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Ruckus in assembly after NC passes resolution to restore Art 370

should act independently, Sharma alleged, "Today, he has acted as an NC leader."

When the House business was about discussion on the LG's address, how they moved the resolution, Sharma asked.

Earlier, deputy chief minister Surinder Choudhary moved the resolution for restoring Article 370 which was revoked by the Centre on August 5, 2019. The motion was seconded by senior NC leader and health minister Sakina Itoo.

"This Assembly reaffirms the importance of the special status and constitutional guarantees, which safeguarded the identity, culture and the rights of people of Jammu and Kashmir, and expresses concern over their unilateral removal," the resolution said.

It added that the assembly calls upon the Government of India to initiate a dialogue with the elected representatives of Jammu and Kashmir for the restoration of special status and constitutional guarantees, and to work out constitutional mechanisms to restore these provisions.

"This assembly emphasises that any process for restoration must safeguard both national unity and the legitimate aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir," the resolution added.

After the resolution was passed by a voice vote, a ruckus broke out in the Assembly, following which Rather adjourned the proceedings for 15 minutes. However, after the Assembly met again, BJP members continued with their protest and raised slogans against the Speaker as a result of which he adjourned the proceedings till Thursday.

The NC resolution was also supported by non-coalition partners. All the three PDP MLAs, Amami Ittehad Party (AIP) MLA Sheikh Khurshed, Independent MLA Shabir Kullay and Peoples Conference chief Sajad Lone supported the resolution.

The NC has the support of 55 legislators in the 90-member House. The support of the non-coalition legislators on the resolution pushed the number of supporters to 60 legislators.

Article 370 was abrogated by the Centre in 2019 when the erstwhile state was divided into the two Union Territories (UTs) of J&K and Ladakh.

'Unstoppable' Donald trump Kamala, elected US President

of Finance and Commerce at the University of Pennsylvania in 1968.

After taking over his father's company in 1971, he renamed it Trump Organisation and soon diversified into projects like hotels, resorts, residential and commercial buildings, casinos and golf courses. Trump also dabbled in Reality TV with 'The Apprentice' in 2004 that made him a household name in America.

Trump married Ivana Zelnickova, a Czech athlete and model, but divorced her in 1990. The couple has three children - Donald Jr, Ivanka and Eric.

He then married actor Marla Maples in 1993 but divorced in 1999. They have an only child, Tiffany. Trump's current wife Melania, whom he married in 2005, is a former Slovenian model. They have a son, Barron William Trump.

In the 2016 presidential race, fighting as a Republican nominee in the presidential race, Trump won against the Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton.

The 2024 election took place against the backdrop of concerns over the economy, illegal immigration and the wars in west Asia and Europe. Trump's support base saw him as the only one who could offer solutions to these.

"I will end the illegal immigration crisis by closing our border and finishing the wall, most of which I've already built," Trump told cheering supporters at his party's national convention, referring to the country's southern border.

He vowed that if he returned to the White House, "inflation will vanish completely".

Trump pledged to end the Russia-Ukraine war after Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy reached out to congratulate him on his Republican presidential nomination.

"I, as your next President of the United States, will bring peace to the world and end the war that has cost so many lives and devastated countless innocent families. Both sides will be able to come together and negotiate a deal

that ends the violence and paves a path forward to prosperity," Trump had said.

The four years of his second presidency will define not just how the US deals with its pressing domestic issues, it could also dictate its place in the world. The world is watching.

Encounter underway at Kupwara

awaited. Yesterday, a terrorist was killed by security forces in Bandipora area of the valley.

Minor reshuffle in admin

ariat. According to another GAD order, Tabish Saleem, presently posted in the office of CEO, Mission Youth, is transferred and posted as additional private Secretary with minister for agriculture production, rural development & panchayati raj, cooperative and election department.

Gen Dwivedi highlights 3-step approach to boost jointness

Around 180 fields for jointness have been identified, with 30% of the goals achieved and work on the rest being accelerated, he said.

The theaterisation model being pursued involves raising the China-centric northern theatre command in Lucknow, the Pakistan-centric western theatre command in Jaipur, and the maritime theatre command in Thiruvananthapuram.

"Initially, some hiccups were there, and the pace was slow. But now the pace will be very fast," the army chief had said on October 1.

