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2 terror associates arrested in J&K's Shopian: Police

Srinagar: Security forces arrested two militant associates in Jammu and Kashmir's Shopian district, police said. The two were arrested by a joint team of Shopian Police, Army's 44 Rashtriya Rifles and CRPF's 14 battalion at Malik Chek crossing. "During joint Naka checking by Shopian Police, 44 RR & 14BN CRPF at Malik Chek crossing, two terrorist associates were apprehended along with incriminating material," police said. The spokesman identified the two as Suhaib Iqbal Malik and Tufail Yousuf Malik, both residents of Baba Mohalla, Shopian. "Incriminating materials have been recovered from their possession," police said, adding a case under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station, Heerpora.

Gujarat: Class 10th board results declared

Gandhinagar: The Gujarat Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board (GSBE) declared the Class 10 exam results on Saturday and an overall pass percentage of 82.5 was recorded. The exams for Class 10 were held in March this year. An official statement issued by the GSBE said girl students fared better than boys. While 86.69 percent of girls who appeared for the exams passed, it was 79.12 of total boys who cleared the boards. A total of 6,00,999 students appeared for the school boards and 5,77,556 candidates were successful. Gandhinagar district achieved the highest percentage, 87.22 percent, while Porbandar district had the lowest percentage, 74.57 percent of success.

4 charred to death as car catches fire after being hit by truck

Jhansi (UP): Four persons, including a groom and his brother, were charred to death and two others were injured when a car caught fire after being hit by a truck in Badagaon area of Jhansi district here in Uttar Pradesh, police sources said here on Saturday. Police sources said that the incident took place late on Kanpur highway late on Friday night when the truck hit the car moving in front of it. "The car carrying the marriage party along with the truck caught fire after the collision," they said. Police sources said that the fire tenders and the local police reached the spot immediately after getting the information. "But by the time fire was controlled four car passengers were charred to death. Two passengers were pulled out by breaking the window panes of the car," they said. Police sources said that the injured identified as Ravi and Ramesh have been admitted to the medical college. "The deceased have been identified as groom Akash Ahirwara (25), his brother Ashish, nephew Mayank (4) and car driver Bhagat," they said.

Agartala Women's College bans mobile phones on campus

Agartala: To restore the academic ambience on the campus, the Principal of Women's College in Agartala issued a ban on the use of mobile phones other than for emergency and study purposes. This is the only girl's college in the state, established in the heart of the city at least seven years before Tripura attained statehood. It came up to encourage females around the city to join undergraduate classes in a comfortable environment if someone does not prefer combined classes of as many as 23 departments of Arts and Science. Principal Sarbari Nath, after prohibiting the use of mobile phones on Saturday, said, "It has come to our notice that the girls are getting addicted to mobile phones and even if the teachers pass by them, they don't bother anything, which is affecting the teaching-learning activities and also become a threat to the security of the students." According to her, most of the students are becoming completely phone engrossed. Even though many things happen around them, they don't even look up - "it's very disappointing". Normally, she said "boys and girls come to college and talk big and loud to discuss various current issues". "But there is no noise on the college campus, everyone is busy on mobile. The tendency to study is decreasing."

Countdown to BJD govt's end in Odisha begins: PM

Bolangir (Odisha) (UNI)

Countdown for the exit of the Biju Janata Dal government in Odisha has started and June 4 is its expiry date, Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared here on Saturday.

Addressing an election campaign meeting in support of BJP candidates for both the Lok Sabha and Assembly elections in Bolangir, Modi reiterated that an Odisha-born Chief Minister of the BJP will take oath this time and that is "Modi's guarantee".

He invited people to attend the oath-taking ceremony at Bhubaneswar on June 10 when the BJP CM will be sworn in.

Modi said the pride and culture of Odisha are in danger and the BJP will not allow the state to be mortgaged.

He asked the people to bid Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik a grand farewell by bursting firecrackers and beating of drums.

