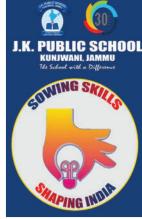
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India shedding remnants of colonial

'Publicly declare support to nine demands of PoJK

DPs or forget our votes': Chuni warns political parties

Isn't J&K integral part of India? Modi on Kharge's remark on Art 370

JALPAIGURI Coming down heavily on Mallikarjun Kharge, without mentioning him by name, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said the Congress President thinks Article 370 has nothing to do with other states.

"Is Jammu and Kashmir not an integral part of the country? This reflects their divisive mindset. It was Syama Prasad Mookerjee, a Bengali, who fought against Article 370 and gave his life for the cause," said Modi while addressing a mega rally in Jalpaiguri.

Mallikarjun Kharge recently objected to raising the issue of the abrogation of Article 370 by BJP leaders during poll campaigns in other states

At a rally in Bihar, he further pointed out that security personnel from all over the country, including Rajasthan and Bihar, have laid down



Cong hostile towards Sanatan Dharma

Nawada (Bihar): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday launched a blistering attack on the opposition Congress, charging that its poll manifesto bore the imprint of Muslim League and utterances of its leaders betrayed hostilty towards national integrity and Sanatan Dharma.

Addressing a rally in Nawada district, his second in Bihar n 72 hours, Modi also recounted the 'jungle raj' that prevailed when the state was ruled by the Congress-RJD combine showering praises on his ally Nitish Kumar and ailing BJF colleague Sushil Kumar Modi for turning things around as Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister respectively.

"The manifesto that the Congress has released bears the mprint of the Muslim League. It has not released a poll manfesto but a declaration of appeasement (tushtikaran patra), alleged Modi. In an apparent reference to controversial remarks of Karnataka MP D K Suresh, ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

in Jammu and Kashmir, and "their bodies have reached their native places wrapped in tricolour"

"The INDIA bloc talks a lot about the Constitution. Their leaders should tell the people why they could not implement the Samvidhan of Baba Saheb Ambedkar fully in Jammu and Kashmir. Why did it take a Modi to do so?" asked the PM.

The Prime Narendra Modi alleged that the TMC desires a free license for corruption and violence in West Bengal, which is why central agencies investigating such cases face attacks in the state.

Modi also claimed that "TMC's syndicate Raj" prevails in West Bengal, and the party is only interested in protecting its corrupt leaders. "The TMC government seeks to have a free pass for looting and terror in

Woman killed, 5 injured in multi-vehicle crash

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KATHUA: A 41-year-old woman was killed and five people, including her husband, were injured in a multiple-vehicle collision in Kathua district on Sunday, a police official said.

The accident took place at Dayala Chak along Jammu-Pathankot highway apparently due to over-speeding by two passenger buses, the official said.

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J&K Police warns of fraudster posing as DGP

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Police on Sunday asked people to remain vigilant against a person posing as Director General of Police R R Swain and demanding money over the phone.

The police said efforts are being made to identify the person and legal action is

"This is to convey (to) fellow police officers, colleagues from other government

past, witnessing cultural revival: LG



LG Manoj Sinha speaking at the release function of 'Sanatan Navsamvatsar Digdarshika published by Kusum Mohale Smriti Sanatan Nyas, Varanasi.

STATE TIMES NEWS

VARANASI: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday said that India is shedding the remnants of colonial past and we are witnessing a cultural revival.

"It has filled people's hearts with pride and citizens are committed to justice, liberty, equality and dignity. The ideals and values of our founding fathers will continue to inspire us and help us to overcome every obstacle to build a promising future",

the Lt Governor said while addressing a Seminar on Culture, and applauded the efforts of Smriti Sanatan Nyas to create positive social change.

Earlier, 'Sanatan Navsamvatsar Digdarshika' published by Mohale Smriti Kusum Sanatan Nyas, Varanasi.

In his key note address, the Lt Governor highlighted the ancient Indian value system and timeless culture. He said different religions, languages, literature and customs have always strengthened the spirit of brotherhood and agenda of social equity.

He called upon social organizations, scholars and other stakeholders to selflessly contribute to uphold the values of eternally relevant ideals of Sanatan culture and work towards building an egalitarian society.