Jointness came into sharp focus at the Joint Commanders' Conference on September 5 in Lucknow where defence minister Rajnath Singh made a firm push for cultivating a joint vision, preparing for future wars, and delivering a synergised, swift and proportionate response to provocations.

In September, Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff (HQ IDS), a single-point organisation for jointness under the defence ministry, conducted a crash course for senior military officers with a focus on boosting jointness and integration among the armed forces, an essential prerequisite to the creation of theatre commands.

In his NDC address, Dwivedi also spoke of force restructuring to boost war fighting capabilities. "The army's restructuring includes Rebal 1.5 (rebalancing) to refine command, control, and training, with Rebal 2.0 focused on adapting structures for emerging DIME (diplomatic, information, military and economic) interdependencies," he said.

Key initiatives include, establishing integrated battle groups for the mountain strike corps, forming specialised units like the Signals Technology Experimentation and Adaptation Group (STEAG), which has developed secure mobile networks, and expanding cyber, electronic warfare, and intelligence units, he added.

The army raised STEAG earlier this year to tap futuristic technologies, including artificial intelligence, 5G, 6G, machine learning and quantum computing, for their military applications.

The army is advancing its modernisation efforts to prepare for future conflicts through enhanced capabilities across weapons, systems, and logistics, adaptable to high-altitude and diverse terrain operations, he said.

"Precision fire capabilities are being refined with a focus on accuracy, long-range munitions, and effective post-strike assessments... Logistics efficiency is being enhanced with the use of logistic drones and robotic mules, with a tri-service approach to inventory management".

Cabinet approves PM-Vidyalaxmi scheme

lated to the course. "The Cabinet has approved PM-Vidyalaxmi scheme to provide financial support to meritorious students so that financial constraints do not prevent any youth of India from pursuing quality higher education," Vaishnav said at a press conference here.

The scheme will be applicable to the top QHEIs as determined by the NIRF rankings - including all HEIs, government and private, that are ranked within the top 100 in NIRF in overall, category-specific and domain-specific rankings, state government HEIs ranked in 101-200 in the NIRF and all central government-run institutions.

"This list will be updated every year using the latest NIRF ranking, and to begin with 860 qualifying QHEIs, covering more than 22 lakh students to be able to potentially avail benefits of PM-Vidyalaxmi, if they so desire," an official statement said.

CBSE cracks down on 'dummy' schools

sions contradicts the core mission of school education, compromising students' foundational growth. To address this issue, we are taking a decisive action to combat the proliferation of dummy schools and send a clear message to all affiliated institutions to resist the lure of accepting dummy or non-attending admissions," CBSE Secretary Himanshu Gupta said.

He said the vital observations of the surprise inspection committees regarding the irregularities observed during the inspections were communicated as a report to the respective schools.

"The replies submitted by the schools were examined in detail by the Board. Based on the inspection findings and supported by videographic evidence, affiliation of 21 schools was withdrawn and six schools were downgraded from senior secondary to secondary level," he added.

Of the 21 schools whose affiliation has been withdrawn, 16 are in Delhi while five of them are in Rajasthan's coaching hubs - Kota and Sikar.

Engineering Services**Exam-2025 on June 8: UPSC**

and the Engineering Services Examination (ESE). The ESE Preliminary/Stage-I test was scheduled to be held by the UPSC on February 9, 2025. Now, it will be conducted on June 8, 2025, according to the time table of the examination issued by the Commission.

The government has decided that the recruitment to the IRMS will be made through both the Civil Services Examinations (for Traffic, Accounts and Personnel sub-cadres) and ESE (for Civil, Electrical, Mechanical, Signal & Telecommunication and Stores sub-cadres).

The Ministry of Railways has also notified the Indian Railway Management Service (Amendment) Rules, 2024 on October 9, 2024.

The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi had in 2019 approved the unification of eight Group A services of the railways into a central service -- the IRMS.

The services were the Indian Railway Traffic Service, Indian Railway Accounts Service, Indian Railway Personnel Service, Indian Railway Service of Engineers, Indian Railway Stores Service, Indian Railway Service of Mechanical Engineers, Indian Railway Service of Electrical Engineers and Indian Railway Service of Signal Engineers.

The officers for IRMS (Civil), IRMS (Stores), IRMS (Mechanical), IRMS (Electrical) and IRMS (Signal and Telecommunications) will be selected via ESE 2025, according to the UPSC.

