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and Kashmir over the past couple of days, triggering landslides at many places and raising the level of water bodies. At least two dozen residential houses were also damaged in Kishtwar and Ramban districts.

In the Poonch district, four school children and two women were rescued by locals after they were left stranded due to flash floods in a stream when they were attempting to cross at Kalar Modia village in the Mendhar area on Monday evening, they said. With the improvement in weather conditions on Tuesday, the officials said the restoration work on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway was intensified to ensure its early opening for vehicular traffic.

The traffic on the 270-km highway, the only all-weather road linking Kashmir with the rest of the country, was suspended from both the twin capital cities of Jammu and Srinagar on Monday following landslides, mudslides and shooting stones at several places including Mehar, Panthiyal, Moum Passi and Kishtwari Pather.

## Ramban land subsidence..



CS Atal Dulloo reviewing relief, restoration measures of Ramban land sinking.

concerned officers in person and virtually.

The Chief Secretary enquired from the divisional and district administrations about the relief and restoration measures being carried out by them for the affected population. He asked about the status of transit accommodations provided to the families relocated in Pernote area of Ramban district. He asked for making adequate arrangements of bedding, food, drinking water, electricity, medical aid, sanitation and other amenities at the transit accommodations. He called for making joint efforts to bring immediate relief to the affected people as per the norms of the government.

He also sought inputs from the divisional and district administrations about the status of services operational in the affected area. He asked the officers to explore the possibility of establishing road link with the cut-off areas on war-footing basis for ensuring smooth supplies besides catering to medical emergencies.

The Chief Secretary took stock of the damage caused to power and water infrastructure besides assessing the status of health services and ration distribution through different healthcare facilities and Fair Price shops respectively in the area. He called upon the concerned to take up requisite steps to restore the infrastructure simultaneously making alternative arrangements till its full restoration.

The meeting also held deliberations on rehabilitation of the affected population. The Divisional Commissioner and concerned DC were tasked to prepare a proper rehabilitation plan considering the ground situation. They were even asked to take SDRF and Red Cross on-board for providing instant succor to the displaced people.

The local administration informed about the measures being taken for the affected people. It was informed that around 90 families having nearly 413 souls have been relocated by the administration in safer locations. Besides, transit accommodations were established at three locations including Panchayat Ghar and two community halls situated in village Pernote.

It was also revealed that the arrangements for movement of Light Motor Vehicles (LMVs) to and from Gool Sub-District have been done via Mahore, Reasi besides establishment of a reliable link will also be done at the earliest.

Moreover, it was informed in the meeting that the administration is carrying out study of the area through Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) and Geological Survey of India (GSI), to ascertain the causes behind the land sinking in Ramban and recommend the preventive measures thereof.

## Threat of flood..

kept rising for a few hours and crossed the flood declaration mark at Pampore in Pulwama and Ram Munshi Bagh in Srinagar early Tuesday. But it has started to recede.

Meanwhile, the water level in river Jehlum late at night also crossed the flood declaration mark at Sangam in Anantnag district but when the rains stopped around 11.00 pm, the water level is receding now, officials said.

Incessant rainfall since Friday have caused the water bodies in Kashmir to swell with the Pohru Nallah in the Kupwara district overflowing the banks, resulting in flash floods in the frontier district.

National Conference leader Omar Abdullah visited the flood-affected areas in Kupwara and urged the government to compensate the losses suffered by the victims of the deluge in the area.

"It seems we have not learned any lessons from 2014. The climate is changing. Places like Dubai, which is a desert, received rainfall equivalent to 18 months in just one day. We will have to change ourselves according to the changing climate," he said.

"Besides providing compensation to the victims, the government should take measures to effectively deal with such eventualities," he said.

People's Conference leader Sajad Lone also visited the flood-affected areas of Kupwara and Handwara.

Abdullah and Lone are contesting elections from the Baramulla Lok Sabha constituency which is going to polls on May 20.

Many low-lying areas in Kashmir including Srinagar have been inundated by the accumulation of rainwater even as authorities tried to pump out the water.

Roads in many areas across the valley are waterlogged, causing problems for motorists.

Authorities in Kashmir closed all schools in the valley on Tuesday as a precautionary measure and the University of Kashmir has postponed all exams scheduled for the day.

## Woman jumps into..

However, some locals acted swiftly and rescued her. She was seriously injured and rushed to a hospital, they said. The motive behind her taking the extreme step is not yet known. A case was registered and further investigation is underway, they added.

