamentary polls in the valley, it was supporting parties like the Apni Party and People's Conference (PC).

"The BJP is in the field contesting elections, but the only difference is they do not have their party symbol, they are contesting on 'cricket bat' (Apni Party's symbol) and 'apple' (PC's symbol)... We are well aware who the BJP supports here, but they stand no chance of winning," he added.

The former J-K chief minister said going by the

response of the people, "I hope that God willing, the NC will win all the three seats."

In response to a question about the BJP's claims of the NDA crossing the 400-mark, Abdullah said everything would be clear after the results.

The Ladakh seat is slipping away from their hands, he claimed.

"After the polling yesterday, it seems they will not be able to save the Udhampur seat. Let us see what will happen on the Jammu seat as well," he said.

Asked about BJP's J-K president Ravindra Raina claiming that the party will win both the seats in Jammu, Abdullah said, "Let me remind Raina that the elections have not

taken place on the Jammu seat yet and we do not even know how many votes will be polled there. Let the voting take place first, then the BJP should claim its victory. As of now, we feel their Udhampur seat is in danger," he said.

The NC vice president alleged the BJP claimed many things in Kashmir, but fled from contesting the polls in the valley.

"Why did they leave the field? What was their helplessness? Raina was preparing to contest the polls from the south Kashmir seat, but why did he not contest? What compulsion did they have that they had to push other parties be it 'cricket bat' or 'apple', Abdullah said, adding "these parties were working for the BJP".

Scrutiny of nomination papers in Anantnag-Rajouri PC concludes

STATE TIMES NEWS
ANANTNAG: The process of scrutinizing the nomination papers of candidates nominated to the 03- Anantnag-Rajouri Parliamentary Constituency (PC) was concluded on Saturday by the Returning Officer of the Constituency, Syeed Fakhruddin Hamid, here.

During scrutiny, the nomination papers of four candidates were found deficient as per the extant guidelines of the Election Commission. Consequently, the nominations of these four candidates were rejected, leaving a total of 21 candidates in the fray. The candidates can however withdraw their candidatures till 3.00 pm on 22nd April 2024 after which the poll symbols shall be allotted to the contesting candidates. The nominated candidates include both males and females who are affiliated to various political parties as well as independent ones.

GMC, HAESI, IADVL organises CME on hereditary angioedema

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The Department of Dermatology, Venereology & Leprosy, Government Medical College Srinagar, on Saturday organized a CME on hereditary angioedema in collaboration with Hereditary

HAESI and Dr Shagufta Rather, General Secretary, IADVL, J&K.

Secretary stressed on the need of conducting such informative CMEs on regular intervals.

The CME was attended by about 200 delegates includ-



ing the residents and faculty from all departments of GMC Srinagar and other medical colleges of J&K.

The lectures deliberated upon by the faculty from PGIMER Chandigarh, GMC Srinagar and other medical colleges, SKIMS and Directorate of Health Services Kashmir besides hundreds of medical students also participated in the event. The CME included numerous informative sessions with emphasis on diagnosis and management of Hereditary angioedema, which although rare and very fatal disease. The need for availability of the necessary investigations and medications in the institution for the benefit of such patients was stressed upon.

Angioedema Society of India (HAESI) and Indian Association of Dermatologists, Venereologists and Leprologists (IADVL) J&K chapter.

The CME was inaugurated by the Secretary, Health and Medical Education, Dr Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, while Professor Dr Iffat Hassan, Principal GMC Srinagar was the guest of honour.

Other dignitaries, present on the occasion, included Professor Sunil Dogra, President HAESI, Administrator Associated Hospitals, Mohammad Ashraf Hakak, Dr Yasmeen Jabeen, Head of the Department and President IADVL J&K, Dr Ankur Jindal, General Secretary

54 trains on Ambala-Amritsar route cancelled as farmers squat on tracks in Shambhu for 4th day

STATE TIMES NEWS
AMBALA: A total of 54 trains on the Ambala-Amritsar route were cancelled on Saturday as farmers squatted on tracks at the Shambhu railway station in Punjab's Patiala district for the fourth day, officials said.

The protestors have been demanding the release of three farmers arrested by the Haryana Police during

the last three days, causing inconvenience to passengers, they added.

The farmers have been protesting under the banner of the Samyukta Kisan Morcha (Non-Political) and Kisan Mazdoor Morcha (KMM) in Patiala district's Shambhu.

They began their protest for the release of arrested farmers on Wednesday by

protest will continue until the three farmers are released.

The SKM (Non-Political) and the KMM are spearheading the 'Delhi Chalo' march by farmers to press the government to accept their demands, including legal guarantee of Minimum Support Price (MSP) for crops.

The farmers have been



the ongoing stir. As many as 54 trains were cancelled on Saturday because of the farmers' protest, railway officials said. The protest has affected the movement of 380

squatting on the tracks on the Ambala-Ludhiana-Amritsar route in Shambhu near the Punjab-Haryana border.

Farmer leader Sarwan Singh Pandher said they

staying put at the Shambhu and Khanauri border points between Punjab and Haryana since February 13 when their march was stopped by the security forces.

BJP candidate from Moradabad seat Kunwar Sarvesh Kumar dies

STATE TIMES NEWS
LUCKNOW: BJP candidate from Moradabad Lok Sabha seat Kunwar Sarvesh Kumar, who was unwell for some time, died at Delhi's All India Institute of Medical Sciences on Saturday, a senior party leader said.

He was 72. Kumar is survived by his wife Sadhna Singh, a son and a daughter.

"Kunwar Sarvesh Kumar has passed away," UP BJP chief Bhupendra Chaudhary told PTI.

