

Taking legal advice on returning looted corruption money to people: PM Modi

RAJMAHENDRAVAR AM, MAY 6

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said he was taking legal advice on how to return the money of poor people 'looted' in corruption. Referring to the seizure of 'mounds of cash' by the Enforcement Directorate from the domestic help allegedly linked to the secretary of a Jharkhand minister, Modi wondered why such persons were 'close to the Congress'.

First family... They have made the workers' house a godown of corruption. This is not the first time as a bigger seizure was made from an MP (in Jharkhand) earlier also and it was such a big cache that even machines were tired of counting.

The PM was addressing a rally at Vemagiri here, which was attended



by TDP leader Nara Lokesh and Jana Sena chief Pawan Kalyan. "Why is that those, from whom mounds of cash is recovered, are close to the Congress' first family? Was the seized cash meant for supply somewhere, is it that Congress' first family has created warehouses of black money? The country wants to know from

Congress shehzada," he said in an apparent jibe at Rahul Gandhi. Modi alleged the Congress and INDI alliance people 'abuse' him whenever he 'catches' their 'black money'. However, he was worried not about the abuses, but the poor, "whose money these corrupt have looted."

He further said, "Modi is taking legal advice." So

far, the ED alone has attached property worth Rs 1.25 lakh crore and 'if others' (central agencies) are included it may be more. "I am taking legal advice on how the money can be returned to those from whom it has been looted," he noted. Rs 17,000 crore has already been returned to the rightful owners. "No poor person's right will be affected, this is Modi's guarantee," he added. Recalling the legendary actor-politician from the state, N T Rama Rao, Modi said the former had taken Lord Ram to every household.

However, the Congress, due to appeasement, boycotted the Ayodhya Shri Ram temple consecration and was sacking those party leaders from the organisation, who visited the shrine. Lashing out at the Congress and the ruling

YSR Congress in the state, he said while the former has accepted defeat ahead of the polls, the latter has been rejected by people totally. Corruption and land and liquor mafia reign supreme in the YSRCP rule, he alleged. NDA will not only create a record in Lok Sabha polls, but will also form government in Andhra Pradesh. He said the NDA will come to power in all states where Assembly elections are happening.

Stressing the need for a "double engine" government in Andhra Pradesh, Modi said the YSRCP dispensation promised to set up three capitals in the state, but couldn't even establish one. Mocking the YSRCP regime, he said, "They can only do corruption management, it's not up to YSRCP to do finan

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Lt Governor addresses conference on 21st Century and Aatmanirbhar Bharat

VARANASI, UTTAR PRADESH, MAY 06

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha addressed a conference on 21st Century and Aatmanirbhar Bharat at Varanasi today.

In his keynote address, the Lt Governor highlighted India's transformation and historic growth trajectory.

"With unprecedented economic and social transformation, India's development has gained new speed and scale and today our country is one of the fastest growing economies in the world," the Lt Governor said. He said, as a fastest growing nation, we have excelled in many areas, empowering every citizen, especially the marginalised to enjoy the fruits of development.

"Today only 'Mantra' for the society is 'Nation-First' and collective pursuit of national goals and



equal opportunities for people have ensured all-round development," the Lt Governor said.

He said, the society today is more conscious to preserve and promote our priceless cultural heritage,

traditional wisdom and knowledge. Education sector is focused on promoting virtues of culture, humanity spirituality and enhancing quality of life, the Lt Governor said. **Cont. on Page 11**

Court grants bail to IAS Officer in Money Laundering case

GY CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, MAY 6

Special Judge CBI Bala Jyoti granted bail to Rajeev Ranjan in Money Laundering case.

The present bail application on behalf of accused No.2 Rajeev Ranjan came to be filed through his counsel Sh. S.K Bhat who is present along with accused person in the Court. Perused office report and contents of the application.

Court perused Order dated 27.04.2024 passed in complaint filed by Directorate of Enforcement through

Assistant Director Sub Zonal Office Narwal Jammu under sections 44 and 45 of Prevention of 'Money Laundering' Act 2002.

Court further observed that from the keen perusal of the aforesaid order, it appears that Ms. Surekha Bhat vice Sh. S.K Bhat Advocate has already furnished an undertaking/assurance that she will produce the accused person on next date positively and shall also furnish bail bonds and personal bonds in pursuance to order dated

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Polling in 93 Lok Sabha seats today; PM Modi, HM Shah to cast vote in Ahmedabad

AHMEDABAD/BENGALURU, MAY 6

Voting will be held in 93 constituencies spread over 11 states and Union Territories on Tuesday in the third phase of Lok Sabha polls, with stakes being high for the BJP which had won an overwhelming majority of these seats, including all in Gujarat, Karnataka, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh, in the last election. Over 1,300 candidates, including around 120 women, are in the fray. Among the bigwigs are Union ministers Amit

Shah (Gandhinagar), Jyotiradiya Scindia (Guna), Mansukh Mandaviya (Porbandar), Parshottam Rupala (Rajkot), Pralhad Joshi (Dharwad) and SP Singh Baghel (Agra).

