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Search ops intensified in Rajouri distt

A day after social welfare department employee Mohammad Razaq was shot dead at Kunda Top in Thanamandi area of Rajouri district of Jammu, security forces today intensified their search operation to in the area to track down the escaped terrorists.

Razaq (40) was shot dead by terrorists after he came out of a mosque in his village Kunda Top last evening. His brother, Mohammad Tahir Choudhary,

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2 booked under PSA

Police have booked two anti-national activists under Public Safety Act (PSA) in Kashmir's Bandipora district.

They were identified as Ghulam Din War, son of Habibullah War of Naidkhai Sumbal, and Firdous Ahmad Khan, son of Mohammad Ayoub Khan of Ward No 6, Nebrapora, Bandipora.

According to officials, they were booked under PSA for their continuous involvement in anti-national activities. Both of them were lodged in the Kot-Bhalwal central jail

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BJP names Gyalson as candidate for Ladakh LS seat



The BJP today named Tashi Gyalson as its candidate from Ladakh Lok Sabha seat, dropping sitting MP Jamyang Tsering Namgyal.

Gyalson is the chairman-

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PDP has become BJP's C-Team: Omar



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NC leader Omar Abdullah today said that PDP had become the BJP's C-team and people should only look towards INDIA bloc candidates in the Lok Sabha elections to defeat the communal forces.

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Cong sabotaged Jammu's national projects: Jitendra



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Union Minister Jitendra Singh today said that Congress and its allies had sabotaged Jammu's important national projects including Shahpur-Kandi project and

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India's security cannot be outsourced: Gen Pande

Says military strength, capabilities necessary to prevent wars

NEW DELHI, APR 23: Asserting that the country's security can neither be outsourced nor be dependent on the largesse of others, Army Chief, Gen Manoj Pande today said that military strength & capabilities were necessary to prevent wars. He also said that the recent geo-political developments had reaffirmed the relevance of hard power.

"In the context of capability development, if we import and depend for critical technologies on countries that possess them, we must be very clear that we will always remain one technology cycle behind," he said while addressing participants at the National Leadership Conclave of All India Management Association.

"Army is shaping hard power capabilities through atmanirbharta or self-reliance in the defence manufacturing sector," he added.

He said the recent geo-political developments had reaffirmed the relevance of a country's hard power.

"The current geo-strategic landscape is characterised by change, taking place at unprecedented scale and speed. Recent geo-political powerplays have displayed, that where national interests are concerned, coun-



tries will not hesitate to go to war. These developments have reaffirmed the relevance of Hard Power," Gen Pande said.

He mentioned that the overall 'rise' of a nation can be said to occur when there is a significant and continuous increase in its Comprehensive National Power.

"While 'Economic Power' is the fountainhead of the growth of the nation, it is the Military Strength that lends it the ability to affect the outcomes, necessary to protect and further its multifarious interests, in expanding strategic horizons," he said.

He said that military strength and capabilities were necessary to prevent war to present a Credible Deterrence,

also enabling a robust response to threats and winning wars, when required, across the entire spectrum of conflict.

"In our quest to achieve and sustain a 'Hard Power' quotient, we need to be alive to the implication of external dependency to meet defence requirements. The impact of supply chain disruptions and weaponization of denial regimes - came to the fore, during the Pandemic and also from the lessons of the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict. These developments have underscored that the security of the nation, can neither be outsourced nor be dependent on the largesse of others," he said.

The army chief said that the unprecedented trends in the geo-strategic landscape, the limitless potential of Disruptive Technologies, the transforming character of modern Wars and the profound changes in the socio-economic domain, are the four key drivers of IA's Transformation efforts.

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Cong will do X-ray of wealth, distribute it to 'select' people: Modi

JAIPUR, APR 23: Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said the Congress tried to extend reservation on the basis of religion and give it to Muslims, and once again accused the party of hatching a "deep conspiracy" to snatch people's wealth and distribute it among "select" people.

Launching a blistering attack on the Congress, Modi also charged that it is difficult to follow one's faith under the Congress and that even listening to Hanuman Chalisa becomes crime under that party's rule.

His remarks come on a



day when the country is celebrating Hanuman Jayanti.

Addressing an election rally in Tonk, the prime minister said as soon as the Congress formed the government at the Centre in 2004, one of its first tasks was to reduce the SC/ST reservation in Andhra

Pradesh and give it to Muslims.

"Modi is giving you a guarantee with an open heart that reservation for Dalits and backward tribals will neither end nor will it be allowed to be divided in the name of religion," he said.

