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## India's security cannot be outsourced: Gen Pande

four key drivers of the army's transformation efforts," he said.

"The Army's vision for the future is to transform into a modern, agile, adaptive, technology enabled and self-reliant future ready force capable to deter and win wars in a multi-domain operational environment across the full spectrum of operations to protect our national interests, in synergy with the other two services," he added.

"Currently, we have 340 indigenous defence industries working towards fructification of 230 contracts by 2025, which entails an outlay of Rs 2.5 lakh cr.," he said.

In early April, the army said it plans to boost the ongoing atmanirbharta drive by setting up specialised Army Design Bureau (ADB) cells at various command headquarters, with the organisational restructuring aimed at absorption of niche technology for capability development.

## Search ops intensified in Rajouri distt

is a soldier in Territorial Army.

Tahir had escaped unhurt. Army, police and CRPF had launched a cordon and search operation (CASO) in the area and intensified searches with the help of sniffer dogs and aerial surveillance but they were yet to find any trace of the terrorists, officials said.

According to the officials, Tahir could have been the target but his brother got shot.

Razaq's father Mohammad Akbar was also killed by terrorists 19 years ago in the same village. As Akbar worked in Social Welfare Department, Razaq was given a job by the government on compassionate grounds in the same department, officials said.

## 2 booked under PSA

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Earlier also, police have booked some anti-social & anti-national elements in the valley under PSA.

## BJP names Gyalson as candidate for Ladakh LS seat

cum-chief executive councillor of Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council in Leh.

Namgyal had hit the headlines in 2019 with his viral speech in Lok Sabha to defend the Narendra Modi government's decision to repeal Article 370 and making Ladakh as a separate Union Territory.

The BJP's decision to drop Namgyal comes amid resentment towards the ruling party among a section of Buddhists in Leh.

The local sources said Gyalson, who is also a lawyer, is in a better position to maintain the BJP's hold over the seat, which also includes Muslim-majority Kargil.

Polling is scheduled for May 20 in the constituency.

## PDP has become BJP's C-Team: Omar

"We have said from the start that if we have to defeat BJP in J&K and communal forces trying to spread poison across the country, people should only look towards candidates of the INDIA bloc — National Conference candidates on three seats of Kashmir and Congress candidates on two seats in Jammu," he said while speaking to reporters at an election rally at Kokernag in south Kashmir.

Omar said, "The rest have connections with the BJP somewhere — be it B-team or A-team who hold late-night meetings with (BJP leader) Tarun Chugh or the PDP. (BJP leader) Mushtaq Bukhari has openly announced to cast his vote in favour of (PDP chief) Mehbooba Mufti."

The National Conference vice-president said he understands the PDP chief will put pressure on BJP to make Bukhari change his statement.

"I take it that Mehbooba Mufti will put pressure on the BJP to get Mushtaq Bukhari to change his statement but the cat is out of the bag now. After the A-team and the B-team, the PDP has now joined as the C-team of the BJP," he added.

## Cong sabotaged Jammu's national projects: Jitendra

Ujh Multipurpose Project which would have irrigated the entire belt of dry land along Samba, Kathua and part of Jammu districts.

Both these projects could get activated only after the Modi government took over in 2014, he said.

Not only this, he alleged that Congress had also denied 4 pc reservation to the people living along the International Border (IB) of this region.

Addressing public meetings at different locations in Samba district, which is going to poll on April 26, Dr Singh, while campaigning in support of BJP candidate Jugal Kishore Sharma, said Congress and its allied governments had not only caused damage to the Kandi areas of Samba and Kathua by denying them their due but had also gone to the extent of working against the national interest just to appease certain sections by following an approach of regional discrimination.

He recalled that in 1960, Indus Water Treaty was finalised between India and Pakistan by then Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and Pakistan president Ayub Khan as a result of which three major river waters that India was to share happened to be Ravi, Satluj and Beas. By constructing Shahpur-Kandi Dam, he said, India was to utilize the her share of water from river Ravi for irrigating 3500 to 4000 hectares of land in Samba and Kathua border districts of Jammu & Kashmir as well as Gurdaspur and Pathankot districts of Punjab.

**JAMMU, APRIL 23:** The Department of National Security Studies, Central University of Jammu under the mentorship of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain organized a one-day educational field visit to the 47 Battalion of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) Camp in Samba district. The students, scholars, faculty and staff of the department participated in the educational trip. The trip was organized under the able leadership of Prof. Ritu Bakshi, Head Department of National Security Studies.

Border guarding forces play a vital role in securing India's complex borders. This educational trip was to facilitate student and scholar interaction with the ITBP battalion to supplement their classroom /conceptual learning with practical experience.