Patnaik, he said, is cut off from the ground reality and not connected with the people. He could not even understand the problem of the people and failed to understand the



talent and potential of the people of the state.

The Prime Minister mocked Patnaik and asked people to quiz the Chief Minister, if by chance he campaigns in Kantabanji Assembly constituency, to name 10 villages of the constituency from which he is contesting besides his traditional Hinjili Assembly seat.

"I am sure that the Chief Minister will not be able to name ten villages of Kantabanji Assembly constituency," Modi said.

Though Odisha is rich in natural resources but the people of the rich state are fighting poverty and even to this day it is one of the poorest state of the country, he added.

Holding the BJD government re-

sponsible for this sorry state of affairs, Modi asked people bid farewell to Patnaik and exercise their franchise in favour of the BJP candidates both for the Lok Sabha and Assembly seats so that a double-engine government is formed in the state.

Modi said 50 years of Odisha was lost as the Congress which ruled the state only exhibited poverty and did nothing for the development of the state. The BJD government also did not take any initiative to change it during its 25 years rule.

He said during the 25 years, the BJD leaders became richer with big bungalows and cars but the people remained poor.

The migration of people is continuing, he said and appealed to the people to give five years to the BJP promising to stop migration, and make Odisha number one state in the country

He came down heavily on the BJD government for betraying the farmers of the state by not giving MSP to them and providing irrigation to their land.

Modi not talking on real issues, he will not become PM again: Kharge



Patna (UNI)

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Saturday accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of ignoring real issues during his campaign and predicted that he would not become the PM again after the ongoing Lok Sabha election.

Kharge told media persons here

that Modi had assured to give two crores jobs to youths every year in 2014 and as such twenty crores jobs should have been given. It was surprising that PM was not talking about jobs in his campaign, he pointed out.

"Similarly, price rise and inflation had also increased sharply but no one heard even a single word from Modi on these issues so far in his campaign," the Congress president said, adding that Prime Minister was also not seen listing his achievements and instead he was indulged in raising irrelevant issues and trying to divide the society on communal lines. Opposition leaders were being harassed by Narendra Modi government by misusing its agencies like CBI, ED and Income Tax against them, he alleged.

BJP leader detained on charges of sexual harassment

Bengaluru: Deveraje Gowda, a prominent BJP leader, was detained by the police authorities on Friday night in the vicinity of Hiriya, located within the Chitradurga district amidst accusations of molestation and sexual harassment leveled against him.

This development unfolds against the backdrop of recent controversies involving Gowda, particularly his purported association with the alleged obscene video scandal implicating Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna.

In December 2023, Gowda brought the matter to the attention of the central leadership of the BJP. The Special Investigation Team (SIT), entrusted with investigating the Prajwal Revanna sex scandal case, had summoned Gowda to provide testimony and cooperate with the ongoing inquiry.

Send Modi back to Gujarat: Uddhav



Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar (UNI)

Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray has lashed out at the prime minister, calling him a liar who has pushed the nation down a pit. Giving a clarion call to send Narendra Modi back to Gujarat, Thackeray spit fire at the PM for usurping the symbol of his father's party.

Congress suffers jolt as its Bihar spokesman Vinod Sharma resigns

Patna: Bihar Congress suffered a major jolt as its state spokesman and senior leader Vinod Sharma on Saturday resigned from primary membership of the party. Sharma sent his resignation letter to Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge. Incidentally, Kharge has arrived on a day-long visit to Bihar to campaign in favour of INDIA bloc candidates for the ongoing Lok Sabha election.

After resigning as spokesman, Sharma said that Congress had deviated from its principles and party was going in the direction to usher in "Jungle Raj"-2 in Bihar as it had yielded before RJD. Congress was also not serious about the real issues of people, he alleged.

"I am deeply pained over the fact that Congress has taken stand against the public sentiments on Ram temple issue," Sharma said adding that party was also taking stand against spirit of nationalism.