## Election to Anantnag..

rescheduling of elections in the constituency due to adverse weather conditions.

Anantnag-Rajouri Parliamentary seat, which was reshaped on the recommendations of the delimitation commission in 2022, covers 18 assembly segments across three districts of Anantnag, Shopian and Kulgam in south Kashmir and two border districts of Rajouri and Poonch, barring one assembly constituency, in Jammu region.

The two regions on either side of Pir Panjal are connected through the Mughal Road which usually remains closed during winter months owing to heavy snowfall, especially in the Peer Ki Gali and adjoining areas.

The road was recently cleared for one-way traffic after a hectic snow clearance operation but fresh snowfall forced closure of the traffic on the road on April 27.

There are 18,30,294 eligible voters including 9,30,379 males and 8,99,888 females in the Anantnag-Rajouri Lok Sabha constituency and they will decide the fate of the contestants.

Other prominent candidates in the fray include DPAP's Mohammad Saleem Parray and Apni Party's Zafar Iqbal Manhas.

BJP has not fielded any candidate and is contemplating to extend support to one of the contestants not linked to the Congress, NC and PDP.

The Lok Sabha seat will have 2,338 polling stations including 2113 in rural areas and 225 in urban.

## Self-reliance key..

electromagnetic spectrum and information. Consequently to these developments, conventional force ratios, which was the measure of military strength and superiority in the past, stand blunted today," he said.

Gen Pande made the remarks at the fourth Gen K Sundarji memorial lecture.

He highlighted the need for embracing technology in order to maintain a competitive edge on the battlefield.

"The imperative of technology infusion into warfighting systems and to keep pace with technological progression, remains enduring to this day," he said.

"The impact of external dependency for critical components, supply chain disruptions and weaponisation of denial regimes came to the fore, during the (Covid-19) pandemic and also from the lessons of the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict," he said.

"We need to recognise that no country will share the latest, advanced and critical technology with us," he said.

The Army chief said being import dependent for critical technologies entails the risk of remaining behind in niche areas.

"The answer, therefore, lies in being self-reliant and achieving self-sufficiency in critical technologies through indigenous research and development," he said.

Gen Pande said the growing centrality of cyber domain in critical infrastructure has resulted in it emerging as a new battleground of digital confrontation.

"Information operations today have gained new dimensions," he said.

"When we talk about digitisation of the battlefield, we are witness to a manifold increase in the lethality and accuracy of kinetic instruments and increased proliferation of technologies such as artificial intelligence, quantum computing, robotics and nano-technology," he said.

The Army chief said disruptive and dual use technologies and their proliferation at unprecedented scale are transforming the character of modern wars.

"A suite of digital technologies, encompassing electronic warfare, micro-electronics, drones, precision attack systems, loiter munitions and star link terminals are challenging traditional force multipliers," he said.

"Swarming is contesting surging, surveillance and precision are scoring over fire and manoeuvre, and the light and small are prevailing over the large and heavy," he added.

Gen Pande said his force has been focusing on developing indigenous capabilities.

"The Indian Army on its part, stands committed to achieve its capability development and sustenance needs through Atmanirbharta," he said.

"Modernisation and technology infusion forms one of the five pillars of the transformation roadmap, which we had put into effect, almost two years ago," he added.

The Army chief, while underscoring the thoughts of Gen Sundarji on transformation, asserted that his force is alive to the imperative of transformation.

"It is with a progressive outlook that we intend to not only change, but to change at a good pace too. The holistic transformation of the Indian Army, that we put into effect two years ago, is part of our efforts to give shape to a modern, agile, adaptive, technology enabled and self-reliant future ready force," he said.

Gen Sundarji was the Army chief from February 1, 1986 to May 31, 1988. He is known for his deep insights and strategic foresights into future warfare and security paradigms.

## We hit terrorists..

The BJP leader claimed the INDIA bloc has come up with a "formula" whereby the parties in the opposition alliance will get the PM's post for one year each if they come to power.

"Some people want to make the PM in instalments. They have decided to have a PM each year," he said.

Modi alleged the Congress destroyed India's economy during its rule.

Targeting Congress MP Rahul Gandhi, he said, "When I speak of 'EK Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' (One India, Best India), the Prince of Congress suffers from fever. Those who looted the country are in jail. Those who looted the country will have to pay back. And this is Modi's guarantee."