Modi congratulates Trump on election victory, calls for boosting ties

strengthen the India-US Comprehensive Global and Strategic Partnership.

Former US President Trump was cruising towards winning the White House race in one of the greatest political comebacks in American history. According to projections, Trump was all set to receive 270 electoral college votes blocking Democratic candidate Kamala Harris' chance to win the polls.

"Heartiest congratulations my friend @realDonaldTrump on your historic election victory. As you build on the successes of your previous term, I look forward to renewing our collaboration to further strengthen the India-US Comprehensive Global and Strategic Partnership," Modi said in a post on X.

"Together, let's work for the betterment of our people and to promote global peace, stability and prosperity," he said.

The prime minister also posted pictures of his previous meetings with Trump, who was the US president from 2016-2020.

India slams Pak in UN for raising Kashmir 'issue'

tion rates reflect the enduring trust the people of India have in their democratic institutions," Shukla said.

"I urge this delegation to engage more constructively in this forum rather than using it for their divisive political agenda," he added.

Shukla concluded his speech by assuring that India

Ajit Pawar's NCP releases manifesto; promises to raise Ladki Bahin scheme aid to Rs 2,100

MUMBAI, NOV 06: The NCP led by Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar on Wednesday unveiled its manifesto for the state assembly polls, promising to raise the amount of Ladki Bahin scheme's monthly financial assistance to Rs 2,100 from the present Rs 1,500.

For farmers, the party promised to raise the Shetkari Sanman Nidhi scheme amount from Rs 12,000 to Rs 15,000 per year. The Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) is contesting the November 20 assembly elections as part of the ruling Mahayuti alliance, which also comprises the Shiv Sena and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

The NCP, which is fighting the elections from 52 constituencies, also unveiled constituency-specific

manifestos for all the assembly seats it is contesting. The manifesto was unveiled separately by party president Ajit Pawar in Baramati, by its state unit president Sunil Tatkare in Mumbai, and working president Praful Patel in Gondia.

NCP candidates and local leaders also released the poll manifestos in their respective constituencies. Pawar unveiled both the party's state-level manifesto and constituency-specific manifesto for Baramati. Speaking on the occasion, he said, "We will present the New Maharashtra Vision within 100 days of government formation." In the manifesto, the party promises to increase the amount given to eligible women under the Mukhyamantri Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana from the existing Rs 1,500 to Rs 2,100

would continuously support the Department of Global Communications of the U.N. in its activities and initiatives. The Department of Global Communications raises awareness of the work and aims of the UN. It disseminates information across the world through multiple platforms, digital and traditional, to build support for the aims and work of the United Nations.

He also said, "We will fight the virus of misinformation together and deliver a positive and reliable impact for peace and a better world."

Earlier this year, Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif asked India to reverse its "unilateral and illegal" actions in Jammu and Kashmir, referring to the 2019 revocation of Article 370, which gave special status to Jammu & Kashmir.

"India spurned Pakistan's proposals for a mutual strategic restraint to the regime. Its leadership has often threatened to cross the line of control and take over Azad Kashmir," Shehbaz Sharif had claimed.

Parl set to take up Waqf, ONOE**Bills during winter session**

neous polls for Lok Sabha and state assemblies.

"We are now working towards 'one nation, one election', which will strengthen India's democracy, give optimum outcome of its resources and the country will gain new momentum in achieving the dream of a developed India. Today, India is moving towards 'one nation, one civil code' that is a secular civil code," the PM had said at Kevathia in Gujarat on birth anniversary of Sardar Patel.

However, Congress has rejected the idea of implementing 'one nation, one election', saying the PM has to take everyone in Parliament into confidence on this issue. Following Modi's speech, Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge dismissed the idea of simultaneous polls and dubbed it "impossible".

Assembly has done its job: Omar on Art 370 resolution

representatives for the restoration of Article 370.

The resolution, which also expressed concern over the unilateral removal of the special status, was passed without any debate as the Speaker put it to voice vote amidst noisy scenes.

"The assembly has done its job. I will only say this much," Abdullah told reporters outside the assembly complex.

BJP members, including the Leader of Opposition Sunil Sharma, opposed the resolution, saying it was not part of the listed business.

