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the only option for good governance, peace, stability, and development in the region. Highlighting Pakistan's economic struggles, Adityanath remarked, "Pakistan's situation is such that it is going around with a begging bowl. It's no secret that their government has taken their people. Even Balochistan is now saying they don't want to stay with Pakistan because they are treated like foreigners."

The chief minister also reiterated Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "firm" stance against terrorism, saying "water and terrorism cannot flow together," referring to the Indus River treaty.

He warned that anyone attempting to spread terrorism in India with Pakistan's support would meet a grim fate.

"If anyone, with Pakistan's support, tries to sow seeds of terrorism in India, they will neither have a shroud to cover them nor two yards of land to be buried in."

Taking a dig at the opposition parties, including the National Conference, Adityanath said their leaders used to behave like "rulers" of Jammu and Kashmir and enjoyed foreign trips at government expense but that is not the case anymore.

Addressing a public rally in Rannagar area of Udhampur district, Yogi Adityanath issued a stern warning to Pakistan-backed terrorists, asserting that any attempt to incite violence in the country would lead to their elimination.

"I want to say that if Pakistan-backed terrorists try to incite terrorism anywhere, they will face their worst elimination.. This is a new India, which will not tolerate terrorism but will crush it and bury it," he said.

"Today, India has a zero tolerance policy toward terrorism. If anyone, with Pakistan's support, tries to spread the seeds of terrorism in J&K, they will neither have a shroud to cover them nor two yards of land to be buried in.

The Chief Minister also cited the construction of the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya as a success of the "double-engine government" model.

"If you want to see an example of a 'double-engine government', the biggest one is the Ram Mandir in Uttar Pradesh, which was built after 500 years. When we started the process of the Ram Mandir, some people said that if the Ram Mandir decision was made and construction started, rivers of blood would flow. We said this is a new India, where security is the highest priority," he said.

Adityanath claimed there has not been a single instance of riot in UP in the last 7 and half year and added, "I believe Jammu and Kashmir should also be a part of such development under the double-engine government."

He also accused the Congress, National Conference, and the PDP of exploiting Jammu and Kashmir for political gain by "promoting terrorism."

"Who are the people who gave a religious colour to Jammu and Kashmir and turned it into a warehouse of terrorism? They exploited the people, promoted family rule, encouraged corruption, and supported terrorism for their political gains," he said.

"With the scrapping of Article 370 by Prime Minister Modi, the nursery of terrorism has been permanently closed," said Adityanath, who addressed four rallies in the Jammu region in the final phase of elections on October 1.

The chief minister claimed that the abrogation of Article 37 in Jammu and Kashmir has brought peace and prosperity to the region earlier racked with violence and criticised the opposition parties of advising against the law's scrapping.

"These are the same people who said, before Article 370 was abrogated, that if anyone touched it, rivers of blood would flow in Jammu and Kashmir.

"After the removal of Article 370, the opposite happened. Peace came to Jammu and Kashmir, development and progress took place, and people are happy, making it one of the best states," he said.

"The old days of corruption, terrorism, separatism, and dynasty rule will not return. The people have decided to bid farewell to these three families, and after the elections, their exit will be confirmed," he added.

J&K people rejected...

"The polling in the first two phases has shown that the people of Jammu and Kashmir want peace, stability and development. This is how we are viewing this election," he said.

Lauding the youngsters of the Union Territory for their will to join the national mainstream, Nadda said, "They have given up arms and chosen the path of peace. People have also voted in favour of development."

He said the youngsters of Kashmir have rejected terrorism.

"They have joined the national mainstream. Before the abrogation of Article 370 (of the Constitution), more than 300-400 youngsters would join terror ranks (every year) and would be declared terrorists. Today, there are just four: So based on data, I can confidently say that they have rejected terrorism and violence," the BJP leader said.

Hitting out at the National Conference (NC), People's Democratic Party (PDP) and Congress for "trying to revive the era of violence and bloodshed" in Jammu and Kashmir, he accused these parties of supporting anti-India elements.

"They are supporting those activists who are working against the country. It has been mentioned in the NC's manifesto that it will release terrorists (from jails), resume cross-border trade and talks with Pakistan. This is how the NC is supporting anti-India forces and the Congress is supporting it," Nadda said.

Slamming the NC-Congress alliance for the Jammu and Kashmir polls, he alleged that the two parties have struck a political deal.

