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Congress didn't implement Constitution fully in Kashmir: Modi

India does not dispatch dossiers, but we eliminate terrorists on their home turf. The headlines in the 'NewBharat' read: 'Mission LOC, India punishes Pakistan through surgical strikes.'

DPAP will courageously voice public concerns in Parl: Azad

communities? This politics is dangerous, and that's why we are not progressing. I have never engaged in politics based on religion or caste. When I built a hospital, it was for all. When I built roads, it was for all. We shouldn't divide people; we have to unite everyone and develop the entire region. As CM, I focused on development, not on the basis of religion but for those who deserve," he said.

Azad reiterated his commitment to catalysing progress and prosperity in the region, if his government comes to power.

He endorsed Saleem Parry as the ideal candidate to represent the aspirations and concerns of the region in parliament, citing his dedication and advocacy skills as instrumental in echoing the voices of the constituents.

"Adv Saleem Parry is young and educated. My aim is to see youth join mainstream politics, so that those who exploited them for years with one family politics should get a lesson that J&K is not only theirs but these Kashmiri youth also deserve to be in politics and win elections to serve the public. NC and PDP only sold self-rule and autonomy for years; they don't speak on development. Now they are fooling again with false slogans. We should be aware and reject them," he said.

"I've had many offers to join the Rajya Sabha upon my retirement from various parties. However, my priority lies in working for the betterment of J&K and lifting my people out of the current crisis. The discontent among people is palpable; they yearn for development and peace," he added.

3.4 magnitude earthquake hits Kishtwar

tude: 3.4, occurred on 01-05-2024, 01:33:44 IST, Lat: 33.45 & Long: 76.57, Depth: 30 Km, Location: Kishtwar, Jammu and Kashmir," the NCS said in a post on X.

NH reopens after 2 days

chinery cleared the debris at Mehar, Dalwas and Magerkote, the officials added.

Multiple landslides, mudslides and shooting stones from the hillocks had blocked the highway at nearly a dozen places between Nashri and Banihal tunnels, resulting in the suspension of traffic.

2 gram sewaks suspended

GRS, panchayat Jakyas (A), and Afaq Ahmad, GRS, panchayat Chinyas, the services of aforementioned employees are hereby placed under suspension till further orders."

"Assistant Commissioner, Development, Doda, is hereby appointed as inquiry officer who shall submit a detained report regarding allegations levelled both the officials within two days," the order says.

Till the outcome of the inquiry report, the two officials shall remain attached in the office of ASD, Doda.

GST collection breaches Rs 2 lakh cr milestone

crore. This represents a significant 12.4 per cent year-on-year growth, driven by a strong increase in domestic transactions (up 13.4 per cent) and imports (up 8.3 per cent)," the ministry said.

The GST revenue, which is basically taxes on goods sold and services rendered, was more than Rs 1.78 lakh crore last month, while it stood at Rs 1.87 lakh crore in April 2023.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in a post on X (formerly Twitter) lauded the efforts of tax officers for achieving the milestone.

"GST collection crosses Rs 2 lakh crore benchmark, thanks to the strong momentum in the economy and efficient tax collections," she said.

Tax experts said robust GST revenues in April reflect a buoyant economy, self-compliance by businesses, timely audit and scrutiny, besides enforcement measures taken by the department. The increased collections also raise expectations of ushering in the next wave of GST reforms.

In April this year, the mop-up under Central GST (CGST) pool stood at Rs 43,846 crore, while State GST (SGST) collection reached Rs 53,538 crore and Integrated GST (IGST) Rs 99,623 crore, including Rs 37,826 crore collected through levies on imported goods.

The total cess collection was Rs 13,260 crore, including Rs 1,008 crore collected on imported goods.

Out of the IGST collection, Rs 50,307 crore was settled towards CGST and Rs 41,600 crore towards SGST. This translates to a total revenue of Rs 94,153 crore for CGST and Rs 95,138 crore for SGST in April 2024 after regular settlement.

"There are no dues pending on account of IGST settlement to the states," Sitharaman said in an X post.

After accounting for refunds, the net GST revenue for April 2024 stood at Rs 1.92 lakh crore, a 15.5 per cent growth compared to the same period last year.

Deloitte India Partner Mahesh Jaising said the consistent buoyancy in GST collections has set the stage for pursuing forward-thinking reforms under GST 2.0.

PwC India Partner Pratik Jain said that with the next wave of GST reforms expected after the formation of the new government, the growth (in GST collections) may be further accelerated.

It may also enable the government to make bolder decisions like rate rationalisation or bringing other products, such as ATF and natural gas, under the GST ambit.