"He had some problem in his throat and had an operation. Yesterday, he had gone to AIIMS for a check-up," Chaudhary said.

Kunwar Sarvesh Kumar was among the 12 candidates in the poll fray from Moradabad parliamentary constituency that went to polls in the first phase on April 19.

He won the Moradabad Lok Sabha seat in the 2014 general elections but lost in 2019 to the Samajwadi Party's S T Hasan. He has also been a five-time BJP MLA from the Thakurdwara assembly segment in Moradabad from 1991 to 2007 and from 2012 to 2014.

Condoling his death, Uttar

Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, in a post in Hindi on X, said, "I am shocked by the demise of BJP candidate from Moradabad Lok Sabha constituency and former MP Kunwar Sarvesh Singh ji. This is an irreparable loss for the BJP family. My condolences are with the bereaved family."

"I pray to Lord Shri Ram to give a place to the departed soul in his feet and provide strength to the bereaved family and their supporters to bear this loss. Om Shanti," he said.

Both deputy chief ministers --- Keshav Prasad Maurya and Brajesh Pathak -- also expressed grief over the death of Kunwar Sarvesh Kumar.

In a post in Hindi on X, Maurya said, "The news of the sudden demise of former MP from Moradabad Lok Sabha constituency and hardworking and popular BJP leader Kunwar Sarvesh Singh ji is extremely sad.

His demise is an irreparable loss for the BJP and the political world. I pray to God to give a place to the virtuous soul in his feet and give strength to the grieving followers to bear this sorrow. Om Shanti!"

HDFC Bank Q4 net profit grows to Rs 17,622 cr

STATE TIMES NEWS
MUMBAI: HDFC Bank on Saturday reported a 2.11 per cent growth in consolidated net profit to Rs 17,622.38 crore for the March 2024 quarter against Rs 17,257.87 crore in the preceding December quarter.

On a standalone basis, the country's largest private sector lender reported a net profit of Rs 16,511.85 crore compared to Rs 16,372.54 crore in the December quarter.

In July 2023, the bank merged its home loan-focused parent HDFC into itself.

Its core net interest income grew to Rs 29,080 crore for the reporting quarter, while the other income grew to Rs 18,170 crore.

The lender has reported its core net interest margin of 3.44 per cent on total assets.

The gross non-performing assets ratio came at 1.24 per cent.

CRIME REPORT

Theft case worked out, 2 arrested, stolen bike recovered

STATE TIMES NEWS
SAMBA: Police on Saturday worked out a theft case registered at Police Station Vijaypur, arrested two accused and recovered stolen motorcycle from their possession.

On April 17, 2024, a written report was lodged at Police Station Vijaypur by one Munish Sharma, son of Manohar Lal, resident of Garhi district Jammu, regarding theft of his motorcycle bearing registration No. JK02BC-2945 from ThandiKhuhi, Vijaypur.



Acting over the complaint, a case FIR No. 56/2024 U/S 379 IPC was registered at PS Vijaypur and investigation started.

During the course of investigation, police has arrested the two accused namely Ankush Choudhary alias Goli, son of Kasturi Lal, resident of Bawa Colony tehsil Vijaypur and Sawan Majotra, son of Tejinder Singh, resident of Vijaypur who upon sustained questioning confessed their involvement in the instant case. Further on their disclosure, stolen bike has been recovered from near AIIMS Vijaypur.

Burglary case solved; 5 arrested, stolen property amounting to Rs 6 lakh recovered

STATE TIMES NEWS
KISHTWAR: District Police Kishtwar have achieved a significant breakthrough in the investigation of a burglary case of a Hardware Store in Kishtwar town. Stolen property amounting to Rs. 6 lakhs has been successfully recovered.

SSP Kishtwar, Abdul Qayoom- while divulging the details said that on 16-04-2024, a written complaint was lodged by one Vikar Ahmed, son of Mohd Irfan, resident of Shahidi Mohalla Kishtwar regarding theft in his Hardware Store situated near ITI Kishtwar on April 12/13, 2024 and April 15/16, 2024 by some unknown burglars. In this regard, an instant FIR 103/2024 under section 457/380 IPC of Police Station Kishtwar was registered, and the investigation was set into motion.

SSP Kishtwar constituted a special team led by SHO PS Kishtwar Insp Firdous Ahmed, assisted by PSI Anil Sharma under the supervision of DySP Hqs Dr. Ishan Gupta. During the investigation, the team ascertained the CCTV footage and interrogated the suspicious persons.

After hectic efforts made by the special team, leads were prevailed, and the main accused, namely Rahul Singh, son of Gopal Singh, resident of Near TRC Kishtwar, was arrested.

During his questioning, he disclosed that he had sold all the stolen property to the accused persons, namely Naseer Elahi, son of Chandi Sheikh, resident of Cherhar; Mohd Hussain, son of Mohd Akbar, resident of Malipeth Kishtwar; Javed Iqbal Sheikh, son of Ghulam Haider Sheikh, resident of Malipeth Kishtwar and Sheikh Aqib Ishtiaq, son of Sheikh Ishtiaq Ahmed, resident of Hudri Kishtwar. Upon revealing the names, they were called at PS where they disclosed that they had purchased the stolen items from the accused and kept them at their shops/residences.

On their disclosure, a police party along with magistrate visited at the spot where stolen property is stored and recovered all the stolen items like, electric motors, water tanks geysers, motorized cutters, sinks, pipe rolls, Paint, showers etc.

SSP Kishtwar has issued a stern warning to all potential burglars and emphasizing the extensive CCTV coverage and round the clock monitoring by specialized teams. The successful apprehension of this gang of thieves underscores the effectiveness of the CCTV surveillance unit of Kishtwar Police.

