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News in Brief

Hideout of militants busted in Pulwama

NJNS
Srinagar, Apr 14 : A militant hideout was busted by security forces in south Kashmir's Pulwama district, police said on Sunday. They said that a joint party of police and Army busted the hideout in Manduna village in Koil of South Kashmir's Pulwama district. "The joint team of Police and 55 RR recovered huge quantity of incriminating materials and other items," a police spokesman said. The security officers have seized all the (Cont. on Page 2)

Army officer killed along LoC in Machil

NJNS
Srinagar, Apr 14 : An army officer was killed along Line of Control in Kupwara's Machil village on Sunday. An army spokesperson said the officer was killed today "in the line of duty". He succumbed due to grievous injuries sustained while on a patrol along the LoC. The Army Major namely Vikash Singh (30) of 57 RR A Coy was injured critically after he slipped into the gorge during a patrol in Kumkadi area of (Cont. on Page 2)

Hurriyat leader Aga Hassan detained with Rs 1.4 million at Sgr airport

NJNS
Srinagar, Apr 14 : Senior Hurriyat Conference (G) leader and president Anjuman-e-Sharie- Shian Aga Syed Hassan Almosvi was detained on Sunday by the income tax department at Srinagar airport along with Rs 14.5 lakh rupees. A police official said that Aga Syed Hassan a resident of Budgam was detained by Income Tax department sleuths along with cash (Cont. on Page 2)

Rains to lash Srinagar, Pahalgam, Manali, Shimla, Nainital from April 16

NJNS
Jammu, Apr 14 : Since the last 48 hours, light rain and thunder-shower activities have been affecting parts of Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh, along with isolated pockets of Uttarakhand. In the last 24 hours from 08:30 am on Saturday, Gulmarg recorded 9 mm of rain, followed by Banihal 6 mm, Srinagar 5 mm and Qazi Gund 2 mm. Due to these rainfall activities, day temperatures have dropped significantly over most places in (Cont. on Page 2)

PM attacks Congress on Kashmiri Pandits issue, says won't let Abdullahs, Muftis to divide India

NJNS
Jammu, Apr 14 : Prime Minister Narendra Modi Sunday slammed the Abdullahs and Muftis, saying two families "ruined" three generations of Jammu and Kashmir and he will not allow them to "divide" India. The prime minister was referring to NC leader Omar Abdullah's demand for a separate prime minister for Jammu and Kashmir. The Abdullah and Mufti families have "ruined" three generations in the state. They laid seize to the state for three generations. For the better future of the state, they need to be voted out, he told a public rally here. The bright future of Jammu and Kashmir can be ensured only after their departure. They can bring their entire clan into the field, can abuse Modi as much as they want but they won't be able to divide this nation, the prime minister said. Campaigning for Minister of State in PMO Lashing out at the Congress, the prime minister mocracy in India, in the first phase of elections". "Congress has been infected with germs. The grand old party's manifesto promise that AFSPA will be removed from the state if they come to power to demoralise the security forces." "Can a patriot speak like this? Shouldn't our security forces have a safety net," he asked people at the rally. Modi accused the Congress of politicising the Jallianwala Bagh Centenary. "The Vice President was in Jallianwala Bagh for the government event. He paid tribute to martyrs but Congress CM was not there", he said, charging that the nationalism was an insult for the opposition. The Punjab chief minister, he said, insulted the Jallianwala Bagh memorial government's memorial on the day of the centenary. Modi said he understood the kind of pressure on Amarinder Singh. "I have known Capt Amarinder Singh for a long time. I have never raised a question on his patriotism. I can understand the kind of pressure which must have been put on him for this kind of 'Parivar bhakti', Modi said. Referring to doubts raised by the Congress on the 2016 surgical strikes and IAF strikes in Balakot, (Cont. on Page 2)



