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Big, powerful people...

Pointing at seams like 2G and coal gate during UPA rule under Manmohan Singh and Sonia Gandhi, he said, "After looting the resources of the state and the country during the Congress regime, Modi was given the empty 'Chombu', which the prime minister has turned into 'Akshaya Patre' in ten years."

Modi, later addressing a public rally in Bengaluru said that in 2014 and 2019, a strong government was formed with people giving record seats to the BJP, which has made the country strong. India was earlier considered among "fragile five", but today every country in the world wants to strengthen friendship with India and investors want to invest in the country, he said.

India today is among the world's top five economies, he said. India today is not the one that follows, but has become the "first mover". "This has happened in just ten years."

In this election, INDIA bloc leaders are going around with an "old tape recorder," while Modi and his friends are seeking blessings once again with the track record, the prime minister said.

"The Congress and INDI Alliance's focus during the campaign was Modi, his para-vaar, and false allegations about the prime minister, while Modi's focus is on India's development in the 21st century, its prosperity and its global image."

The NDA government is doing record investment in social, physical and digital infrastructure, he said.

Modi said the Karnataka Congress government's only focus is corruption.

Bengaluru's founder Nadaprabhu Kemppegowda had dreamt of a magnificent city, but the Congress government in very less time had ruined the situation here, Modi said. Congress has changed tech city into tanker city, and has left it to the water mafia.

Whether it is agriculture or urban infrastructure, the budget is being cut in every sector in Karnataka, he said, adding, Congress' focus is only on corruption, but not on the issues faced by people of Bengaluru. "Only Central government projects are going at a fast pace in Karnataka."

Highlighting various developmental works undertaken by his government and its benefits for Bengaluru, the prime minister said Congress had tried to create an issue regarding Bengaluru-based defence PSU Hindustan Aeronautics Limited and had tried to defame Modi across India. "But, the same HAL today is achieving record turnover, record profit and record orders."

The Congress and INDI Alliance is "anti technology", he alleged, as he accused Congress had opposed Aadhaar and Jandhan accounts, and had made fun of digital payment, and tried to defame Corona vaccine, among others.

"Modi says that we will make the country a hub for green energy, pharma, electronics, electric vehicles, semiconductors, global innovation, so as to make India a hub for global economy, but Congress and INDI Alliance say that they will remove Modi."

"Modi's guarantee is -- 6G after 5G, we will bring AI, Gaganyaan after Chandrayaan, and they (Congress and INDIA) say that they will remove Modi," he said, calling Congress anti -- youth, investment, tax payer, entrepreneurship and wealth creator.

Stating that attacks happening on our daughters, those listening to bhajans and kirtans in Karnataka, bombs exploding at markets, and these are not common incidents, the prime minister said, "I urge the people of Karnataka and Bengaluru to be alert about Congress." Lok Sabha polls in Karnataka will be held in two phases - April 26 and May 7.

Terrorist hideout busted...

spokesperson said. Two detonators, 12 rounds of AK assault rifle, one each IED enabled tape recorder and calculator, one battery and few connecting wires were recovered from the hideout, he said.



Reasi Senior Superintendent of Police Mohita Sharma said the search operation is still going on in the area and further details are awaited.

Police are committed to neutralise any nefarious designs of anti-national elements, she said.

Inclusive Elections: Absentee...

as part of the broader electoral reforms aimed at ensuring that every eligible voter has the opportunity to participate in the democratic process. The Election Commission of India has made provisions for 'Absentee Voters', enabling those who cannot be present at their polling stations due to professional duties to vote via postal ballot.

LG for ensuring...

the upcoming summer months and progress of key projects and schemes were discussed in the meeting. The meeting was attended by. Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Santosh D Vaidya, Principal Secretary, Finance Department; H. Rajesh Prasad, Principal Secretary, Power Development Department; Dr. Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to the Lt. Governor; and the officials of Jammu and Kashmir Power DISCOMs, Chief Engineers and other senior officers.

Congress spreading lies...

they used it to impose Emergency... we got the majority in 2014 and 2019, we did not use it to remove reservation but to remove Article 370, to build Ram temple... bring CAA... give reservation to women ... we used our majority to remove poverty, to secure the country," Shah said.

"Rahul baba, you should not lie. Even if the Congress party wants to remove SC, ST and OBC reservation... we will not allow it to remove reservation. This is Modi's guarantee. These (Congress) people are spreading lies," he said.

