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Cong, NC, PDP pursuing Pakistan's agenda: Amit Shah

"Borders peaceful as Pak fears PM Modi"



STATE TIMES NEWS

AKHNOOR: Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday accused the Congress, National Conference and PDP of pursuing "Pakistan's agenda" by talking about the restoration of Article 370 and said a vote for the ${\operatorname{BJP}}$ would be a "befitting reply" to the neighbouring country.

He was addressing his fifth election rally of the day here on the outskirts of Jammu

Referring to the reported statement of Pakistan

Terrorists exchange fire with SFs in Kishtwar

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A brief encounter took place between terrorists and security forces in a remote forest area in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district on Saturday evening, officials said

The gunfight broke out when the forces launched a search operation in Chatroo forest following information about the presence of terrorists, the security officials

They said reinforcements have been rushed to the area and further details are awaited.

Meanwhile, a massive search operation is also continuing in the Chassana area of Reasi district where terrorists and security forces were engaged in a gunfight on Friday evening.

Atishi takes oath as new Delhi CM

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Senior AAP leader Atishi was administered oath as the eighth Chief Minister of Delhi by Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena on Saturday.

Saxena administered the oath of office and secrecy to Atishi who is now Delhi's third woman chief minister after Congress' Sheila Dikshit and BJP's Sushma Swaraj.

Among her new Council of Ministers, Saurabh Bharadwaj was the first to take oath followed by Gopal Rai, Kailash Gahlot, Imran Hussain and Mukesh Ahlawat, a new entrant in the Delhi Cabinet.

Atishi, however, will have a brief tenure in office as assembly elections in the national capital are due in

The swearing-in ceremony at the Raj Niwas here, which was a low-key affair, was attended by Atishi's

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Min: 31 Max: 71 Sunset: 18:29 Hours Sunrise: 06:18 Hours

Max: 33.5°C Union Territory.



'BJP committed for development of J&K'

SURANKOTE: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday said the BJP is committed for development of Jammu and Kashmir, which has suffered a lot due to terrorism over the past

Addressing an election rally in this border town of Poonch district, Shah lashed out at the National Conference, Congress and PDP for the spread of terrorism and said that money pumped into Jammu and Kashmir for the welfare of people over the years was utilized to fight

"The first phase of the assembly election is over. Be sure, Farooq (Abdullah of the NC) and Mehbooba (Mufti of the PDP) are not forming the next government. They kept the youth 'majboor' (compelled) but we want our youth to become 'mazboot' (strong)," said Shah.

"They handed over machine guns and stones in the hands of the youth instead of books and laptops. We will also provide the youth with guns but not to spread ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

defence minister Khawaja Asif that his country and the same page over the

NC-Congress alliance are on

restoration of Article 370,

be ashamed of itself.

"If they (NC-Congress alliance) return to power (in J&K), terrorism will come back," he said and asserted terrorism will not be allowed to revive in the Union Territory.

"This election is not only important for J-K but for the entire nation because this is for the first time that the polls are being held without two flags and two Constitutions post-independence," he said, adding

NC-Congress, Pakistan want death, destruction in J&K: Anurag Thakur

'Congress fully responsible for 84 anti-Sikh riots'

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Former Union Minister and BJP's star campaigner, Anurag Thakur, on Saturday said that the agenda of NC-Cong, PDP and Pakistan is same and they all want death, destruction and unrest in Jammu and Kashmir but the BJP will not allow that at any cost.

"NC-Cong, PDP and Pakistan are on same page and have only one agenda of reviving militancy in Kashmir," Thakur said, while addressing a public rally at Reasi in favor of BJP candidate Rakesh Dubey.

He said NC-Cong, PDP and Pakistan want death and destruction in J&K and stall development works started by PM Modi, adding that these parties never



Former Union Minister and BJP's star campaigner, Anurag Thakur at a public rally in Reasi on Saturday.

thought of common people of J&K but only cared for their families.

"PM Modi by abrogating Article 370, freed J&K from the clutches of terror ism and established peace here", he said, adding, "Now, record number of tourists are visiting J&K and people are now living a dignified life and earning their livelihood"

Thakur said that NC-Cong and PDP want to bring back Article 370 and are promising to release jailed terrorists and stone pelters. "It shows their intent that they want to revive militancy and push J&K back into the era of militancy and unrest", he said, adding that the NC-Cong are not the well wishers of people of J&K. ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

CJs appointed in seven high courts

Justice Tashi Rabstan appointed as CJ of J&K-Ladakh HC

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Chief justices were appointed on Saturday in seven high courts, including in Jammu and Kashmir. The appointments came after the Supreme Court Collegium on Tuesday

amended some of its July 11 recommendations. Justice Tashi Rabstan of the Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court has

been made its Chief Justice. While Justice Manmohan, acting chief justice of the Delhi High Court, has been appointed as its chief justice,



Justice Rajiv Shakdher -- a Delhi High Court judge -has been elevated as chief justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court.

PM's vision will take BJP

Similarly, Justice Nitin Madhukar Jamdar, a Bombay High Court judge, has been appointed as chief justice of the Kerala High

Justice KR Shriram of the Bombay High Court has been made chief justice of the Madras High Court.