According to EY tax Partner Saurabh Agarwal, the GST collection underscores the steadfast resilience of the tax system amid evolving economic landscapes.

"The concerted efforts of the GST officials, including zero tolerance for non-filers, coupled with rigorous measures to combat fake invoicing and the registrations have significantly bolstered GST collections in the states' coffers," Agarwal said.

Deloitte India Partner MS Mani said significant GST collection increases have been observed across all major producing and consuming states, indicating that it is widespread and not restricted to a few industrial pockets.

Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP Partner Vivek Jalan said from July 2017, when GST started with an average monthly revenue of around Rs 0.9 lakh crore, to April 2024, when it grossed Rs 2.1 lakh crore. GST revenues have witnessed an approximate growth of 13 per cent per annum on average.

Considering the inflation at 5 per cent and GDP growth of 7 per cent, there has been an average buoyancy of 1 per cent on an average per annum over the last seven years, Jalan said.

Sanjay Chhabria, Senior Director, Indirect Tax at Nexdigm, said the significant rise in domestic transactions can be attributed to consumer spending being focused on beating the summer heat, with purchases like air-conditioners, beverages, as well as increased travel during long vacations from schools and colleges.

"This one-time leap is a new benchmark, which reflects robust economic buoyancy and high consumer spending," Chhabria said.

Swaminathan takes charge as Vice Chief of Navy

ous assignment. Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi, who took charge as the 26th Chief of the Naval Staff on Tuesday, was serving as the Vice Chief of the force.

After taking charge as the Vice Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Swaminathan paid homage to the fallen heroes at the National War Memorial.

In his illustrious career, he commanded missile vessels INS Vidyut and INS Vinash, the missile corvette INS Kulish, guided missile destroyer INS Mysore and the aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya.

The Vice Admiral was commissioned into the Indian Navy on July 1, 1987 and is a specialist in communication and electronic warfare.

He is an alumnus of the National Defence Academy, Khadakvasla, the Joint Services Command and Staff College, Shrivenham, the UK, the College of Naval Warfare, Karanja and the US Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island.

A recipient of Ati Vishisht Seva Medal and Vishisht Seva Medal, Vice Admiral Swaminathan has held several key operational, staff and training appointments.

On promotion to the rank of Rear Admiral, he served as the Chief Staff Officer (training) at headquarters, Southern Naval Command, Kochi and played a key role in the conduct of training for the Navy.

He was also instrumental in raising the Indian Naval Safety team that oversees operational safety across all verticals of the Navy, the Navy said in a statement.

He then went on to head the work-up organisation of the Navy as the Flag Officer (sea training).

Following this, he was appointed as the Flag Officer Commanding, Western Fleet.

On promotion to the rank of Vice Admiral, the Flag Officer was Chief of Staff of the Western Naval Command and Controller of Personnel Services at the naval headquarters.

Vice Admiral Swaminathan's educational qualifications include a BSc degree from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; MSc in Telecommunications from Cochin Uni-

versity of Science and Technology and MA in Defence Studies from King's College, London; MPhil in Strategic Studies from Mumbai University; and PhD in International Studies from Mumbai University.

Congress may be disbanded this election: Rajnath

lower turnout. Asked on the Congress manifesto, Singh said that "politics should not be done based on jaati, panth or majhab; insaaf aur insanayat should be base of politics."

"I feel that jaati, panth or majhab (caste, creed or religion) should not be the basis of politics; Insaaf aur Insaniyat (Justice and humanity) should be the basis of politics. But Congress since independence has always practiced politics of caste, creed and religion to divide the nation for their selfish political gains," he added.

In New Delhi, he said the "massive" crowd gathered for Tiwari's nomination assured him that the people had made up their minds to re-elect him from the Northeast Delhi constituency.

In the Lok Sabha elections, the people are going to fulfill two of Mahatma Gandhi's wishes including one that India should become a strong nation of the world, he said.

"The country is marching forward with a new vision under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. India has become a strong nation of the world and its prestige has soared. Now when India speaks from international platforms, the whole world listens carefully," Singh said.

He said the other wish of Mahatma Gandhi was that Congress be disbanded after Independence.

"Mahatma Gandhi had said the Congress should be disbanded after Independence. The people of the country are going to fulfill this wish of Mahatma Gandhi and the Congress is going to be wiped out from the politics of the country," he said.

BJP candidate Harsh Malhotra, who was accompanied by Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, also filed his nomination papers after an "impressive" procession.

Dhami too exuded confidence that the "huge" gathering in support of Malhotra indicated that the people were going to elect him from the seat.