Referring to the visit of the heads of missions from different countries to oversee the Assembly polls, Nadda said, "Heads of missions from 16 countries visited Kashmir to observe the election. They saw the control over law and order and how people have increasingly participated in the polls. The election was held in a peaceful manner."

"It is a historic occasion. People have rejected bullets and chosen ballots. They have given a befitting reply to terrorism. They have voted for peace, development and progress," he added.

The BJP chief said the people of Jammu and Kashmir have reposed their faith in Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his policies in the first two phases of the polling.

Fire crackers will...

NC-Cong and will teach these dynastic parties a lesson in these Assembly elections, the BJP National General Secretary said.

"The heavy voter turnout in the first 2 phases of Assembly elections clearly establishes that people have rejected NC-Cong alliance," Chugh said, while adding, "The trends and ground report of the 2 phases clearly indicate that BJP will form next government in J&K".

He said, "On 8th of October, fire crackers will be burnt in Delhi and not in Karachi as Pakistani backed parties like NC-Cong alliance will be defeated".

Chugh said that BJP abrogated Article 370 after which there is nearly 70 per cent decline in terror activities and there is peace in J&K. Development is taking place at a fast pace in J&K after abrogation of Article 370, he said.

"Both NC and Cong want to bring back Article 370 and push J&K towards terrorism and unrest," Chugh said, adding, "BJP will never allow this to happen at any cost and it may be noted that Article 370 is history now".

Chugh said that cinemas have started operating in Kashmir after 3 decades and Tiranga is also being hoisted in Lal Chowk. "From terrorist hub J&K has now become tourist hub," Chugh said, and added, "Film shootings have also started in Kashmir after decades".

Record number of 2 crore tourists have visited Kashmir in last year, he said adding that people are with development agenda of PM Modi.

Army Colonel appointed...

immediate effect". The said order has been issued by Principle Secretary to the Government Chandraker Bharti.

Concerns of J&K...

to Sikhs after 40 years. Cases against those accused in the riots are under judicial scrutiny. I had myself lodged a complaint against Jagdish Tytler, which has been converted into an FIR. Modi's popularity among the Sikh community is rooted in his government's initiatives that promote justice, cultural recognition, and community pride. Modi's administration has implemented several policies that resonate positively with Sikhs. One notable initiative is the ending of travel blacklists, which previously barred many Sikhs from entering India. This is a significant step toward reconciliation and inclusivity. However, the shadow of the 1984 riots continues to influence perceptions, with historical grievances creating a complex landscape of support and dissent. Some elements certainly do mischief abroad, like painting walls during nights but their number is negligible. You will agree, some deep states are using some people as their tools abroad. There have been attempts to paint the most patriotic community of the world as anti-national. Sikhs are the most patriotic community of India. The Modi government is doing everything possible to empower them. There are two Sikh ministers in the Union Ministry besides adequate representation in the policy framing bodies of the BJP. We have been consistently striving for justice to Sikhs. I have not been observing Diwali for the past two years because Devender Pal Singh Bhullar continues to be in jail. His health is deteriorating.

Advocates (Amendment) Act notified, provisions to come into force on Sep 30

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NEW DELHI: The Law Ministry on Friday notified a law which seeks to punish touts functioning in courts.

The notification said the central government appoints September 30 as the date on which the provisions of the Advocates (Amendment) Act, 2023 will come into force.

Passed by Parliament in the fag end of 2023, the law provides for preparation and publication of lists of touts.

Tout means a person who procures, in consideration of any remuneration from any legal practitioner, business from him or her.

But at the same time, no one's name will be included in any such list until he has been

given an opportunity to prove innocence.

All the aspects which are dealt with in the Legal Practitioners Act, 1879 are already covered under the Advocates Act, 1961 except the matter relating to 'touts'. All sections of the Legal Practitioners Act, 1879, except three sections have been repealed through the Advocates Act, 1961.

The Law Commission in its report 'Obsolete Laws: Warranting Immediate Repeal' had also recommended for repealing of the Legal Practitioners Act, 1879 after making suitable amendments to the Advocates Act, 1961.

With the enactment of the amendment Act, the Legal Practitioners Act, 1879 also stands repealed.