Attempts being made to destroy Constitution: Priyanka Gandhi

Silcher, Apr 14 : Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi on Sunday targeted the BJP government at the Centre alleging that there are attempts being made to destroy the Constitution. "Today, you are seeing that the Constitution is not respected and an attempt is being made to destroy it," Priyanka was quoted as saying by news agency. Remembering BR Ambedkar, Gandhi added, "It is 'Mahapurush' (B R) Ambedkar ji's birth anniversary. He laid the foundation of this country through the Constitution. It is the duty of every leader to respect that Constitution." "Ridiculing the BJP's manifesto, she said there is no space for different cultures and religions in it, as well as any respect for the Constitution. The Congress leader also accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of not visiting his constituency of Varanasi in UP. "He went to America and hugged there, went to China and hugged there, He went and hugged in Russia and Africa. He went to Japan and played the drum. In Pakistan, he had biriyani. But in India, a person born in a poor family can also dream of big things and can achieve them." "The Congress did everything possible to have Babasaheb defeated. It conspired to have his memory erased from the public mind. The 'family' remembered honouring its own members with Bharat Ratna but forgot Ambedkar." Modi had said after releasing the party's manifesto for 2019 general elections. (Cont. on Page 2)



BJP with its noxious agenda of banishing Muslims wants to divide India: Mehbooba Mufti

NJNS
Srinagar, Apr 14 : The BJP, with its "noxious agenda" of "banishing" Muslims and minorities wants to "divide" the country, PDP president Mehbooba Mufti said on Sunday as she hit back at Prime Minister Narendra Modi over his remarks at a rally in Kathua. However, Mehbooba, the former chief minister of the state, whose party was in power in the state from 2015-2018 in an alliance with the BJP, said the prime minister bashes political families before the elections and then sends envoys to stitch an alliance with them afterwards. "Why does PM bash political families pre-elections & then sends his envoys to stitch alliances with the very same parties? NC in 99 & PDP in 2015. Why do they choose power over Article 370 then? BJP with its noxious agenda of banishing Muslims & minorities wants to divide India," the PDP president wrote on Twitter. (Cont. on Page 2)

Farooq accuses BJP of dividing Kashmiris

NJNS
Srinagar, Apr 14 : Hitting out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi, National Conference President Farooq Abdullah on Saturday said whosever questions government of India on its five-year rule was being dubbed as "anti-national". "Whosoever dares to speak against Modi asks him to tell the truth to nation about Balakote airstrikes is being dubbed as Pakistani by BJP and RSS," Farooq said addressing a public rally here. "Not to talk of his promises which he made while canvassing for 2014 elections, he has put into abyss what good was achieved by the previous government. Every single sector of our country is in shambles. People are asking where the jobs are, where is the black money, where are 2 crore jobs? Why is he shying away from answering as to what he was able to achieve during his stint in power?" Abdullah said in order to hide misrule of his government the Prime Minister flared up the tensions with Pakistan. "I earnestly insist for a thorough inquiry into the incident that devoured over 40 CRPF men on Srinagar highway. Unfortunately, PM Modi is milking the post-Pulwama situation and Balakote to extreme levels to hide his misrule and misgovernment," said Abdullah. "PM Modi is behaving like Hitler. Like him Modi promised the country everything under sky, how (Cont. on Page 2)



PM playing dirty politics: Capt Amarinder Singh on Modi's Jallianwala remark

Chandigarh, Apr 14 : Hitting back at Prime Minister Narendra Modi over his comments on Punjab chief minister missing from the Jallianwala Bagh memorial event, Capt Amarinder Singh said that the PM is playing "dirty politics." "Unlike the BJP, the Congress leadership does not believe in dictating terms to its state governments," Singh said in his statement, countering Modi's remarks terming Singh a "Gandhi Bhakt". The Punjab CM alleged that the central government had deliberately chosen to hold a "parallel event" instead of supporting the initiatives and programmes of the state government. "Shocked by your remarks in Kathua on Jallianwala Bagh Narendra Modi ji. You used a sombre occasion to play dirty politics, conveniently ignoring your own government's decision to hold a parallel event instead of extending support to my govt, which we'd been requesting for two years," Amarinder shot back at PM in a tweet. PM Modi accused the Congress of insulting the (Cont. on Page 2)

Pakistan violated ceasefire along LoC 513 times since IAF strikes in Balakot: Indian Army