The Uttarakhand Chief Minister assailed Congress in his address accusing it of appeasement of minorities in the polls.

"The BJP is moving towards the direction of Uniform Civil Code. A bill on UCC was passed by the Uttarakhand Assembly and it has got the President's nod, while the Congress is providing reservation to Muslims in Karnataka," Dhami said.

The BJP is trying for a clean sweep in Delhi by winning all the seven Lok Sabha constituencies for the third time in a row since 2014. The party is pitted against INDIA block candidates of the AAP and the Congress on all the seven seats.

Tiwari, the only sitting BJP MP from Delhi to be fielded again by the party, has a direct contest with Congress candidate Kanhaiya Kumar in the Northeast Delhi constituency.

Malhotra is engaged in electoral battle with AAP's Kuldeep Kumar.

Properties of 7 Pak-based terror handlers attached

Baran, Irshad Ahmad Khan, son of Abdul Aziz of Pringal, Gulla Mochi, son of Gama Mochi of Limber, Mohammad Aslam Khan, son of Shah Zaman of Pringal, Mohammad Beigh, son of Abdul Gani of Ijara, Khalid Mir, son of Ayoub Mir of Hiller Peerniyar, & Rafiq Ahmad Bakermal, son of Shamus Din of Limber, a police statement said.

The action was taken under section of 88 of CrPC, section 2/3 of EIMCO Act, sections 120-B, 121 & 124 of RPC and section 19 UA (P) Act.

"The property was identified belonging to absconders during the course of investigation conducted by police. The operation reaffirms the commitment of police to combat terror activities," the statement said.

SC reserves verdict on whether pvt properties can be termed resources of community

certain DPSPs. "No law giving effect to the policy of the State towards securing all or any of the principles laid down in Part IV shall be deemed to be void on the ground that it is inconsistent with, or takes away or abridges any of the rights conferred by Article 14 or Article 19 and no law containing a declaration that it is for giving effect to such policy shall be called in question in any court on the ground that it does not give effect to such policy..." Article 31C reads.

The bench, also comprising Justices Hrishikesh Roy, B V Nagarathna, Sudhanshu Dhulia, J B Pardiwala, Manoj Misra, Rajesh Bindal, Satish Chandra Sharma and Augustine George Masih, reserved its verdict after hearing the arguments put forward by several lawyers, including Attorney General P Venkataramani and Mehta.

The POA and others have challenged Chapter VIII-A of the Act, claiming that the provisions of the chapter discriminate against the owners and attempt to dispossess them.

The lead plea was filed by the POA in 1992 and it was thrice referred to larger benches of five and seven judges, before being referred to a nine-judge bench on February 20, 2002.

Mumbai is a densely-populated city with old, dilapidated buildings that house tenants despite having become unsafe due to a lack of repairs. In order to repair and restore these buildings, the MHADA Act, 1976 imposes a cess on its occupants that is paid to the Mumbai Building Repair and Reconstruction Board, which oversees the repair and reconstruction of these "cessed buildings".

There are around 13,000 cessed buildings in Mumbai that need restoration or reconstruction.

However, their redevelopment is often delayed due to differences between the tenants or between the owners and the tenants on appointing a developer.

EC revises protocol on storage of Symbol Loading Units

handed over to local poll officials by the engineers of BEL or ECIL.

A day after the poll, the SLUs were returned to the engineers of the two public sector units who manufacture the ballot unit, the control unit and the VVPAT along with SLUs.

A few years ago, a feature was added which helped the candidates or their representatives see the symbol loading process on a TV monitor. The feature was added to enhance transparency.

LG extends greetings on Labour Day

and best wishes to all the workers of J&K. "Let's recognise and appreciate the hard work of our workforce in the progress & prosperity of the society and their relentless efforts in the nation building," the LG added.

Oppn using deepfakes, other tricks for its propaganda: Anurag

and OBC. On the other hand, the Congress has snatched their rights," Thakur said.

"Reservation is under threat in Congress-ruled states such as Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Telengana," he said.

"Congress humiliated Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar. It was in the Modi regime that Constitution Day was celebrated and 'Panch Teerth' were made. Our slogan is 'sabka saath sabka vikas'," he said.

Thakur said Uttar Pradesh will create a new record and play an important role in achieving the "400 paar" target in this year's Lok Sabha elections.

"Be it in 2014 or 2019, UP played a role. We have to take the achievements of Modi government to every household," he said.

The minister also said that Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi may have joined hands again but the two "shehzadas" "will not be able to do much".

Farooq attacks EC for deferring polls on Rajouri-Anantnag seat

had full support of people of the constituency. "See, it was not up to us (to defer the elections). The Election Commission has deferred it. Congratulations to them," Abdullah said.