Justice Tashi Rabstan takes Oath of Office as 37th Chief Justice of High Court of J&K and Ladakh

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JAMMU: At a ceremony held on Friday in the Convention Centre, Justice Tashi Rabstan was sworn in as the Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. He made and subscribed to the oath of office before the Lieutenant Governor, UT of J&K, Manoj Sinha.

The warrant of appointment was read out by Shahzad Azeem, Registrar General, High Court of J&K and Ladakh.

Justice Atul Sreedharan, Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Justice Sindhu Sharma, Justice Rajnesh Oswal, Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul, Justice Sanjay Dhar, Justice Puneet Gupta, Justice Javed Iqbal Wani, Justice Mohammad Akram Chowdhary, Justice Rahul Bharti, Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi, Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal and Justice Rajesh Sekhri also attended the ceremony. The swearing-in-ceremony was also graced by Lt. Governor, UT of Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.), CEC Leh, Tashi Gyalson, CEC Kargil, Dr. Mohd. Jaffer Akhoun, Former Chief Justices and Judges of the High Court and Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, IPS (Retd.), Advisor to Lt. Governor UT of J&K.

Besides, Advocate General, D.C. Raina, DSGI Jammu, Vishal Sharma, DSGI Kashmir, Tahir Shamsi, senior designated Advocates, Government Advocates, President



Justice Tashi Rabstan sworn in as Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

HCBA Jammu, Vikram Sharma along with other office bearers and Advocates, Presidents Bar Association, Leh & Kargil, Principal District and Sessions Judge Jammu, Principal Secretary to the Chief Justice, other Registry Officers as well as senior judicial officers also attended the ceremony.

The ceremony was also attended by other dignitaries and senior police and civil officers of J&K administration including the Chief Secretary, Director General of Police, Law Secretary.

The oath ceremony was also graced by the presence of spouse, mother, other family members, relatives and

special invitees of the Chief Justice.

Justice Tashi Rabstan was born in an agriculturist family of Varsudopa on 10th April 1963 at Village Skurbuchan, District Leh, UT of Ladakh and did his Graduation and LL.B from University of Jammu. He was enrolled as an Advocate on 6th March 1990 by the Bar Council of Jammu and Kashmir and started practicing in the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir & various other High Courts on Arbitrations, Constitution, Service, Election, Civil and Criminal matters. Remained as Standing Counsel for Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council, Leh from 1997 till 2005 and

was appointed as Additional Central Government Standing Counsel, Jammu Wing of the High Court, in September, 1998 and continued as such till his elevation. He was appointed as Additional Judge of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir on 7th March, 2013 and subsequently, appointed permanent Judge on 16.05.2014.

Justice Tashi was appointed as Acting Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, twice and now has been appointed as the 37th Chief Justice of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh and first Chief Justice from the UT of Ladakh.

Reasi terror attack: NIA seizes incriminating material during searches in J&K



■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The NIA on Friday conducted searches at multiple places in Rajouri and Reasi districts of J&K as part of its investigation into the deadly terror attack in June on a bus carrying pilgrims who were returning from Shiv Khori temple.

Seven locations in Reasi and Rajouri districts were extensively searched in the case registered by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) in June this year after taking over the probe from the local police,

according to an official statement.

Incriminating material indicating linkages between the terrorists and over-ground workers (OGWs) was seized during the searches. The material is under scrutiny, it said.

The locations searched by the NIA teams were residential premises of hybrid terrorists and OGWs as well as the surrounding jungle linked with the hybrid terrorists who stayed in the area, said the statement issued by the probe agency.

Two dead as boundary wall of building opposite Ujjain temple collapses

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UJJAIN (MP): Two persons including a woman were killed as a part of a boundary wall of a building opposite the famous Mahakal temple here collapsed due to heavy rains on Friday evening, an official said.

Four persons were trapped under the debris as a portion of the boundary wall of the Maharajwada school building collapsed, said Ujjain collector Neeraj Kumar Singh.

A rescue operation was launched immediately and they were rushed to the district hospital but two of them died, he said.

The two survivors were sent to Indore for further treatment, the collector added.

The kin of the deceased will be given a financial assistance of Rs 4 lakh each and the injured will get Rs 50,000 for treatment, he said.

The deceased were identified as Farheen (22) and Ajay Yogi (27), said district chief medical and health officer A K Patel.

Six terrorist associates arrested in Pulwama

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SRINAGAR: Police have arrested six terrorist associates with arms and ammunition in Pulwama district of Jammu and Kashmir, an official spokesperson said on Friday.