"We are inheritors of India's rich cultural and

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14 places identified as 'drug hot spots' in Jammu, efforts on to wipe out drug menace: SSP

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JAMMU: Fourteen locations have been identified as 'drug hot spots' in Jammu, police on Sunday said, highlighting various efforts aimed at eliminating the drug menace in

Senior Jammu Superintendent of Police (SSP) Vinod Kumar said that 71 cases related to the Narcotic Drugs and Substances Psychotropic (NDPS) Act were registered and 85 peddlers arrested along with large quantities of contraband substances, primarily heroin, so far this

"We have identified 14 loca-Police attaches properties

of 3 proclaimed

offenders worth crores

SRINAGAR: The Jammu

and Kashmir Police on

Sunday attached properties

worth crores of rupees

belonging to three pro-

claimed offenders based in

"The police in Baramulla,

after obtaining an attach-

ment order passed by Sub

Judge Uri attached proper-

ties (30 Kanals and 15

Marlas land worth crores

belonging to proclaimed

offenders who have exfiltrat-

ed to PoJK/Pakistan," a

Man booked under PSA

for criminal activities

REASI: A criminal was

booked under stringent

Public Safety Act (PSA) in Reasi district on Sunday,

Jaswinder Singh alias

"Sundri", a resident of

Katra's Sarna area, was arrested on the orders of dis-

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trict magistrate,

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police spokesperson said.

Pakistan, officials said.

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tions as drug hot spots in the city and carried out 85 raids at these places besides increasing the presence of manpower. These locations were also brought under

increased surveillance of district special branch officials," the officer told reporters He said that 13 notorious drug peddlers were booked stringent Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Drugs Narcotic Psychotropic Substances

(PIT NDPS) Act in the past

three months compared to a

total of 24 last year. "We have

launched a two type ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

INDI Alliance collapsed in J&K against face of Modi's progressive vision: Chugh

JAMMU: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh, who is also party Incharge of J&K, on Sunday said that in view of the development and peace agenda of Prime Minister Narendra Modi the entire agenda of INDI Alliance has fallen flat in J&K.

In a statement, Chugh said all the three parties, National Conference, PDP and Congress, have fallen apart in J&K after claiming to be part of INDI Alliance.

Only BJP would be steering J&K forward in the forthcoming elections under the leadership of PM Modi whose vision and policies have given a new face to the Union terriChugh said INDI Alliance is a hoax

being played on the country whereas In J&K, a new chapter has been writ-



ten under which Pak-sponsored terrorism has been replaced by

opment and progress.

Modi-guided tourism and allround development of the Union Territory, he added. He said soon Abdullahs, Muftis

and Congressmen will be at each other's throat as elections draw

As it is the NC and the PDP have announced to contest individually in the Valley and Congress is fighting a handedly in Jammu, he said.

"Their defeat is writing on the wall in the coming days", BJP National General Secretary

Women SOG team deployed in Jammu ahead of LS elections STATE TIMES NEWS checking in different parts of

JAMMU: A small contingent of women personnel of the Special Operations Group, a specially-trained counterinsurgency force of the Jammu and Kashmir Police, has been deployed in Jammu ahead of Lok Sabha elec-

Voting for the Jammu parliamentary seat will be held on April 26 in the second phase of elections.

The eight-member team, fully equipped with automatic weapons and bullet-proof vests, can be seen carrying out patrolling duties in an armoured vehicle and conducting searches and vehicle

the city. "The contingent had under-

gone rigorous training for three months before being deployed on the ground. They are assigned the task of routine motor vehicle checking, area domination and patrolling," highway Superintendent of Police (operations), Kameshwar Puri said.

He said they are being deployed on the directions of the senior officers and the team will augment the strength of the SOG on the ground. "This is an example of women empowerment

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CEO visits Ganderbal; reviews preparations for Parliamentary Polls



CEO, J&K P K Pole during visit to Ganderbal on Sunday.

STATE TIMES NEWS GANDERBAL:

Electoral Officer (CEO). Jammu and Kashmir, P K Pole on Sunday conducted a thorough review of preparations being put in place for the forthcoming Lok Sabha Elections 2024 in Ganderbal during his visit to the dis-

The purpose of the visit was

to assess readiness of the district administration for the electoral process.

