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Cong will get fewer seats than age of its ‘Shehzada’: Modi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
CHATRA (JHARKHAND): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday flayed the opposition INDIA bloc for "insulting" President Droupadi Murmu after her visit to Ayodhya's Ram temple, and asserted that the Congress will get fewer seats than the age of its 'shehzada'.

Addressing a poll rally at Chatra, Modi also said leaders of the alliance are planning to merge small parties post the Lok Sabha polls to attain opposition status.

"Congress will get fewer seats than the age of its 'shehzada'," the PM said, in an apparent reference to Rahul Gandhi, and added that the bloc "has already accepted defeat".

"A statement by a big INDIA alliance leader that all small parties should merge with Congress after the elections shows their desperation," he said.

Modi also asserted that



NDA governments will be formed in Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Arunachal Pradesh where simultaneous assembly polls were underway, and asserted that the opposition will not get even 50 seats in LS polls.

"The mentality of the Congress is of the 18th century... after the President paid obeisance at the Ram temple, they talked about cleaning the temple... they insulted the President," Modi said.

"Tribals converted Ayodhya's Prince Ram into

'Maryada Purushottam' Ram during the 14-year 'vanvas' (exile); We worship tribals for this, but the JMM-Congress are not able to digest this respect," he said.

The PM said people's votes gave him an opportunity to serve the nation, and made a tribal woman president of the country. "Your one vote will stop anti-national forces," he asserted.

Modi also alleged that the INDIA bloc has plans to "hand over the country's assets to Muslims", and the OBC/SC/ST reservations to

the coalition's "vote bank".

He said infiltration was on the rise in Jharkhand and that the infiltrators were grabbing the land of dalits and adivasis. "Your vote will strengthen Modi's hand to wipe out such forces."

Attacking the JMM-led alliance in Jharkhand, the PM said: "We need to save our country from the JMM and Congress. You have seen how mounds of cash were recovered from the premises of a domestic help of a minister's personal secretary. You can imagine how corrupt these leaders are."

"Send these shameless leaders who looted Jharkhand to jail. I assure you that Modi can take action against them," he said.

The PM said he was born in a poor family and did not want any poor child to sleep empty stomach, which is why he "ensured ration to 80 crore people".

BSF opens fire on Pakistani drone along IB

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SAMBA: BSF personnel opened fire on Friday night to shoot down a Pakistani drone near the International Border in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district, officials said. Troops of the Border Security Force (BSF) detected the

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Two terrorist associates arrested in Shopian Distt

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Two terrorist associates have been arrested in Jammu and Kashmir's Shopian district and incriminating material has been seized from them, police said on Saturday. Suhaib Iqbal Malik and Tufail Yousuf Malik, both residents of Baba Mohalla in Shopian, were arrested from a checkpoint set up at Malik Chak Crossing, a police spokesman said. He said incriminating material has been seized from them. A case has been registered and investigation initiated, the spokesman added.

Police releases sketches of 6 terrorists involved in Basantgarh encounter

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Police on Saturday released the sketches of six terrorists, who infiltrated from Pakistan into Basantgarh area of Udhampur district and killed a Village Defence Guard in a gunfight before fleeing deep into the forest, officials said.

Udhampur Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Joginder Singh announced the first breakthrough in the case with the arrest of an overground worker, who had provided logistic support to the terrorists.

Singh said the sketches of the six terrorists, two of whom are believed to be brothers, were prepared based on the inputs from various agencies, the public and questioning of the suspected persons.

"We hope the people will come forward and help the security agencies to neutral-



ize the terrorists. Anyone with credible information leading to neutralization of each terrorist will be given a reward ranging from Rs five lakh to Rs 10 lakh," the officer told reporters in Udhampur.

Village Defence Guard (VDG) Mohd Sharief was killed in an encounter with the terrorists following a cordon and search operation in Panara village of Basantgarh on April 28.

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Modi will continue to lead, asserts Amit Shah



■ STATE TIMES NEWS
HYDERABAD: Top BJP leader Amit Shah on Saturday asserted Prime Minister Narendra Modi will continue to lead the country post 2024 Lok Sabha polls and hit out at Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal for claiming the PM was seeking votes for making Shah his

successor, citing the 75 years age 'rule'.

There was nothing written in the BJP's constitution on any such age ceiling, Shah told reporters here. There was no confusion in the BJP over the matter.

