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He accused the Jharkhand government of preventing central ration supply from reaching the poor; and said it "indulged in corruption" in schemes like the 'Jal Jeevan Mission'.

"The only industry set up by the state government was of opium trade, as it wanted to destroy future generations for appeasement policies," alleged Modi.

Criticising the JMM for "not fulfilling its 5-lakh jobs" promise, he said the regional party and Congress did not want the progress of tribal and poor children, but "Modi wants to make your children doctors and engineers".

BSF opens fire...

movement of the drone from the Pakistan side late in the night and fired nearly two dozen rounds, they said on Saturday.

The drone, however, was flown back to the Pakistani side, the officials said.

They said a search operation was launched in Narayanpur in the Ramgarh sector on Saturday morning to sanitize the border outpost area to ensure the drone did not drop any weapons or narcotics.

Police releases sketches...

A massive joint search operation by the army, police and paramilitary forces is going on in the area to flush out the terrorists, who are believed to have crossed into Udhampur from nearby Kathua district after successfully infiltrating from across the border.

The SSP said at least 12 terrorists are believed to have infiltrated into the area and added "it is our collective responsibility to make it once again the abode of peace by neutralizing them".

"The area has remained peaceful for a very long time and our enemy wants to disturb it. But we will frustrate their designs with the cooperation of the people and will ensure a peaceful atmosphere," he said.

Singh identified the arrested accused as Javed, a resident of Loha-Nathi village of Kathua, and said that he had provided logistic support to the terrorists.

"He is the first person arrested in the case so far and his questioning is still at preliminary stages," Singh said, adding the police has gained some credible information about the movement of suspects and had likewise zeroed in on a few "unscrupulous elements".

The sketchy description of the terrorists, aged between 20 and 42 years, revealed that they are equipped with AK assault rifles, US-made M4 carbine and pistols.

The SSP said the identities of the terrorists are not known yet.

"There is no credible information suggesting that they are locals. All our agencies, including the army, police, paramilitary forces and intelligence agencies are working hard with the active support of the locals to deal with them," he said.

Greater Kailash Murder...

had granted police remand of seven persons, including ex-SSP Sheikh Mehmood, Purushottam Singh alias Nikka, Ravinder Kumar Gupta alias Gola Shah, his son in the Greater Kailash murder case. Two police officials were also suspended in connection with the murder and a departmental inquiry was ordered.

Terror conspiracy case...

case, the NIA has been cracking down on various locations in recent months.

"Today's searches were aimed at dismantling the terror network in Jammu province and scuttling the plans of the banned terrorist organisations to disturb the peace and communal harmony in J&K by radicalising local youth and mobilising overground workers," the statement said.

Modi will continue...

not written anywhere in BJP's constitution. Modi will complete the term and will continue to lead the country. There is no confusion in BJP on this," Shah told reporters here.

To a related query, Shah said, "His (Kejriwal) base is that Modi ji will be changed. I have made it clear that Modi will not be changed. At the root, why did he say that? Modi ji will be changed after 75. It has been decided not to change".

Kejriwal had charged that Modi is asking for votes for Shah.

"These people ask INDIA bloc about their (PM) face. I ask BJP who will be their PM? Modi ji is turning 75 on September 17 next year. He had made the rule that people aged 75 will be retired. They retired LK Advani, Murli Manohar Joshi, Sumitra Mahajan," Kejriwal said.

"He (Modi) will retire next year. He is seeking votes for making Amit Shah the prime minister. Will Shah fulfill Modi's guarantee?" the CM, out on bail in the Delhi Excise Policy scam, asked.

Further, Shah launched a scathing attack on Congress and its leaders, alleging that due to the fear of Pakistan having a nuclear bomb, the grand old party wants to give up India's rights over Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (PoK).

On Saturday, Shah addressed election rallies at Vikarabad and Nagarkurnool in Telangana and later a press conference here on the last day of campaigning for the May 13 Lok Sabha polls in the state.

He also said if Kejriwal thinks that Supreme Court's interim bail is a clean chit, then his understanding with regard to law is poor.

The home minister also expressed confidence that the BJP would emerge as the largest party in South India in terms of Lok Sabha seats.

The BJP is confident of winning more than 10 Lok Sabha seats in Telangana, he said.

In his address at a rally at Vikarabad, Shah recalled that former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee had conducted nuclear tests at Pokhran on this day in 1998 and made the country a nuclear power.

The Congress does not have the courage to conduct surgical strikes and airstrikes, he alleged.

