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It is three dynasties versus youths of J&K: Modi ‘Terrorism breathing its last in J&K, dynastic politics destroyed this beautiful region’



Prime Minister Narendra Modi along with senior BJP leaders and party candidates during election rally at Doda on Saturday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said that the upcoming assembly election is a contest between the young leadership devoted to Jammu and Kashmir's development and the three dynastic families that "destroyed" the region by "encouraging" corruption and "depriving" the people of

their rights.

Addressing an election rally in support of BJP candidates in Doda district of Jammu region, Modi said terrorism is taking its last breath and reiterated his government's promise of restoring statehood to Jammu and Kashmir.

However, he cautioned the people against bringing the

NC, Congress and the PDP back to power, alleging their policies had prepared the ground for terrorism, stifled young leadership and "hollowed out" J-K, and stressed that the election would decide the future of Jammu and Kashmir which has "remained the target of foreign powers".

Shagun Parihar (29),

whose father Ajit Parihar and uncle Anil Parihar were shot dead by terrorists in November 2018, is fighting elections from the Kishtwar constituency. Gajay Singh (Doda), Shakti Raj Parihar (Doda West), Taraq Hussain Keen (Inderwal), Shagun Parihar (Kishtwar), Rakesh Singh Thakur (Ramban), Sunil Sharma (Padder-

Nagseni) and Daleep Singh (Bhaderwah) and Mohd Saleem Bhat (Banihal) were the other candidates present.

This was the maiden election rally by the prime minister in Jammu and Kashmir ahead of the first phase of the assembly polls on September 18, which will cover 24 seats spread across the three districts of Doda,

- Congress India's 'most dishonest' party, manipulates polls to come to power
- Shagun Parihar given ticket to reflect BJP's determination to wipe out terrorism
- BJP manifesto promises return and rehabilitation of Kashmiri migrant Pandits to provide them their rights
- BJP promises to bring white paper to provide justice to all victims of terrorism and you are aware that BJP keeps its promise

Trains to reach Srinagar 'very soon'

JAMMU: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday promised to connect unlinked areas of Jammu and Kashmir through the railway network, announcing that trains will soon reach the Kashmir valley.

Addressing an election rally in the Doda district in support of BJP candidates earlier in the day, Modi said work on the railway line between Srinagar and Ramban is complete and the trial runs have begun.

"We are working to connect the unlinked areas of Jammu and Kashmir through rail. Soon, the people of Ramban, Doda, Kishtwar, and Kashmir will be able to travel directly to Delhi by train. I will fulfil your dream," Modi said at the rally.

"Very soon, trains will run to Srinagar through Ramban. The work on the railway line is complete, the station is ready, and trials have already begun," he added.

Kishtwar and Ramban in Jammu and the south Kashmir districts of

Anantnag, Pulwama, Shopian and Kulgam. Modi began his nearly 45-

minute speech by welcoming the people who attended

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Two forest officials arrested for taking bribe

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Two forest department officials were arrested for allegedly taking a bribe to release pending bills to a contractor in Kathua district on Saturday, an Anti-Corruption Bureau official said.

Forester Rashpaul Singh and forest guard Avdesh Singh were caught red-handed while taking an illegal gratification of Rs 15,000 to release pending payment of more than Rs 2.81 lakh to a contractor who had executed fencing work, plantation, pit planting and patch sowing in the Budhi block forest range,

the official said.

A case was registered and discreet verification confirmed the bribe demand by the two public servants, he said.

A successful trap was laid and both the accused were caught red-handed while demanding and accepting the bribe amount of Rs 15,000, in the presence of independent witnesses, from the complainant and subsequently arrested, the Anti-Corruption Bureau official said.

He added searches were conducted in the homes of the accused and further investigation was underway.

Ensure effective seizures to uphold ECI's guidelines on free, fair polls: CEO

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In order to maintain the sanctity of the much awaited J&K Assembly Elections 2024, Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), J&K, Pandurang K Pole on Saturday convened a meeting of 22 Enforcement Agencies at Nirvachan Bhawan, Rail Head Complex here.

The meeting was also attended by Additional CEO Rahul Sharma, Special Secretary Nirupa Rai Nodal Officer Expenditure Monitoring UT of J&K and Under Secretary Huma Khan among others.



CEO J&K, Pandurang K Pole chairing a meeting in Jammu.

The agencies were sensitized about the inter-agency coordination, stressing for prompt action and consequent seizures of freebies including drugs, liquor and

cash meant to lure the voters around 72 hours before the commencement of Phase 1 of the J&K Assembly Elections. In the phase 1, elections will be held on 18 September,

2024 across the 24 Assembly constituencies in seven districts-Pulwama, Shopian, Kulgam and Anantnag in Kashmir Division; and Doda, Kishtwar and Ramban in Jammu Division.

In order to impose strict vigil, CEO exhorted upon the agencies to ensure close monitoring at all the entry and exit points of Jammu and Srinagar airports; while instructions were also issued to monitor the similar activities both at the interstate check posts and border check posts across the union territory. The CEO also

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Three terrorists killed in encounter with SFs in Kreeri Pattan

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Three terrorists were killed on Saturday morning in an overnight encounter with security forces in Baramulla district, police said.

They said a cordon-and-search operation was launched in Chak Tapper Kreeri in the north Kashmir district's Pattan area late Friday night.

The operation turned into an encounter after terrorists fired on a search party of the forces, who then retaliated, according to a police official.

