Doda saw return of peace, fast development under Modi Govt: Dr Jitendra

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When Modi talks of UCC he is for fulfilling obligations of Govt as enshrined in Art- 44 of **Constitution of India**

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Two terrorists killed in gunfight, infiltration bid along LoC in Rajouri foiled

STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI/JAMMU: Days ahead of the first phase of assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir, two heavily armed terrorists were killed in a gunfight with the security forces along the Line of Control (LoC) in Rajouri district, officials on Monday.

The gunfight broke out in the Laam area of the Nowshera sector late on Sunday night after alert Army troops noticed terrorists trying to sneak into this side from across the border, they said.

Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir are scheduled to take place in three phases -- September 18, September 25 and



"In a joint operation with Jammu and Kashmir Police, the Army successfully foiled an infiltration bid by terror-

ists in the Nowshera sector. Intelligence inputs received since August 30 indicated the presence of terrorists opposite the Nowshera Sector. All likely infiltration

were employed to monitor the area.

Bartwal said.

"Area domination patrols were also conducted with

routes were kept under sur-

Army PRO Lt Col Suneel

He said ground-based and

aerial surveillance assets

greater frequency, deploying troops at key terrain locations to prevent terrorist infiltration," the defence spokesperson said

On the night of September 8, around 7.30 pm, surveillance teams detected suspicious movement of a few individuals in the area, he said.

intense

firefight

ensued. The exchange of fire continued through the night. UAVs, night cameras and other surveillance equipment were deployed to keep the terrorists under observation," the spokesperson said, adding two terrorists were neutralised in the firefight. At first light of September 9, a search was carried out to

clear the area of any ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Some elements don't want India to grow, but no need to be scared of them: Bhagwat ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat on Monday said some elements. who don't want India to grow are creating hindrance in the path of its development, but there was no need to be scared as a similar situation prevailed during the times of Chhatrapati Maharaj, but it was tackled using the power of "dharma" or religion and righteous-

Bhagwat maintained that in the past "external" invasions of India were largely visible so people were alert, but now they are manifesting in different forms.

He was speaking at the release of a book titled 'Tanjavarche Marathe', written by author Dr ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Ph-II J&K Polls: 27 candidates withdraw, 239 in fray in 26 Constituencies Highest 15 candidates in Ganderbal, lowest 4 in Budhal

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: On the last day of the withdrawal of nomination papers for the second phase of the forthcoming Jammu and Kashmir Assembly Elections 2024 in 26 Assembly Constituencies, 27 candidates withdrew theirCandidature in the Office of respective Returning Officers across six districts on Monday, leaving 239 candidates in the final poll fray.

The Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, J&K UT informed that out of the total 266 valid nominations, 27 candidates withdrew their Nominations by the last date of withdrawal i.e. Monday, 09 September, 2024.

With this, only 239 validly Nominated Candidates now

Discussion focussed on the

current status of various

projects including the con-

struction of New Court

Complex for the High Court

at Srinagar and construction

of boundary wall of the pro-

posed High Court Complex

JAMMU: National Conference leader Omar Abdullah, who is contesting from two seats, Pradesh Congress Committee chief Tariq Hamid Karra and Jammu and Kashmir BJP president Ravinder Raina are among the prominent candidates in fray in the second phase of elections to Legislative Assembly.

Omar, Karra, Raina among 239 candidates

The Jammu and Kashmir Assembly elections are scheduled to be held in three phases -- September 18, September 25 and October 1. The results will be announced on October 8.

remain in fray for the 26 Assembly Constituencies where polling will be held in the second phase of the J&K Assembly Elections on 25

September, 2024. Highest 9 candidates withdrew their nomination in Budgam district, followed by 6 in Srinagar district, 5 each in Rajouri and Poonch districts, 2 in Reasi district, while no candidate withdrew

nomination

With this, 93 candidates remain in the final electoral fray in Srinagar district, followed by 46 in Budgam district, 34 in Rajouri district, 25 in Poonch district, 21 in Ganderbal district, while 20 candidates remain in the final fray in Reasi district.

Ganderbal district.

In Reasi district, 6 candidates remain in the final electoral fray for election

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J&K polls: Congress releases third list of 19 candidates

STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI:

on Monday Congress released its third list for the

Bishnah (SC).

With this list, the Congress has declared a total of 34 candidates for the assembly

The

Conference and the Congress

have finalised the seat-shar-

ing formula and will contest

51 and 32 seats, respectively

There will be a friendly con-

National

Bhalla R S Pura-Jammu South; Tony Bahu; Sawhney Jammu East; Manmohan Jammu West; Mula Ram Marh; Lal Singh Basohli; Kundal Ramgarh; Manohar Lal Billawar

polls.

Jammu and Kashmir Assembly polls, fielding JKPCC working president Raman Bhalla from RS South. Chaudhary Lal Singh from Basohli, and former NSUI chief Neeraj Kundan from

Drive launched to plant 1 lakh saplings under 'green election initiative' in J&K **■ STATE TIMES NEWŠ** JAMMU: A special drive to

plant one lakh saplings under 'green election initiative' commenced here on Monday with Chief Electoral Officer Pandurang K Pole directed officers to plant more than 100 plants in the premises of polling stations. Jammu and Kashmir is

scheduled to go to assembly polls in three phases on September 18, 25 and October 1. The results will be declared on October 8. Pole, who kick started the

plantation drive from the premises of Model Higher Secondary School, Domana, in Bhalwal block of Jammu district, reiterated the efforts being made to ensure the environment-friendly plantation drive along with the assembly elections to create a sense of responsibility towards the environment protection among the

CONTD ON PAGE 9 WEATHER Max: 34.5°C Max: 81 Max: 30.8°C

Max: 82

Min: 53 Sunset: 18:45 Hours North candidate Sham Lal Sunrise: 06:10 Hours

STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: Justice Tashi

Rabstan, Chief Justice (A), High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, on Monday held a meeting with the Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, Secretary Law, Achal Sethi, Secretary R&B, Bhupinder Kumar and other officers ofAdministration as well as High Court Registry to review the progress of onco ing infrastructural projects of the judiciary in the UT of



CI reviews status of ongoing infra projects

of judiciary in J&K

Chief Justice (A), Tashi Rabstan chairing a meeting at Srinagar.

