

Modi made it possible for Opposition to hold election rallies in Kashmir: Dr Jitendra

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Congress are to be blamed

He said the BJP's develop-

ment model is committed to

'nation first' but for the

Congress and the INDIA

grouping, the only agenda is

"The country also under-

stands that if by mistake any

vote is cast in favour of INDI

alliance, that vote is not

going to be of any use to the

country. Every vote given to

BJP will strengthen the

the accusations against them

The top court delivered its

verdict on NIA's appeal

against the high court's

October 19 last year verdict

granting bail to these eight

accused, who are alleged to

be members of the Popular

Front of India (PFI), in a

case registered under the

provisions of the Unlawful

Activities (Prevention) Act

A bench of Justices Bela M

Trivedi and Pankaj Mithal

said it was conscious of the

legal position that it should

be slow in interfering with

Justice Tashi Rabstan,

Justice Sindhu Sharma,

Sanieev Kumar.

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CJ administers oath of office to Justice Nargal

the order when bail has

and the Indian Penal Code.

were "prima facie true".

for the anti-Sikh riots.

'family first'.

National security of paramount

importance, says SC

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resolve of 'Viksit Bharat'.

That is why this huge sea of

people is also saying in one

voice 'Phir Ek Baar Modi

Attacking the Congress and

the INDIA bloc, he said in

Delhi, Sikhs were burnt

"Every party which is with

Cong is to be blamed for the

anti-Sikh riots. It is only

Narendra Modi who is get-

ting justice for the victims of

Modi alleged that the

Congress "tarnished" the

Commonwealth Games by

"The same Delhi hosted the

G20 summit and the entire

world hailed India for host-

In a scathing attack on the

INDIA bloc, Modi accused

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the riots," he asserted.

image of

"looting" Delhi.

ing it," he added.

the parties of being

Sarkar'." he said.

alive.





Congress, SP Pakistan's sympathisers: Modi 'INDIA bloc extremely communal, casteist and nepotistic'

Congress government ... but

the strong government of

"India does not spare those

who tries to bully it. India

today beats them in their

Meanwhile, addressing a

rally in Dwarka Prime

Minister Narendra Modi tore

into the INDIA bloc accusing

it of being extremely "com-

munal, casteist and nepotis-

tic" as he alleged that all par-

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DELHI:

Wednesday set aside a ver-

dict of the Madras High

Court which had granted bail

to eight alleged PFI mem-

bers and office bearers, say-

ing national security is

always of "paramount impor-

tance" and any act aiding

terrorist activity is liable to

The apex court said it was

satisfied with the charge

sheet filed in the case and

material and documents

relied upon by the National

Investigation Agency (NIA)

that there were reasonable

be restricted.

Court

ties which are with the

Modi," Modi said.

own homes," he said.

DELHI: Prime Minister ModiNarendra Wednesday here called Congress and Samajwadi "sympathisers of Pakistan" and alleged that these parties are "scaring the country" with its nuclear

"This patron of terrorism which once used to make eves at us, its condition has become such that its people are hard up even for grain. Pakistan is finished, but its SP and sympathisers, Congress, are busy scaring the country," Modi said at a poll rally while campaigning for BJP's Basti Lok Sabha candidate Harish Dwivedi.

"They say one needs to be scared of Pakistan because it has an atom bomb. Don't they know what is 56-inch (chest)? It's not the weak

Two more Govt employees disengaged for violating MCC STATE TIMES NEWS

GANDERBAL: Acting tough against the violation of Model Code of Conduct (MCC) guidelines, the authorities in Ganderbal disengaged two more governemployees, Wednesday.

regard stated that Mushtaq Ahmad Khan, son ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

The order issued in this

Property of LeT commander attached in J&K

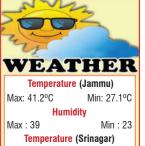
SRINAGAR: A property of a Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorist commander was attached in Shopian district Wednesday, police said.

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Abid Ramzan Sheikh alias Saifullah alias Khalid, resident of Chotipora, is a selfstyled terrorist commander, a police spokesperson said.

He is involved in a number of terror-related cases in Shopian and neighbouring districts. He is also involved in instigating the youth

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Kashmir and Ladakh, Justice N Kotiswar Singh, on Wednesday administered the oath of office to Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal as Additional Judge of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir Min: 28 and Ladakh, in the Chief

Sunset: 19:27 Hours Sunrise: 05:27 Hours

Chief Justice N Kotiswar Singh administering oath of office to Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal in Jammu on Wednesday. STATE TIMES NEWS was attended at Jammu by JAMMU: Chief Justice, Justice Atul Sreedharan, High Court of Jammu & Rajesh Oswal, Vinod Chatterji Justice Koul, Justice Puneet Gupta, Justice Rahul Bharti and Justice Raiesh Sekhri while

Justice

Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi and Justice Mohd Yousuf Wani participated virtually from Srinagar.