Asserting that he understands the Constitution, Modi said he is dedicated to the Constitution and is a person who worships B R Ambedkar.

Amid a row over his 'redistribution of wealth' remarks, the prime minister again charged that the Con

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Rs 10 lakh reward on terrorist involved in Rajouri killing

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Police today announced a reward of Rs 10 lakh for any information leading to the identification and capture of the terrorist involved in the killing of a social welfare department employee in Rajouri district of Jammu on Monday.

The reward has been announced for the terrorist identified as Abu Hamza for his involvement in terror activities, including the killing of Mohammad Razaq in Kunda village of Rajouri last evening, a po

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Excise policy case Kejrival's judicial custody extended till May 7

NEW DELHI, APR 23: A Delhi court on Tuesday extended the judicial custody of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and BRS leader K Kavitha in a money laundering case related to the alleged excise scam till May 7.

Special judge for CBI and ED matters Kavari Baweja extended their custody after they were produced before the court through video conference on expiry of their remand.

The judge also extended the judicial custody of

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Damaged 'drone' recovered near LoC

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A drone-like object was recovered near the fence along the Line of Control in Balakote sub-sector of Mendhar in Poonch district of Jammu today.

Officials said that a drone-like object was seen to have fallen in a damaged shape ahead of the border fence near the government high school, Dharati, in Balakote area.

"The object pieces have been collected and are being analysed," the officials added.

A tight vigil was being maintained all along the

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A view of Shobha Yatra which was taken out on the eve of Hanuman Jayanti in Jammu on Tuesday.

NEP promotes critical thinking, problem-solving: LG

GHAZIPUR (UP), APR 23: Asserting that New Education Policy (NEP) focuses on nurturing creative potential of students, LG Manoj Sinha today said that 'it also promotes critical thinking and problem-solving'.

"NEP's aim is to prepare individuals for Viksit Bharat," he said while addressing a seminar on 'National Education Policy 2020' which was organised at Dalimss Sunbeam School, Gandhi Nagar, in UP's Ghazipur. On the occasion, he also felicitated meritorious students.

In his keynote address on 'Contribution of new National Education Policy in Building Developed India', the LG highlighted the vision and aim of NEP 2020. He said the education policy focuses on nurturing creative potential of students and promotes critical thinking and problem-solving.

"National Education Policy's aim is to prepare individuals who are not only knowledgeable and skilled



but develop cognitive capacities and eternal Indian knowledge and ideals for growth of society and to build Viksit Bharat. The policy will impart scientific knowledge, develop the personality of the individual for upskilling and reskilling and open up new opportunities in the future as per the needs of the industries," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor said after centuries, there has been a new awakening in the society and after several decades there is a new edu-

cation policy that is rooted in Indian ethos and emphasises on extensive use of technology, research and innovation, experiential and innovative approaches, integration of technology such as machine learning and artificial intelligence and promotion of start-up incubation centres to transformation India.

"NEP 2020 focuses on true values and teachings of our glorious heritage and civilization and prepares the students with industry 4.0 technology, lifelong

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Venkaiah Naidu calls for end to freebies in elections

NEW DELHI, APR 23: Calling for end to freebies in elections, former Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu today said as the 'frequent' party-hopping by political leaders was a 'disturbing trend', there was a need for strengthening the anti-defection law.

Speaking at a function at his residence here after receiving the Padma award, Naidu said announcing "freebies" during elections without listing out funds mobilisation is an unhealthy trend which should be discouraged and people



should question the leaders and parties making such lofty promises.

Naidu was awarded the Padma Vibhushan award on Monday evening by President Droupadi Murmu at a function at Rashtrapati Bhawan.

"Defections are being en-

couraged. We should strengthen the anti-defection law," he asserted.

"Now, the worry is that there is a fall in the standards in public life. In political parties, people often change their parties. The latest trend is people are in one party in the morning and join another party in the evening and then they criticise your leader and say things left and right. Some of them are favoured with tickets also.

"This is a very disturbing trend and people should

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Last day of campaigning crucial for raising victory margin: Kavinder

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Stating that the last day of campaigning for the polls was highly crucial, senior BJP leader and ex-deputy CM Kavinder Gupta today said that the hard work put in by the party cadre during these 24 hours would definitely raise the victory margin of the party candidate.

To make an appeal in this regard, he chaired a meeting of five BJP mandals falling in Jammu district (South) including Trikuta Nagar, Gandhi Nagar, Gad-



digarh, Kunjwani and R S Pura. Addressing the meeting,

Gupta said that BJP was the only party which was com

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