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Modi asks people to vote for J&K's future, promises restoration of statehood

Hits out at NC-Cong alliance over Pak minister's remarks, says no power can restore Art 370

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KATRA: Asking people to cast their votes wisely in the ongoing Assembly polls that are "linked to the future of Jammu and Kashmir", Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said the voters should ensure the sunset of the politics practised by the Congress, NC and PDP, which have "inflicted wounds" in the region for years together.

Addressing a poll rally in Katra, Modi also accused the Congress leadership of insulting Hindu gods and goddesses under a "well-thought-out conspiracy" and due to a "Naxal mindset".

He addressed another rally in Srinagar earlier in the day. The Prime Minister reiterated that his government will restore statehood in Jammu and Kashmir and also asserted that terrorism and separatism, which have weakened after the abrogation of Article 370 of the



Prime Minister Narendra Modi along with BJP candidates during election rally in Katra on Thursday.

Constitution, will be completely wiped out from the region.

"This election is for choosing the future of Jammu and Kashmir. This election is

meant to take the new Jammu and Kashmir to new heights of development," he said.

"The three families of the Congress, NC and PDP

inflicted wounds on the people here for years together. We have to ensure the sunset of their politics by pressing the button next to lotus, the BJP's poll symbol. It is the

BJP that has prioritised your interests and ended the decades-old discrimination against the region," the prime minister said, giving the slogan "Abki baar, BJP

sarkar".

Launching a scathing attack on the Congress, the prime minister alleged that for some votes, the opposition party is capable of putting

"our faith and culture" at stake.

"This is a place that has links to our faith and identity, so you should vote for a government that honours

and takes forward our faith and culture," he said.

Referring to Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi's recent visit to the United States, Modi said, "What does the heir of the Congress say on foreign land? You might have heard him saying that our Devi, Devtas are not gods. There is a tradition of praying to Devi, Devtas in our villages. We are believers. But these Congress people say they are not gods. Are you satisfied with his words? Is this not an insult to our gods? Should they not be punished for this?"

He alleged that Congress leaders say such things intentionally.

"This is a well-thought-out conspiracy. This is a Naxal thought and ideas imported from other religions and countries. Today, the Congress is under the influence of this Naxal

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HC transfers 26 Judicial Officers

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In a Full Court Meeting held under the chairmanship of Chief Justice (Acting) Tashi Rabstan, the 26 Judicial Officers are transferred.

According to the order issued by Registrar General Shahzad Azeem that in the interest of administration and smooth functioning of the judicial work, the transfers and postings of Civil Judges (Senior Division) and adjustment of newly promoted adhoc Civil Judges (Senior Division), are ordered.

As per order, Surinder Kumar Thapa, Special Mobile Magistrate, Kathua has been transferred and

posted as Sub Judge, Surankote; Manzoor Hussain, Sub Judge, Baramulla as Chief Judicial Magistrate, Handwara; Pooja Raina, City Judge, Jammu as Special Mobile Magistrate, Udhampur; Pooja Gupta, Sub Judge, Jammu as Secretary DLSA, Reasi; Fariqa Nazir, Chief Judicial Magistrate, Kargil as Special Mobile Magistrate, Pulwama; Shauddin Ahmad, Special Mobile Magistrate, Udhampur as Secretary DLSA, Kishtwar; Mudasar Farooq, Chief Judicial Magistrate, Handwara as Secretary DLSA, Pulwama; Sunil Kumar, Sub

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Pak, Congress always on same page: Shah

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister and senior BJP leader Amit Shah on Thursday said the Pakistan defence minister's statement on the Congress and National Conference lending support to Article 370 and 35A has once "again exposed" the opposition party.

Shah also claimed that the tune of opposition leader Rahul Gandhi's party and Pakistan has always been the same and the Congress has always been "hand in glove with the anti-national forces".

He said the statement of Pakistan Defence Minister Khawaja Asif proved that the



neighbouring country and the Congress have the "same intentions and agenda".

"Pakistan defence minister's statement about the Congress and the JKNC's support on Article 370 and 35A has once again exposed

hurting the sentiments of the countrymen," Shah wrote on X in Hindi.

The home minister said he is asking for proof of air strikes and surgical strikes against Pakistan or saying "objectionable things" about the Indian Army, the tune of the Congress Party and Pakistan has always been the same. The Congress has always been "hand in glove with the anti-national forces", he asserted.

"But, the Congress party and Pakistan forget that there is Modi government at the Centre, hence neither Article 370 nor terrorism is going to come back

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J&K will run by Ambedkar's Constitution, not Jinnah's: Reddy

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Blaming the NC and Congress for nexus with

Constitution of B R Ambedkar, not by Jinnah's constitution.

Reddy, who is also the BJP's in-charge of J&K elections, made this remark while responding to Pakistan defence minister Khawaja Asif's statement which claimed that the neighbouring country along with the National Conference (NC) and the Congress supports the restoration of Article 370.

"We (BJP) have consistently said there is a nexus between Pakistan and the NC, Congress and PDP,

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Pakistan to implement neighbouring country's agenda in J&K, Union Minister G Kishan Reddy on Thursday said the Union Territory will be governed by the

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Modi, LG pay tribute to J&K's first Muslim IAS officer



■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and The Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Thursday paid tribute to Jammu and Kashmir's first Muslim IAS officer Mohammad Shafi Pandit, who died earlier in the day.

