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Need 400 seats to stop Opposition from snatching quotas, robbing people: Modi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
AGRA/BAREILLY (UP): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said the opposition parties wanted to win the Lok Sabha elections to bring religion-based reservation while he sought 400 seats to stop them from snatching the quotas of Dalits and Other Backward Classes. At election rallies in Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh, he also pitched himself as the "chowkidar" (watchman) and a "wall" to protect people from alleged Congress plans to "rob" people - either through "redistribution" of wealth or imposition of an inheritance tax - if the INDIA bloc came to power. He suggested that the Congress and the Samajwadi Party intended to give away a chunk from reservation in jobs and education meant for the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other



Backward Classes to their own "vote bank". Modi reminded that then PM Manmohan Singh had in 2006 said the minorities, particularly Muslims, have the "first claim" to the country's resources. "The SP, Congress and their INDI alliance can go to any extent for appeasement... there is uproar in the entire country due to the dangerous intentions of the Congress. The dangerous 'panja' (hand symbol) is going to snatch the rights of

they will take away the job of one and give it to those whom they say have the first right on the country's resources," Modi said. "INDI alliance is seeking votes for changing the Constitution to provide religion-based reservation. I am asking for 400 seats to put a lock on their plans to rob the reservation for the SC, ST and OBC people. I need 400 seats so that no one takes away your rights," he said. The prime minister has been predicting that the BJP-led NDA alliance will reach this mark in these Lok Sabha elections. Mentioning the Yadav, Kushwaha, Maurya, Gurjar, Rajbhar, Teli and Pal communities, he said, "I will never let the Samajwadi Party and Congress snatch away your right to reservation. This is Modi's guarantee," he said in Bareilly. In Agra, he said, "The policy

Encounter breaks out in Baramulla; civilian injured

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: A civilian was injured near the site of a gunbattle between security forces and terrorists in Baramulla district on Thursday, officials said. "An encounter has started at Cheek Mohalla Nowpora in the area of PD (police district) Sopore," the Jammu and Kashmir Police (Kashmir Zone) said in a post on 'X'. During the exchange of fire, a civilian was injured near the site of the encounter, the officials said. They said the civilian, identified as Farooq Ahmad, was rushed to a hospital. The operation is currently underway, they said.

J&K CEO optimistic about increase in voter turnout

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: With the terror threat on the wane and changing dynamics in the Kashmir region, Jammu and Kashmir Chief Electoral Officer Pandurang K Pole is hopeful of a significant surge in voter participation during the Lok Sabha elections in the Valley. The traditional narrative of poll boycotts orchestrated by separatist groups, prevalent for more than three decades, appears to be losing momentum and Pole expressed optimism regarding a manifold increase in voter turnout in the Valley. In an interview with PTI Video, Pole highlighted the current favourable environment created by the proactive engagement of political parties and candidates with the electorate, signalling a potential surge in voter participation. "This time, the overall atmosphere is great and, the way



People want me in J&K for development instead of being in Parliament: Azad

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Chairman Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP), Ghulam Nabi Azad on Thursday said that the people want him to focus in Jammu and Kashmir. "I can't resolve the basic issues of development in Parliament; there you can only fight and demand. But here, if we form the government, we can take decisions on our own, we can develop by our own. That's why I took this decision", Azad said while addressing the public at the road show in Dooru, Anantnag.



DPAP Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad addressing public during road show in Dooru. Azad said he made the decision to concentrate his efforts on addressing the immediate challenges confronting Jammu and Kashmir. "The transformative policies needed to uplift our communities can only be enacted by forming a government,"

he stated. He urged the people to be vigilant against misleading slogans and false promises and questioned the silence of MPs from regional parties in parliament, particularly regarding the matter of Article 370. He said: "Almost all the MPs of two political parties from Kashmir remained silent on Article 370. It was me who stood in parliament and fought for it. While others remained silent, they only exploited people, misled them. They were mum in parliament. I raised

Modi accomplished Congress party's unfinished agenda in J&K: Dr Jitendra

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh said here on Thursday that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had accomplished Congress Party's unfinished agenda in Jammu & Kashmir. In an exclusive interview with "India News" Editor-in-Chief Rana Yashwant, Dr Jitendra Singh said, Article 370 had been included in the Indian Constitution as a "temporary provision", a fact which was emphasised by none less than the then Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru who had responded to Syama Prasad Mookerjee's objections saying "Ye Ghiste



Ghiste Ghis Jayegi". However, Nehru's successors developed a vested interest in the continuance of Article 370 which helped them in establishing dynasty rule generation after generation both in New Delhi as well as

in J&K. By abrogating Article 370, Prime Minister Modi fulfilled a promise which the Congress Party had made to the nation but had backed away from it as it has done in case of many other promises made by it, he said. "People share a bond of heart with Prime Minister Modi for his honest objective outreach providing welfare benefits to the needy without consideration of caste, creed, religion or vote bank", said Dr. Jitendra Singh. Dr Jitendra Singh referred to the change in mindset of people post 5th August 2019 marking the abrogation

Will campaign for father in Baramulla LS seat, say Omar Abdullah's sons
■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: National Conference (NC) vice president Omar Abdullah's sons, Zahir and Zamir, on Thursday said they will campaign for their father who is contesting from north Kashmir's Baramulla parliamentary constituency. Both the sons have been seen attending election campaign meetings of the party with their father across the length and breadth of the valley. "In Sha Allah (God willing), we both will go and campaign," Zahir told reporters when asked if the brothers will campaign for their father. The two

10 new Cyber Cells in each district of Jammu Zone established in 2024 Cyber Cells block 439 calling numbers, 411 phone sets in last 6 months

■ VIVEK SHARMA
JAMMU: A total number of 439 calling numbers and 411 phone sets have been blocked by the Zone Cyber Cell and 10 newly formed Cyber cells in districts in Jammu while Rs 1,96,92,395.00 is put on hold/lien marked and an amount of Rs 71,35,076.00 has been refunded to the victims in Jammu Zone in last six months. Giving brief on Cyber recoveries in Jammu Zone, Additional DGP Anand Jain in an exclusive conversation with STATE TIMES said, "Ten new Cyber Cells at each district were established in the starting months of the year 2024 in Jammu zone to deal with emerging cyber frauds." "The vision behind the formation of these district cyber cells was to ensure



effective and efficient dealing of cyber-crimes in a comprehensive manner at the local level and to help the people at their doorstep, he said. ADGP Jain further said that these district Cyber Cells are performing a commendable job in saving/refunding

defrauded money and saving people from social media frauds. Since the establishment of the district Cyber Cells an amount of Rs.68,34,619.00 is put on hold/lien marked and an amount of Rs. 21,85,702.00 has been refunded to the victims. Regarding social media cases, a number of issues have been resolved. In addition, the amount put on hold/lien marked by the Cyber Police Station, Jammu which is Rs.1,28,57,776.00 and the amount refunded back in the victims' accounts which is Rs. 49,49,374.00 by the tremendous efforts of Cyber Police Station Jammu in past 06 months is appreciable, said ADGP Anand Jain, adding "The officials were trained in two phases for handling cyber-crime cases and further capacity building of these

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