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Cong tried to give reservation for Muslims from Dalit quota, plans to 'redistribute wealth': Modi

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JAIPUR: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said the Congress has tried to extend reservation on the basis of religion and give it to Muslims, and accused the party again of hatching a "deep conspiracy" to snatch people's wealth and distribute it among a "select" group.

In a blistering attack on the opposition party, he charged that it is difficult to follow one's faith under the Congress rule and even listening to Hanuman Chalisa becomes a crime.

His remarks at an election rally in Rajasthan's Tonk came on the day the country celebrated Hanuman Jayanti.

"Modi is giving you a guarantee that reservation for Dalits and the backward tribals will neither end nor allowed to be divided in the name of religion," he said.

He said the then prime minister Manmohan Singh

had given a speech in which he had said Muslims have the first right on the country's resources.

"This was not a coincidence. This is not a single statement. The Congress ideology has always been of appeasement and vote bank politics.

"As soon as the Congress formed the government at the Centre in 2004, one of the first things it did was to reduce the SC/ST reservation in Andhra Pradesh and give it to Muslims," Modi said.

"This was a pilot project which the Congress wanted to try in the entire country," he charged.

"Between 2004 and 2010, the Congress tried to implement Muslim reservation in Andhra Pradesh four times but due to legal hurdles and the awareness of the Supreme Court, it could not fulfil its intention," he claimed.

"In 2011, the Congress tried to implement it throughout the country. They played the game of snatching away the rights provided to the SC, ST and OBC and giving them to others for vote bank politics," he said.

"The Congress did this deliberately and without caring about the Constitution and B R Ambedkar," he added.

Modi's speech at a rally in Rajasthan's Banswara had triggered a political row Sunday when he referred to the Congress manifesto and charged that the party was set to redistribute people's wealth to "infiltrators" and "those who have more children".

He made a similar remark -- but skipped the direct reference to Muslims - at an Uttar Pradesh rally on Monday. And he returned to the theme in Tonk on Tuesday. The prime minister dared

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Rajouri killing: Search operation for terrorists intensified

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Search operation has been intensified in the Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir to track down the terrorists involved in the killing of a man belonging to the Gujjar community, officials said on Tuesday.

The incident occurred on Monday night when the victim, Mohammad Razaq (40), came out of a mosque in his village Kunda Top under the Thanamandi police station area. Razaq's brother, Mohammad Tahir Choudhary, is a soldier in the Territorial Army, police said.

While Razaq succumbed to his injuries, Choudhary escaped unhurt, they said.

The police, army, and CRPF launched a cordon and search operation (CASO) soon after the incident and intensified the searches in the area with the support of sniffer dogs and aerial surveillance to track down the terrorists, they said.

According to the officials, Tahir could have been the target but his brother got shot.

Vehicles are being thoroughly checked, and people are being subjected to frisking at various checkpoints in the district, they added.

A criminal case has been registered in FIR under sections 302 (murder), 120A (conspiracy to commit an offence), 121B (waging war or attempting to wage war against the Government of India), 122 (collecting arms with the intention of waging war against Government of India), 458 (lurking house-trespass or house-breaking by night after preparation for hurt, assault, or wrongful restraint), the Arms Act, and sections of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) at the Thanamandi Police Station, officials said.

Razaq's father, Mohammad

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LeT terrorists behind killing of Govt employee in Kunda Tope

Police announces Rs 10 lakh reward for sharing information about terrorist

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Police on Tuesday announced a reward of Rs 10 lakh for anyone sharing information about terrorist involved in killing of Govt Employee in Kunda Tope Rajouri.

A man was shot dead by terrorists in Rajouri district on Monday night, officials said.

"Two LeT affiliated terrorist barged into the house of one Territorial Army official in Village Kunda Tope, which is at a distance of around 2Kms from

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Congress destroyed secular fabric of nation: Rajnath

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KHUNTI (JHARKHAND): Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday accused the Congress of destroying the country's secular fabric, and playing politics of dividing Hindus and Muslims.

Addressing a rally at Khunti in favour of BJP candidate and Union minister Arjun Munda, Singh alleged that the grand old party was working against the welfare of the masses.

"Congress destroyed the secular fabric of the nation... But the BJP and Prime Minister Narendra Modi refrain from any discrimination on the basis of religion or caste," he said.

