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Congress will disappear from When invited, ready to join NDA in earth like dinosaurs: Rainath broad daylight: AP chief Bukhari earth like dinosaurs: Rajnath

BHAVNAGAR:Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday took a sharp jibe at Congress' "plight", saying the party will disappear from the Earth like dinosaurs.

Addressing a poll rally, he suggested children might not be able to tell about Congress ten years from now.

Campaigning for Bharativa Janata Party (BJP) candidate Nimuben Bambhaniya, Singh also attacked Congress leader Rahul Gandhi over his purported remarks on erstwhile kings.

"They (erstwhile royals) did not usurp people's land but rather offered their princely states for their merger with independent India," Singh

Launching a scathing attack on Congress, Singh said, "From the atmosphere prevailing in the country, I think Congress will be finished this time (in elections)," Singh said.



He claimed that Congress lacked the courage to stand.

"I think when children will be asked ten years from now about Congress......When I see their (Congress') plight, I feel pity. As dinosaurs disappeared from the Earth, the Congress will also disappear," Singh said.

He also raised Rahul Gandhi's remarks on erstwhile kings which were seized by Prime Minister Narendra

"Today, I was listening to a speech by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi. He said there

used to be such kings who used to usurp people's land and give it to others. As far as kings of our country are concerned, they had decided to transfer all their princely states to India on a single appeal made by Sardar

He said force had to be used for only three states-Junagadh, Hyderabad and Bhopal- for their merger (with the Union of India).

Vallabhbhai Patel (the first

home minister)," said Singh.

Singh also targeted Congress over corruption.

serious corruption. But nobody could say that any minister in the governments led by Atal Bihari Vajpayee or Narendra Modi is accused of corruption," Singh claimed.

Terming corruption as a big disease, Singh asked why Congress was accused of graft when it was in power.

Addressing another campaign rally at Anand, the defence minister said due to the work done by the Modi government, the world listens carefully when India speaks at the international forum.

"When I visit other countries, I find a massive change in the people's behaviour and their viewpoint (about India). In the entire world, a perception is created that India is not weak but a strong country," he said.

Singh said the BJP fulfilled the promises mentioned in the manifestos of

'J&K's dynastic parties have now lost even their deceptive narratives'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party (AP) President Syed Bukhari on Sunday said that if invited, the party is ready to join the National Democratic Alliance (NDA).

Replying to questions by media persons on the sidelines of the party convention, Bukhari said, "So far they (NDA) has not included my party into their fold. The day they invite, I am ready; my party has authorised me to join the NDA the day they invite".

Bukhari added that he is not the one who will take such a decision during the night but the day the NDA will be ready, he will be their part. "I will join the NDA in broad daylight", he asserted

He exuded confidence about the April Party supported candidates will win all the three seats of Anantnag-Rajouri, Baramulla and



Apni Party President Altaf Bukhari alongwith senior leaders during party convention held at Muniwar Khanabal in Anantnag on Sunday.

To a question regarding NC President Omar Abdullah asking why he formed the Apni Party, Bukhari said that the party will work to resolve issues being faced the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Earlier, addressing the party conventions held at Muniwar Khanabal, and

Bijbehara in south Kashmir's Anantnag district, Apni Party President Bukhari urged people to use their voting power to reject These events were part of the traditional parties, saying that the deceptions of these parties and their leaders are now exposed in front

of the people. "They have even lost the

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Minister Amit Shah said on

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AWAH (UP): The BJP will

neither remove reservations

deceptive narratives that they would employ to be fool people over the years and decades", he added.

the party's ongoing campaign for the Lok Sabha polls. Bukhari said that the tradi-

tional parties and their leaders can no longer deceive

bers in Parliament to scrap

quotas for Scheduled Castes

(SCs), Scheduled Tribes

(STs) and Other Backward

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StartUps in India grew 300 times in 10 years: Dr Jitendra



