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Article 370 history...

across the border are being threatened, they claimed.

Former Deputy Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir Kavinder Gupta said, "Kashmir is of India and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir belongs to India too. We will fight to bring back Pakistan-occupied Kashmir."

In this rally, former MLC Ramesh Arora said, "So many brave sons of this soil were martyred in 1947, when there was an attack in the POJK area on 22nd October 1947. Now China has also occupied the parts of POJK along with Pakistan. China's interference is increasing day by day. Recently, a suicide bomber blew himself up and killed some Chinese citizens in Pakistan. The Pakistani Army is being very harsh on the Baloch rebels. Our point is that people from POJK have said from time to time that they want to be with India."

He further said, "Our resolution of 1994 is very clear. It says that the only dispute between India and Pakistan is that we want to take back the POJK illegally occupied by Pakistan. The maximum number of refugees from the POJK have settled in Jammu only. So today we have organized a rally to pay homage to all the martyrs of the 1947-1948 war. Thousands of people were martyred at that time. We hereby resolve to walk on the path shown by the 1994 resolution and I am sure that the times will change and the POJK will be a part of India soon."

Army's Vice Chief...

Pallanwala sectors of the Crossed Swords Division to review the security situation and operational preparedness.

The vice chief of the Army appreciated efforts of the formations in maintaining security with a robust anti-infiltration grid, the spokesman said.

Top LeT 'Commander'...

hybrid terrorist, involved in the killing of a civilian Satish Kumar Singh on April 13, 2022 at Kakran area of Kargil. After this attack said terrorist was categorised.

The IGP termed this operation as a big success and congratulated the joint team for conducting successful operation and eliminating the top wanted Pakistani terrorist Haider.

Incriminating materials, arms and ammunition including 01 Ak-56 with 4 Magazines, 01 Pistol with a Magazine, 01 UBGL, 01 Pouch and ID Cards of LeT were recovered from the site of encounter. All the recovered materials have been taken into case records for further investigation.

In this regard, a case under relevant sections of law has been registered and investigation has been initiated.

Value of vote...

legislative assembly, while Ladakh will be governed directly by the Centre.

The government had announced that elections to the legislative assembly would be held after the completion of the delimitation of assembly constituencies.

Last week, the Delimitation Commission for Jammu and Kashmir notified its final order in which it has recommended a 90-member House for the newly carved out union territory. But it may take some time to have an elected House in place in the UT.

It is not for the first time that legislators of a state assembly will not be able to participate in the presidential elections.

In 1974, the 182-member Gujarat Assembly was dissolved in March following the Navnirman Andolan and could not be constituted before the presidential election in which Fakruddin Ali Ahmed was elected.

However, Jammu and Kashmir will not go unrepresented in the presidential elections as members of Lok Sabha will be eligible to exercise their franchise to elect the First Citizen of the country.

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presidential election.

The value of vote of a Member of Parliament for the first Presidential election in 1952 was 494. It increased marginally to 496 in the 1957 presidential election, followed by 493 (1962), 576 (1967 and 1969).

The presidential elections were held in 1969 due to the death of President Zakir Hussain on May 3, 1969.

In the 1974 presidential election, the value of vote of an MP was 723. It has been fixed at 702 for the presidential elections from 1977 to 1992.

President Ram Nath Kovind completes his term on July 24, and his successor has to be elected before that.

By holding bypolls to the Rajya Sabha and state legislative assemblies, the Election Commission is trying to fill up vacancies to complete the Electoral College which elects the president.

Panic gripped Bishnah...

resident of Mehmoodpur village in Bishnah, stated, "This is very dangerous, we have a public school nearby, locals park their vehicles here. Children come here to play every day. This fire wouldn't have stopped if police officials and firefighters wouldn't have reached on time."

Girl among 4...

get out of it but it is surprising that no action is being taken against drug-peddlers who are responsible for our present condition," they pleaded. Seeking Police action against all those who thrashed them, the addicts alleged that police is also interested in taking action only against drug-addicts and is least concerned about those who are spreading this poison in the society. "If action can be taken against addicts possessing a small quality of drugs for his or her use, then who is stopping Police to book those big fishes who are in possession of huge quantity of drugs. It clearly shows that Police is also hand in glove with drug-peddlers," they alleged.

Taking cognizance of the matter, Police shifted drugs-addicts to rehabilitation centre Roop Nagar and rounded-up some locals for interrogation. Pertinent to mention here that the area is notorious for open sale of drugs and despite receiving complaints at almost regular basis, no action has been taken by the Police against drug-peddlers active in locality.

Modi now template...

places, meeting ordinary families, sharing ordinary experiences, and doing all this by ordinary means.

Narendra Modi has done so with greater frequency and perseverance than any politician in the past 75 years, he said, adding that before the 2014 and the 2019 polls, there had been no mandate for hope; and no mandate that was simply a reward for tested performance.

Noting that no party had won majority in Lok Sabha since 1984 till 2014, he said parties and prime ministers won majorities between 1952 and 1984 on the basis of the goodwill of the freedom movement, family legacy, anger against the incumbent (1977), a mix of fear and sympathy (1984) with appeasement, sectional prejudice, vote bank mobilisation and empty sloganising like Garibi Hatao' of 1971.