He said PM Modi did surgical strikes and air strikes within 10 days after Pakistan terrorists attacked the country and "finished them".

Referring to the reported comments of Congress leader Mani Shankar Aiyar and that of National Conference leader Farooq Abdullah on Pakistan having an atom bomb, the home minister said he would like to ask Rahul Gandhi if PoK would be given to the neighbouring country because of it possessing a nuclear bomb.

"As long as BJP is there, it cannot happen" and PoK belongs to India and we will take it, he said.

"They don't feel shame. Due to fear of an atom bomb, they want to give up our rights over PoK. But you don't worry, Modi ji is going to be Prime Minister again and Pakistan's bullets will be replied to with cannon," Shah said.

PM Modi has ended terror and naxalism in the country, he said.

Referring to Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's comments on surgical strikes, he asked, "Revanth Reddy, where did you keep your mind? You kept it in Italy?".

Reddy on Friday claimed an intelligence failure in preventing the Pulwama incident of 2019 when a terror strike on Indian troops left about 40 CRPF personnel dead.

Attacking the ruling Congress and BRS in Telangana, he alleged that the 'steering' of the government always lay with AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi.

The four per cent Muslim reservation introduced in Telangana robs the quotas of SC, ST and OBCs. Whenever BJP comes to power, it will end Muslim reservations, he said.

On BRS president Chandrasekhar Rao's reported comments that a system of contest between regional parties like in Tamil Nadu should be in place in Telangana, Shah said KCR has the right to talk about regional parties but people would decide.

On CM Revanth Reddy's allegation that investments in Telangana are being stopped, the senior BJP leader said he does not think anyone would come to invest given the way he (Reddy) is running the government. Revanth Reddy could have met the PM if there were any problems "regarding investments", he said.

Attacking the Congress government, he charged that the only promise fulfilled was the one made to the party high command to provide funds from Telangana to fight elections all over the country.

Dismissing Congress allegations that the BJP would end reservations if it gets 400 seats, he said the Modi government had a full majority for 10 years, but it did not use to end quotas but to abolish article 370 and others.

"The sin of editing my video and presenting it in a wrong way happened here," he said referring to the case registered by the Delhi police with regard to the doctored video of Shah circulated on social media.

At the rally, Shah asked Revanth Reddy to tell people, if he has the courage, whether he would end Muslim reservations.

BJP working for...

abrogation. Chugh said it is time J&K started building a roadmap for its development and prosperity of the people instead of playing in the hands of people propagating gun culture.

He said J&K is an integral part of the country and it should develop its own IT and industrial hubs to give a new vision to the Union Territory.

Chugh said special effort has been made by the Modi government for spreading

education among women in J&K and training the youth for new challenges in their careers. He said J&K needs a vision beyond the gun culture that has been promoted by Muftis and Abdullahs for their petty political gains.

DM Jammu issues...

is currently evading arrest. It has been established that Gulzar Ahmad is absconding to avoid execution of the said detention order.

In accordance with Section 12 of the PSA, Gulzar Ahmad has been directed to present himself before the office of the District Magistrate within 30 days. Failure to comply with this directive will result in appropriate action under section 12(b) of the PSA, which may include imprisonment for a term extending to one year; a fine, or both.

Similarly, proceedings under the same sections have been initiated against Mukesh Kumar alias Gesha, son of Dillawar Kumar, who is also evading arrest following the issuance of a detention order under the PSA vide no. PSA 19 of 2023 dated 01.10.2023.

Likewise, Mukesh Kumar is directed to appear before the office of the District Magistrate within the stipulated 30-day period. Non-compliance will invoke the prescribed penalties under section 12(b) of the PSA.

NC has history...

alliances with BJP while paradoxically claiming to be its critics.

Azad questioned the track record of NC leaders in Ganderbal, noting the district's rejection of their leadership.

Despite being entrusted with the responsibility, they failed to deliver tangible benefits to the people, he said and lamented their propensity for empty promises and slogans, contrasting their rhetoric with the stark reality of their inaction.

Azad said: 'It was me who gave district status to Ganderbal; NC leaders only fooled people with the slogans of autonomy.'

He further said: 'I swear on God I have not taken any favor from the present government, neither money. In fact, I didn't do any scam and looted people. My track record is clear; no one can accuse me of corruption or any other wrongdoing. I work on merit, and if people support me, I will show them results in just six months.'