The Congress thought about only one family, but Modi thinks about every family of Bharat, he said.

"In 2014 and 2019, you gave us a huge mandate. We utilised it not to snatch anything from anyone, but to provide benefits and ensure welfare. Ours is a government that truly gives strength to social justice," Modi emphasised.

The PM said the Congress and problems were like "twin brothers", and alleged that except poverty, the grand old party did not give anything to the country while it was in power.

"The Congress and problems are like twin brothers. They never tried to end people's problems. Latur has been facing a water crisis, but did they try to address the issue? Congress kept the water schemes hanging and hurdles were created in the water grid scheme," he noted.

On the issue of reservation, he pointed out that the provision of quota in jobs and education made in the Constitution for underprivileged sections of society cannot be scrapped.

"Reservation cannot be taken away even if (chief Constitution framer) Babasaheb Ambedkar were to appear in person. But Congress wants to curtail the SC, ST reservation and give it to their vote bank," he alleged.

Speaking at another rally in Dharashiv, the PM said political rivals who are unable to take on the BJP-led government are now misusing technology to circulate fake videos on social media.

"Now their condition is such that as their lies aren't working, they are using my face and with the help of artificial intelligence technology, selling fake videos in their 'mohabbat ki dukaan' (shop of love - a slogan given by Rahul Gandhi). This shop of lies must be shut down," Modi said.

"Opponents are using artificial intelligence to distort quotes of leaders like me," he said.

The PM stressed a weak government can not build a strong nation.

The ongoing Lok Sabha elections are about the country's self-respect, Modi said and asked "Will a weak government, which can collapse any moment, build a strong nation?."

"Today, India is providing pace to the development of the world. Chandrayaan-3 landed on the spot on lunar surface where no one else could reach. The anti-coronavirus vaccine manufactured in India saved the lives of crores of people across the globe. Now, India brings back its people safely even when there is heavy shelling (in war-torn countries)," asserted PM.

At his rally in Malshiras town of Solapur district, Modi, a day after terming Sharad Pawar as a "wandering soul", continued his attack on the veteran politician, saying he did not do much for farmers as Union agriculture minister (2004-14), and added it was now time to punish him.

He taunted the opposition Congress, saying it was not able to field even 275 candidates in the ongoing Lok Sabha elections, and appealed to people not to waste their vote by supporting the grand old party.

Voting in Latur, Solapur and Dharashiv (Osmanabad) Lok Sabha seats will take place in the third phase on May 7.

## Dr Praveen Lone..

charge of the posts of Principals of Government Dental Colleges, in addition to their own duties, till regular appointment to the posts are made," reads an order issued by Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, Secretary to the Government, Health and Medical College Department.

As per order, Dr. Ajaz Ahmad Shah shall temporarily look after the charge of the post of Principal of Government Dental College Srinagar and Dr. Parveen Akhter Lone will be the Incharge Principal of Indira Gandhi, Government Dental College Jammu.

## POCSO charges among..

nine different police stations in five districts of the union territory.

The first criminal case against Sheikh, who hails from Anantnag district, was registered in 2015 in Pampore police station of Pulwama district.

One of the criminal cases filed last year against the 37-year-old candidate include charges under section 11 (enticing a child for pornographic purposes or giving gratification there for) and section 12 (committing sexual harassment upon a child) of the POCSO Act.

Sheikh has also been booked in 2022 under section 309 (attempt to commit suicide and any act towards the commission of such offence) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

Most of the cases registered against Sheikh are under section 420 (cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property) of the IPC but several of these cases have additional charges, including under section 201 (hiding or destroying evidence of a crime, knowing or believing that the offense has been committed, with the intention of protecting the offender from punishment) and section 380 (theft in dwelling house) of the IPC.

The other two cases are booked under sections 454 (offence in respect of lurking house-trespass or house-breaking in order to commit offence) and section 419 (cheating by personation).

Seven of the 20 cases against the Independent candidate have been registered in Sadrar police station in Anantnag with six of those filed in 2022.

Sheikh is accused of committing criminal offences in Banihal area of Ramban district, Ram Munshi Bagh area of Srinagar district as well as Qaimoh area of Kulgam district.

According to the affidavit, charges have not been framed in court in any of the cases against Sheikh so far.

The affidavit also showed that both he and his spouse have PAN cards but none of them has filed income tax returns for the past nine years.