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NEW DELHI: "From just about 350 StartUps in the year 2014, StartUps in India grew over 300 times in the last ten years after Narendra Modi took over as Prime

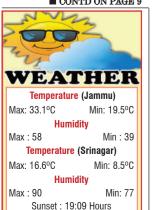
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Ramban land sinking continue: Geological team collects samples STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMBAN: Three day's after massive land subsidence damaged more than 50 houses in Pernote village and a 500-m road stretch between Ramban and Gool, about 100 families have been shifted to safer places in government buildings and a panchayat ghar where they are being provided food, water and bedding, a senior officer said. Meanwhile Geological Survey of India (GSI) team also visited the area and collected samples to know the reason of such a huge land sinking.

More than 50 houses were damaged as a result of a massive land sinking at Pernote area on the Ramban-Gool road since Thursday evening. The sinking led to the destruction of numerous pine trees, electric poles, paths, and water pipes. Consequently, approximately 60,000 residents of the Gool sub-division lost connectivity with the Ramban district headquarters. Affected families,

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Sunrise: 05:46 Hours

interview to a national news agency here on Sunday, Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh said, India today has the 3rd largest StartUp ecosystem globally and is home to the fastest-growing unicorns. For the first time in the history of independent India, Modi as PM made a painstaking and conscious effort to educate the youth of this country that employment is not confined only to a government job and he has promoted new avenues of livelihood which may be more lucrative than a government job, he said. Dr Jitendra Singh said, PM

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JAMMU: Three gangsters of

Abu Jat gang including a

rape accused were arrested

with a country-made pistol in

connection with two separate

Miransahib and R S Pura

area, police officer said on

These gangsters were held

in connection with incident of

firing at a Khajuria Sweets

Shop in Miran Sahib and a

house in R S Pura on late

Saturday evening. Though

no one was hurt, the gunfire

was enough to strike panic

among the residents of the

Sunday.

incidents

Udhampur, search op underway **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: A Village Defence Guard (VDG) member was killed in a gunfight with recently infiltrated terrorists in a remote village in Udhampur district early Sunday, a senior police officer said.

Additional Director General of Police, Jammu zone, Anand Jain, who rushed to the area to supervise the anti-terrorist operation, said a massive search operation is on to track down and neutralize the terrorists who have infiltrated from Pakistan

Three Abu Jat gang members arrested

for firing for ransom; arms recovered

The ADGP said two groups



VDG killed in gunfight with terrorists in

of terrorists are believed to be present in the area after they recently infiltrated from across the border.

Jain led the wreath laying ceremony of slain VDG member Mohd Sharief at Basantgarh police station this evening and saluted his supreme sacrifice for the nation.

Deputy Inspector General of Police, Udhampur-Reasi range, Rayees Mohd Bhat

Police seize residential property used to shelter terrorists STATE TIMES NEWS

PULWAMA: Police on Sunday seized a residential property in Jammu and Kashmir's Pulwama district that was allegedly used to shelter terrorists, a police spokesperson said.

"In a significant move to counter terrorism, police in Pulwama have seized a property worth lakhs under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act," he said.

The single-storey house in the Monghama area was allegedly used by terrorists for shelter and other logistics support, provided by the

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and other officers from police and CRPF also paid floral tributes to the martyr.

"We got information about the presence of terrorists (in $_{
m village}$ Basantgarh) late Saturday night and activated police and VDG members. Because the information was not pinpointed and we have a vast jungle area, the area domination patrols were launched," Jain told reporters after the Sharief's body was dispatched to his home at village Khaned for last rites.