With the BJP bagging Surat unopposed, 25 seats in Prime Minister Modi's home state of Gujarat will go to polls on May 7, besides 11 seats in Maharashtra, 10 seats in Uttar Pradesh, the remaining 14 of the 28 in Karnataka, seven in Chhattisgarh, five in Bihar, four each in Assam

and West Bengal, and all two in Goa. The Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu (2 seats) and nine seats in Madhya Pradesh, including Betul where elections were deferred, will also go to polls on Tuesday and over 11 crore people will be eligible to vote. PM Modi and Shah, who are expected to arrive in Gujarat tonight, will cast their vote at booths in Ahmedabad city under the Gandhinagar Lok Sabha seat. Former Madhya Pradesh chief

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Naib-tehsildar arrested for demanding, accepting bribe in Khrew Pampore

GY CORRESPONDENT PULWAMA, 6 MAY

The anti corruption bureau on Monday trapped and arrested Mohammad Maqbool, Naib Tehsildar Khrew Pampore, while demanding Rs2 lakh and accepting Rs100000 bribe as first instalment. Police sources further said, the



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After CBSE, CISCE also discontinues merit lists for Class 10, 12 exams

NEW DELHI, MAY 6

The Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) has discontinued merit lists for Class 10 and 12 exams from this year to avoid unhealthy competition among students, board officials said on Monday. The results for CISCE Class 10 and 12 board exams were announced Monday morning in which the pass percentage saw a marginal increase from last year. "We have discontinued

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No breakthrough in terror attack on IAF convoy, search ops intensified in Poonch

Security Forces release sketches of 2 terrorists who attacked IAF

GY CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, MAY 6

A breakthrough eluded the security forces in the Poonch terrorist attack on a convoy of Indian Air Force even as a massive search operation in a vast area of the Jammu and Kashmir district entered the third day on Monday, officials said. More than 20 persons were detained for questioning as the security forces are gathering clues to neutralise the terrorists who fled into nearby dense forests after carrying out the ambush near Shahstiar in Surankote area on Saturday evening. Five IAF personnel were injured in the attack and one of them



later succumbed to injuries at a military hospital. The officials said a massive joint search operation by army and police

is being conducted in the area. The sketches of the two terrorists are being used for identification purposes.

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HC quashed selection process conducted for the post of Assistant Professor Sociology under EWS category

GY CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, MAY 6

Justice Sanjeev Kumar of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court while quashing the selection process conducted for the post of Assistant Professor Sociology under EWS category, observed that there is no material available in public domain or otherwise, which would suggest that the University of Jammu has so far, by passing any resolution in the University Council, effected amendments in the Statutes making provision

for reservation for EWS category. Neither any regulations made by UGC nor any directions issued to UGC by Central Government in terms of S20(1) of UGC Act making provision for reservation in favour of EWS in direct recruitment to teaching posts in State Universities was brought to my notice.

This judgment has been passed by in a petition An Advertisement Notification bearing No.Adm/TW/C&R/23/3 11 dated 09.06.2023 was

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2 lakh first-time voters among 17.4 lakh electorates to cast ballot on May 13 in Sgr PC

2135 polling stations set up in 18 assembly segments; NC has won elections 12 out of 15 times from constituency; LS polls more relevant this time as laws passed in parliament will be applicable to J&K; DC Sgr

GY CORRESPONDENT SRINAGAR, MAY 6

Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency having the highest number of candidates compared to other segments in Jammu and Kashmir is all set to witness an interesting showdown on May 13, 2024. According to there are 8.73,426 males and 8,70,368 females while 51 others are transgender.

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polling stations set up for the Lok Sabha polls in Srinagar seat. Of total, over 2.0 lakh are the first-time voters, who are in the age group of 18-20 and will be exercising their franchise for the first time on May 13, 2024. According to there are 8.73,426 males and 8,70,368 females while 51 others are transgender. Officials said that the arrangements have been almost finalized for 2135

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If NC candidates win, they will be committed to fighting BJP's hate-mongering politics: Omar

GY CORRESPONDENT SRINAGAR, MAY 6

National Conference leader Omar Abdullah on Monday said if his party's candidates get elected to the Lok Sabha they would be committed to fighting the "BJP's hate-mongering

politics" and for restoration of rights and dignity of people of Jammu and Kashmir. The former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister claimed that a conspiracy had been hatched and "we are being

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Rana lauds philanthropic endeavours in providing shelters to needy

GY CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, MAY 6

Senior BJP leader Mr Devender Singh Rana today lauded the philanthropic and voluntary efforts of providing shelter to shelter-less, especially in a city like Jammu, which needs such facilities in view of scorching summers, chilling winters and life threatening monsoons at times. "Rana



Basera endeavour is indeed an appreciable community service that takes care of those who need something over their heads during harsh

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NIA Court affixes notices at residences of 5 absconders in Bandipora

GY CORRESPONDENT BANDIPORA, MAY 6

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) Court in Jammu and Kashmir's Bandipora district issued five notices against absconders, police said on Monday. They said that the notices of the NIA court were affixed on the outdoors of the residential houses of the absconders. "Hon'ble Designated Court (NIA) Bandipora has issued five notices U/S 82 CRPC against absconders namely 01. Mohd Umar Mir S/o Gh Hassan R/o Brathkalan Sopore, 02. Hashir Rafiq Parry S/o

J&K Admin aims to set up of 50 PLCs in J&K this year

GY CORRESPONDENT SRINAGAR, MAY 6

The J&K administration has targeted to establish 50 Panchayat Learning Centers (PLCs) in Jammu and Kashmir by the end of the current year. Last year, the government announced the setting up of Public Libraries and extending Library facilities to the Gram Panchayat level across the country. To implement the project, the Government of India earmarked a whopping Rs 5000 crores for the year 2023-24 for upgrading infrastructure. As per the officials, so far the work is going on 12

PLCs in Jammu and Kashmir and the government has targeted to establish 40 new PLCs this year. "Secretary Rural Development Department (RDD) and Panchayati Raj, Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary last month reviewed the progress in the implementation of the project. While the work is going on at 12 Panchayat Learning centres in Jammu and Kashmir so far, it was decided in the meeting to establish 40 more PLCs by the end of the year," an official said. Officials said the government will simultaneously ensure the infra

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