Sheikh has claimed that he works as a labourer and has an income of Rs 12,000 but has not specified whether it is his monthly or annual income. He has declared Rs 50,000 cash in hand, while his wife holds Rs 10,000.

Interestingly, he also owns two vehicles with a cumulative declared value of Rs 4

lakh.

There are two other candidates - both Independents - who have criminal cases registered against them. Sajad Ahmad Dar from Kulgam had a case registered against for rioting in 2014 but charges have not been framed so far.

Dalip Kumar Pandita had a case under sections 353 and 506 of the IPC registered against him in 2019 for alleged intemperate behaviour with the complainant in the case.

## NDA releases welfare..

Further, Naidu assured that the Land Titling Act introduced by the YSRCP government will be rescinded and also promised to "control" petrol and diesel prices.

Among other irrigation projects, he promised "quick" completion of the Polavaram Project and also introduced 'Chandrama' Insurance scheme, under which natural deaths will receive an insurance amount of Rs 5 lakh and accidental deaths Rs 10 lakh.

Similarly, the manifesto promised a health insurance of Rs 25 lakh for every household in the state, digital health cards for every person and free generic medicines for people suffering from non-communicable diseases such as hypertension and diabetes.

Outlaying plans for North Andhra region, Naidu said Visakhapatnam will be developed as the financial capital of the state and important places along Vizag-Chennai industrial corridor would be industrialised if the alliance comes to power.

Moreover, he emphasised that Amaravati will be developed as the capital city of the southern state and measures will be taken for its reconstruction.

The manifesto included relevant schemes for various other sectors such as tourism, food processing, industrialisation and investments, aquaculture, irrigation, religious communities and others.

Meanwhile, the TDP supremo noted that NDA partner BJP, which issued a national level manifesto under its banner, would extend complete cooperation to the opposition coalition's manifesto in Andhra Pradesh.

"NDA released a manifesto at the national level. But they are not associating with any manifesto at the state level. However, I have faith that they will extend complete cooperation to this (manifesto). That's why they (Sidharth Nath Singh) came personally to endorse," he said.

"Three parties have come together. And our union is for the victory of people and the state should withstand and there should be light in people's lives," he added.

Reacting to the opposition manifesto, YSRCP chief and Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy said the absence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's photograph "proves that the promises are unattainable".

"In the 2014 manifesto, Chandrababu Naidu's photo was displayed alongside Modi and Pawan Kalyan and the signed pamphlet was sent to every household in the state. But before he unveiled the 2024 manifesto, BJP headquarters notified him not to use the PM's photo. This proves that his promises are unattainable and BJP doesn't agree with it," said Reddy.

Janasena, TDP and BJP are NDA alliance partners in the southern state.

As part of a seat sharing deal among NDA partners, TDP was allocated 144 Assembly and 17 Lok Sabha constituencies while BJP will contest from six Lok Sabha and 10 Assembly seats.

Janasena will contest two Lok Sabha and 21 Assembly seats.

Elections for the 175-member Assembly and 25 Lok Sabha seats in Andhra Pradesh are scheduled to be held on May 13.

## 2 more candidates..

A total of 4 candidates have so far filed their nomination papers till 30th April to contest election from 1-Baramulla Parliamentary Constituency.

The last day for filing of nomination papers in PC is May 03, 2024 up to 03:00 PM.

## Notorious land grabber..

Shah, which are being investigated.

The Crime Branch was also investigating massive properties of Gola Shah in the past three to two decades as he has no business but has constructed palatial bungalow and owned luxurious cars.

Twice PSA was also slapped against him and he was lodged in jail.

In 2019, Ravinder Kumar @ Ravinder Gupta @ Gola Shah was arrested by Crime Branch, Jammu in FIR 19/2011 U/S 420, 467, 468, 471, 120-B/IPC.

During the investigation he was summoned several times to cooperate in the investigation of the case. But he kept on evading the calls of the Investigating Officers.

In the meanwhile he approached the Court and got bail on August 16, 2019.

Despite the Court order, Gola Shah did not bother to come to the Investigating Officer for completing the bail formalities as well as in cooperating the investigation of the case.