The cordon was maintained throughout the night

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Soldier injured as army foils infiltration bid

RAJOURI: An Army personnel was injured in an encounter with terrorists attempting to infiltrate across the Line of Control (LoC) in Rajouri district on Saturday, security officials said.

The encounter occurred in the Kalal area of the Nowshera sector when army troops guarding the LoC intercepted a group of terrorists trying to infiltrate into this side, the officials said. This was the second infiltration attempt by

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Anti-terror operations intensified in various parts of Jammu

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Security forces intensified their anti-terror operations in parts of Kishtwar, Udhampur, Poonch and Rajouri districts on Saturday, following recent encounters in which two soldiers led down their lives and two terrorists were killed, officials said.

A joint operation in the forests of Pingnal Dugadda in the Chhatroo belt of Kishtwar district entered the second day, with reinforcements joining the search parties to hunt down the terrorists responsible for killing two Army personnel, including a JCO, and injuring two others in a gunfight the previous day, they said.

The officials said a vast area was kept under cordon with security forces utilising drones and other modern equipment to locate the terrorists, who fled the scene after the encounter taking advantage of darkness and the dense foliage.

There has been no fresh contact with the terrorists

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Incumbent to identify new security challenges like rogue drones: Amit Shah

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday said it has become necessary to identify emerging national security challenges like rogue drones, online frauds, and narcotics and tackle them before they become major challenges.

On the second day of the two-day National Security Strategies Conference-2024 here, Shah also asked the Director Generals of Police to protect the constitutional rights of citizens and ensure speedy and timely justice for vic-

tims. He proposed a detailed strategy to augment counter-terrorism efforts, including cooperation with internation-



al agencies and enhancing capacities to prevent terror financing.

"It is now incumbent to identify emerging national security challenges, including

narcotics, rogue drones and online frauds and tackle them before they become major challenges," he said addressing top security officials of the country.

Shah's remarks came days after attacks on civilians using drones in Manipur led to a resurrection of ethnic violence in the restive Northeastern state.

Security forces have also been regularly detecting drones along the International Border

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PM Modi's visit has exposed dangerous anti-national game of Abdullahs, Muftis, Congress: Chugh 'J&K on threshold of new era'



BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh addressing gathering at Surankote on Saturday.

address," Chugh said.

Tarun Chugh emphasized the extensive development works carried out in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir over the past

decade under the BJP's leadership. He highlighted that these projects have benefited the rich and poor, a departure from the policies of previous governments that

used the region as a vote bank for 70 years without delivering real benefits, particularly to these remote areas. He also stressed that NC could not revisit ST Bill at any cost.

Addressing the twin public meetings, Chugh also highlighted key points from Prime Minister Modi's speech, reiterating that the government remains fully committed to the overall development of Jammu and Kashmir. "Our Prime Minister emphasized that terrorism is counting its

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Mystery shrouds *murder* of retired principal, wife

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Mystery shrouded the suspicious murder of a retired Principal and his wife in a house at Patta Bohri in the Jammu City outskirts on Saturday evening.

61-year-old Sanjay Chandel and his wife Veena Devi, resident of 310-D, Master Lane, Patta Bohri, Jammu were found murdered suspiciously in their bedroom. "Sanjay Chandel has been apparently strangled by some wire while his wife might have received some internal head injury during some scuffle," an eye witness accompanying police team, said.

The crime was reported this evening when the couple didn't responded to their daughter's phone



People gathered outside the house of retired principal at Patta Bohri. (Inset) Deceased Sanjay Chandel and his wife Veena Devi.

calls from Shimla, and a relative running a chemist shop in nearby area was asked to check, police said.

Both were found dead and three cups of tea were found on the table while

the LPG gas stove was on which was immediately put off.

The couple had spoken to their elder daughter at London around 12 noon today. This means the

crime took place in the afternoon, police suspects, adding around 5:00 PM police post Pouni Chak was informed when a relative checked their house.

Immediately the house

was seized by a police team. Meanwhile, Chandel's relatives and friends also reached at the spot. Dog squad and FSL teams were summoned. Police is also securitizing the CCTVs installed in neighbourhood.

Motive behind this heinous crime is not known, however, police is working on various theories to unearth the mystery.

Chandel retired as Higher Secondary School Principal seven months ago and recently he had undergone foot surgery and these days his moment was also restricted.

The bodies have been shifted to the GMC hospital mortuary for post mortem.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In a continued pursuit of delivering timely and affordable justice, J&K Legal Services Authority, under the distinguished leadership of Justice Tashi Rabstan, Chief Justice (A), High Court of J&K and Ladakh (Patron-in-Chief & Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority) and guidance of Justice Sindhu Sharma, Chairperson, High Court Legal Services Committee, on Saturday organized the 3rd National Lok Adalat of the current calendar year across the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.


This initiative aimed to fos-

ter peaceful settlements in a wide range of disputes both at pre institution stage as well as those pending disposal before the Courts and Tribunals that include motor



accident claims, matrimonial issues, cheque bounce cases under the Negotiable Instruments Act, money recovery, commercial disputes, and compoundable criminal cases, reinforcing the moto of providing easy accessible justice for all.

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Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 32.0°C Min: 19.6°C

Humidity
Max: 82 Min: 68

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 28.5°C Min: 17.2°C

Humidity
Max: 71 Min: 41

Sunset : 18:38 Hours
Sunrise : 06:13 Hours