The trip commenced with a warm reception by the 47 ITBP Battalion. Students, scholars, and faculty of the department were acquainted with the functioning of the ITBP through weapons/equipment display, photo exhibition, screening of

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

gress will snatch people's wealth and distribute it to select people.

Modi said the then prime minister Manmohan Singh had given a speech in which he had said that Muslims have the first right on the resources of the country.

"This was not a coincidence. This is not a single statement. Congress' ideology has always been of appeasement and vote bank politics. As soon as the Congress formed the government at the Centre in 2004, one of the first things it did was to reduce the SC/ST reservation in Andhra Pradesh and give it to Muslims," he said.

"This was a pilot project which the Congress wanted to try in the entire country. Between 2004 and 2010, the Congress tried to implement Muslim reservation in Andhra Pradesh four times but due to legal hurdles and the awareness of the Supreme Court, it could not fulfil its intention," he said.

"In 2011, the Congress tried to implement it throughout the country. They played a game of snatching away the rights given to SC, ST and OBC and giving them to others for vote bank politics. The Congress did this deliberately and without caring about the Constitution and B R Ambedkar," he said.

"I want to ask the Congress will it declare that will it divide the reservation for Dalits and backward tribals and give it to Muslims," he said.

Modi said when the BJP government in Karnataka got an opportunity, the first thing it did was to abolish the Muslim quota which was created by snatching it from ST and SC.

The prime minister said the constitutional limit for reservation was ending in 2020 and he had extended the reservation of Dalit and tribals for another 10 years.

The Congress and INDI Alliance, Modi said, were peeved after he exposed their vote bank and appeasement politics in his recent address in Rajasthan's Banswara.

"I have put forth the truth before the country that the Congress is hatching a deep conspiracy to snatch your wealth and distribute it among 'select' people," he said.

He said when he exposed the vote bank politics of Congress, it angered the Congress and its INDI Alliance so much that they have started abusing him everywhere.

Why is the Congress scared of the truth and hiding its politics, the prime minister asked.

"You have made the policy and taken the decision and when Modi exposed the secret and your hidden agenda came out, you are trembling," he said.

The prime minister charged that the Congress is stuck in the quagmire of its vote bank and does not care about the Constitution.

"It is written in their manifesto that they will survey the wealth. Their leader had said in a speech that X-ray of wealth will be done. This means that if something is kept in a box or hidden in a wall, it will be searched through X-ray. Then they will capture all your property which is more than required and then distribute it among the people," he said.

At a rally in Rajasthan on Sunday, Modi had said that if the Congress came to power, it would redistribute the wealth of people to "infiltrators" and those who have more children, and cited former PM Manmohan Singh's remark that the minority community had the first claim on the country's resources.

Further attacking the Congress, Modi said, "Even listening to Hanuman Chalisa becomes crime under Congress rule" and referred to an incident in Congress-ruled Karnataka where a shopkeeper was beaten up for listening to Hanuman Chalisa.

He said during the Congress rule in Rajasthan, those who pelted stones on Ram Navmi procession were given protection and restrictions were imposed on such procession.

However, after the formation of the BJP government in the state, no one has the courage to question faith.

"Now, you will recite Hanuman Chalisa peacefully and also celebrate Ram Navami, this is the guarantee of BJP," he said.

The prime minister also accused the Congress of throwing Malpura, Karauli, Chhabra, Tonk and Jodhpur into the "fire of riots" during its rule.

## Rs 10 lakh reward on terrorist involved in Rajouri killing

lice official said.

An appeal was made to people to be 'eyes & ears' of police and security forces to end terrorism in the district.

Meanwhile, Razaq was laid to rest in the local graveyard in which hundreds of people from all over the area participated. He was given a tearful adieu by the family, relatives and people of the area.

His father Muhammad Akber was also a victim of terrorism as his throat was slit by the terrorists in the year 2003.

## Venkaiah Naidu calls for end to freebies in elections

avoid it. People should work at parties and prove their credentials. If anybody wants to change parties, one should resign from the post given by that party and then only join another party. One can understand making accusations, but what is happening is not accusing but abusing," Naidu said.

He said another unhealthy trend is that people are making promises left and right, without considering where the money will come from, as there is no money.

"Political parties must come out with a manifesto and secondly, should come out with schemes supported by the financial health of the state and third, how they are going to mobilise resources and then whatever they want to spend," the former vice president said.

He wondered how it was possible to give everything for

free as "money does not come from trees".

But then some of the leaders and parties are making promises left and right even when the financial health of the state is weak, he observed.

Naidu said even when the financial burden of lakhs of crores of rupees is there on states, still leaders make promises and everything is being promised for free.

