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Every mother, daughter form of 'Shakti' for me: PM Modi in response to Rahul's 'shakti' jibe

JAGTIAL, MAR 18

Asserting that for him every mother and daughter was a form of 'Shakti', Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said the upcoming polls will be a fight between those who want to destroy 'Shakti' and those who worship them. Launching a counter-attack on Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for his 'Shakti' jibe against him, Modi said the nation dedicated 'Chandrayaan's' success to 'Shiv Shakti' and the opposition parties are talking about destroying 'Shakti'.

In his first rally here in Telangana after the announcement of the poll dates for the Lok Sabha, he also said the people of Telangana will script a new history on May 13 by voting for 'Viksit (developed) Bharat' in the elec-



tions and asserted that the Congress and BRS will be wiped out. "On Sunday in Mumbai, there was an INDI alliance rally after the announcement of the schedule for elections. They announced their manifesto at Mumbai's Shivaji Park, and said their fight was against 'Shakti'. For me, every mother and every daughter is a form of 'Shakti'. Mothers and sisters, I

worship you as 'Shakti'. I am Bharat Maa's 'pujari', he asserted.

"INDI alliance in its manifesto announced to finish/destroy Shakti. I accept their challenge. I will sacrifice my life for the security of mothers and sisters," he further said. Alleging that Congress has made Telangana its 'ATM state', he alleged that "the money looted from Telangana goes to Delhi. There, it reaches the safe

a 'Shakti' (power). He is a shallow man who doesn't have a 56-inch chest. Noting that people's support for BJP was growing continuously in Telangana, Modi said as the voting day nears there is a BJP wave in Telangana. People of the country and Telangana say 'ab ki baar, 400 paar' (400 seats for NDA).

During his over half an hour-long speech, the Prime Minister also attacked the Revanth Reddy-led Congress government in the state and the BRS. The Congress crushed the dreams of Telangana, while BRS used the emotions of people, he said. Alleging that Congress has made Telangana its 'ATM state', he alleged that "the money looted from Telangana goes to Delhi. There, it reaches the safe

of 'parivarvadi' people. The same money is used for funding conspiracies of lies and division."

Congress used to make allegations against BRS at the time of elections, but the same Congress is sitting on the files of BRS, he alleged, and claimed that no one in the Congress was seeking answers on the "Kaleshwaram scam". "The Telangana people are watching how strong the collusion between Congress and TRS (BRS) is," he said. BRS is not questioning the Congress government in Telangana about the many promises it had made to people, he said, and alleged that two persons to support each other, there is an investigation on the scams of the two parties, they abuse Modi

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SC Directs SBI to make complete disclosure of Electoral Bonds Details By March 21

NEW DELHI, MAR 18

In a third tongue-lashing to the State Bank of India, the Supreme Court on Monday told it to stop being "selective" and make "complete disclosure" of all details related to the electoral bonds scheme by March 21. The Apex Court said the details to be disclosed include the unique bond numbers that would reveal the link between the buyers and the recipient political parties. A five-judge Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud said there is "no manner of doubt that the SBI is required to make complete disclosure of all the details" which are in its possession.

The bench, also comprising Justice Sanjiv Khanna, Justice B R Gavai, Justice J B Pardiwala and Justice Manoj Misra, said the Election Commission



shall forthwith upload on its website the details received from the SBI.

In a landmark verdict, a five-judge constitution bench had done away with the scheme, calling it "unconstitutional", and ordered disclosure by the Election Commission of donors, the amount donated by them and the recipients by March 31.

On March 11, the SBI, which unsuccessfully sought an extension of time till June 30 to disclose electoral bonds details, faced searching questions

from the top court which wanted to know about the steps taken to comply with its directions.

Last Friday, the SC admonished SBI for furnishing incomplete information and issued a notice to the bank to explain the reasons for the non-disclosure of unique alphanumeric numbers. On Monday, the bench noted the submission of senior advocate Harish Salve, appearing for the SBI, that there is no reservation on the part of the

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PMLA Charges Can't Proceed If Investigation Into Predicate Offence Is Stalled: HC

HC grants bail remand in multi-crore bank scam

JAMMU, MAR 18

Justice Sanjay Dhar of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court holds that charges under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) cannot proceed if the investigation into the original crime (known as the predicate offence) is stalled.

"Offences under PMLA are stand alone offences, yet their origin is the Scheduled offences. Once the Scheduled offence ceases to exist or is

extinguished, an accused cannot be proceeded against in respect of offences under PMLA," Court observed.