NJNS
Jammu, Apr 14 : As many as 513 ceasefire violations by Pakistan have taken place along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir after the Indian Air Force's air strike on terror launch pads in Pakistan, the Indian Army said on Saturday. The air strike by India came two weeks after the 14 February Pulwama terror attack, in which 40 CRPF personnel lost their lives. Pakistan violated ceasefire along LoC in Jammu and Kashmir 513 times since IAF strikes in Balakot: Indian Army. The army said Pakistan also used heavy weaponry like mortars and artillery guns over 100 times during the said time period. "513 ceasefire violations by Pakistan have taken place along the Line of Control, in the last one and a half month. Pakistan used heavy weaponry over 100 times during (Cont. on Page 2)

Vehicle used in Kishtwar attack seized

NJNS
Jammu, Apr 14 : Police have seized the car used in the Kishtwar attack in which a senior RSS functionary and his PSO were killed, an officer said Sunday. The vehicle was recovered from an area in Kishtwar district, he said. Police have released a photograph of the owner of the vehicle, Zahid Hussain, who had been absconding since the attack, the officer said. "We have identified and tracked down a vehicle (used in the terror attack). We have identified its owner also," Inspector General of Police (IGP), Jammu Zone, said M K Sinha. Hussain has reportedly joined militant outfit Hizb-ul-Mujahideen recently but police did not confirm this. According to sources, the car had a false number plate and had changed hands four times. Senior RSS leader Chanderkant Sharma and his security guard were killed on April 9 when a militant opened fire inside a health centre in Kishtwar town. (Cont. on Page 2)

High alert in J-K as intel says militants may strike motorcycle blast

NJNS
Jammu, Apr 14 : As the Jammu and Kashmir state is going for its second phase of 2019 Lok Sabha polls on April 18, intelligence reports have warned of a possible 'untoward strike' in the state, stating that militants may aim to execute 'attack to cause destruction'. A high alert has been sounded in the state, reports said. As per the Intelligence agencies, they have reportedly received inputs that militants may carry out motorcycle blast along the highway in Jammu and Kashmir. Reports said that the blast to cause destruction may be carried out during the morning hours. The report also speculated that the probable areas with very high risk are Batwara and Tatoon regions. The agencies said that militants have planned to disrupt peace in the region. The warning comes following the first phase of (Cont. on Page 2)



BJP has tactical understanding with Pakistan on Kashmir issue, says Congress leader Veerappa Moily

Chikballapur, Apr 14 : Claiming that the BJP has a tactical understanding with Pakistan on the Kashmir issue, senior Congress leader Veerappa Moily demanded to know the basis of Imran Khan's support to Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the ongoing elections. The former Union Minister also charged Modi with adopting a "Hitler-kind of attitude", stoking an "atmosphere of hatred in the country and thereby destroying all institutions". If the Congress comes to power, Moily said it will initiate probes into the functioning of the BJP government during the past five years in which the "nation was misled and kept in the dark" over several important issues like Rafale deal. Kashmir dispute which clearly shows that there is a tactical understanding between the BJP and the Pakistan Prime Minister," the Congress leader told news agency. Khan's support and also the suggestion that Modi would bring in better ties between the two nations indicate a secret understanding, perhaps compromising the interest of India on Kashmir, he said. Observing that a war-like situation always prevailed during the BJP regime, Moily said, "Everytime the BJP comes to power, there is an escalation of hostility between India and Pakistan, it may be Kargil or attack on Indian Parliament under the Vajpayee government or Balakot and Pulwama un- (Cont. on Page 2)



Sushma Swaraj assures help to bring Kashmiri student's body from Bangladesh

New Delhi, Apr 14 : A day after former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Sushma Swaraj sought Sushma Swaraj's help to bring the body of a Kashmiri who died in Bangladesh, the external affairs minister assured that the efforts are on in the matter. The deceased, Quaratulain Ain from Jammu and Kashmir's Anantnag was an MBBS student at Tahir-ul-Nissa medical college in Bangladesh. She died on Saturday. "Ms Quaratulain first one to raise the matter with Sushma Swaraj." Dear @SushmaSwaraj ji, Quaratulain, a Kashmiri student, has died in Bangladesh. She was pursuing her studies in Tahir Ul Nissa Medical College. Request your help to the family to get her body home", Mehbooba Mufti wrote on her Twitter handle. Omar Abdullah also made a similar request. "Dear @SushmaSwaraj sahib, I (Cont. on Page 2)

