!! Continuations from Page 1!! Article 370 buried...

gaad di hai....(We have buried the wall of Article 370 in kabristan--graveyard)." Earlier at the Ambala poll rally too, Modi attacked the Congress and said it was his dhakad' (strong) government that removed the Article 370 impedient and as a result, Jammu and Kashmir is now moving on the path of progress

The prime minister said a weak government could never have changed the situation n J and K.

"Modi's dhakad government brought down the wall of Article 370 and Kashmir is

now moving ahead on the path of development," he said. Back at Gohana, Modi said the Congress is out of power for 10 years and therefore

They are remembering their old days when the "shahi parivar" used to run government with a remote control, he said, alleging all government schemes used to be in the

name of only one family and there was corruption too. During the Congress rule, he said, firing at the borders and ceasefire violations used to be in the headlines regularly.

But under his government, he said, the situation has changed even though the enemy s the same. It is not Modi, but the power of a vote of people which changed the situation, he added.

Modi said he gave the soldiers, including the brave soldiers from Haryana, guarding the borders a free hand.

The Congress and INDIA alliance are not able to digest these decisions, Modi said. They cannot see this situation of Pakistan. Now people associated with the Congress have become Pakistan's spokespersons and are saying the neighbouring country has

"Tell me, should India be scared of Pakistan?" he asked the gathering.

"Ye Modi ka daur hai, hum ghar mein ghus ke marte hai (This is Modi's period, we nit the enemy inside its territory)

He also targeted the opposition INDIA bloc, calling it 'Jamaat of ghotalebaaz' (gang

"They want power at any cost. And what is that cost? It is the country's security, stapility and respect. And five prime ministers in five years. This is their formula to run the government.

"Will the country benefit, if there is new PM each year. What will they do? Will you allow the country to go back to that period of instability," he said.

On Ram temple, Modi alleged that the Congress created as many obstacles as it could in order to make those who do 'Vote Jihad' happy.

Referring to the AAP-Congress poll alliance in certain states, he said Congress leaders are holding the "jhadoo" (broomstick, the Aam Aadmi Party's poll symbol) in Delhi and Haryana, but claiming that "jhadoowala chor hai" in Punjab, where the two parties are contesting elections against each other.

Campaigning ends for...

including 1,859 in rural and 244 in urban areas, have been set up to facilitate the oters to register their choice, they said, adding that all necessary arrangements, ncluding security, have been put in place to ensure free, fair and smooth polling. Abdullah faces the biggest challenge from separatist-turned-politician and former

minister Sajad Lone, who heads the People's Conference. The entry of Awami Ittehad Party's Sheikh Abdul Rashid, alias Engineer Rashid, who is lodged in Delhi's Tihar jail after his arrest in 2019 by the National Investigation Agency in a terror-funding case, has also made the contest interesting. People's Democratic Party candidate Fayaz Mir, a former Rajya Sabha member, is

The constituency recorded 34.17 per cent polling in the 2019 general elections with Kupwara district registering the highest turnout at 51.7 per cent, followed by

Bandipora at 31.8 per cent and Baramulla at 24 per cent. Two segments of Budgam were included in the constituency on the recommendations of the delimitation commission two years ago.

The last day of campaigning saw Abdullah reaching out to voters in the Beerwah constituency of Budgam, which he had won for the party in the 2014 assembly elections, while Lone was making an attempt to woo the electorate in the border township of Uri in Baramulla district.

Alongside the abrogation of Article 370, the campaigning saw the leading rivals going full throttle against each other with Abdullah and Lone bringing in the BJP to target each other, even as the saffron party is not contesting from any of the three parliamentary seats of Srinagar, Baramulla and Anantnag-Rajouri in the Valley.

The National Conference has accused the People's Conference and its supporter the Apni Party, along with the Democratic Progressive Azad Party -- headed by former chief minister Ghulam Nabi Azad -- of having a tacit understanding with the BJP.

The April Party, led by former minister Altaf Bukhari, has fielded its candidates in Srinagar and Anantnag-Rajouri. It is holding rallies with the BJP in Rajouri and Poonch districts of the Jammu region.

The twin border districts are part of the reshaped Anantnag-Rajouri constituency, which will go to the polls in the sixth phase on May 25.

The recent two-day sudden visit of Union Home Minister Amit Shah to Srinagar ahead of polling in Baramulla did not go down well with Abdullah, who alleged that it was to help the BJP's "proxy" parties in the elections.

Shah, during a visit to Jammu last month, had asked people in the Valley to vote for parties other than the National Conference, Congress and the People's Democratic

17,37,865 lakh electors...

stations in Kupwara and Baramulla districts

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 the voter's queue is still there in the Polling Station premises to exercise their right to vote.