He claimed the Congress has harmed the interest of Other Backward Classes (OBC) the most.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi belongs to the OBC community, Shah said, adding that it was Modi who implemented schemes for various communities among the backward classes.

Shah said Modi worked to give constitutional recognition to the National Commission for Backward Classes.

"We worked to give 27 per cent reservation to OBCs in all central institutions in the country. Modi, under whom respect for the country increased globally, also comes from the OBC community," he said.

Shah said that before the Modi government, there was no scheme in the country for communities such as blacksmiths, tailors, carpenters and boat-makers, but Prime Minister Modi "spent Rs 13,000 crore and connected them with skill development and self-employment schemes".

Targeting Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, he claimed that they go on vacations abroad every three months.

"Priyanka Gandhiji returned from Thailand after a vacation in the middle of the elections," he added.

Shah said voting for Modi meant voting for the creation of "Mahan Bharat".

"Modi fulfilled all promises he made in the last 10 years," he added.

The Union home minister hit out at Congress leaders for not attending the consecration ceremony of the Ayodhya Ram temple, alleging that they were afraid of losing their vote bank.

"The public will never forgive those who did not visit Ram Lalla out of greed for vote bank," he said.

Shah said that during the former UPA government's rule, terrorists used to infiltrate and carry out attacks.

"When the Modi government was formed, terrorists attacked again in Pulwama. They forgot it was not a Congress government anymore but a BJP government and that Narendra Modi is the prime minister. In just 10 days, Modi eliminated terrorists by conducting surgical and air strikes in Pakistan," he added.

"There is peace in Kashmir and the northeast. Naxalism is on the verge of ending. Modi has worked to secure the country and make it prosperous. In 10 years, Modi worked to bring the economy from number 11 to five. Make Modi the prime minister for the third time and India will become the third-largest economy," Shah said.

The Union minister also highlighted the success of the Chandrayaan-3 mission as an achievement of the Modi government.

People rejected Congress...

Secretaries, Shakti Kendra Pramukhs, and Booth Presidents from these organizational Districts attended these Sammelans.

Tarun Chugh, while addressing these Sammelans, said that unprecedented development has taken place under the Modi government. He said that BJP has opened the door of opportunities for the people. He said that every community has got justice under the Modi government and enjoying the benefits of development. He said that the people have seen the rule of Congress and other parties and made up their minds to reject these parties outrightly for misgovernance and promoting dynastic politics. He asked the party cadre to contact every single voter in a door-to-door contact program during these days and appeal to them to vote to strengthen democracy and boost development.

Tarun Chugh directed the Shakti Kendra Pramukhs, and Booth Presidents to devote their whole time of these few days to contacting the voters in their areas. He asked them that they should meticulously plan things to ensure the maximum voting in the favour of BJP's MP candidate from the Jammu-Reasi Parliamentary constituency Jugal Kishore Sharma.

Tarun Chugh asked the party activists to reach out to people and tell them to first vote and then have breakfast on the polling day as it is the foremost duty of every citizen to participate in the democratic process. He asked the party cadre to make a target of a hundred percent voting in their polling stations.

Ashok Koul, while addressing these meetings, asked the party cadre to go through the voter lists and other election-related materials thoroughly and ensure that all the arrangements for the polling day are completed well in advance. He asked the party workers to make sure that every voter gets the beforehand information about their voter slips and the polling stations and encourage them to vote in massive numbers and as early as possible.

BJP defends decision...

"ruined" the region and prefer other parties contesting the elections from the three seats.

"The home minister made it clear that we have to fight together to defeat the dynastic parties who have pushed J&K into a fire. They have ruled J&K for many decades in the past and brought death and destruction in the valley. They (Congress, NC and PDP) are the enemies of Kashmiris because they have been indulging in politics of hatred and they are doing everything to push J&K back to the old days of violence," he said.

Chugh said the fight is between Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who "freed Jammu and Kashmir from the clutches of Article 370", and the three dynastic parties - the Congress, National Conference and PDP - who "exploited" people over the decades under the constitutional provision.

Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said that the issue of BJP not yet declaring candidates on the three Lok Sabha seats in the Kashmir valley is being discussed.

"Best of the people are discussing this and I assure you that whatever is being evaded, will be taken care of soon," he said, adding that the party "has not left any ground".