"I am against freebies. I am in favour of two things — education and health should be given free. Make education and health free, and you can avoid all others. They are not doing that," he lamented.

"This sort of promises and freebies should be discouraged and political parties should question how you are going to mobilise resources. Manifesto and resource mobilisation and financial health of the state should be presented to the people," he said.

Naidu also appealed to the voters to reject those candidates who use vulgar language and are known to be openly corrupt.

"People who are in the habit of accusing and using vulgar language should be rejected in elections and people who are known to be openly corrupt, they should be rejected," Naidu asserted, noting that parties should present alternative policies instead of accusing.

Narrating his recent meeting with a religious saint who migrated from Andhra Pradesh to Tamil Nadu, he said though having Muslim origins he sang Ram bhajans every morning.

Observing that culture is a way of living and religion is a way of worship, he said, "Rama is a cultural embodiment of the state, he is not a religious person. Rama is an ideal human being, a great ruler, a great father, and a great son, who led an ideal human life. We must lead a life like him and try to follow his ideals."

He said his message to the people is that everybody should take an interest in public life, not necessarily politics.

He said somebody asked him about what patriotism was as everybody is talking about it these days, he said, "Everybody should be doing their respective work sincerely and should do their duties assigned to them, then you are a patriot and make the country strong."

The former vice president said India is on the rise and the entire world is looking at it, even as the Western powers and superpowers are not able to digest the country's growth.

"But at the same time, they cannot ignore India and they have to maintain a relationship with India. India can never be ignored in the present situation.

"We are the world's largest democracy and we must make efforts to make it the healthiest and ideal democracy, for that all political parties must ensure this," he noted.

## Kejriwal's judicial custody extended till May 7

Kavitha, a Telangana MLC and daughter of former chief minister K Chandrashekar Rao, till May 7 in the related corruption case being probed by the CBI.

Kavitha was arrested by the ED from her residence in Hyderabad on March 15 and was subsequently arrested by the CBI on April 11.

Meanwhile, Kejriwal was arrested on March 21 by the ED and has been lodged in Tihar jail since April 1.

Earlier in the day, Kejriwal was administered a "low dose" of insulin after his blood sugar level spiked, as per Tihar jail authorities.

"Kejriwal was given two units of low-dose insulin on Monday evening on the advice of AIIMS doctors," a Tihar official said.

His blood sugar level reading was found to be 217 around 7 pm, following which the doctors at Tihar looking after him decided to give him insulin, the official said.

AIIMS specialists, during a video conference with the chief minister on April 20, had advised Tihar doctors that insulin could be given to him if his sugar level crossed a certain level, he added.

Meanwhile, AAP sources said Kejriwal's blood sugar level had crossed 320 in Tihar. They said this is the first time that insulin has been given to him in jail, even though his sugar level has been increasing for some time.

Notably, Kejriwal has accused the ED of being "petty" and "politicising" what he ate in jail and asserted before a court that the food he consumed was in conformity with the diet chart prepared by his doctor.

Kejriwal's response came after ED had claimed before the court that Kejriwal was eating foods high in sugar every day, despite having type 2 diabetes, to create grounds for medical bail.

## EAM pitches for 'ASEAN unity', constructive role in Indo-Pacific

role in international affairs. During our G-20 presidency last year, we held virtual Voice of Global South summits with the participation of several ASEAN member states," he said.

"Today, a multipolar Asia and a multipolar world are increasingly self-evident. This brings to the fore an ever-important role of ASEAN and India in dealing with the realities of the emerging world order. It underlies the need for greater cooperation and coordination between India and ASEAN," he added.

Stressing the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), Jaishankar voiced concern over the growing security challenges in the Indo-Pacific, saying that it was important that the freedom of navigation, overflight and unimpeded commerce were respected and facilitated by all.

"India's initiative of security and growth for all in the region SAGAR is aimed at contributing towards peace and stability in the region. Friends, it is vital that freedom of navigation and overflight and unimpeded commerce are respected and facilitated by all. The 1982 UN Convention on the Laws of Seas provides a comprehensive legal frame-

work and serves as the constitution of the seas, one within which all activities in the oceans and seas must be carried out," the External Affairs Minister said.

"Upholding the enclose is a common and collective endeavour. Besides our efforts towards mitigation, adaptation and response capacities to deal with the impact of climate change and disasters and global challenges such as transnational crimes, terrorism, cyberattacks, human trafficking and health and food security. The digital era and increasing use of artificial intelligence have resulted in a premium being put on trust and transparency affecting our concept of security," he added.

The ASEAN Future Forum got underway on Tuesday in Hanoi under the presidency of Vietnam.

