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## Modi dares Congress to restore Article 370 in J&K

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JUNAGADH GUJARAT: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday challenged the Congress to restore Article 370 in Jammu-Kashmir; abolish the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and the law that bans triple talaq.

"I have buried Article 370. It is gone now. I want to challenge the Congress royal family and its 'shehzada' (a jibe at the Gandhi family and Rahul Gandhi) that if it is your hidden agenda, then come out in the open and tell people you will restore Article 370," he said at a poll rally in Junagadh in Gujarat.

"I want to see how much courage they (Congress) have to insult the Constitution drafted by Babasaheb Ambedkar. You (Congress) will fail because this (standing in your way) is Modi," the PM asserted.

He said the ongoing Lok Sabha elections were not for



satisfying his personal ambitions, but for fulfilling his "mission."

A strong and stable government was important not only for the country but also for the world, he added.

"These elections are not for my ambition, as people have

fulfilled that ambition in 2014. The 2024 elections are for Modi's mission," the PM said.

Accusing the opposition Congress of having a "dangerous mentality", Modi said its manifesto is written in the language of Muslim League.

For Congress, this election was all about saving its existence and the party was taking help of its "Mazhabi vote bank" to stay afloat, the prime minister claimed.

Referring to the controversy surrounding the Katchatheevu island, he said during the Congress rule, the Union government had no idea about the exact number of islands India had.

"I then got a satellite survey done and found that we have 1,300 islands. Some of them are as big as Singapore. We will develop some of them for tourism purposes," said Modi.

A Congress leader had recently spoken about separating south India and forming a new nation, while those in the opposition INDI alliance also make statements on similar lines, he said.

"Congress leaders have inherited this mentality

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## New school timings in Srinagar city from May 6

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The authorities here on Thursday announced change in school timings within municipal limits of Srinagar from May 6.

"Consequent upon the approval conveyed by the competent authority, all Government and Private Recognized Schools within the municipal limits of Srinagar city shall observe school timings from 08:30 AM to 02:30 PM, with effect from May 6, 2024," read an order issued by Director School Education Kashmir.

## Insp Satveer posted as SHO Gangyal; Insp Mughal Bakshi Nagar

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Jammu on Thursday transferred Inspector Satveer Singh as SHO Gangyal while Inspector Sajid Mughal has been posted as SHO Bakshi Nagar.

## Rahul's Bharat Jodo Yatra will end with 'Cong Dhoondho Yatra': Shah

'In Kashmir tricolour flies with pride...nobody has courage to pelt a stone there'

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BAREILLY/BUDAUN/SITAPUR : Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday attacked Rahul Gandhi, suggesting that his party will get such a drubbing in election that he will have to take out a 'Congress Dhoondho Yatra' after June 4.

Addressing an election rally in Bareilly, Shah, while referring to Akhilesh Yadav and Rahul, said when he stood up in Parliament to introduce the bill to abolish Article 370, "do ladke" stood against it and claimed the bill will lead to bloodshed in the valley.

"No one has the courage to pelt a stone there. At Lal Chowk, where no one could go, a Krishna Janmashtami procession was taken out," Shah said on the post-Article 370 Kashmir.

On revoking Article 370 from Jammu and Kashmir,



he said, "Congress president asks what do people of Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh have to do with Kashmir? He doesn't know that for Kashmir, every child of Bareilly can sacrifice his life ... In Kashmir, our tricolour flies with pride."

On the "surgical strike" after Pulwama attack, Shah said that under the past Congress governments, there was no reprisal for such acts and anyone could enter the country and do bomb blasts.

"We did a surgical strike inside Pakistan to get rid of terrorists."

He said that the Congress government did not have courage to counter terrorism due to fear of erosion of its vote bank.

He said that this election is for ending terrorism and Naxalism and making India the third major economy globally.

Shah alleged that Rahul, Congress General

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## Intruder might have been sent to test troops' alertness: BSF IG



**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SAMBHA: A senior BSF official on Thursday said an intruder killed along the International Border (IB) in Samba district might have been sent to carry out reconnaissance of the area and test the alertness of troops for a potential infiltration attempt.

Border Security Force (BSF) troops thwarted an infiltration bid on Wednesday night at Samba's Regal post along the IB and killed an intruder, officials said. The body of the intruder was retrieved from the spot on Thursday.

"The troops noticed movement from across the border around 8:15 pm on Wednesday. It was closely monitored. The intruder first approached the border and then crossed the International Border. Despite being challenged by the troops, he continued

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## LG flags off Road Safety Awareness Tour from Raj Bhawan



LG Manoj Sinha flagging off road safety awareness tour from Raj Bhawan on Thursday.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday flagged off Road Safety Awareness Tour "Mission Save Lives J&K Tour 2024" from Raj Bhawan.

The Lt Governor commended the endeavour of Kashmir Road Safety Foundation to create awareness, educate communities, and implement measures to enhance road safety across UT of Jammu Kashmir.

Mission Save Lives J&K Tour 2024 will cover all the Districts of J&K and

spread awareness about the importance of Road Safety and Sustainable Development Goals.

Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; Nasir Ali Khan, Chairman,

Kashmir Road Safety Foundation, senior officials and other concerned were present.

## CIK arrests youth trying to join terrorist ranks in Budgam

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Counter Intelligence Kashmir (CIK) of Jammu and Kashmir Police on Thursday arrested an alleged radicalised youth, who was on his way to join terror ranks in Budgam district of the Union Territory, officials said.