Meanwhile, the BJP expresses gratitude to people for the massive turn-out in the Kathua-Udhampur-Doda Parliamentary constituency, said Ravinder Raina adding that the party will win the Jammu-Reasi Parliamentary seat with a record margin.

Ravinder Raina, in presence of former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta, former Minister Sat Sharma, former MLA Balwant Singh Mankotia and Office Secretary Tilak Raj Gupta, expressed gratitude to all the voters for voting massively on the 19th of April for the Udhampur-Doda-Kathua Parliamentary Constituency. He said that the people in all Districts voted in massive numbers despite bad weather on the poll day. He said that such massive voting in the harsh weather proves the commitment of the voters, who polled more than 70% votes.

While mentioning all the far-flung areas, he said that people from all these areas showed enthusiastic participation in the polling.

"People have voted massively in the favour of BJP and the party is leading in all these areas. BJP activists have dedicatedly worked for this enthusiastic response and have left no stone unturned and the party is equally thankful to the people and the ground workers", he added.

"The BJP is set to get massive votes in the upcoming polling in the Jammu-Reasi Parliamentary Constituency on 26th April from all the areas, whether rural or urban. There is a massive wave in favour of BJP and the party will score a record victory margin in this Parliamentary Constituency", said Raina while answering a query.

The people have expressed unconditional love and support for the BJP and the party's Parliamentary candidate Jugal Kishore Sharma. This support is clearly visible in the massive rallies by the party leaders in all the parts of this Parliamentary constituency, added Raina.

Raina also said that the BJP has gained a massive organizational base in Jammu as well as Kashmir with all the development initiatives by the Modi government, adding that the BJP has a major political presence in the other Parliamentary constituencies in Jammu & Kashmir now.

217 cases of...

the J&K Legal Services Authority. Appreciating the efforts of all the Judicial Officers, Secretaries DLSA's, Advocates, staff of the district and tehsil courts as well as Legal Services Institutions besides litigants for their whole hearted participation in the Special Lok Adalat and facilitating settlement of cases in such a large number; he also acknowledged the role of Para Legal Volunteers and the media, both print and electronic in creating and spreading awareness amongst the masses about such initiatives of Legal Services Authority.

New criminal justice...

conduct of our society like the criminal law. "India is set for a significant overhaul of its criminal justice system with the upcoming implementation of three new criminal laws...These laws signify a watershed moment for our society because no law affects the day-to-day conduct of our society like the criminal law," he said.

"The enactment of these laws by Parliament is a clear indication that India is changing and on the move, and needs new legal instruments to deal with the current challenges," the CJI said.

Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal, Attorney General R Venkataramani and Solicitor General Tushar Mehta were also present at the conference.

The new laws -- the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and the Bharatiya Sakshya Act -- to completely overhaul the country's criminal justice system will come into effect from July 1.

However, the provision related to cases of hit-and-run by vehicle drivers would not be implemented immediately.

The three laws got Parliament's approval on December 21 last year and President Droupadi Murmu gave her assent on December 25.

Referring to 248th Report of the Standing Committee of the Rajya Sabha on the Bharatiya Sakshya Samhita, the CJI said Indian criminal justice system has struggled to keep pace with the profound technological changes our socio-economic milieu that have radically re-imagined the way in which crimes manifest in the society.

"The BNSS encompasses a holistic approach to deal with crimes in the digital age. It prescribes audio visual recording of search and seizures and the presence of a forensic expert at the crime scene for offences punishable with more than seven years imprisonment.

"The audio-visual recording of search and seizures is an important tool for the prosecution as well as for protecting the civil liberties of citizens. The judicial scrutiny would safeguard the rights of citizens against procedural impropriety during search and seizures," he said.

CJI Chandrachud said we must continuously introspect and protect the privacy of the accused as well as the victim when dealing with digitisation of proceedings and creating digital evidence.

"In the digital age, the data and sensitive information of person's has gained paramount importance. This data can allow us to gain unparalleled efficiency and ease. However, the power which comes with personal data puts a corresponding duty to make systems which are immune to penetration and leakage of the data," he said.

On the challenges of data leak in courts, the CJI said the safety of a person, the stigma attached to an accused, the threat perception of a witness will be compromised if the privacy of the stakeholders is not protected.

"We must inspire public confidence in securing the privacy of our citizens to gain an overall efficiency and trust in the criminal justice system. Technology holds the key to a futuristic court system," he said.