Shah was responding to Kejriwal's claim that Modi was asking for votes for the Union Home Minister to make him PM as the prime minister would turn 75 next year.

"I would like to tell Arvind Kejriwal and company and the whole Indl alliance, Modi becomes 75, there is no need for you to feel happy. It is

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Terror conspiracy case: NIA searches six locations in Doda, Ramban, Kishtwar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Saturday conducted searches at six locations across Jammu province in Pakistan-backed conspiracy to spread terror in the region, an official statement said.



Extensive searches were conducted in Doda, Ramban and Kishtwar districts of the region by the NIA teams in a case relating to the conspiracy by banned terrorist organisations and their offshoots to carry out violent attacks with sticky bombs, IEDs and small arms etc. in Jammu

and Kashmir, the statement said.

The searches have led to the seizure of incriminating material, including digital devices, documents etc. from premises linked with hybrid terrorists, overground work-

Mujahideen (HM), Al-Badr, Al-Qaeda, etc., said the statement issued by the NIA.

The NIA had registered a suo moto case on June 21, 2022 to dismantle the terror network operated by these outfits as well as their newly launched offshoots such as The Resistance Front (TRF), United Liberation Front Jammu & Kashmir (ULFJ&K), Mujahideen Gazwat-ul-Hind (MGH), Jammu & Kashmir Freedom Fighters (JKFF), Kashmir Tigers, PAAF and others, it added. As part of its investigations into the

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Greater Kailash Murder Case: Another absconder arrested from Samba

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Acting swiftly on a tip-off, Jammu police conducted a raid and arrested absconder Sachin Patiyal alias Sanju, resident of Samba, who was involved in the land dispute scuffle leading to murder at Greater Kailash.

The accused Sachin Patiyal was evading arrest since May 1. His car (Baleno) has also been seized.

It is important to note that role of accused Sachin Patiyal is significant link behind the entire scuffle. His arrest is a major achievement of Jammu Police as far as the Investigation of the

case is concerned, said Jammu SSP Vinod Kumar.

Moreover, one Revenue officer has also been deputed to assist the SIT in investigation.

Jammu Police is steadfast in its mission to restore confidence of the masses after the dastardly incident, added SSP Vinod Kumar.

The incident occurred on May 1, when Avtar Singh (40), son of Balbir Singh, died after being hit on the head with an iron rod during a scuffle between two groups - both claimed a piece of land in Greater Kailash locality.

On May 4, the court

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Gataru gang kingpin, brother detained under PSA

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SAMBA: Two alleged criminals, including the kingpin of 'Gataru gang', were detained under stringent Public Safety Act (PSA) in Samba district on Saturday, police said.

Sumit Jandyal alias "Gataru" and his gangster brother Sourav Gupta, both residents of Vijaypur, have been booked under the administrative law that allows detention without charge or trial for up to two years in some cases.

"Both the brothers are involved in criminal activities in an organised manner, thus posing a serious threat to public peace and order," a police spokesperson said, adding that their gang is involved in various cases including attempt to murder, robbery, breach of peace, extortion, cheating and land grabbing.

He said they are notorious criminals and multiple cases stand registered against them at different Police Stations in Samba

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NC has history of association with BJP: Azad

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Chairman Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP), Ghulam Nabi Azad on Saturday vehemently denounced National Conference leaders, asserting his commitment to serving the people without seeking favors from any quarters.

Addressing public meetings at Brein, Nishat and Ganderbal, he emphasized his commitment to the welfare of the people, devoid of exploiting them for electoral gains.

Referring to accusations of affiliation with BJP,



DPAP Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad addressing public meeting at Ganderbal on Saturday.

Chairman DPAP pointedly remarked that those who hurl such accusations should introspect, as they themselves have a history of asso-

ciation with the BJP. He urged them to scrutinize their own backgrounds, highlighting their past

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DM Jammu issues notices to PSA absconders, asks them to surrender within 30 days

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: District Magistrate, Sachin Kumar Vaishya on Saturday issued public notice regarding the initiation of proceedings under Section 82 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (Cr.PC) as specified in Section 12 of the Public Safety Act (PSA).

Senior Superintendent of Police has informed that Gulzar Ahmad alias Lahu, son of Bashir Ahmad, against whom a detention order has been issued under the PSA vide no. PSA 20 of 2022 dated 24.11.2022,

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BJP working for Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishvas in J&K: Chugh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
RAJOURI: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Saturday said that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government has won the hearts of people in Jammu and Kashmir following the policy of 'Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishvas'.