Singh also said that the Congress was "instrumental" in scrapping reservation of SC/STs at Jamia Millia University in New Delhi and the Aligarh Muslim University.

"The PM had made a comment about the

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Seminar on National Education Policy 2020

LG highlights NEP's role in producing creative, innovative human capital for building Viksit Bharat

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

GHAZIPUR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday highlighted National Education Policy's role in producing creative, productive and innovative human capital for building Viksit Bharat while addressing a seminar on 'National Education Policy 2020' organized at Dalimss Sunbeam School Gandhi Nagar, Ghazipur. He also felicitated meritorious students.

In his keynote address on 'Contribution of new National Education Policy

LG Manoj Sinha addressing seminar on 'NEP 2020' organized at Dalimss Sunbeam School Gandhi Nagar, Ghazipur.

(NEP) in Building Developed India', the Lt Governor highlighted the vision and aim of NEP 2020. He said the education policy focuses on nurturing creative potential of students and promotes critical thinking and problem-solving.

"National Education Policy's aim is to prepare individuals who are not only knowledgeable and skilled but develop cognitive capacities and eternal Indian knowledge and ideals for growth of society and to build Viksit Bharat. The policy will impart scientific knowledge, develop the personality of the individual for upskilling and reskilling and open up new opportunities in the future as per the needs of the

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Army Commander reviews counter-terror training of police officers in Bhaderwah

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BHADARWAH/JAMMU: Army Commander Lieutenant General M V Suchindra Kumar on Tuesday reviewed the counter-terror training here and commended the collective efforts of the Army and police towards enhancing operational synergy and interoperability among the forces.

A total of 1,114 police sub-inspectors (PSIs), including 146 females, are undergoing training in guerrilla warfare at the Corps Battle School in Jammu and Kashmir's Bhadarwah area.

The Army commander felicitated outstanding achievers among the trainee PSIs undergoing training since March 18.

During his address, the Army commander emphasised the significance of the joint training programme between the Indian Army and the Jammu and Kashmir Police, commending their collective efforts towards enhancing operational synergy and interoperability among the forces.

He exhorted all ranks to maintain physical fitness as a hallmark of a professional responder to all security challenges.

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India successfully test-fires medium-range ballistic missile

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BALASORE (ODISHA) : India on Tuesday successfully launched a new variant of a medium-range ballistic missile under the aegis of the Strategic Forces Command here, a defence source said.

The launch has proven the operational capability of the Command and validated new technologies. The missile was flight tested from Abdul Kalam island off the Odisha coast and met the required parameters, sources said.

Terror module member tasked to carry out target killings in J&K held in Punjab

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

CHANDIGARH: The Punjab Police has arrested a member of a terror module who was allegedly being handled by Pakistan-based operatives, officials said on Tuesday. The Director General of Police, Punjab, Gaurav Yadav, said preliminary investigations reveal that the accused was tasked to carry out target

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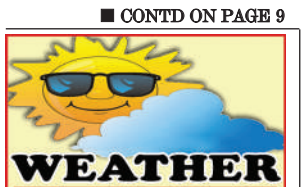

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Humidity
Max : 64 Min: 36
Sunset : 19:06 Hours
Sunrise : 05:51 Hours

CS reviews working, public outreach activities of Information Department

Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo chairing a meeting in Jammu.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on Tuesday took a comprehensive review of the activities being carried out by Information Department regarding its public outreach with authentic information and dissemination of reliable news for the public consumption.

The meeting, besides Administrative Secretary, Information, Rehana Batul and Director Information, Jatin Kishore, was also attended by Special Secretary; Joint Directors, Deputy Directors and other senior officers of the Department.

During this review, the Chief Secretary appreciated the Department for being a reliable and trustworthy source for information dissemination to the public in general and media houses in particular. He further made out that the role of the department becomes

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5 more candidates file nominations for Srinagar LS seat

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: As the process for filing of Nominations by the Contesting Candidates for the General Lok Sabha Elections-2024 is going on, five more Candidates filed nomination papers from 02-Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency in the Office of Returning Officer (RO) 02-Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency here on Tuesday.