On 22nd August, 2019, the Investigating Officer submitted report of the case sought by the Court along with past conduct of the accused - Ravinder Kumar @ Ravinder Gupta @ Gola Shah who is a notorious land grabber criminal, having trail of 20 FIRs against him. He is a history sheeter in Police Station Gangyal. In 2006 when land grabbing incidences by Gola Shah started growing out of control, the then District Magistrate Jammu slapped arrest warrants under PSA against him. Additional Sessions Judge again directed the accused to immediately cooperate in the investigation of the case. On August 23, 2019, Gola Shah was arrested and put to sustained questioning for conducting the investigation to a logical end.

On May 27, 2022, Notorious land grabber Ravinder Gupta alias Grabber Of Land Association (GOLA) Shah was again arrested by Gangyal Police under Public Safety Act (PSA).

Jammu police, soon after the orders of the District Magistrate Jammu, shifted him to Central Jail Kot Bhalwal.

FIR 53/2022 u/s 420, 467, 468, 504, 506, 379 IPC was registered against Gola Shah following a complaint filed by Kamal Nabh Sharma, son of Late Hans Raj, resident of H. No: 123, Peer Mitha, Jammu, wherein he has stated that Gola Shah has allegedly grabbed his plot at Greater Kailash.

Over 22 FIRs related to land grabbing, cheating and fraudulent deals are already registered against Gola Shah in various police stations of Jammu and Kashmir.

Besides this, Gola Shah has been found involved in number of heinous crimes within the jurisdiction of the different Police Station of Jammu district viz in P/S Gangyal FIR 27/2002 U/S 447, 379 RPC; FIR 61/2004 U/S 447, 147 RPC; FIR 95/2006 U/S 420, 120-B RPC; FIR 101/2006 U/S 420 RPC; FIR 103/2006 U/S 420 RPC; FIR 9/2007 U/S 447, 420 RPC; FIR 24/2007 U/S 420 RPC; FIR 155/2011 U/S 427, 147 RPC; FIR 163/2011 U/S 420, 467, 468, 471, 120-8 RPC; FIR No 171/2011 U/S 341, 504, 506 RPC; FIR 52/2012 U/S 420 RPC; In P/S Channi Himmat, FIR 53/2005 U/S 341, 323, 385 RPC; FIR 57/2006 U/S 353, 447/34 RPC; FIR 9/2007; U/S 447, 467, 468, 471 RPC; FIR 182/2021 U/S 409, 120-8 IPC; In P/S Bahu Fort, FIR 128/2005 U/S 405, 406 RPC and 3/25 Arms Act; FIR 42/2022 U/S 420, 467, 468, 452, 323, 504, 506 IPC; In P/S Gandhi Nagar, FIR 42/2012 U/S 452, 471, 464, 469, 504, 506, 352, 120-4 B, 341 RPC 3/25 Arms Act; In P/S R S Pura, FIR 31/2012 U/S 419, 420, 467, 468, 471, 120-B 34 RPC; In Crime Branch, Jammu, FIR 19/2011 U/S 420, 120-8 RPC; FIR 06/2019 U/S 419, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 RPC.

The Jammu police has again appealed to the general public to come forward and lodge complaints against Gola Shah and his associates, if they have cheated them of money in lieu of fake plots and land grabbing.

## Cong MLA's close aide, AAP leader held for sharing fake video of Amit Shah

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AHMEDABAD: The Gujarat police on Tuesday said they have arrested a Congress leader and an Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) functionary for allegedly sharing Union Home Minister Amit Shah's deep fake video, in which he is purportedly seen announcing the curtailment of reservation rights of the SCs, STs and OBCs.

The Ahmedabad Cyber Crime Cell arrested the two persons, identified as Satish Vansola, a resident of Palampur in Banaskantha and Rakesh Baria from Limkheda town of Dahod district, the police said in a release.

A preliminary probe revealed that Vansola has been working as the Personal Assistant (PA) of Congress MLA Jignesh Mevani since the last six years, while Baria has been serving as the AAP's Dahod district president since the last four years, it said.

Vansola, who belongs to the Dalit community, also serves as the general secretary of Banaskantha district Congress.

The duo was booked under section 153A (promoting enmity between different groups) and 505(2) (statements creating or promoting enmity, hatred or ill-will between classes) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

The release said the duo had uploaded the edited video of Amit Shah's speech with an intention to create enmity between reserved castes and unreserved castes in view of the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

"Both of them had shared this edited video of Amit Shah on their Facebook pages. They received this video on their WhatsApp and investigations are still on to nab the person who had edited this video," said Deputy Commissioner of Police, Cyber Crime, Lavina Sinha.