The proceedings of the oath taking ceremony were conducted by Shahzad Azeem, Registrar General, who read the contents of the notificareceived Government of India,

(Appointments Division), the Warrants of Appointment issued by the President of India and the Letter of Authorization issued by the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, authorizing Chief Justice to administer the oath of office to Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal. The

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LG greets people on Buddha Purnima

STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: Lieutenant



extended his heartiest greetings to the people on Buddha Purnima. In a message, the Lt Governor said, "On the auspicious occasion of Buddha Purnima, I convey my hearty greetings and good wishes to all. Lord Buddha guided the humanity on the path of peace, non-violence, selfless-service and virtuous living. His eternal message continues to guide us on the path of truth, compassion and universal brotherhood. May Buddha Purnima usher in peace, prosperity and happiness for everyone".

DGP, GoC review security situation of Poonch ahead of polling

STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: DGP RR Swain and General Commanding (GOC) White Knight Corps Lt Gen Navin Sachdeva on Wednesday reviewed operational preparedness and security situation of border district Poonch ahead of $\operatorname{polling}$ Anantnag-Rajouri Sabha constituency on May

A high-level joint security review meeting chaired by the Director General of Police Was conducted on Wednesday in Poonch, officials said.

The GOC 16 Corps and the DGP emphasized the importance of maintaining a high level of vigilance and preparedness to effectively address any potential security challenges. The ADGPs and Formation Commanders provided valuable insights

Focus shifts to Anantnag-Rajouri, last J&K LS constituency to go to polls

ANANTNAG: Polling in four of the five parliamentary seats in Jammu and Kashmir having ended peacefully, the focus has now shifted to the reshaped Anantnag-Rajouri constituency which witnessed four terror attacks in the last 30

The constituency spread on either side of the mighty Pir Panjal was originally scheduled to go to polls on May 7 but it was deferred to May 25 due to adverse weather conditions on the request of several parties, including the BJP, April party and the DPAP.

The parties also cited the closure of the Mughal road - ar alternative link connecting Jammu with Kashmir.

Over 18.30 lakh eligible voters, including 8.99 lakh women and over 81,000 first-timers, will decide the fate of 20 contestants, including former chief minister and PDP pesident Mehbooba Mufti, in the fray for the prestigious seat. The Anantnag-Rajouri constituency ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

and updates on the current security situation and outlined strategic measures to

bolster security protocols. The Joint Security Review Meeting underscored rity forces to maintaining peace and stability in the region, ensuring the safety and security of all citizens. They reiterated their resolve to work in unison and

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Will uplift, empower Gujjar, Bakarwals: Azad

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SRINAGAR: Chairman, Democratic Progressive (DPAP), Azad Party Ghulam Nabi Azad on Wednesday highlighted the persistent exploitation faced by the Gujjar and Bakerwal communities at the hands of regional parties, saying that they have consistently been used as a vote bank without receiving genuine support or development.

'These communities have borne the brunt of militancy and violence and continue to live in poverty without proper facilities", Azad said while addressing a gathering of the



at Muskhud Devsar in Kulgam district

Scheduled Tribe (ST) community in Muskhud Devsar. He emphasized the need for change and promised that, if elected to power, his adminis-

upliftment and development of these marginalized communities. "I pledge to ensure that the Gujjar and

Bakerwal communities

Choice for people whether 'gaadi of Bharat' should go on higher or reverse gear: Jaishankar

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: External Affairs Minister Jaishankar on Wednesday said he felt things are moving in a "positive direction" when it comes to India's bid for a permanent seat in the UN Security Council, and asserted that 'Viksit Bharat' will have many faces and expressions and the UNSC will be "one of them".

In his opening address at an event hosted by the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) in Delhi, days ahead of the polling here for the ongoing Lok Sabha elections, he also said the choice for people is

Kejriwal is currently out on

interim bail granted by the



whether the gaadi of Bharat' should go on fourth gear, fifth gear or whether it should go on reverse gear".

In his address, he also stressed on how India and the Narendra Modi government handled the

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Traffic resumed on Jammu-Srinagar NH after day-long suspension

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: The vehicular traffic on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway resumed

early Wednesday after being suspended for a day, officials Light motor vehicles and private cars are allowed to travel in both directions on

the highway, a traffic police official said. However, heavy motor vehicles are restricted to one-way traffic from Jakhani (Udhampur) towards Srinagar, he added.

"Traffic was resumed on the highway following a daylong suspension," the official

He said there is slow movement between Ramban and Banihal due to poor road conditions and the movement of nomadic flocks.

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Justice Sanjay Dhar, Justice Justice's Court Room. Javed Iqbal Wani, Justice Ministry of Law & Justice, ceremony was also Mohd Akram Chowdhary, Department of Justice The oath taking ceremony

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 'Should our Govt not take action against corruption': Rajnath not take action against cor-

ruption?".

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CHANDIGARH: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Wednesday launched a scathing attack

on the opposition INDIA bloc over corruption issue and asked should the government not take action against the

corrupt. Singh was campaigning for the BJP's Lok Sabha poll candi-

dates in Haryana. Referring to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's arrest in a money laundering case linked to the excise case, Singh said, "Kejriwal would claim to be the most honest

person. Now, he says he has

been jailed by Modi

ji...should our government

Supreme Court till June 1 to campaign for the general elections.

The defence minister, who campaigned in Karnal, Kurukshetra and Bhiwani, also took on the Congress on the issue. "Earlier they (Congress) did not let the ED and CBI to

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