Every polling station will be provided with Assured Minimum Facilities (AMF's) like drinking water, electricity, toilet, ramp, furniture, verandah / shed besides wheelchairs will also be provided to the needy. The ballot unit will also have a list of contesting candidates in braille script. Whereever required, there will be separate queues for senior citizens and specially-abled persons facilitating them in every polling station. Additionally, there will be a voter help desk, manned by the concerned Booth Level Officer (BLO).

There will be 18 polling booths managed by women (also called as pink polling stations), 17 polling booths manned by specially abled persons and 18 by youths. Also, there will be 21 green polling stations in order to spread messages about environmental concerns. The purpose behind these special polling stations is to spread awareness among sections of the society like women, 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 the Electoral Photo Identity Card (EPIC), 12 types of documents will also be allowed to verify a voter and allow him for vote. EPIC cards are 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 with photograph issued to employees 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) emerged 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. From snow clad hills of Gulmarg to PS-1 SEEMARI in AC-1 Karnah, the district administrations carried out an exhaustive excercise to ensure maximum voter participation.

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 the poll. The concerned ARO and RO will share the data with the media accordingly. Even the updated figures will be placed in voter turnout app. These figures are always subject to, normally upward correction as the final confirmed figures are collected after recieving the statutory forms from all the polling stations. So, till these final figures are known, figures on voter turnout app are to be tentative always.

All 2103 polling stations of Baramulla PC in phase 5 will have CCTV cameras for live webcasting in total 4206 cameras and 50 additional CCTV cameras at main entrances of the polling stations. The poll day will be monitored through 24X7 Integrated Command and Control Rooms established at CEO level with latest technologies and all the polling stations will be monitored throughout the day by a tech savvy team. Also, control rooms have been set up at RO/DEO offices for parallel monitoring. There are few polling stations which fall in communication shadow areas. Suitable alternate arrangements by providing Satellite Phones, Wireless sets and Special Runners have been put in place in around a 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 1859 applications and rejected 300.

In the entire Union Territory, from the date of announcement of the election till date material/cash of around Rs 89.44 crore has been seized by various enforcement departments. Besides, cash, liquor, drugs and other freebies have been seized by various enforcement departments like the Police Department, valuing Rs 85.66 crore, Income Tax Department valuing 32 lakh, Excise Department of around 92 lakh, and the Narcotics Control Bureau has seized drugs worth 2.32 crore

As per the communication, the public campaigning in areas of Baramulla Parliamentary Constituency has concluded at 6P pm here today on 18th 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, and 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 the Media Certification and Monitoring Committee (MCMC). Sale of liquor, even from the licensed shops, has also been banned. Till date, 139 grievances have been received on C-VIGIL app and more than 60 % resolved in time and others 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, another Srinagar Smart city and similar mini control room at every RO/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 Social Media Monitoring cell and media monitoring comprising IT personnel will address fake news, misinformation, disinformation against EVMs, poll process, ECI etc and also violation of MCC and expenditure relat-

The communication also added 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.

Greater Kailash Murder...

Post (IC/PP) Greater Kailash PSI Puneet Sharma and attachment of SHO Inspector Harmonider Singh.

According to FIR, the deceased Avtar Singh son of Balbir Singh of Kaluchak was attacked by a group of goons when he objected to forcible possession of a plot he had allegedly purchased long back.

Earlier the police team had also conducted raid at Gola Shah's residence at Greater

Registry papers, land maps, revenue record found from the residence of Gola Shah are also being scrutinized. Names of senior officers, prominent citizens figure during investigation into the case of illegal land sales, sources said.

Here it is relevant to mention that the Court had granted 15 days Judicial remand of Ex-SSP Sheikh Mehmood IPS, Parshtom Singh alias Nikka, Suraj Singh son of Parshtom Singh, Sandeep Charak, Vikas Singh, Ravinder Kumar Gupta alias Gola Shah and Rajat Jandyal son of Ravinder Gupta. A case under sections 307/323 /447/147/IPC was registered against these accused at Gangyal police station.

Child Care Institutions...

Tashi that presently 25 girls are putting up there who are students between class First to class Ninth and native of different areas of district Budgam. He also pointed out that a female child of Preesha got recently promoted to class 9th after scoring 85%marks in the 8th standard.

During interaction with the children, Justice Tashi patiently listened to them about their daily routine, the quality of food being served to them, their involvement in extracurricular activities and their interest areas as well as hobbies.

Thereafter, Justice Tashi inspected the rooms, wash rooms, kitchen cum dinning hall, computer lab and recreation hall and expressed satisfaction regarding the facilities being provided to the children. While addressing the gathering Justice Tashi said that the Child Care Institutions in district Budgam are doing commendable Service to the society.