This significant order has been passed in a petition filed by Anil Kumar Aggarwal challenged his arrest in a case arising out of Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR) bearing No. ECIR/JMSZO/02/2023 dated 31.03.2023 registered by the respondent. Challenge has also been thrown to Arrest Memo

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General Elections-2024

CEO issues guidelines for Printers, Publishers of J&K

JAMMU, MAR 18

In view of the ensuing elections to Lok Sabha, the Jammu and Kashmir Election Office has issued guidelines with regard to printing and publication of election pamphlets, posters and related material across the Union Territory.

The Chief Electoral Officer today issued a public notice to all the registered printers and publishers of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, informing that

the printing and publication of election pamphlets, posters etcetera is being governed by the provisions of section 127-A of Representation of Peoples Act, 1951.

As per "127-A Restrictions on printing of pamphlets, posters etcetera; no person shall print or publish, or cause to be printed or published, any election pamphlet or poster which does not bear on its face the names and addresses of the printer and the publisher thereof. No person

shall print or cause to be printed any election pamphlet or poster; unless a declaration as to the identity of the publisher thereof, signed by him and attested by two persons to whom he is personally known, is delivered by him to the printer in duplicate and unless, within a reasonable time after the printing of the document, one copy of the declaration is sent by the printer, together with one copy of the document "Where it is printed in the

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Media Certification & Monitoring Committee to pre-certify all political advertisements

JAMMU, MAR 18

As per the Supreme Court Order dated 13-04-2004 and Election Commission of India's guidelines, all political advertisements by any registered political party or any group of organizations/associations or any candidate/individual shall be pre-certified by Media Certification and Monitoring Committee (MCMC) before telecast/broadcast on TV and cable network/cable

channels. According to a notification issued here today by the office of Chief Electoral Officer, Jammu and Kashmir in this regard, the pre-certification will also include advertisements to be displayed in cinema halls/radio including private FM channels, audio visual displays in public places, advertisements in e-news papers, use of bulk SMS/voice messages, advertisements on social media and internet web

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JK-SIA Files Chargesheet Against 2 Narco-terror Financers

Srinagar, Mar 18

Jammu & Kashmir State Investigation Agency, Monday, filed a chargesheet against two accused who along with their other associates were involved in operating a narco-terror financing module in the Union territory. The chargesheet, has been filed against Zahed Ahmad Khoja and Zameer Ahmad Lone under various provisions of the NDPS Act and UAPA (P) Act in Special Designated UAPA Court

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SC Refuses To Stay HP Assembly Speaker's Order Disqualifying Six Rebel Congress MLAs

NEW DELHI, MAR 18

The Supreme Court on Monday refused to stay the Himachal Pradesh Assembly Speaker's order disqualifying the six Congress rebels who had crossed-voted in the recent Rajya Sabha polls in the state. A bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and Dipankar Datta issued a notice to the office of Speaker Kuldeep Singh Pathania and sought its response within four weeks on a plea by the six rebels challenging their disqualification from the Assembly. The bench said that pending adjudication

of their plea, these disqualified MLAs will not be allowed to vote or participate in the proceedings of the assembly.

"We can issue notice on the petition, that's all but there cannot be a stay (on the disqualification order). That will not be permissible for this court. Second, as far as a fresh election is concerned, this we will have to examine. But we will not allow you to vote or participate in proceedings of the House. On this we are very clear..." Justice Khanna told senior advocate Harish Salve, appearing

for the six rebels.

The court posted the matter for hearing on May 6 and gave the petitioners one week to file a rejoinder. The filing of nominations for the six vacant assembly seats starts on May 7. During the hearing, Salve said that after the voting in the Rajya Sabha election on February 27, the petitioners were issued a notice to appear before the speaker for their comments on disqualification.

"We appeared as asked and told the speaker that we have not got the copy

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CAT restrain Horticulture Dept make any promotion to the post of Head Assistant

JAMMU, MAR 18

A Bench of Central Administration Tribunal Srinagar restrain Horticulture Department to make any promotion to the post of Head Assistant. The petitioner has claimed for the reliefs that the non-applicants be directed not to make any promotion to the post of Head Assistant otherwise in accordance with the mandate of SRO-124 of 1982 dated 19-04-1982 which reads as for promotion to the Post of Head Assistant. By Promotion from Class-III Category A from amongst persons

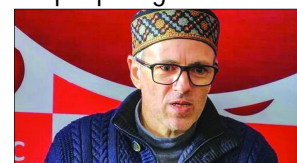
having at least 04 years of service in that category and having passed Secretariat Examination. That the non-applicants be directed to consider the applicant for the post of Head Assistant in view of his seniority. That the non-applicants be directed not to promote the non-applicant No.4 to the post of Head Assistant as he does not fulfill the prerequisite as prescribed under the SRO-124 of 1982. CAT observed that the petitioner was appointed as Junior Assistant in the Department of Horticulture (P&M) in