The theme of the forum this year is "Towards Fast and Sustainable Growth of a People-Centered ASEAN Community". The event, this year, is aimed at fostering a cohesive and dynamic ASEAN business community in the digital era

## Last day of campaigning crucial for raising victory margin: Kavinder

mitted to serve people, meet the challenges faced by Jammu and Kashmir and make it a part of the country's growth story. He urged party cadre to strengthen BJP at booth level for ensuring the party's resounding victory in the ensuing Lok Sabha polls as strong booths were the guarantee to victory.

He asked the party leaders to reach out to voters, including women & youth, to disseminate information about the party's plan and policies so that doubts created by opposition were warded off. He said that it was important to bring the voter to the polling booth and efforts should be made by the party workers to meet this challenge through strong resolve and conviction.

"The ground level workers are the real ambassadors of the party as their efforts can prove to be the game changer especially to get favourable results in elections," he added.

He underscored the significance of every remaining moment in engaging with voters and rallying support for the BJP's vision for a prosperous Jammu and a vibrant India.

"During these last two days, we have a unique opportunity to consolidate our efforts, energise our supporters, and reach out to every voter across Jammu. This phase of the campaign is crucial in spreading our message of development, prosperity and inclusive governance," he said.

As the campaign enters its final stretch, he urged party workers and supporters to intensify their efforts, reaching out to every household and ensuring maximum voter turnout on polling day.

"We must leave no room for complacency. Let us redouble our efforts, work tirelessly and ensure that every voter understands the importance of his ballot in shaping the future of Jammu and our nation," he added.

Manoranjan Mishra, vice-president of Madhya Pradesh, looking after the booth arrangements in Jammu and Kashmir, also addressed the election agents and booth level workers in all the meetings.

The meeting was attended by attended by Sham Chowdhary, Rekha Mahajan, ex-deputy mayor Baldev Balowria, Vinay Gupta, Rajeev Charak, Ashok Khajuria, Pushpinder Singh, Narinder Koki, Akash Chopra, Ayodhya Gupta, Lucky Puri, Bharat Bhushan, Ranjit Singh and Vijay Sharma.

## Rise out of appeasement politics: Shah slams Chidambaram over his remarks on CAA

do appeasement either. I don't understand what objection Congress has to CAA. The CAA will not take away anyone's citizenship; they are misleading people. They want to win elections by indulging in appeasement politics. I would like to tell Chidambaram that his intentions will never come to fruition. People have understood the Congress party well," Shah added.

He emphasised further that CAA will remain and the three criminal laws will be implemented.

"Congress is neither going to come to power nor going to make decisions. I assure the people of the country that CAA will remain and three (criminal) laws will be implemented. Every citizen will get justice within three years; such a justice system will be ensured. Every refugee will get citizenship. There is no doubt about it. I would like to suggest that Congress leaders, who have lost elections several times, rise out of appeasement politics and try to perform on the agenda of development," the Union Home Minister said.

Responding to the question on three new criminal laws, the Union Home Minister said that Chidambaram was a part of the committee and had given suggestions and even appreciated them.

"As far as three laws (criminal laws) are concerned, Chidambaram himself was a part of the committee. He had given positive suggestions several times and even appreciated them. The three laws will make the country's criminal justice system the most modern in the world. Congress doesn't want results in corruption cases. It wants justice to remain pending. But the BJP's and Narendra Modi's policies are clear: every citizen has the constitutional right to get justice in the least amount of time. We are dedicated to doing that," Amit Shah said.

Earlier at a news conference in Thiruvananthipuram on April 21, P Chidambaram had said that if the INDIA bloc comes to power at the Centre, it will repeal the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and the three criminal

## NEP promotes critical thinking, problem-solving: LG

learning skills so that our young generation is capable to face the future challenges and transform India into a knowledge economy," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor also encouraged and motivated the youth to make their important contribution in prosperity and development of the region. laws brought in by the the BJP government..

## CUJ Organized Educational Field Visit to 47th ITBP Battalion, Samba



ITBP Status Film, and a captivating lecture by Commandant Sh. Rakesh Kumar. The Commandant familiarizes students with the historical evolution of the ITBP, its organizational structure and the role it plays in securing and managing India's borders. He apprised students about the various roles of the elite force in peace as well as in wartime, like maintaining internal security, upholding law and order, disaster management, peace keeping missions, etc. The Commandant also delved into the role of ITBP in imple-

menting various development programmes as well as other flagship initiatives in border regions. The talk evoked many critical inquiries from the students and scholars. The programme concluded with special remarks by Dr R Sudhakar, Associate Professor, Department of National Security Studies.

The educational trip was coordinated by Dr. Sudhakar. Other faculty members who were part of the organizing committee were Dr. Neeta Rani, Dr. Ekta Manhas, and Dr. Anuradha Choudhary.