Everybody now recognises that the 2014 polls marked the most decisive shift in the history of Indian politics, Shah wrote.

With Modi's appeal being seen as a major factor in the BJP's win in state polls, including the recent phase of five assembly elections, he said the prime minister embraces state campaigns, issues and idioms.

He is not just an add-on, or a mascot flown in for a few events and rallies. He complements the deep understanding of local politics and concerns that state BJP units and leaders bring to the table. This is very different from the supposed national leaders of other parties. They are fly-in, fly-out visitors with no sense of the ground reality, the home minister said.

He informed them that he had impressed upon the local administration to maintain a closer coordination and rapport with public representatives and the citizens.

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Modi has the precious gift of personal connection with every state and region, he added, noting that one must go back to his years before 2001 to understand it and to his untiring Bharat Yatra of that period with a watchful eye, a listening ear and an open mind. That tapasya was his real-life university.

The prime minister's experiential learning is his cognitive base, giving him an enormous understanding of the country as a bottom-up, rather than top-down, imposed-from-above and Delhi-centric, national leader; Shah said.

Modi's measures as prime minister for distributing cooking gas cylinders among households and building toilets as part of the Swachh Bharat Mission stemmed from this understanding, he added. His absolute involvement in the party and commitment to its growth has not diminished a bit after assuming the top executive post, Shah said, asserting that he has not sacrificed party interests for tactical gains in the government but in fact sees them as symbiotic. It was Modi who advised him to use technology and begin the BJP membership drive on the basis of a missed call, Shah said, recalling the prime minister's suggestions when he as the then party president had gone to him regarding the exercise in 2015. Modi's immediate response was if the party did it in the old-fashioned way, it will serve no purpose as it will easily and lazily enroll more and more members from areas where it was already strong, Shah said. The missed call idea was part of a strategy to reach out to silent BJP supporters who was attracted to the party but did not know how to physically interact with its members and sign up, he said.

In terms of membership numbers, the campaign made the BJP the largest party in any democracy. It galvanised our expansion into regions and among communities that had so far been harder to access, he wrote. The home minister concluded his chapter Democracy, delivery and the politics of hope in the book with an assertion that Modi is far from done. The decade has just begun. Watch for where it takes Narendra Modi, where Modi takes the BJP; and where the BJP and Modi take India, he said. 'Modi@20' is an anthology edited and compiled by BlueKraft Digital Foundation, and is a compilation of chapters authored by eminent intellectuals and domain experts, Rupa Publications have said, adding that it attempts a definitive and expansive exploration into the fundamental transformation of Gujarat and India over the last 20 years due to Modi's unique model of governance.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, NSA Ajit Doval, psychologist Pradeep Gupta, noted badminton player P V Sindhu, banker Uday Kotak, economist and former Niti Ayog head Arvind Panagariya, leading cardiologist Devi Shetty and Infosys co-founder Nandan Nilekani are among the contributors to the book.

2 teenage boys...

in Ramban town, Station House Officer (SHO) Ramban Sandeep Charak said.

He said Parwinder Singh (16) and Nitish Kumar (15), both residents of Diargali-Rajgarh, had gone for a bath in the river and slipped into deep waters on Sunday afternoon.

Local volunteers immediately launched a rescue operation and were promptly joined by police teams but there was no trace of the boys even after several hours, the officer said.

Two hybrid terrorists...

near Wular Vantage Aragan on Saturday, a police official said.

He said while conducting searches of pedestrians and vehicles, two individuals were observed moving suspiciously in a car who tried to conceal their identity on seeing the naka party. On being challenged, the suspicious persons tried to break the checkpoint and were tactfully apprehended, the official said. He identified them as Abid Ali and Faisal Hassan Paray - both residents of Herpora Achan Pulwama. During search of the both individuals and the vehicle, incriminating materials, arms and ammunition including an AK-47 rifle, two magazines with 30 live rounds, a pistol, a pistol magazine with four live rounds and four pistol fired cases were recovered, the official said. The vehicle used in the commission of the crime was seized, he added. A case has been registered and further investigation is in progress, the official said. Police say hybrid' terrorists are sympathetic to the militant cause and are radicalised enough to carry out targeted attacks as tasked by their handlers and then slip back into normal work, waiting for the next assignment.

PM introduced new political culture in country: Dr Jitendra

J&K reports 10 fresh COVID cases, one in Ladakh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SITAMARHI (BIHAR): Union minister Jitendra Singh on Sunday said the BJP under Prime Minister Narendra Modi has sought to introduce a new political culture in the country, rising above considerations of vote bank politics or subjective preferences.

The latest evidence of this, he said, is the inclusion of Sitamarhi under the Centre's aspirational district programme purely on the consideration that it deserved a special attention for its growth and development in certain sectors.

200 vehicles booked, 32 seized for MV Act violations

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

REASI: To keep a check on traffic violations, District Police Reasi under supervision of SSP Amit Gupta carried out a special checking drive during which 200 vehicles were booked while 32 others were seized for different violations of Motor Vehicles Act.