Subsequently, Justice Tashi inspected "Phulwari" and took stock of the operational framework where he was informed that already eight children have been adopted by the families within and outside the UT of J&K and at present only one infant child is being taken care of by the said agency. A few issues were raised by the Superintendent "Paresha" regarding which on the spot instructions were issued to SDM Khansahib, Budgam for their resolution as early as possible.

The staff of Pareesha, Phulwari and District Social Welfare Officer thanked Justice Tashi for visiting the said Institutions, spending time with the children and boosting

"If Art 370... its abrogation people from all communities have been given their rights.

Hitting out at the NC Vice-President, Chugh said that till yesterday former CM Omar Abdullah was reluctant over taking part in elections, but after sensing their defeat on ground they have once again started to shot statements on Article 370.

Northern Army commander...

terrorism grid and operational preparedness of the force.

The Army Commander motivated the troops to remain in a high state of operational alacrity to meet all forthcoming challenges and commended them for their high morale and vigil, the Army said.

NC, PDP MPs...

job opportunities, but after that, youth got involved in terrorism and drugs, which is worrisome. We have to make a policy to end unemployment. A poor parent takes a loan for their child's education, but when the child applies for any small job, they now have to compete with outsiders. If our government comes to power, we will first bring a law to protect jobs and land."

Azad criticised the regional parties of Kashmir for dismissing the importance of jobs, education, and water in the upcoming elections

He expressed shock at their statements, questioning their motives: "If you can't pro-

vide jobs, water, and electricity, then why are you in politics? To make your wealth!" He emphasised that addressing these fundamental issues is crucial for the wellbeing of the people and that the DPAP is committed to tackling unemployment, improving education, and ensuring basic necessities for all.

He said: 'PDP and NC leaders claim it's not about Bijli and Pani, then what will the MP do with the funds he receives? Will he use them for himself? These parties have only exploited people with false promises and slogans while doing nothing on the ground. My MP candidate will properly utilise his funds for the people and will raise public issues in Parliament the way I did.'

Azad expressed concern over the harassment of political workers by the administration, stating that such actions are alarming.

"We must not harass any worker unless we have strong evidence. This is an attack on our democracy. Elections are being conducted in a democracy, whether in J&K or other parts"," Azad said.

He added that DPAP's sole agenda is development, focusing on building schools, colleges, more districts, and hospitals.

"We do not exploit people. NC and PDP have raised slogans of autonomy and selfrule for years, which they have now forgotten. They are now fooling people with other false promises and slogans. I warn people not to be exploited by their slogans and promises. They will sell your votes the way they did in the past," Azad cautioned

Among others present on the occasion included Gulzar Wani Zonal President Saleem Parray Candidate, Ch Haroon Khatana Gen Secretary, Salman Nizami Chief Spokesperson, Jin Qaisar Distt President, Shuby Jaan Secretary and others.

Rohit Shetty begins...
Shetty had called on Jammu and Kashmir lieutenant governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhavan here on Friday.

"Singham Again" is the fifth part of Shetty's cinematic cop universe, which also includes Ranveer Singh's "Simmba" (2018) and "Sooryavanshi" (2021), starring Akshav Kumar

The cast also includes Singh, Kumar, Kareena Kapoor Khan, Tiger Shroff, Deepika Padukone and Shweta Tiwari as well as Arjun Kapoor, who essays the role of the antagonist. "Singham Again" is slated for a theatrical release on August 15 this year coinciding with Independence Day.

Soldiers, borders safe...

referring to its election symbol, Thakur said, "The Congress' 'hand' is always with foreign powers. It handed over thousands of acres of Indian land to the enemies and even today, when our soldiers are showing their bravery in Doklam, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi is meeting with Chinese officials." He also attacked the Congress over the 2016 surgical strike. Thakur said, "When our Army entered Pakistan and killed the terrorists, these people were demanding proof. Even today, when elections are around the corner, these people are saying that India's nuclear weapons should be abol ished." India had conducted the surgical strike in September 2016 across the Line of Control as a response to a terror attack on an Army base in Jammu and Kashmir's Uri sector. Thakur added that even "our daughters" are today holding AK-47s and have the courage to "bury" enemies. He noted that there used to be direct interference by Pakistan in Jammu and Kashmir and every day there were reports of terror incidents and stone pelting but the Modi-led government removed Article 370 and instilled peace and tranquillity in the Valley. As a result, stone pelting has completely stopped and the terrorists are counting their last breaths, the minister claimed.

Thakur also hit out at the state's Congress government.

He alleged that the Congress formed the government in Himachal Pradesh by mak ing false promises. Now, during the Lok Sabha elections, it is once again trying to cheat women by making them fill forms to get Rs 1,500 per month.