Justice Indra Prasanna Mukerji of the Calcutta High Court has been appointed chief justice of the High Court of Meghalava.

Justice Tashi Rabstan of the Jammu and

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Soldier dies, 6 injured as vehicle plunges into gorge STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: An Army jawan lost his life and six others injured when their vehicle skidded off the road and fell into a deep gorge in Kathua district, officials said on Saturday.

The accident took place near Sukrala Devi temple on Machedi-Billawar road on Friday when the troops were on patrol in the remote area, they said.

Rescuers, including locals, rushed to the scene and took the seven injured soldiers to a hospital where one of them Sepoy Ramkishor was declared brought dead,

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General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Saturday intensified the BJP campaign in Jammu region and held series of meetings at Samba, Vijaypur and Ramgarh. Chugh also held a public

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rally in Samba in which the BJP candidate Surject Singh Slathia was also present. The rally witnessed mass participation of people from Samba and its adjoining areas.

Chugh said that the separatist forces led by the Abdullahs, the Muftis, the Congress and others in the upcoming Assembly election would be defeated decisively because people in J&K have seen through their games.

Chugh said after Pakistan Defense Minister Khwaja



SHANTI, STHIRTA AUR VIKAS, JAMMU-KASHMIR KO MODI PAR VISHWAS

BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh along with party candidate Surjeet Singh Slathia during public meeting at Samba on Saturday.

Asif exposed the nexus between Pakistan and the NC-Congress alliance, the people of J&K have woken up to the new threat.

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

Demanding an explanation from the Abdullahs and the Gandhi family to clarify

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Air Marshal Amar Preet Singh

from these divisive parties with sepaelderly women, improving the liveli-

STATE TIMES NEWS

BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Saturday said that Jammu and Kashmir will scale new heights of development and prosperity as per vision of PM Narendra Modi.



exclusive interview to STATE TIMES, Tarun Chugh dwelt on wide range of subjects pertaining to the ongoing elections in the

Q: How much of a challenge is the BJP facing from the Congress-National Conference alliance in the Assembly elections?

Ans: There is no challenge as such ratists agenda. We are fighting the elections on Modi Ji's vision of development for J&K. Congress, NC parties are fighting on the agenda of restoration of 370 and withdrawal of reservation. Their manifesto is only meant to revive terrorism and it will be rejected. People of of J&K will give clear mandate to BJP for the vision of peace and progress. This election is not between NC, Congress, or PDP. This election is between the people who want to bring back the article 370 and PM Narendra Modi's development agenda for J&K.

Q: What issues is the party focusing on among the people, and how many seats is it capable of winning?

Ans: Our focus is on security, stability and to end the terrorism. Restoration of statehood and to develop the region in to world class tourism hub and employment creation. Empowerment of Youth.

to new heights in J&K: Chugh Financial support for widows and hoods, students welfare, modernisation of agriculture, farmers welfare and infrastructure development are at the forefront. Overall holistic development of the region and to see Jammu and Kashmir as a role model of development in India. Our manifesto, 'Sankalp Patra,' outlines a comprehensive plan for a prosperous and developed Jammu and Kashmir. The BJP is dedicated to ensuring that every citizen of J&K experiences the benefits of good governance and inclusive progress. The party aims to secure all seats and seek the voters' mandate. People will recognise our development plan outlined in the 'Sankalp Patra' for the region.

Q: What is your opinion on the discontent within the BJP regarding ticket distribution? Will it have an impact on the Assembly elections?

Ans: We value our Karyakarta's for their unwavering dedication and contribution to the party and their trust in Prime Minister Modi's vision for our nation. The ticket distribution is a dynamic process of various factors and a large number of aspirants among Karyakarta's itself is an indication of the growing aspirations and party foothold in the region. BJP is a family and party is fully capable of handling any discontent among our Karyakartas and there will be no further implications on the elections. BJP stands firmly united and our Karyakarta are participating in the elections with full enthusi-

Q: How important does the BJP consider the Kashmir division in its

mission to form the government? Ans: BJP considers Kashmir division as important in it's mission to form the government on par with Jammu. The development plans for Jammu and Kashmir addressed in our 'Sankalp Patra' are the base for seeking full mandate from Kashmir region and we are confident that the

peace and

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to be new Chief of Air Staff NEW DELHI: Air Marshal

STATE TIMES NEWS

Amar Preet Singh, a fighter pilot with more than 5,000 hours of flying experience, will take charge as the chief of the Indian Air Force after incumbent Air Chief Marshal V R Chaudhari retires on September 30.

Air Marshal Singh is currently serving as the Vice Chief of the Air Staff.

"The government has appointed Air Marshal Amar Preet Singh, PVSM, AVSM, presently serving as Vice Chief of the Air Staff, as the next Chief of the Air Staff, in the rank of Air Chief Marshal, with effect from the afternoon of September 30." the defence ministry said.

As Chief of the Air Staff, Air Marshal Singh's priorities are expected to be the



procurement of new fighter fleets and advancing the modernisation agenda of the force in view of the fastevolving regional security landscape, including challenges along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China.

The number of the IAF's fighter squadrons has come down to around 30

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