In reply to a question about the party's strength in the Rajouri-Anantnag constituency and the prospects of its victory, he said, "I can only say this, I have full faith in the people."

NC candidate and former minister Mian Altaf Ahmed took also a potshot at the ECI and claimed he had not seen such an example of the deferring of polls in the history of elections.

"There is no example in history that elections have been deferred. I have never heard such an example that elections were postponed due to a mere landslide. This has happened for the first time. It is an undemocratic step," he said.

Modi govt safeguarded rights of nomads; NC exploited them for yrs: Kavinder

alism, religion and ethnicity. "BJP on the contrary provided avenues to the J&K people, especially to Gujjars, Bakkerwals and other underprivileged sections to live a life full of dignity and pride.

He said the BJP government at the Centre had prioritised delivering justice to Gujjars & Bakkerwals by safeguarding their reservation rights and extending support through various benefits via centrally sponsored schemes.

"This proactive approach has posed challenges to NC as it is increasingly evident that members of these two communities, alongside Pahadis, are unlikely to support NC due to their realisation of the strategies and deceptions employed by NC over an extended period," he added.

DC Bandipora reviews functioning of SAKHI One-Stop Centre

BANDIPORA, MAY 01: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Shakeel ul Rehman today conducted a comprehensive review of SAKHI One-Stop Centre in a meeting held at mini Secretariat to assess the effectiveness and efficiency of SAKHI-OSC in delivering its crucial services to women in distress.

Centre Administrator SAKHI - One Stop Centre, Ishrat Ayoub apprised the chair that OSC serves as a vital resource for individuals affected by various forms of violence, providing a range of services including medical aid, legal assistance, counseling, and temporary shelter.

It was revealed in the meeting that from January 2020 (Date of its Establishment in Bandipora) till date OSC registered 459 cases, out of which 350 cases were disposed-off at OSC and 43 were disposed-off at District Court Bandipora while 41



are under process at OSC.

The meeting was further informed that OSC conducted 306 awareness programs besides providing

temporary shelter to 26 survivors.

Expressing satisfaction with the center's operations, DC commended the dedica-

tion of the staff and their commitment to empowering survivors.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC emphasized the importance of collaborative efforts between SAKHI-One Stop Center and different Departments including ICDS, Social Welfare and Health to effectively address gender-based violence.

The DC underscored the importance of prioritizing initiatives that empower women and emphasized providing holistic support to women facing adversity, besides stressed on skill education for women to empower women through education and training.

Among others, the meeting was attended by ADDC, Mohd Ashraf Bhat; Secretary District Legal Services Authority Bandipora, Nusrat Ali Hakak; CPO, Mohammad Maqbool; District Social Welfare Officer, Staff of OSC and other concerned.

DEO Kupwara inaugurates 3-day Archery training camp for first-time voters at Handwara

KUPWARA, MAY 01:

In a unique sports initiative to encourage voter awareness and electoral participation, the District Electoral Officer (DEO) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan today inaugurated a three day Archery training camp at Indoor Sports Stadium Handwara.

The camp was organized by District Administration Kupwara as part of the ongoing Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) initiative.

Archery training camp brought together first-time voters, students, Officers of District Administration, teachers and members of Archery association, besides the general public.

The purpose of organizing the three day training camp under the SVEEP initiative was to raise awareness about the upcoming Lok Sabha elections and the importance of voting by combining the spirit of sports with a message of civic responsibility, and to develop a culture



of active participation in the electoral process.

While interacting with the participants, DEO highlighted the importance of empowering all citizens, especially first-time voters with the knowledge and confidence they need to actively participate in the democra-

tic process.

Ayushi emphasized the importance of every citizen's voice in shaping the future of our democracy.

Addressing the first time voters, DEO said that students above 18 are our brand ambassadors for upcoming Lok Sabha elections. On

May 20th, the occasion of poll day for Baramulla Parliamentary constituency, students above 18 will vote and motivate their relatives and friends to vote enthusiastically.

"You are going to spread the message of exercising the right to vote so that a responsible government is elected through responsible and informed voting" DEO said.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Handwara, Aziz Ahmad Rather, District Nodal Officer SVEEP/CEO Kupwara, Ab Majeed Dar, CMO Kupwara, Dr. Ramzan, Tehsildar Handwara, District Youth service & sports Officer, ZEO Handwara, Cluster Heads, District Cultural Coordinator, Teachers and students from different schools, besides, officials from various departments, first time voters, community leaders, and general public also participated in the mega sports event.