26 lodgement centres...

adopt a proactive approach and put in coordinated efforts to make holistic arrange ments for the pilgrims. Sharma said the district administration will ensure best facil ities for the pilgrims besides setting up two Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) issuing counters at Chichi Mata and Nonath Ashram. He also directed the concerned departments to formulate a comprehensive sanitation, health, traffic management and lodging plan for the comfort of the pilgrims.

DGP J&K visits forward areas in Kupwara to analyze infiltration attempts

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SRINAGAR: In the context of the information, that to disrupt the ongoing genera elections and the hostile intentions of the national security adversaries across and their

within, the Director General of Police J&K R.RSwain alongwith ADGP L&O Vijay Kumar, DIG NKRVivek Gupta and SSP Kupwara Shobit Saxena paid a visit to the forward areas in Karnah Sector and held discuswith Army officers to understand and



DGP J&K R R Swain during visit to forward area in Kupwara.

analyse infiltration attempts and current efforts to counter them. DGP was briefed by army officers including GOC 28 Div Maj Gen Girish Kalia

Using the opportunity, the DGP J&K held an interaction session with the border police personnel from Police Post Teetwal and Police Post Taad.

Sharing a meal with the officers, constables and SPOs, the DGP appreciated the recent efforts of the police in generating anti infiltration intelligence as well as taking decisive action against narcotics smuggling.

SP Ops Kupwara G M Bhat, 2-IC 6 Mahar Lt Col Rajbir Singh, Major Atul DySP Headquarters Kupwara Mohd Amin Bhat, SHO Karnah Irshad Reshi and SHO JIC Kupwara Reyaz prominently participated in the interaction session.

Maliwal case: Kejriwal's aide Bibhav **Kumar** arrested

STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Keiriwal's aide Bibhay Kumar wa

arrested in connection with the alleged assault on AAP MP Swati Maliwal at the CM's residence even as a combative AAP chief said he and other party leaders would go to the BJP headquarters on Sunday and dared the "prime minister to send any one he wants to jail". The Aam Aadmi Party alleged Maliwal was "blackmailed" by the BJP to become

part of a "conspiracy" against Kejriwal as she faces a corruption case and that the BJP wants to send party MP Raghav Chadha and Delhi ministers Atishi and Saurabh Bharadwaj to jail too. Hitting back, the BJP accused AAP of resorting to victim-shaming and victim-

blaming with its brazen defence of Kumar. BJP national spokesperson Shehzac Poonawalla alleged that Kejriwal is making efforts to protect Kumar as his aide is in a position to expose the chief minister's damaging "secrets".

Kumar was picked up from the chief minister's residence by a Delhi police team on Saturday, a senior police officer said, adding that they suspected that he had come to tamper with evidence.

Hours later, Kejriwal held a press conference where he accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of "playing the game" of sending AAP leaders such as Manish Sisodia, Satyendar Jain, and Sanjay Singh to jail.

"They are after our party and sending our leaders in jail one after another... Today you have sent my PA to jail," he said, adding the BJP is saying they will send AAF MP Raghav Chadha and Delhi ministers Atishi and Saurabh Bharadwaj to jail too

"I along with my MLAs and MPs would go to the BJP office at noon tomorrow so that the prime minister can send anyone he wants to jail.

"The AAP is an idea. For as many AAP leaders you jail, the country would produce leaders a hundred times more," Kejriwal said, as the Maliwal incident intensified the slugfest between the BJP and AAP in Delhi, where Lok Sabha polls will be held on May 25.

Kejriwal said the Aam Aadmi Party could not be crushed by sending its leaders to

jail. Rajya Sabha MP Maliwal has alleged that the CM's aide attacked her with full force, slapping her in the face and kicking her in the chest and abdomen on May 13 when she had gone to meet the chief minister.

Maliwal's medical examination was conducted at the AHMS on Friday. According to the medico-legal certificate (MLC), she has "bruises over proximal left leg dorsal aspect of approx size 3x2 cm and right cheek elbow below right eye of approx size A senior police officer said Kumar was picked up from the chief minister's resi-

dence on Saturday, a day after Maliwal recorded her statement before a magistrate at the Tis Hazari court. The officer said Kumar had gone there in the morning to Police said they have recorded the statement of at least 10 people, including secu-

rity personnel and other staff at the chief minister's residence, who were present at the time of the alleged assault on May 13.

According to a police officer, Kumar was interrogated about the reason he went to the CM's house on Saturday morning.

The police suspect that he might have come to tamper with the evidence. "As soon as they got to know about the presence of Kumar at the CM's residence on Saturday morning, a team from the local police station was sent to nab him," the

They also asked Kumar about his whereabouts at the time of the filing of the FIR against him on Thursday. In the evening, AAP leaders Gopal Rai, Sanjay Singh and Atishi visited Kumar's residence