Addressing a meeting of party workers in Rajouri, Chugh said there was a deliberate design by the Abdullahs and Muftis to breach the trust of the people in Jammu and Kashmir and across the country. Their intention has always been to create a sense of insecurity



BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh along with party workers during a programme at Rajouri.

among the locals for their petty political gains, he said.

He called upon the party workers to spread the message of various development

works undertaken by the Prime Minister in J&K, particularly the welfare measures taken up post-370

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Srinagar PC all set to go for polls on May 13; 17,47,810 lakh electorates eligible to vote

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: With all arrangements in place, the polling for 4th phase of ongoing Lok Sabha elections is all set to commence on May 13 in the 2-Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency (PC).

"A total of 17,47,810 lakh voters have been enrolled in phase IV, including 8,75,938 male and 8,71,808 female voters besides 64 third gender electorates. There are around 11682 Persons with Disability and 705 persons above the age of 100 years who will also be exercising their franchise", read a communiqué received on Saturday from office of Chief Electoral Officer, J&K.

The communiqué adds that around 2,135 polling stations

have been set up in the fourth phase across 5 districts of Srinagar, Pulwama, Budgam, Ganderbal and Shopian (37- Shopian). The election staff including Presiding Officers will be stationed in every polling station. In total, more than 8,500 polling staff, including reserve will be deployed on duty on the polling day.

The communication added that the voting will take place from 7.00 am to 6.00 pm and before that there will be mock poll in the polling stations in presence of the polling agents. Also, the voting will continue even after 6.00 pm, if voter's queue is still there in the Polling Station premises to exercise their right to vote.

Every polling station will be

DM Srinagar issues prohibitory orders under Sec 144 CrPC

SRINAGAR: In order to facilitate smooth conduct of electoral process in 02-Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency, and denote the end of campaigning period and start of silence period of campaigning, the District Magistrate (Deputy Commissioner) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat on Saturday issued prohibitory orders under Section 144 CrPC throughout the District.

According to the order issued from the Office of District Magistrate Srinagar, the restrictions have been imposed in District under Section 144 CrPC from 6:00 pm on May 11, 2024 (Saturday) till 6:00pm on May 13, 2024 (Monday) in wake the scheduled Polling in the District and to uphold the sanctity of democratic principles.

The order further reads that there shall be ban on unlawful assembly as per the section 144 of IPC and any procession or rally shall be prohibited to prevent

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contesting candidates in brail script. Where ever required, there will be separate queues for senior citizens and specially-abled persons facilitating them with early polling. Additionally, there will be a voter help desk, manned by the concerned Booth Level Officer (BLO).

There will be 20 polling booths managed by women (also called as pink polling stations), 18 polling booths manned by specially abled persons and 17 by youths. Also, there will be 21 green polling stations in order to spread message about environmental concern. The purpose behind these special polling station is to spread awareness among sections of society like women,

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1,22,549 cases settled in 2nd National Lok Adalat across J&K

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Continuing its endeavour to fulfill constitutional commitment of ensuring swift, cost-effective and providing efficient dispute resolution to the masses in general and litigant public in particular, the J&K Legal Services Authority under the patronage of Justice N. Kotiswar Singh, Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh (Patron-in-Chief, J&K Legal Services Authority) and dynamic mentorship of Justice Tashi Rabstan, Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority as also under the guidance of Justice Sindhu Sharma, Chairperson, High Court Legal Services Committee, on Saturday organized 2nd National Lok Adalat of the

year 2024 across the UT of Jammu & Kashmir to boost amicable settlements amongst the parties in cases including MACT, Matrimonial disputes, cheque bounce under Negotiable Instrument Act, Money recovery, Commercial disputes and Criminal Cases of compoundable nature.

In order to ensure amicable settlement of maximum disputes, Pre-lok adalat sittings and pre-counselling sessions were organized well before the date of National Lok Adalat so that the parties get ample opportunity to engage in dialogue with their opponents to arrive at a consensus to resolve the dispute permanently. Besides, webinars and virtual meetings were also organized to

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Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 34.5°C Min: 23.1°C

Humidity
Max: 56 Min: 37

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 25.9°C Min: 11.2°C

Humidity
Max: 76 Min: 43

Sunset : 19:19 Hours
Sunrise : 05:34 Hours