Police received specific input that a Pakistan-based Kashmiri terrorist of Jaish-e-Mohammad was in the process of identifying youths who could be motivated to join terror ranks, the police spokesperson said.

Before formally inducting them, such youths were given arms, ammunition and explosives for committing terror acts, according to police.

"During investigation, the youths who were part of this module were identified. It came to fore that the Pakistan-based terrorist with the assistance of an OGW in jail identified many youths who were motivated to join terror ranks in the Tral area of Awantipora and Kulgam district," the spokesperson said. These youths were provided pistols, grenades, IEDs and other explosives. "Before inducting them into terror ranks, they were instructed to do some terror activity either by target killing, throwing grenades on SFs/Public places, non-local labourers and by laying and detonating IEDs," he said.

Police said it also came to light during the investigation that the Pakistan-based handler had chosen a few places for planting IEDs with the assistance of these youths and pumped in money for the execution of the tasks and procuring material for making more IEDs. So far, six terrorist associates have been arrested in the case, the spokesperson said. Based on disclosures made by these accused persons, a large quantity of arms/ammunition and explosives including five IEDs with remotes, 30 detonators, 17 batteries for IEDs, two pistols, three pistol magazines, 25 live rounds of pistol, four hand grenades and Rs 20,000 cash have been recovered, he said.

J&K polls: 3 candidates seek record seventh term

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SRINAGAR: At least three candidates who contested the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly elections in the second phase were seeking a record seventh term in the House.

These are the first assembly elections being held since 2014 and the first after the 2019 reorganisation of the erstwhile state.

National Conference leader and former finance minister Abdul Rahim Rather is seeking a seventh term from Budgam district's Chrar-i-Sharief constituency, which he represented from 1977 to 2014.

Rather's only electoral defeat came in the 2014 elections, when he lost to People's Democratic Party (PDP) leader Ghulam Nabi Lone Hanjura.

The 80-year-old veteran is up against Hanjura once again as he tries to become the first Jammu and Kashmir politician to win seven assembly elections.

Rather's party colleague and former minister Ali Mohammad Sagar, who is also seeking a seventh term, has never lost an assembly election.

The 66-year-old Srinagar strongman won his first assembly election as a 25-year-old from the Batamaloos seat, retaining it in the 1987 polls.

Sagar shifted to the Khanayar seat in 1996 and

has been an MLA for four consecutive terms.

Hakim Mohammad Yaseen has also won six assembly elections from the Khansahib segment of Budgam district, the first of which came in 1977.

The only exception was in 1996 when he did not contest the polls.

The Chrar-i-Sharief, Khanayar and Khansahib constituencies went to the polls in the second phase on Wednesday.

There are several other candidates who are seeking sixth, fifth or fourth terms in the assembly.

Prominent among them is National Conference leader and former speaker Mubarak Gul, who is seeking a sixth term as an MLA from the Eidgah constituency in Srinagar that went to the polls on Wednesday.

CPI(M) leader Mohammad Yousuf Tarigami is seeking a fifth straight term from the Kulgam seat in south Kashmir while the PDP's Abdul Rehman Veeri -- who has represented Bijbehara four times -- is seeking election from the Shangus Anantnag East constituency.

Both these constituencies went to the polls in the first phase. The last phase of the assembly elections will be held on October 1. The results of the elections will be declared on October 8.

Omar asks BJP to seek forgiveness from people for revival of terrorism in Jammu

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR/JAMMU: National Conference Vice president Omar Abdullah on Friday said the deadly terror attacks in otherwise peaceful Jammu region reflects the alleged failure of the BJP which should seek forgiveness from the public of Jammu and Kashmir.

The BJP by blaming NC, Congress and PDP for terrorism and said "when the BJP leaders speak within J&K, they blame us but when they are outside the Union Territory they hold Pakistan responsible".

"They (BJP leadership) do not talk in one voice. If we are responsible, then why are they not talking to Pakistan? You are blaming us (for terrorism) from the soil of J&K, thus giving a clean chit to Pakistan. They are making contradictory statements and taking in different tones to mislead the public," he said. He, however, said the National Conference speaks in one voice within and outside Jammu and Kashmir. Asked about BJP's criticism of his party's manifesto, he said, "What you expect that they will appreciate our manifesto? They are fighting the elections against us and it is evident that they will oppose our manifesto."