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J-K administration doesn't want to hand over power to people again: Omar

KULGAM, MAR 18

National Conference vice president Omar Abdullah on Monday accused the Jammu and Kashmir administration of "sabotaging" the conduct of assembly polls in the union territory, saying the current dispensation wants to continue to rule like uncrowned kings. "We wanted simultaneous elections along with Lok Sabha elections. But, it did not happen. The current government of Jammu and Kashmir sabotaged that because they do not want to handover the power to the people



again. They are ruling like uncrowned kings," Abdullah told reporters here after kicking off the party's election campaign for Anantnag-Rajouri Parliamentary constituency. Earlier addressing party workers at Dambhal Hanjipora in the south

Kashmir district here, the NC leader said bureaucrats put hurdles in holding the assembly elections as they were getting "spoiled" in J-K. "The hurdles in holding the assembly elections were put by our officers by saying that

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ACB Arrests JE, RDD for demanding & accepting bribe in Handwara

JAMMU, MAR 18

Anti-corruption Bureau on Monday said it trapped and arrested a Junior Engineer of Rural Development Department for demanding and accepting bribes in lieu of processing a bill of executed work in Handwara. "An information was received by Anti Corruption Bureau J&K on ACB Helpline Number 9419678060 from one complainant resident of village Kunel Oaziaband, Handwara District Kupwara alleging that he has executed some work under MG-NREGA and for preparing & process-

ing the Bill of said work & for preparing labour demand JE Arshid Ayoub Marazi & GR Suboor Mir are demanding bribe of Rs. 5000/- & 3000/- from him as their commission etc.", reads an ACB hand-out. "On receipt of this information a discreet verification into the matter was conducted by ACB to ascertain the veracity of allegations during which it was found that the complainant a resident of village Kunel Panchayat Halpa Rangpath B Dist. Kupwara was authorized last year by panchayat to execute two

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J&K Govt to fill over 12,000 vacancies to tackle unemployment

JAMMU, MAR 18

To address the long-standing issue of unemployment, the Jammu and Kashmir government is going to initiate the recruitment process to fill more than 12,000 vacant positions across various government departments. As per an official document, the Jammu and Kashmir administration will fill 12,264 positions that are lying vacant in various government departments for many years. The document said that the government since 2019, has filled as many as 31,830 vacancies in various government departments

through multiple recruitment drives.

"These 31,830 vacancies have been made in fair, transparent, and expeditious manner. Interviews have been dispensed for the posts upto the pay level-5," it said. Official sources told that the vacancies are to be filled in departments including health, Jal Shakti, social welfare department, rural development department and others. "The government has already enlisted the number of vacancies in various departments. We have a large number of vacant posts in health department. Multiple

recruitment drives shall follow this year and all the vacant posts will be filled in a speedy manner," they said. Officials said the recruitment drive will prioritize transparency and efficiency, adhering to established guidelines and procedures. The selection process is expected to be conducted rigorously, ensuring merit-based appointments to maintain the integrity of the civil services. "By filling these vacancies, the government aims to strengthen its workforce, streamline service delivery, and promote inclusive development across

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DM Jammu mandates weapon deposit for 4914 Arms Licence holders

JAMMU, MAR 18

A Screening Committee, led by District Magistrate Sachin Kumar Vaishya, has scrutinized 4914 Arms Licenses and instructed the holders to submit their weapons to ensure the peaceful conduct of the General Elections for Lok Sabha. An order has been issued by the DM in this regard and the Senior Superintendent of Police has also been asked to ensure implementation of the order. The arms/weapons are to be deposited within a period

MHA bans 9 separatist groups in J&K in 5 years

SRINAGAR, MAR 18

In the past five years, the Government of India has banned 10 separatist groups in Jammu & Kashmir. Details available reveal that the Union Home Ministry has declared nine separatist groups in J&K as unlawful associations under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act-1967, since 2019. On February 18, 2019, the Union Home Ministry banned Jamaat-e-Islami, a cadre-based organisation with pan-Kashmir presence. The MHA said that the outfit was involved in activities

aimed at disrupting India's integrity. Nearly a month later, on March 22, 2019, the MHA declared Jammu & Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) as an unlawful association for "supporting extremism and militancy" and indulging in "anti-national activities". On October 5, 2023, the Union Home Ministry banned jailed separatist leader Shabir Ahmad Shah's Jammu & Kashmir Democratic Freedom Party (JKDFP) for its "anti-India" and "pro-Pakistan" activities. Two months later, on December 28,

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