On the occasion, the CEO chaired a meeting of the Nodal Officers and AROs, wherein District Election Officer (DEO), Shyambir, presented the comprehensive plan details of major components of the election preparedness through PowerPoint Presentation. He informed that all arrangements for ensuring free and fair elections in the district have been made. The CEO took a detailed

review of critical CONTD ON PAGE 9

Venugopal reviews Cong's election campaign in Udhampur, Jammu LS seats

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: All India Congress Committee (AICC) general secretary K C Venugopal on Sunday reviewed the organisational activities and the party's election campaign in Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur and Jammu Lok Sabha constituencies, a party spokesman said.

Venugopal took stock of the campaign in a virtual meeting with Jammu-based AICC coordinators Ravinder Sharma and Naresh Gupta, who shared the grassrootlevel feedback about the

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Azad for focus on development in Parliament; rejects division by religion or caste

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UDHAMPUR: Democratic (DPAP). Azad Party Ghulam Nabi Azad on Sunday emphasized the necessity for vocal representation in Parliament.

While addressing a public meeting in Udhampur, Azad highlighted the importance of elected members actively voicing the concerns of the people and driving impactful legislative measures.

He stated, "Parliament requires voices that resonate with the needs and aspirations of the populace, not those that remain silent or



meeting in Udhampur on Sunday.

Azad called for unity among voters, urging them not to elect MPs based solely on religious or caste.

divisive factors and instead focusing on candidates' qualifications, integrity and commitment to public service.

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Congress denied district status to Billawar, cancelled Dogra Certificate: Dr Jitendra

STATE TIMES NEWS

BILLAWAR: Minister and BJP candidate for Udhampur- Kathua-Doda Lok Sabha constituency, Dr Jitendra Singh alleged on Sunday that Congress party had deliberately denied district status to Billawar.

Not only this, the same Congress also cancelled the Dogra Certificate and deprived youth of this belt from the option of getting livelihood as per their inherent aptitude and capacities, Dr Jitendra said. The same Congress leaders are today shedding crocodile tears for Dogras, he said, adding that the memory of Dogras is not so short as to have forgotten what the Congress did to them and their revered Dogra ruler Maharaja Hari



Addressing public meeting today, Dr Singh said, BJP had always been in favour of a separate hill district status for Billawar even when it was in the opposition.

Dr Jitendra said, in the BJP's organisational structure, a separate hill district comprising of Billawar, Basohli and Bani regions was carved out nearly two decades back and since then in the BJP hierarchy there is a separate district President for Kathua and a separate district President for the hill district of Billawar region.

Dr Jitendra recalled that District Reorganisation Committee

Congress led coalition government, BJP as opposition party had reiterated this demand but the ruling Congress government carved out ten districts each for Jammu Province and Kashmir Province without following any laid down or transparent parameters

While in the Kashmir valley even small districts were further divided into two or three smaller districts, in the Jammu province the visibly large district of Kathua was allowed to remain the same and BJP's demand for a separate hill district was ignored, he said.

Dr Singh accused the Congress and its allies of following a policy of appeasement and regional discrimination, as a result of which the district status for Billawar was deliberately denied. He said, it is an irony that for several years, Congress MLAs elected from this region were part of the government as Ministers but they too did not take up this

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PDP names candidates for 3 Valley seats, fields Mehbooba against Azad in Anantnag

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Peoples Democratic Party President Mehbooba Mufti will contest the Lok Sabha polls from the Anantnag-Rajouri against DPAP President Ghulam Nabi Azad, making the newly carved out constituency the most high-profile contest in Jammu and Kashmir in these elections.

The National Conference has fielded influential Gujjar leader Mian Altaf Ahmad from the seat and the Apni Party has named Zaffar Iqbal Manhas. The BJP has not announced its candidate

PDP Parliamentary Board Chief Sartaj Madni on Sunday announced the party candidates for the three seats of Kashmir. The party's President vouth wing

Waheed Parra will contest the polls from Srinagar and former Rajya Sabha member Mir Fayaz from Baramulla.

The candidates were announced by the party at a press conference addressed by Mufti and Madni. They said the PDP will support the Congress on two Jammu region seats of Udhampur Asked if the Congress will

reciprocate in Kashmir, the PDP president said she was not extending support to the national party on quid pro quo basis. "We have decided to support the Congress for the larger fight to save the Constitution and democra-

"But I would appeal to not only Congress workers but NC workers also to

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