While the new criminal laws create provisions which are synchronised to our times, the CJI said we must also ensure that the infrastructure accompanying these procedures are developed adequately for the country to reap the benefits of the new laws.

"This naturally means that we must heavily invest in capacity building of our forensic experts, conduct training of investigating officers, and invest in our court system. Key provisions of the new criminal law would only produce a positive impact if these investments are made as soon as possible," he said.

CJI Chandrachud said our attention must be focused on improving investigations by allowing for multi-disciplinary investigating teams with law enforcement officers, and domain experts in the field of cyber-crime, and pattern recognition.

"I expect that with the implementation of the new criminal laws, we will discover loopholes and areas which need to be addressed. Such debates would be helpful in enhancing the efficiency of our criminal justice systems. However, the ideological framework at the heart of our analysis must be justice oriented with a civil liberty centric approach which balances the interests of the victim and the accused," he said.

Evaluate, enhance strategies...

Kashmir and Budgam district. The participating officers briefed the IGP Kashmir about the overall security scenario and provided insights into the existing security challenges, the spokesman said.

The discussions encompassed various facets, including intelligence gathering, threat assessments, and emergency response protocols in addition to election preparedness efforts, he said.

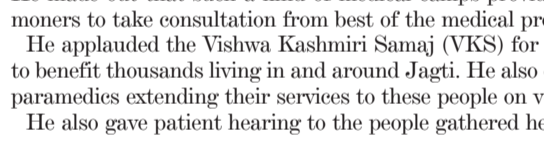
Birdi urged the senior superintendents of police and their counterparts in the CAPF and Rashtriya Rifles of the Army to evaluate and enhance the existing strategies to thwart any potential terror activities, the spokesman said.

He said the necessity of revisiting and fortifying area domination tactics to cover any vulnerable areas was emphasised. He also emphasised strict adherence to the standard operating procedures (SOPs) and stressed upon the officers to increase focus on human intelligence gathering along with technical inputs so as to intensify anti-terrorist operations, the spokesman added.

CS exhorts people to come forward for saturating AB-PMJAY Sehat Scheme

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo on Saturday impressed upon the people to come forward for saturating the AB-PMJAY Sehat Scheme.



Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo inaugurating 2-day multi-specialty medical camp at Jagti.

"Those who have not got their Ayushman Bharat Cards yet should be given such documents aggregately", Atal Dulloo said after throwing open a 2-day multi-specialty medical camp here at the Sub-District Hospital (SDH) at Jagti township here.

The Chief Secretary observed that good health is the greatest blessing for any person and to sustain it one has to be careful.

He made out that such a kind of medical camps provides opportunity to the commoners to take consultation from best of the medical professionals.

He applauded the Vishwa Kashmiri Samaj (VKS) for organizing this camp going to benefit thousands living in and around Jagti. He also commended the medics and paramedics extending their services to these people on voluntary basis.

Ankur Sharma meets conducts door to door campaign in villages of Reasi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

REASI: Ekam Sanatan Party's National President and MP Candidate for Jammu Lok Sabha, Advocate Ankur Sharma contesting MP Jammu Elections on "Bansuri/Flute" election symbol, along with his team members, today visited District Court complex Reasi and met brother lawyers during his political campaign in Reasi.



MP Candidate for Jammu Lok Sabha, Advocate Ankur Sharma during poll campaign at Reasi.

Sharma during his campaign also visited holy shrine Bidde Baba in Reasi, paid obeisance and met hundreds of visitors.

He thereafter conducted a series of public meetings within Reasi and conducted a door to door campaign in Vijaypur area of Reasi town. He instructed party men in Reasi to buckle up and reach every person through all possible means before 24th April which happens to be the last day of campaign in Jammu Lok Sabha. Ankur also addressed two more public gatherings at Nangal and Nomain area of Katra.

Ankur Sharma in his speeches talked about Political Empowerment of Jammu Province, legislation of a law for Holy Cow's protection, Regularisation of Daily Wagers, and grant of ownership rights of Custodial lands and Wakaf lands to its lawful occupants.

Ankur Sharma appealed to vote for Change, for effecting a generational change in leadership and requested everyone to vote in his favour from Jammu Lok Sabha by pressing the "Bansuri" button on EVM.

Pertinent to mention that Advocate Ankur Sharma is contesting Lok Sabha Elections from Jammu Lok Sabha on Ekam Sanatan Bharat Dal's ticket and the party symbol is "Bansuri/Flute".