



Strong and developed India can only be built on foundation of its native languages: President

Zanai Bhosle Shares Emotional Tribute To Grandmother Asha Bhosle, Recalls Her 'Life Must Go On' Lesson

SC dismisses PIL for compulsory voting

The Supreme Court on Thursday declined to entertain a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) seeking directions to make voting compulsory in India, observing that such a mandate falls within the "policy domain" and cannot be issued by the judiciary.

GST Tribunal appeal deadline extended

The government has extended the deadline for filing appeals before the GST Appellate Tribunal to make the process easier for taxpayers.

6 held with 13 kg charas

A drug racket was today busted by police in Kashmir's Anantnag district with the arrest of six peddlers and recovery of over 13 kg of charas.

RS reconstitutes panel of vice-chairpersons

Rajya Sabha on Thursday reconstituted its panel of vice-chairpersons, nominating six members drawn from the BJP, Congress, AIADMK, and BJD, with effect from April 15.

LeT co-founder injured in attack

LAHORE, APR 16: Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba terror group's co-founder Amir Hamza suffered bullet injuries in an attack by motorcycle-borne unidentified gunmen in Lahore on Thursday, police said.

Quota, Delimitation Bills

Back them or face women's verdict: Modi to Oppn

NEW DELHI, APR 16: Participating in the debate on three Bills to advance the implementation of women's reservation in Lok Sabha and state assemblies to 2029, Prime Minister Narendra Modi today cautioned the Opposition that women were watching all members and would not forget "ill intentions" aimed at stalling women's quota.



in Lok Sabha on the three bills moved to amend the women's quota law and set up a delimitation commission, Modi said if all sides support the bills, it will not go in favour of politics of any one side but would be in favour of the country.

He urged the opposition not to give a political colour to the government's bills for implementation of the women's reservation law and cautioned that they should be mindful that those who had opposed this in the past had suffered badly in elections.

'No reservation to Muslims'

Quota on basis of religion unconstitutional: Amit Shah

NEW DELHI, APR 16: Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Thursday that Muslims will not be given reservation on the basis of religion as such a quota would be unconstitutional.



"The question of providing reservation to Muslim women on the basis of religion does not even arise. Our Constitution does not allow at all to give reservation on the basis of religion. I want to make it clear our government's resolve that

Muslims will not be given reservation on the basis of religion. Such reservation is unconstitutional," a combative Shah said after the Samajwadi Party's Akhilesh Yadav and Dharmendra Yadav spoke in favour of giving a quota to Muslims.

True intent of Bills brought by govt mischievous: Cong

NEW DELHI, APR 16: Congress on Thursday said the true intent of the bills being brought by the government in the garb of implementing women's quota law is "mischievous" and they have to be rejected completely in their present shape and form.

will fight this devious assault on our Democracy with all our strength," Kharge said on X. The way delimitation has actually been done in Assam and Jammu and Kashmir shows how "diabolically the Modi-Shah duo work" he said. "The true intent of these Bills is mischievous, their content devious, and their damage enormous. They have to be rejected completely in their present shape and form," Ramesh asserted.

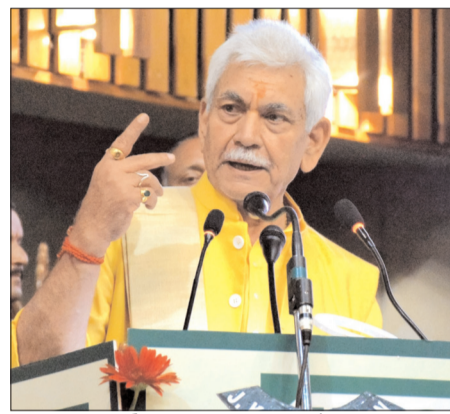
India, Austria condemn Pahalgam attack, Red Fort terror incident

NEW DELHI, APR 16: India and Austria called for decisive and concerted international efforts to combat terrorism during the visit of Austrian Chancellor Christian Stocker to India. The two sides condemned the heinous Pahalgam terror attack and the Red Fort terror incident, which took place in the national capital, and underlined the need for cooperation to counter violent radicalisation and extremism.

on the official visit of the Austrian Chancellor to India here in the national capital on Thursday. Ambassador George said that the leaders also welcomed the signing of a Letter of Intent for enhancing cooperation between India and the EU in areas of counter-terrorism and counter-radicalisation. He said, "Both sides categorically and unequivocally condemned terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, including cross-border terrorism. The leaders welcomed the signing of the 'Letter of Intent' (LoI)

Without women farmers, humanity will starve: LG

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Highlighting the key role women play in global food security, LG Manoj Sinha today said that without women farmers, humanity would starve.

He urged every cooperative, government stakeholder to ask, what challenge or barrier in women farmers' lives can be eliminated immediately? "By removing them one by one, we can honour their leadership and enrich society and the nation through direct market access," Sinha said.

LS strength to rise to 815, 272 of these for women: Meghwal

Says no state will suffer

NEW DELHI, APR 16: Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal today said that the strength of the Lok Sabha would be increased to 815, of which 272 seats would be reserved for women, and neither men nor any state would suffer any loss due to the implementation of this quota.



"According to the women's reservation bill, the strength of the Lok Sabha will be increased to 815, of which women's quota will be of 272 seats," the minister said.

law in Union territories of Delhi, Puducherry and Jammu and Kashmir - were also introduced in the House.

In his remarks, Modi said there was no need to give political colour to the issue of women reservation in legislatures.

"Let us all MPs not miss this important opportunity to give reservation to women," the prime minister said.

In India's development journey, MPs have got an opportunity to make women part of decision making, he said.

"I have come to appeal to you that do not see this from a political lens, this is a decision in national interest," Modi said.

Modi said that the women's reservation bill would not "discriminate" against anyone and would not be "unfair." "This decision process will not be unfair to anyone. The government that was in power

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NDA short of numbers to get quota law passed

NEW DELHI, APR 16: The ruling NDA lacks the numbers in Parliament to pass the women's reservation bills with the required

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