BJP veterans oppose resolution to restore Art 370, burn govt effigy

hold the abrogation of Article 370," Gupta said and added that it was a historic decision of the Modi government aimed at fostering integration, development and peace in Jammu and Kashmir.

He condemned the NC's action, calling it a desperate attempt to revive outdated tactics to fuel unrest, which goes against the aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Gupta alleged bias on the part of the Speaker, accusing him of siding with NC and enabling the passing of this anti-national resolution. "The Speaker's alignment with NC's agenda raises serious concerns in impartiality and respect for the democratic principles of the Assembly," he said.

"The BJP will not allow any such divisive narrative to overshadow the tremendous progress being made in the region," he stated.

He emphasised that the revocation of Article 370 had paved the way for unprecedented development, transparent governance and equality for all citizens in the Union Territory. "NC's stance is not only regressive but threatens the hard-earned peace that the region has witnessed," he added.

The protest saw enthusiastic participation from prominent BJP leaders, including Parmod Kapahi, Priya Sethi, Veenu Khanna, Rajesh Gupta, Keshav Chopra, Raman Sharma, Needhi Magotra, Anil Masoom, Savita Anand and Parveen Kerni.

The BJP leaders reiterated that any move to restore Article 370 would be firmly opposed, as it was contrary to the principles of national unity and sovereignty.

Won't allow Assembly to function until resolution on Art 370 withdrawn: BJP

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Opposition BJP today said it would not allow the proceedings of Jammu & Kashmir Assembly to go on until the resolution on restoration of Article 370 was withdrawn by the Omar Abdullah-led J&K government.

"This is an illegal resolution and until they roll it back, we will continue our protest and not allow the proceedings of the House. They will have to roll it back and then we will debate it," Leader of Opposition in the Assembly Sunil Sharma told reporters here.

He said the resolution was not part of the Assembly's listed business and

reflects the mindset of the newly-elected government in the Union Territory.

Sharma said the provisions of Article 370 of the Constitution, which had conferred special rights on the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, was abrogated in Parliament, the highest temple of democracy.

"Then some people challenged the Parliament's decision in the Supreme Court. The court ruled that the Parliament's decision was right. So what constitutional right do they have to bring this resolution? We have opposed it strongly and the BJP will continue its protest and not accept it at any cost," he said.

Taking a dig at Speaker Abdul

Rahim Rather, Sharma said he behaved as an agent of the ruling National Conference (NC) and "ripped apart" the dignity of the chair.

He also asked the Congress, an alliance partner of the NC, to clear its stand on the resolution.

"Congress leaders should come out and clearly say whether they support it or not. If they support it, the people of the country will question them. If not, then without their six MLAs, the resolution as well as the government is in minority," Sharma said.

He said the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has promised that statehood will be restored to Jammu and Kashmir, but "we have to wait for the appropriate time".

Indo-Pacific and global issues," Jaishankar said on his meeting with Peters.

He also met UAE's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

"So nice to meet my friend DPM & FM @ABZayed of UAE in Canberra today," the EAM posted on X.

From Australia, Jaishankar will travel to Singapore, where he will address the 8th Roundtable of the ASEAN-India Network of Think Tanks. He will also meet the leadership of Singapore to review the close partnership between the two countries.

dia-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership," Jaishankar wrote on X.

Earlier, the external affairs minister met Peter Dutton, the leader of the Liberal Party of Australia. "Shared perspectives on global issues and appreciate his support for our bilateral ties," Mr. Jaishankar said after meeting Dutton.

He also met New Zealand's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Winston Peters in Canberra.

"Discussed education, technology, agriculture, technology and people-to-people ties. Also exchanged views on

Jaishankar calls on Albanese, discusses ways to bolster ties

CANBERRA, NOV 06: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Wednesday (November 6, 2024) called on Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and discussed ways to deepen the bilateral comprehensive strategic partnership.

During the meeting, he also conveyed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's greeting to Albanese. The minister is on an official visit to Australia from November 3-7.

"Delighted to call on PM Anthony Albanese in Canberra today. Conveyed warm greetings of PM Narendra Modi. Value his guidance for deepening In-

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KPDCL; Director Handicrafts Kashmir; Director Health, Kashmir; Representatives from BISAG-N and other concerned officers. Outstation officers participated in the meeting through video conferencing. During this meeting the Chief Secretary highlighted the significance of modern technology that could bring efficiency in the service delivery mechanism.