The candidates, including Mirza Sajad Hussain Beigh, Jibran Dar, Shahnaz Hussain Bhat and Shamim Ahmad Parray filed their nomination papers as

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Congress sabotaged Jammu's important national projects, denied IB reservation: Dr Jitendra

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh said here on Tuesday that Congress and its allies had sabotaged Jammu's important national projects including Shahpur-Kandi project and Ujh Multipurpose Project which would have irrigated the entire belt of dry land along Samba, Kathua and part of Jammu districts. Both these projects could get activated only after the Modi Govt took over in 2014, he said.

Not only this, the Minister alleged, Congress also denied 4% reservation to the people living along the International

Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh addressing a public meeting in support of BJP candidate Jugal Kishore Sharma at Nud in district Samba on Tuesday.

Border (IB) of this region.

Addressing public meetings at different locations in district Samba, which is going to poll on April 26th, Dr Jitendra Singh while campaigning in support

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BJP won't let Cong touch CAA, no question of changing Constitution or scrapping quotas: Shah

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

AKOLA: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday said the Modi government will never change the Constitution or scrap reservations for Dalits, tribals and OBCs, and asserted as long as the BJP is around, it will not allow the Congress to touch the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA).

Shah noted the BJP-led government used its majority in Parliament to nullify Article 370 (which provided special status to J&K), end terrorism and ban the practice of instant triple talaq, and accused the opposition of creating a false narrative that the saffron party will change the Constitution if it wins more than 400 Lok Sabha seats.

Addressing an election rally in Akola in eastern Maharashtra in support of BJP candidate Anup Dhotre, the BJP stalwart accused the Congress and its allies of putting hurdles in the construction of the Ram temple in Ayodhya.

It was Prime Minister Narendra Modi who ensured that a grand and magnificent temple dedicated to Lord Ram was built in Ayodhya, he said.

Referring to the traditional 'Kavad Yatra' taken out annually in Akola by Lord Shiva devotees, Shah said likewise Modi has embarked on a journey for the country's development.

The BJP's star campaigner sought votes for a third term in office for Modi and said during his next tenure, India will become the third largest world economy, a status which will benefit all sections of society.

Shah attacked Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge over his statement questioning relevance of BJP leaders talking about the Article 370 revocation in states like Maharashtra and Rajasthan.

The Modi government, by removing Article 370, has integrated Jammu and Kashmir with the rest of the country, emphasised the home minister.

For 70 years, the Congress "pampered" Article 370 like an "illegitimate child" and it was Modi who repealed the decades-old constitutional measure in August 2019, he opined.

Further attacking the grand old party and NCP founder Sharad Pawar, who was a minister in the UPA government (2004-14), Shah stressed they failed to effectively tackle terrorism emanating from Pakistan due to vote-bank politics.

However, when Pulwama and Uri terror attacks took place, the BJP government launched surgical and airstrikes to counter terrorism and send out a strong message, noted the home minister.

Shah maintained the Congress wants to bring back Article 370 and restore the practice of instant triple talaq if they come back to power, but "we will not allow this to happen".

He lashed out at Congress leader and former Union minister P Chidambaram over his comments on revoking the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) if the opposition INDIA bloc assumes power. "Chidambaram and

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PDP has become BJP's C-team: Omar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KOKERNAG : The PDP has become the BJP's C-team and people should only look towards INDIA bloc candidates in the Lok Sabha elections to defeat the communal forces, National Conference leader Omar Abdullah said on Tuesday.

Abdullah made the remarks while speaking to reporters after an election rally in south Kashmir's Kokernag.

He said, "We have said from the start. If we have to defeat the BJP in Jammu and Kashmir, if we have to defeat the communal forces trying to spread poison across the country, people should only look towards candidates of the INDIA bloc -- National Conference candidates on three seats of Kashmir and Congress candidates on two seats in Jammu."

The National Conference, People's Democratic Party (PDP) and the Congress are constituents of the opposition INDIA bloc. However, the PDP is contesting the Lok Sabha elections independently while the Congress and the National Conferenece have joined hands for the polls.

Abdullah further said, "The rest have connections with the BJP somewhere -- be it B-team or A-team who hold late-night meetings with (BJP leader) Tarun Chugh or the PDP. (BJP leader) Mushtaq Bukhari has openly announced to cast his vote in favour of (PDP chief) Mehbooba Mufti."

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