Pandit, who retired as chairman of the Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission in 2009, died at a Delhi hospital while undergoing treatment for cancer.

"I have come to know Kashmir's pride and first (Muslim) IAS officer Mohammad Shafi Pandit has passed away. He was working for the benefit

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NC, Congress alliance with Pakistan exposed: Chugh

'Pakistan dictating election agenda to NC, Congress'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KATHUA: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Thursday blasted the National Conference and the Congress for playing up the agenda of Pakistan during the Jammu and Kashmir elections.

Taking a strong note of the statement of Pakistan Defence Minister Khawaja Asif to a Pakistani TV channel in which he said that Pakistan and the NC-Congress alliance are on the same page for the restoration of Article 370

and 35A, Chugh, who is also party incharge of J&K, said Chugh said it not only demonstrated Pakistan's intention to interfere in the J&K elections but also established that the Abdullahs of the NC and the Gandhi family in the Congress have been taking directions from Pakistan forces to cause disruption and disturbance in J&K.

Demanding an explanation from the Abdullahs and the Gandhi family to clarify their links with the Pakistan ISI, Chugh said it was reprehensible that

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it has completely exposed the NC and the Congress for pursuing the Pakistan agenda.

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Kathua terror attack: SDM launches magisterial probe

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A magisterial probe has been launched into the terror attack in Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir, where two terrorists were killed and a constable lost his life and sought statements and evidence from the public.

On June 12 and 13, two terrorists and a CRPF jawan were killed in a fierce gunfight during a search and cordon operation in Saidasohal village of Kathua's Hiranagar tehsil.

"I have been appointed magistrate by the District Magistrate Kathua to

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J&K elections are for peace, dev; not for future of NC-Cong leaders: Gadkari

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Union Minister, Nitin Gadkari on Thursday said that the Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir are not about the victory of NC-Cong alliance or PDP leaders but these are important for making J&K prosperous, peaceful and take it forward on the path of development.

"Only BJP is guarantee to peace, development and prosperity of J&K," Gadkari said while addressing a public rally in Jammu.

"We do not need to mention about the works done since 2014 in J&K after Narendra

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living a dignified life without any fear.

He said, "The people in this election will decide that they want development,

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Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 33.0°C Min: 24.2°C
Humidity
Max: 57 Min: 50
Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 25.0°C Min: 14.1°C
Humidity
Max: 75 Min: 52
Sunset: 18:31 Hours
Sunrise: 06:16 Hours

J&K youth becoming empowered: PM Modi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said the youths of Jammu and Kashmir have found confidence in democracy again and are feeling that their vote can bring change, which is the first step towards their empowerment.

Addressing an election rally in support of BJP candidates at the Sher-e-Kashmir Stadium here, Modi said the BJP will fulfil its promise of restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood.

"The youths of my Jammu and Kashmir are no more helpless. They are becoming empowered under the Modi government. I am happy that the J-K BJP has also made huge announcements for the employment of youth. Be it their skill development or providing jobs without manipulation, the BJP will do all these," he said.

Attacking the Congress, National Conference, and PDP,



PM Narendra Modi addressing election rally at Sher-e-Kashmir Stadium in Srinagar on Thursday.

Modi said these three parties and families have "trampled" democracy and 'Kashmiriyat' for their own benefits.

"Do you remember what they did in the 1980s? They treated Jammu and Kashmir's politics as their own fiefdom. They did not want anyone except their families to come forward? Otherwise, why did they stop the Panchayat, DDC

and BDC elections?"

"They knew it would bring new faces who would challenge their family rule. What was the damage as a result of their selfishness? The youth kept losing faith in democracy. They felt whether they vote or not, only these three families will come to power," he said.

The PM said the situation in Jammu and Kashmir has vastly

changed over the last five years which has restored the confidence of youth in a democratic process.

"Remember the conditions in which elections were held earlier. The campaigns would stop by 6 pm. Door-to-door campaigns were impossible. The Congress, NC and PDP -- these three families were happy with it. These people used to make

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BJP workers protest for not being allowed at PM's rally on reaching venue late

SRINAGAR: BJP supporters and workers from north Kashmir held a brief protest when they were not allowed by the security grid to enter the venue for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's election rally here after they reached late.

The protesters claimed that they were not allowed to enter the Sher-e-Kashmir stadium at Sonawar as they had arrived at the venue later than the time given to them.

"Many people have come from Tangdhar, Pharkian Top and Baramulla. However, the injustice is that we could not reach here on time. We reached at 10.45 am but the security personnel did not allow us," one of the BJP workers said.

Modi arrived at the election rally few minutes after noon but the gates to the venue were closed at 10 am for security reasons.

"What was the fun of coming here? We incurred expenses, left our work as we wanted to see and listen to Modi, but it was not in our fate.

"The BJP government is our own government and we are BJP workers. I am vice president of Trehgam constituency and I brought my workers here in dozens of vehicles but we are not being allowed," he claimed.

Another man from Kupwara said they had come from far flung areas and were late as the roads are not good in their area.

"We are from a far flung area and there are no roads in such places. If there is a road, then getting a vehicle is difficult and we have to walk.

"We were so excited to come here to see

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