"The CIK arrested one hard-core, radicalised individual Waseem Ahmed Shaikh of Beerwah village who was about to join terrorist ranks on the motivation of some Pakistan based terrorist handlers," the officials said here.

The officials said the CIK on Monday launched an

operation after getting reliable intelligence input that terrorist outfit Ansar Gazwat-Ul-Hind, an offshoot of the global terror outfit ISIS, was trying to re-establish its base and revive its cadres in Kashmir.

"In furtherance to this criminal conspiracy, one Pakistan based terror handler of AuGH identified as Hamzah @Gazi has been brainwashing/ radicalizing Kashmiri youth to join terrorist ranks. It also came to light that AuGH has brainwashed and cultivated few committed Hybrid OGWs in Kashmir valley and

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## Bhupinder gets additional charge of Director, Census Operations

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The government on Thursday assigned additional charge of the post of Director of Census Operations (DCO)/ Director of Citizen Registration (DCR) for the UTs of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh to

## Regional parties dividing people on caste, religion: Azad

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
POONCH: Chairman Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP), Ghulam Nabi Azad, on Thursday slammed the regional parties for their divisive tactics, based on caste, religion and region.

During road shows in Poonch and Mandi areas, Azad expressed concern over the increasing number of Congress members departing the party, fearing a significant depletion in its ranks even before the Lok Sabha results are announced.

He said: "I am saddened to see Kashmir-based regional



parties dividing our people based on caste and religion. This damages our social fabric and unity. How can an MP elected from these parties do justice to all communities if they seek votes from one and ignore the other? This is dangerous." He reiterated the core agenda of the DPAP and emphasized

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## Nine more candidates file nomination for Baramulla PC

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BARAMULLA: Nine more candidates filed their nomination papers on Thursday at the office of the Returning Officer (RO), 1-Baramulla Parliamentary Constituency, Minga Sherpa, to contest the General Lok Sabha Elections-2024 from 1-Baramulla Parliamentary Constituency.

Omar Abdullah, from Jammu & Kashmir National Conference Party, Mir Mohammad Fayaz from Jammu & Kashmir People's Democratic Party, Mohammad Rafiq Rather, from Jammu &

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## CS calls for enhancing efficiency of credit linked schemes to benefit farmers

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Underlining the importance of effective implementation and monitoring optimal utilization of resources allocated for agricultural development, Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo on Thursday emphasized the need for collaborative efforts towards streamlining processes, addressing challenges and enhancing the overall efficiency of credit linked schemes for the benefit of farmers across the region.

Addressing a meeting, convened to evaluate the effectiveness of credit-linked



schemes of agriculture and allied sectors, the Chief Secretary called upon all concerned departments and officials to redouble their efforts in achieving the outlined objectives.

He reiterated the administration's commitment to ensure the welfare of farmers and promote

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## Stop registering voters for beneficiary schemes under guise of surveys: EC to political parties

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: The Election Commission Thursday asked political parties to immediately stop and "desist" from any activity that involves registering people for post-election beneficiary-oriented schemes through advertisements, surveys or mobile applications.

The election watchdog said it has taken a "serious view" of political parties and candidates seeking details of voters under the guise of

## Greater Kailash Murder Case; protesters block Jammu-Pathankot NH

### Gola Shah booked under PSA

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Seeking stern action against the culprits involved in murder of a youth over land issue, the family of the deceased on Thursday staged protest and blocked the Jammu-Pathankot national highway at Kunjwani Chowk in the city outskirts.

Shouting "We want justice" and "anti-police slogans", the family members and relatives staged a protest demanding strict action against the culprits.

Notably, a day after police initiated action in Greater Kailash murder case with an arrest of seven persons, one of the accused identified as Ravinder Kumar alias Gola



DIG JSK Sunil Gupta, SSP Jammu Vinod Kumar pacifying aggrieved family members. (more pics on page 9)

Shah has also been booked under Public Safety Act.

"We have registry of our plot since 20 years. The goons damaged our CCTV

cameras, broke plot's gate locks and were painting the walls. They have thrown out our goods." What kind of justice can be given to that

mother whose son has been murdered. Accused Parshottam sent four women to attack me. A gang of 15 men forced my son in our

room and killed him. If there is govt then it must provide me justice," says Mother of deceased Avatar Singh while lamenting his son's murder.

"In UP, the properties of criminals are razed by the govt and we want the same in this crime case to set an example in Jammu and Kashmir. If local govt is serious and is not standing with land grabbers then it should set an example just like UP regime. The properties of all the accused persons must be demolished to set a precedent that land snatchers must not be left unpunished. Gola Shah has been booked under PSA for four times earlier and what if he can again kills someone in future as PSA is not a solution. A very strict action is needed against him so that he will understand

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### Chairman J&K Sikh Coordination Committee meets LG



Ajit Singh, Chairman, J&K Sikh Coordination Committee on Thursday called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan.

He was accompanied by Balbir Singh, father of deceased Avtar Singh, a resident of Mangowali R.S. Pura, who was killed in Greater Kailash, Jammu.

Singh requested the Lieutenant Governor for a thorough and impartial investigation in the matter.

The Lt Governor issued on spot directions and assured every support and assistance to the family members.

RR Swain, DGP J&K was also present in the meeting.

**WEATHER**

Temperature (Jammu)  
Max: 33.2°C Min: 15.7°C

Humidity  
Max: 44 Min: 23

Temperature (Srinagar)  
Max: 23.2°C Min: 5.7°C

Humidity  
Max: 74 Min: 56

Sunset: 19:12 Hours  
Sunrise: 05:42 Hours