Under these circumstances, it was difficult for him to continue in the Congress party, he asserted.

KRK claims being framed by Mumbai Police

Mumbai: Actor Kamaal Rashid Khan, aka KRK, claimed that Mumbai Police have registered a fake case against him after he failed to deposit his licensed weapon during the ongoing election as he has been in the UK.

He shared on social media, "The Mumbai police have filed one more fake case against me. They asked me to deposit my weapon at the Versova police station. I informed them that I have been in London since March 14 and won't return until August."

KRK said his weapon was in a locker and that the police even asked for its password. "I refused to give it (password) because I don't trust the police," his post read.

Pointing out that a case has been filed against him under the Indian Penal Code Section 181 (false statement to public servant), KRK asked how he could deposit his weapon when he was not in India.

Mufti raises Pulwama Sec-144, accuses administration of 'fixing' election

Srinagar (UNI)

People's Democratic Party president Mehbooba Mufti on Saturday questioned the imposition of Section 144 in Pulwama district and accused the administration of trying to "fix" the Lok Sabha elections.

She said that the authorities have imposed restrictions for 48 hours from 6.30 pm on Saturday under Section 144 of CrPC in Pulwama in south Kashmir, which is part of the Srinagar Lok Sabha seat going to polls on Monday.

"It is unprecedented and has not happened before that restrictions are imposed where the elections are to take place and that too till the time of the conclusion of the elections," Mufti said during a press conference in Srinagar. "The imposition of these



restrictions has been selectively done in Pulwama."

Apparently reacting to Mufti's allegations of imposing restriction, Deputy Commissioner Pulwama said it has been mandated under Election Commission of India's specific SOPs related to last 72 and 48 hours for poll campaigning.

ECI Guidelines mandate specific SOPs for last 72 hours and last 48 hours. Under Section 126 and Section 130 of Representation of People's Act 1951 and SOPs edition 2 Para 4.1.1, 4.1.2, 4.1.3 mandate issuing of Order under Section 144 CrPC. Such orders have been issued by Other Districts also who went to polls/ are going to polls. The restrictions apply to specific activities related to campaign etc, being silent period.

"Restriction relate to only specified points in order and not General restrictions," the Deputy Commissioner Pulwama posted on X.

Mufti further said the PDP workers who have been actively engaged with the poll campaign of the party were being summoned by police and even detained before the polls.

UP man kills family, commits suicide

Sitapur (UP): A man in Sitapur district of Uttar Pradesh allegedly shot himself dead after killing five members of his family, including his three children, a police officer said here on Saturday.

Superintendent of Police (SP) Chakresh Mishra said that Anurag Singh (45), a resident of Palhapur, apparently killed his family in Rampur Mathura area.

Besides being an alcoholic, Singh was also mentally disturbed, Mishra said, adding: "On Saturday morning, Anurag shot his mother Savitri (62), wife Priyanka (40), sons Arnav (12), Aditya (8) and daughter Arvi (8) dead."

He said later Anurag shot himself and committed suicide. "The reason behind the incident is not clear yet. The case is being investigated from all angles," he said.

K'taka govt downfall imminent: Oppn leader R Ashoka



Bengaluru (UNI)

Leader of the Opposition in the Karnataka Assembly R Ashoka made a bold prediction regarding the fate of the Congress government in the

state. According to Ashoka, the government's downfall is imminent, with internal dissent within the Congress party cited as the primary cause.

Ashoka, a prominent figure in the BJP, drew parallels with recent political developments in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh, asserting that bringing down governments is indeed feasible.

He said there was a speculation about Congress MLAs allegedly being in contact with the BJP, stating that such communication reinforces his prediction of the government's collapse. "The countdown for the fall of the State Government has started," he affirmed, hinting at a potential shift in political allegiances.