As per details, teams from Police Stations Pouni and Ransoo laid surprise Nakas and booked 85 vehicles for various traffic violations and seized 6 vehicles found plying without documents. Police Station Reasi booked 57 Vehicles for MV Act violations and seized 17 vehicles. Teams from Police Station Katra laid special Nakas in Katra and booked 25 vehicles. Similarly, Police Station Arnas seized 8 vehicles plying without documents and booked 20 others for MV Act violations. In Mahore and Chassana, 13 vehicles were booked and one was.

While sharing details, SSP Reasi conveyed that aim of drive was to curb the practices of stunt biking, triple-riding and riding without helmet. He appealed to the parents for not allowing under-age children to drive vehicles besides briefing them about safety measures.

Drug-peddler nabbed with contraband

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

PULWAMA: Continuing efforts to eradicate drug menace, Police arrested a drug peddler in Pulwama and recovered contraband substance from his possession.

As per details, a team from Police Station Pulwama at a checkpoint established near Govt Girls Hr. Sec. School Pulwama intercepted a vehicle (Tata Magic Auto) bearing registration number JK13B-5184 driven by one Salman Ahmad Mir, son of Mohd Abdullah, resident of Teighar, Pulwama. On search, 5 bottles of Codeine Phosphate was recovered from his possession. The accused was arrested and shifted to police station where he remained in custody. The vehicle was also seized. FIR No. 119/2022 under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Pulwama.

Abducted girl rescued, accused arrested

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PULWAMA: Police has recovered an abducted girl and arrested accused involved in crime on Sunday.

As per details, a complaint was lodged at Police Post Lassipora by one Nazir Ahmad Mochi alleging that his daughter was kidnapped by one Sohail Ahmad Wani, son of Mohd Sultan Wani, resident of Zasoo. Accordingly, FIR No. 38/2022 under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Litter and investigation started. During investigation, the police teams raided various suspected locations and after strenuous efforts, arrested kidnapper and recovered kidnapped girl from Tahab area of Pulwama. After fulfilling all medico-legal formalities, the girl was handed over to legal heirs. Further investigation is going on.

73 bovines rescued, five smugglers arrested

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UDHAMPUR: In a drive against bovine smuggling, Jammu Police has rescued 73 bovine animals in Jammu on Sunday besides arresting five smugglers.

As per details, 23 bovines were rescued by a team of Police Station Jhajjar Kotli while 50 bovines were rescued by teams from Police Station Nagrota during Naka checking at Sukegarh and Ban Toll Plaza. Moreover, two vehicles bearing registration numbers JK02AE 7811 and JK02AM 7833 were seized by Police Station Jhajjar Kotli while five vehicles bearing registration numbers JK02CU-8117, JK14F 7718, JK13F 5044, JK01AL 4327 and JK02AM 2966 were seized by Police Station Nagrota. Accordingly, FIR No.80/2022 and FIR No.81/2022, under sections 188 of IPC, 11 of PCA Act were registered at Police Station Jhajjar Kotli against two accused, who were arrested. Also five FIRs No.183/2022, 184/2022, 185/2022, 186/2022 and 187/2022 all under sections 188 of IPC and 11 of PCA were registered at Police Station Nagrota and three accused were arrested, who were later identified as Mohd Khalid, son of Mohd Gaggar, resident of Pahalgam Anantnag (Driver); Maqsood Ahmed, son of Mohd Rustum, resident of Raipur, Jammu city (Driver) both arrested by Jhajjar Kotli, Mohd Ishaq, son of Abdul Gani, resident of Hind Chachwa Gool, Muntaz, son of Syeda, resident of Kukar Nag and Mohd Rafiq, son of Mohd Hussain, resident of Poni, Reasi, all arrested by Police Station Nagrota.

The overall arrests and recoveries were made by SHO Jhajjar Kotli Insp Vikram Sharma and SHO Nagrota Insp Vishav Pratap Singh under the supervision of SDPO Nagrota Pardeep Kumar.

Absconder evading arrest for 17 years arrested

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JAMMU: Police on Sunday arrested an absconder evading arrests for last 17 years.

As per details, information was received at Police Station Bahu Fort regarding an absconder namely Vipan Bhoot, son of Romesh Chander, resident of Shakti Nagar, who was evading his arrest since 2005 i.e., 17 years in FIR No. 231/2003 registered under sections 341/323 of RPC and 4/25 of Arms Act at Police Station Bahu Fort. On this, special police teams under the supervision of SDPO East Syed Zaheer Abbas Jafairi were constituted and a team led by SHO Bahu Fort Insp Nayat Ali, after putting in strenuous efforts, arrested the absconder. Pertinent to mention here that a warrant under section 512 of CrPC was also issued against absconder by the Court.

Man held with 15 lts illicit liquor

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMNAGAR: In its decisive action against consumption/production of illegal liquor menace, a team of Ramnagar Police Station on Sunday arrested a man and seized 15 lts illicit liquor from his possession.

As per details, during Naka checking, a team of Ramnagar Police Station under the supervision of SDPO Dr Bhisham Dubey and led by Incharge Police Post Dudu