He outlined his agenda, stating: 'We have to build more colleges, schools, universities, and roads, even more districts. This is my only agenda'. He expressed dismay at the lack of tangible development on the ground by parties that have historically exploited the people.

Azad urged the people to reject such parties and instead vote for those committed to genuine progress and development. He lamented the absence of development initiatives undertaken by these parties. He recounted the overwhelming response he has received, noting its uniqueness compared to his experience in Congress.

He highlighted his efforts to reach out to areas like downtown, Eidgah, Nishat, and Ganderbal, which have long been neglected.

He pointed out the decline of once-strongholds of certain parties, attributing it to their failure to deliver on promises and serve the people effectively.

Azad criticised the misuse of draconian laws like the Public Safety Act (PSA) by certain parties, highlighting their track record of injustice and oppression.

He urged the people to reject such practices and reiterated his commitment to ensuring that no innocent individual is unfairly treated or detained without proper evidence.

Expressing concern over the plight of highly educated yet unemployed youth, he vowed to prioritize job creation for locals to prevent them from facing stiff competition from candidates outside the region.

He affirmed his commitment to ensuring that opportunities for progress and prosperity are accessible to all, particularly the youth.

Among others present on the occasion were Amir Bhatt Lok Sabha candidate, Salman Nizami Chief Spokesperson, Peer Bilal Zonal President, Jin Kaiser Distt President Ganderbal.

1,22,549 cases settled...

sensitize the stakeholders, officers of Legal Services Institutions, LADCs, Panel Lawyers, PLVs and all those who are related in one way or the other in enhancing the Alternate Dispute Resolution, regarding the importance of LokAdalat and to persuade the parties to take maximum benefit out of it.

As per the information received from various Legal Services Institutions working in different districts of UT of J&K, out of total 1,28,959 cases taken up by 138 Benches in the day long National Lok Adalat across the UT of J&K, 1,22,549 cases were amicably settled and disposed off involving an amount of Rs.42,73,80,904 as compensation/settlement amount in cases like Motor Accident Claims, civil, criminal, labour disputes, Electricity and Water Bills, Land Acquisition, Family matters, cheque dishonor and Bank Recovery etc.

Talking to media persons, Member Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority, Amit Kumar Gupta appreciated the efforts of all the Judicial Officers, Secretaries DLSA's, Advocates, staff of the district and tehsil courts as well as Legal Services Institutions as also litigants for their whole hearted participation in the National Lok Adalat. He further said that flocking of litigants for participation in large number for amicable settlement of huge number of cases in today's lok Adalat is a testimony to the fact that the common masses want resolution of their disputes pending as well as at pre-litigation state through the medium of Alternate Dispute Resolution. So, he urged all the Stakeholders to come forward and take maximum benefit of such initiatives of the NALSA. He also informed that the 3rd National Lok Adalat of the current calendar year shall be held on September 14, 2024 and those litigants who could not get their cases either listed in today's lok adalat or could not settle the same for any reason can avail the opportunity in the next Lok Adalat.

In a special message, the Member Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority informed all the stakeholders that the Supreme Court of India has decided to convene a Special Lok Adalat v.e.f July 29, 2024 to August 03, 2024 of the cases pending before it and thus Mr. Gupta appealed all the stakeholders not to miss the opportunity and approach nearest Legal Services Office with the detail of cases, so that the parties can be facilitated in amicable settlement of disputes by organizing pre-lok Adalat sessions where they can participate either physically or virtually, as per their convenience.

Srinagar PC all...

specially abled, first time young voters to come forward and exercise their right to vote.

Aimed at to facilitate the voters in identification and increase voter turnout ratio, all voters have been provided with voter information slip with all requisite information like Polling Station name, date and time of poll, serial number of voter in the list, his full name, QR code but not the photograph of the voter. Hence, the voter Information Slips will not be allowed as proof of the identity of voters. Also, the citizens can view details of the Polling Station, Parliamentary Constituency and get the contact details of the Booth Level Officer, Electoral Registration Officer among other services, through Voter Helpline App (VHA). This mobile app is available on the Google Play store and Apple App Store.

In addition to Electoral Photo Identity Card (EPIC), 12 types of documents will also be allowed to verify a voter and allow him for voting. EPIC card is not mandatory for voting. The requisite documents included Aadhaar Card, MGNREGA Job Card, Pass books with photograph, Health Insurance Smart Card issued under the scheme of the Ministry of Labour, Driving License, PAN Card, Smart Card issued by RGI under NPR, Indian Passport, Pension document with photograph, Service Identity Cards with photograph issued to employees by Central/StateGovt./PSUs/Public Limited Companies, Official identity cards issued to MPs/MLAs/MLCs and Unique Disability ID (UDID) Card, issued by Union Social Justice and Empowerment Ministry.

