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Pak could be split into 3 parts if it keeps supporting terrorism: Yogi

'This is new India with zero tolerance to terrorism'



Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath along with senior BJP leaders at election rally at Kathua on Friday

STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: If Pakistan continues to support terrorism, it could be split into three parts, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said on Friday.

Issuing the warning to the

election rally in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua, Adityanath said Pakistanoccupied Kashmir (PoK) is already prepared to merge

with India. "Even Pakistan-backed terrorists know the price Pakistan will have to pay for

supporting terrorism. It could lead to Pakistan being divided into three parts, with no trace of it left," Adityanath said.

"Pakistan-occupied Kashmir is sitting, ready to merge with India. They want freedom from Pakistan, they

want development, ration, peace, and Ayushman health cards, but all of this is only possible within India," he added.

He asked the people of Jammu and Kashmir to vote for the BJP, calling it

J&K people rejected bullets, chose ballots: Nadda



BJP President J P Nadda briefing media in Jammu on Friday

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Asserting that the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly polls are being held peacefully and without any vio-lence, BJP president J P Nadda on

Friday said the people of the Union Territory have rejected bullets and cho-

sen ballots, focusing on peace and development. Addressing a press conference here, Nadda also said Kashmir's youngsters have joined the national mainstream and rejected terrorism and violence.

"It is a historic occasion when the people of Jammu and Kashmir have rejected bullets and chosen the path of ballots. They have given a befitting reply to bullets," the president of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) said.

Nadda, who arrived in Jammu to campaign in favour of the party candidates in the ongoing election, said, "The polling (in the first two phases) passed off peacefully. Unlike previous elections, there was no violence, no firing, no terror attack.

He described the election as a victory for peace and development in Jammu ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Fire crackers will be burst in Delhi on Oct 8 not in Karachi: Chugh

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: BJP National General Secretary and Incharge of J&K affairs, Tarun Chuch, on Friday sai that fire crackers will be burst on October 8 in Delhi and not in Karachi.

It may be mentioned that the results for Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly elections will be declared on October 8.

Chugh said that NC and Cong have been working on



to revive terrorism and sepa-

ratism in J&K. "BJP, right since day one, has consistently been saying working on Pak agenda." he said, and added, "Our stand has been vindicated by the Defense Minister of Pakistan Khawaia Asif, who said that Pakistan fully supports NC-Cong alliance'

NC says that it will release jailed terrorists and stone pelters and its alliance partner Cong is mum over this which means it also fully supports NC, he said.

People of J&K have come to know the evil designs of

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Army Colonel appointed as ŠSP in J&K Police

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government ordered appointment of Indian Army Colonel as the Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) in J&K Police.

According to the order "I the interest of the administration sanction is hereby accorded to the appointment of Colonel Vikrant Prasher, Para, High Altitude Warfare School, Gulmarg, from Indian Army as SSP (Training and Special (Ops) in J&K Police, on deputation

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that NC-Cong alliance is Concerns of J&K Sikhs to be addressed on priority after formation of government: R P Singh

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Asserting that the BJP is all set to form the new government in Jammu and Kashmir, the party's National General Secretary R. P Singh on Friday said that all the issues of Sikhs in the Union Territory will be addressed, which include grant of Punjabi its rightful place and status, bringing Sikhs under the ambit of 412, now amended in 425 for jobs to the Sikh educated youth settled in the Valley, who have not migrated.

To a question on why no seat has been reserved for nomination of Sikhs, like Kashmiri Pandits (Migrants) in the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, R. P Singh

in an exclusive interview to STATE TIMES, said that the BJP has given mandate to Narinder Singh Raina, who will be part of the next government to empower the community. All the issues pertaining to

Singh Raina will have the responsibility to monitor these for logical conclusion. Q How is the bonding between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Sikhs and why is there anger among a section with

Sikhs will be addressed and Narinder

Ans: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has done a lot for Sikhs-so much that has never been done in the past over 70 years. The relationship between the Prime Minister and the Sikh communi-



and urged the United Nations to have this done in all the world languages. Modi's government has initiated efforts to translate Guru Nanak Dev Ji's teachings into various languages, which has furthered the global reach of Sikh philosophy. The role of the Prime Minister has been immense in bringing the persecuted Sikhs from Afghanistan. The establishment of Kartarpur Corridor with Sikhs not required to have visas or stamps on passports is yet another milestone. Corridor, opened in 2019, and the Indian pilgrims visit the Gurdwara in Pakistan, facilitating spiritual connection and pilgrimage, which many

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ty is multifaceted, reflecting a blend of support stemming from various initiatives taken in the recent years. Yes, some people have some issues but their number is microscopic.

Modi's government has actively promoted Sikh history and contributions, with initiatives that highlight the valor of Chhote Sahibzadas, the sons of Guru Gobind Singh. This acknowledgment helps foster a sense of pride and recognition within the Sikh community. Bal Diwas is observed every year with reverence. The Prime Minister has taken up the task of getting Gurubani translated in all the languages across the country Sikhs view as a historic and symbolic gesture. Besides, the CAA is yet another initiative that opens up opportunities for persecuted minority communities in the

neighbouring hostile countries to return to India. Q. Why do some sections of Sikhs feel

Ans. Yes there has been alienation after 1984 Sikh riots in Delhi. Eminent people like former RAW chief GB Sidhu have alleged that there was a conspiracy, who purportedly discussed strategies to target Sikhs during the riots. Why should have the Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi carried out a round of Delhi during those horrendous days. However, the Prime Minister has given a healing touch ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