"Who would be their leader to save us from another pandemic?": Shah targets INDIA over 'no PM face'

Agencies, Vikarabad (Telangana)

Claiming that the Opposition bloc—INDIA—had no prime ministerial face, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said if there was anyone who could take the country forward, it was Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Addressing a public meeting at Vikarabad in Congress-ruled Telangana on Saturday, the Union Home Minister said, "They (INDIA) have no consensus candidate for the prime minister...no one they can project as an alternative to PM Modi. When a reporter asked them to name their PM candidate, they said their leaders would take turns to holding the country's most powerful post. I want to ask them: who would be their leader to save us from another pan-



demic like Covid-19? Who would put an end to terrorism? Who will lead the country as PM Modi during the G20? They have no candidate for the office of the prime minister. PM Modi led the country from the front

when we hosted world leaders and top dignitaries at the G20 summit. It was also under his leadership that we put Chandrayaan (3) on the moon (lunar south pole). He made India the 5th biggest economy in the world. So, if there's anyone who can take this country forward, it is our leader Narendra Modi."

The Union Home Minister was campaigning for Dr Konda Vishweshwar Reddy, the BJP candidate from the Chevella Lok Sabha constituency in Telangana.

Drawing a direct comparison between INDIA and the BJP, Shah said the partners in the former majorly indulged in corruption and scams when they held top public offices.

Kannauj's perfume reeked of foul odour under SP: Yogi

Kannauj (UP) (UNI)

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Saturday took a dig at Akhilesh Yadav and said that the Samajwadi Party chief's decision to contest from Kannauj stemmed from the INDI alliance's inability to secure a candidate for the constituency.

Addressing an election rally held at Karia Jhala ground, Jhunjhak, Raosoolabad, the CM said, "When Akhilesh had the chance, he worked to spoil the essence of Kannauj's perfume."

"They initially fielded one candidate, only to revoke his ticket later. Subsequently, another candidate was announced, who eventually withdrew from the race. When a third candidate was proposed, they declined. With no viable option left, the SP president now claims he's ea-



ger to serve."

Continuing his criticism of Akhilesh Yadav, he said, "During his tenure, UP witnessed frequent outbreaks of violence. The safety of

women and business owners was compromised, while the rights of the underprivileged were trampled upon.

"The former CM even glorified rioters by inviting them to his residence. However, now you can witness how the new UP of the new India handles rioters and those who disrupt peace."

Yogi urged the public to reelect Subrata Pathak, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) candidate for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections in Kannauj.

He called upon ordinary citizens to canvas from door to door, expressing their preference for Rambhakt (devotees of Lord Ram) over Ramdrohis (those opposed to Lord Ram).

He asserted that in the new India, there exists security, welfare for the impoverished, development and rev-

erence for heritage and faith.

He contrasted the SP's actions of firing upon Ram devotees and withdrawing cases against terrorists with the BJP's accomplishment of constructing the Ram temple.

The CM attributed the construction of the grand Ram temple in Ayodhya, after a hiatus of 500 years, to the collective effort of the electorate who chose the BJP governments in both Delhi and Lucknow.

He said, "After this gap, Lord Ram celebrated Holi at his birthplace, observed his birth anniversary, and adorned his forehead with a Surya Tilak. The world was fortunate to witness a rejuvenated Ayodhya. We witnessed the realisation of our ancestors' dreams and resolve unfolding right in front of us."

Karnataka man who severed minor girl's head arrested

Madikeri (Karnataka): In a tragic turn of events, a 32-year-old man stands accused of brutally ending the life of a minor girl following the cancellation of their proposed marriage, was arrested on Saturday.

The suspect, identified as Prakash, was apprehended by authorities in connection with the heinous crime.

The incident, which sent shockwaves through the community, occurred in Surlabbi village, where the 16-year-old victim, identified as Meena, fell prey to a gruesome act of violence at the hands of her former suitor.

According to police reports, the sequence of events unfolded just two days after Meena had completed her SSLC exams and her engagement with Prakash was formally arranged.