With the aim of spreading awareness among the voters, Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) emerges as a comprehensive programme aimed at reinforcing voter education and promoting active participation in democratic process. During the last few months, through various modes, SVEEP activities were held in every nook and corner. Various activities like appeal messages in print, electronic and social media, through hoardings, banners, radio jingles etc were carried out. Street plays, use of social media influencers and icons was also done. Because of all these, the voter turnout is expected to be higher than the last Lok Sabha election. Awareness events in Dal Lake, Mughal Gardens, Lal Chowk, Shehar-E-Khas etc places in Srinagar and in similar other places of other Districts were held.

More than 40 % Home voting for above 85 age and disability was held at door steps for all those applied.

The document further read that more than 600 journalists and cameramen of print, electronic and social media platforms have been provided with pass to cover the polling process without compromising secrecy of vote and causing any inconvenience to the democratic exercise.

Besides, the Voter Turnout App will be used to display estimated provisional voter turnout details of each Parliamentary Constituency entered by the RO. The media can also use the same application to capture estimated voter turnout data. Approximate voter turnout data of each phase of the elections will be displayed through this app. There will be two hourly reporting of voting percentage from 9.00 am to the end of poll. The concerned ARO and RO will share the data with media

accordingly.

All polling stations in phase 4 will have CCTV camera for live webcasting to the control rooms established at District and CEO office. There are few polling stations which falls in communication shadow areas. Suitable alternate arrangements by providing Satellite Phones, Wireless sets and Special Runners have been put in place in around few polling stations which fall in communication shadow areas.

Candidates/ Political parties need to obtain prior permission for campaigning purposes by seeking online permission on Suvidha app. Till date election officers have accorded permission for 1556 applications and rejected 271.

In the entire Union Territory, from the date of announcement of the election till date material/cash of around Rs 44.23 crore has been seized by various enforcing departments. Cash, liquor, drugs and other freebies have been seized by various enforcing departments like Police Department, valuing Rs 40.56 Crore, Income Tax Department valuing 32 lacs, Excise Department of around 85 lacs, and Narcotics Control Bureau has seized drugs worth 2.32 Crore.

As per the communication, the public campaigning in areas of Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency has concluded at 6PM here today on 11th of May, 48 hours before conduct of the elections. No one, including citizens, journalists, politicians, would be allowed to partake in any election campaign related activity. Holding public meetings, conferences, interviews has been stopped to give the voters a peaceful break from being influenced by campaigns so that they may make a considered decision while voting. Besides, political advertisement in print media can only be done only after prior clearance from Media Certification and Monitoring Committee (MCMC). Sale of liquor; even from the licensed shops, has also been banned. Till date, 108 grievances have been received on C-VIGIL app and more than 60 % resolved in time and other are under resolution. For filing Model Code of Conduct Violation cases by the citizens, C-VIGIL app provides time-stamped evidentiary proof of the Model Code of Conduct/Expenditure Violation by empowering every citizen to click a photo or video using his or her Smartphone.

To monitor various election related activities and also check MCC compliance, a Command and Control Room has been established at CEO office, Jammu with similar mini control rooms at every DEO offices which are functioning 24 x 7. Apart from looking for MCC violation, the Control room gets live feed from more than 100% Polling Stations and GPS vehicle tracking of all vehicles being used for poll parties. The Communication also adds that as per the latest instructions of Election Commission of India Special Polling Stations have been established for Migrant Voters of Kashmir Division. A total of 26 Special Polling Stations have been established with 21 polling stations in Jammu, 4 in Delhi and 1 in Udhampur District respectively. Special Polling Station-wise extract voter list will be with BLOs.

The communication also quotes, "We encourage the voters to participate in the maximum number in the biggest festival of the largest democracy of the world."

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any law and order problem, and no person shall convene, hold, attend, join or address any public meeting or procession with regard to the Elections. As per the order, the instructions shall be imposed from 6.00pm on May 11(Saturday) till 6.00pm May 13, 2024 (Monday) in the District.

Gataru gang kingpin...

and Jammu districts. "Following their repeated engagement in criminal activities, detention orders were issued by the District Magistrate Samba based on detailed dossiers prepared by SSP Samba. SHO Police Station Vijaypur executed the warrants, leading to their incarceration in district Jail Kathua," the spokesperson said.