He said one of the parties came under fire while

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ing it a "Modi Classes (OBCs). guarantee".

repeatedly claimed that the BJP's call for "abki baar 400 paar" is aimed at winning 400 seats in the Lok Sabha elections to have the num-

Opposition parties have Speaking at a rally in support of Rajveer Singh, the BJP candidate from Etah-Kasganj, Shah alleged that

'Modi guarantee': BJP will neither remove

reservations nor allow anyone to do so: Shah

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4 killed, 2 missing in road accident in Ganderbal, LG expresses grief

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Four persons died while two others were missing after a passenger vehicle rolled down into Nallah Sindh in the Ganderbal district of Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday, an official said here

Governor Lieutenant Manoj Sinha has expressed grief over the loss of lives in a road accident in Sonamarg. In a condolence message,

the Lt Governor said: "I am deeply saddened to learn about the loss of precious lives in an unfortunate road accident in Sonamarg, Ganderbal today. In this hour of grief, my thoughts are with the bereaved families. Praying for the speedy recovery of the injured. I have issued instructions to the District Administration tance, as provided in rule, to the affected persons".

The official said, a passenger vehicle with nine persons on board skidded off the road and fell into the

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Some countries, Institutions want weak Govt to make easy profits: Modi

who is lodged in Kathua jail,

was the mastermind behind

the firing linked to ransom

Jammu Senior

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Gangsters in police custody at Miran Sahib.

threat,"

Superintendent of

STATE TIMES NEWS

HOSAPETE (KARNATAKA): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday alleged that some countries and institutions want India and its government to be weak to make profits easily.

He alleged that Congress was also a beneficiary of "this

"When the country is moving fast, some countries and some institutions don't like it. There are many people who don't like a strong India. They want the country and its government to be weak, so that they can make profits easily," Modi said addressing a public meeting at this taluka headquarters town in Vijayanagara district.

Weak government helps them get their work done according to their requirements, he said.

"We cracked both the cases

of firing within 15 hours by

arresting three members of

Arun Choudhary alias 'Abu

gang. Investigations

"Congress too was a clear beneficiary of this corruption. This was the game going on but the BJP has become a challenge for them. Their worry is that there is a BJP government which no one can bend," the Prime

He added that those who are aware of the Lutyens Delhi know that before 2014 brokers ruled the roost in the corridors of power.

Hotel suites were booked for years for the lobbyists who would get all their works done through lobbying, Modi

The Prime Minister said there is a cleanliness drive in the corridors of power after



and its allies in clear terms that however much effort you make to stall the BJP, India will be a developed nation,"

worth crores of rupees but

due to his initiatives, the

country has become a big toy

exporter.

He told the gathering that India used to import toys

paign is creating a global market for our products," the Prime Minister pointed out. He blamed the Congress government for allegedly

destroying the seeds of development sowed by the BJP in Karnataka. "The Congress does not work, and stalls all the good work BJP had done," he added.

"We worked to develop industries in Karnataka but the Congress created electricity scarcity in the state after coming to power. Without electricity, industries will collapse. The power scarcity has impacted the industries of Karnataka," Modi alleged. Prime

Minister slammed the Congress for not implementing the Indian Constitution in Jammu and Kashmir. He alleged that the Congress did "injustice" to the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes of Jammu and Kashmir due to Article 370 as they were not getting reservation as per the constitutional provision.

"It is my tribute to Baba Saheb Ambedkar. I

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Amid row, RSS Chief says Sangh always supports reservation



STATE TIMES NEWS

HYDERABAD: RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat on Sunday asserted the organisation has always been supportive of reservation, and advocated for its implementation as long as "discrimination exists," comments that came in the wake of a viral video claiming the Sangh was against the quota system.

The remarks also assume significance Opposition, especially the Congress has mounted an attack against the Rashtria Swayamsevak Sangh and the ruling BJP at the Centre, accusing them of being opposed to reservation.

Speaking at the inauguration of Vidya Bharati Vignana Kendra here, Bhagwat referred to the video in circulation and said it falsely claims the RSS was opposed to reservation. The video shows him as holding a meeting, he said but claimed it never happened.

"RSS has been supporting reservations as per the Constitution since the time it

"The Sangh says that reservation should continue till the time people, to those whom it is given, feel they need it; or, it is given due to social reasons till

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