The Chief Justice (A) emphasised the importance structural projects aimed at strengthening the judicial

at Raika Jammu. The emphasis was also laid on the renovation of existing judicial infrastructure and the development of modern facilities for judicial officers and staff of the District judiciary.

Modi holds talks with Abu **Dhabi Crown Prince**



PM Narendra Modi meeting Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan at Hyderabad House, in New Delhi on Monday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday held wide-ranging talks with Abu Dhabi Crown

Need to increase acceptance of Hindi without

Prince Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zaved Nahyan focusing on boosting

overall strategic ties

With no development agenda Abdullahs, Muftis will revive terrorism: Chugh

Sham files nomination papers for Jammu North Constituency

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Monday debunked the wild propaganda raised by National Conference leader Farooq Abdullah holding BJP responsible for fear among Hindus.

Chugh, who is also the party incharge for J&K and Ladakh, said, Hindus in J &K know the role of Abdullahs and Muftis when extreme brutalities were committed on them and they were the mute spectators. He said Abdullahs and

Muftis turned a blind eye



BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh along with party candidate Sham Lal Sharma during rally before filing nomination papers in Jammu on Monday

when lakhs of Hindus had to leave the Valley in the face of

extremist violence. " Where were Abdullahs then?, Chugh questioned.

When asked about the allegations by PDP leader Mehbooba Mufti that the AIP party is a proxy for the BJP, Chugh dismissed the charges as baseless and figment of her imagination.

He said that "the PDP and NC have no agenda for the welfare of J&K and no plan to work for the betterment of the people in the future. Let them go through our 'Sankalp Patra' (Manifesto) and then speak," he

come together they have

brought destruction and mis-

"More than 45,000 people

eries for the people.

Nehru," he said.

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competing with other languages: Amit Shah

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday said there is a need to increase the acceptance of Hindi in the country without competing with any other Indian language.

Addressing the newly constituted Parliamentary Committee on Official Language, Shah also said that in the new education policy brought by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, emphasis has been given for imparting primary education in the mother tongue as chil-

dren get connected with many languages when they get basic education in mother

According to an official statement, Shah said "without competing with any Indian language, we need to increase the acceptance of

He said Hindi is now in a way associated with employment and technology, and the government of India is also making special efforts to integrate all the new age

> He said in the new education policy a resolution has been taken to give impor-

Hindi language.

technologies with the

tance to all Indian languages and the parliamentary committee will take it much further. The home minister said in the last 10 years.

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BJP freed J&K from clutches of terrorism: Anurag Thakur

JAMMU: Former Union minister and BJP MP Anurag Thakur on Monday said his party freed Jammu and Kashmir from the clutches of terrorism and guaranteed peace, prosperity and development in the region.

"In Jammu and Kashmir, BJP means 'rahat' (comfort) and NC-Congress means 'aafat' (trouble). The NC-Congress alliance can only bring destruction and miseries for the people of the Union Territory," Thakur told reporters here.

Earlier in the day, Thakur accompanied BJP's Jammu



Sharma and Jammu West

nominee Arvind Gupta to file their nomination papers for the third phase of the assembly elections on October 1. A large number of BJP

workers also accompanied

the contesting candidates

support and the party.

peace and ensure development," Thakur said. He alleged that whenever

ment abrogated Article 370 and chanted slogans in their to pave the way for peace and development in J&K. "Only BJP can establish "The NC-Congress are

talking of bringing back Article 370 but I must tell them that Article 370 is his-National Conference tory and will never ever come (NC) and Congress have back," the BJP leader said.

He alleged that the alliance wants to push J&K again towards terrorism but "the people will teach them a lesson in these elections".

have lost their lives in Jammu and Kashmir due to "NC-Congress alliance has NC and Congress. The counno issue for the people and try suffered a lot for 70 years now they are deviating people's attention by raising due to blunders committed by (Pandit Jawahar Lal) other issues." he said. adding, "Rahul Gandhi must He said Prime Minister make his stand clear on the Narendra Modi-led governhanging of Parliament attack convict Afzal Guru".

Thakur said the NC-Congress are playing "divisive politics" and are trying to "divide people and spread hatred".

BJP is guarantee to peace, prosperity and

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Rahul Gandhi is no 'Pappu': Pitroda

STATE TIMES NEWS

WASHINGTON: Congress leader Sam Pitroda has said that the Leader of the Opposition, Rahul Gandhi, is no "Pappu" and contrary to what the BJP promotes, he is "highly educated, well-read and a strate-

gist". Pitroda, chairman of the Indian Overseas Congress, made the remarks while introducing the former Congress president to students at the University of Texas in Dallas on Sunday.

"He (Gandhi) has a vision contrary to what the BJP promotes by spending crores and crores of rupees. I must tell you, he is no Pappu. He is highly educated, well-

read, a strategist with a deep thinking on any subject, Pitroda said.

Gandhi, who is on a visit to the US, has been referred to as 'Pappu' by his detractors for many years.

During the interaction with students, Gandhi said, "Opposition at its heart is the voice of people, there is a whole sequence of events that go on, but what you generally think about is where and how can I raise the issues of

the people of India. Talking about the Parliamentary proceedings, Gandhi described them as a "pleasant war" of ideas and "You go to the words. Parliament in the

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