Voter turnout in phase 3 of Lok Sabha polls at 65.68 pc: EC

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NEW DELHI: The updated voter turnout figures for the third phase of polling in the Lok Sabha elections stood at 65.68 per cent, the Election Commission said on Saturday. The poll panel had given a similar voter turnout figure on May 8, a day after the third phase of voting took place.

In a statement on Saturday, EC said 66.89 per cent of men, 64.4 per cent of women and 25.2 per cent of the registered transgender voters turned up at polling stations. In the third phase, 17.24 crore citizens, including 8.85 crore males and 8.39 crore females, were eligible to vote. Voting for the third phase was held on Tuesday in 93 constituencies spread over 11 states and Union Territories with stray incidents of violence. In phase three of the 2019 parliamentary polls, the turnout of voters was 68.4 per cent.

Mudra Vigyan & Health Session held at SCRC

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JAMMU: Mudra Vigyan Session, exploration of the science behind hand Mudras and their potential benefits for health and well-being, was undertaken at Senior Citizens Rejuvenation Centre (SCRC) by Dr Shreyansh Kumar Jain, State Yoga Commissioner and State Chairman Indian Yoga Association.

Dr. Shreyansh Kumar Jain explanation of how each finger corresponds to different elements and chakras provides a solid foundation for understanding the practice. He said Thumb indicates Agni Tatva (Fire Element) with respect to Manipur Chakra, Index finger indicates Vayu Tatva (Air Element) with Nahat Chakra, Middle finger indicates Akash Tatva (Ether Element) for Vishudhi Chakra, Ring finger for Prithvi Chakra (Earth Element) for Mooladhar Chakra & Little finger indicates Jal Tatve (Water Element).

He also explained in detail about specific mudras like Gyan, Akash, Prithvi, Indra, Vayu, Surya, Varun, as well as those with symbolic meanings like Durga, Vishnu, and Kaleshwar Mudra.

The demonstration of Kaleshwar Mudra was done and its description was explained by Dr Jain and said as it helps to get rid of any addiction.

"It brings control over mind. People addicted to anything should try Kaleshwar Mudra to get rid of it. Practice of this Mudra convinces your body to fight the addiction. It also increases memory retention power, channelizes the flow of Prana energy into our body as well," Dr Jain said.

Baldev Raj Gupta SCRC President welcomed the Members and programme was conducted under the guidance of N.K Gupta, Retd SE & SCRC Patron.

Spiritual Bhajans were recited by PN Jalla, K.S Samyal, Karan Kumar, S.K Gupta, M.L Vaid and Baldev Raj.

Yoga Session besides chanting of Om, Gaytri Mantra and Shanti Path, yoga asans & Pranayama were practiced by TR Puri, Yogacharya of the Centre.

73rd Happy Birthday of Chaman Lal Sharma (Quite Senior club member) was celebrated by great fervor and all the members wished him for long and happy life.

Director Agriculture Jammu spearheads Agristack Initiatives Meeting with Protean

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JAMMU: Director Agriculture Jammu, Shri Arvinder Singh Reen, led a significant meeting in with Protean eGov Technologies Limited formerly known as NSDL e-Governance Infrastructure Limited, aimed at advancing Agristack initiatives.

The gathering brought together agriculture officials to explore innovative solutions for enhancing agricultural practices and leveraging technology for agricultural development. Among the distinguished attendees were Vikas Padha, Agronomist of the Vegetable Improvement Scheme, along with Kaushal Chandel and Sandeep Dogra, both Subject Matter Specialists from the Agriculture Department.

Joining them from Protean were Abhishek Singh, Manager Government Relations Protean and Nikhil Gupta, Assistant Vice President Agristack Protean.

The meeting provided a platform for fruitful discussions on leveraging Agristack technologies to optimize agricultural processes, enhance productivity, and empower farmers with valuable insights and tools. A.S Reen emphasized the importance of collaborative efforts between the government and private sectors to drive agricultural innovation and address the evolving needs of the farming community.

Nikhil Gupta, representing Protean, shared insights into the latest advancements in AgriStack technology and its potential to revolutionize the agricultural landscape. Discussions also revolved around the integration of data-driven solutions, digital platforms, and precision agriculture techniques to streamline operations and improve agricultural outcomes. Director Agriculture expressed his appreciation for the active participation and valuable contributions of all attendees, highlighting the collective commitment towards fostering sustainable agricultural practices and driving socio-economic growth in the region.