

BELTHANGADY : An FIR has been filed against BJP MLA Harish Poonja for allegedly trying to coerce and influence the Belthangady police inspector and other personnel to release two accused persons in an illegal quarrying case,

police said on Monday. The police had arrested one Promod Ujire and Shashiraj Shetty for allegedly stockpiling illegally, several explosives and projectiles for use in blasting in the illegal quarries.



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Chairmen of nursing colleges, CBI officer held

NEW DELHI: Smashing a major bribery racket in Madhya Pradesh, the CBI has arrested 13 people, including an inspector working with the probe agency and the chairmen of two nursing colleges in the state for alleged corruption to get favourable inspection reports, officials said Monday. Teams had been constituted on the orders of the Madhya Pradesh High Court for conducting state-wide inspections to ascertain whether the colleges were following the laid down norms and standards for nursing colleges with respect to infrastructural facilities and faculty. The CBI action was initiated when an internal vigilance of the agency received inputs that its officers were involved in the alleged corruption.

Adhir Congress 'ladaku sipahi', says Kharge

NEW DELHI: Days after snubbing him for questioning TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee's trustworthiness, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge heaped praise on the party's West Bengal unit chief Adhir Ranjan Choudhury on Monday, lauding him as a "ladaku sipahi" (combative soldier) of the grand old party. Kharge snubbed Choudhury, a five-time Lok Sabha MP from Bahampur in West Bengal, last week for his remarks that Banerjee cannot be trusted and that she might also go with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

Injured tourist couple showing improvement

SRINAGAR: Improvement has been noted in the condition of the tourist couple who got injured in a firing by terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam area last week, officials said here on Monday. "Tabrez Khan and his wife Farah are undergoing treatment at 92 Base Hospital of the Army. They are both stable and their condition is improving," an official said. While Farah was hit by a bullet in the shoulder, Tabrez sustained more grievous injuries as a bullet had hit his face, the official said.

Graffiti targeting Kejriwal appear in Delhi Metro

NEW DELHI: The police have registered an FIR and started a probe into the graffiti bearing AAP national convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's name found scribbled inside metro trains and at stations, an officer said on Monday. The Aam Aadmi Party on Monday accused the BJP of being behind the graffiti and sought time from the Election Commission for a meeting on the issue. Deputy Commissioner of Police (metro) G Ram Gopal Naik said the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) has given a complaint regarding defacement inside the metro coaches.

J&K tourism not right measure of normalcy: Omar

SRINAGAR: National Conference (NC) vice president Omar Abdullah on Monday said tourism should not be linked to the security situation in Kashmir as tourist arrivals are not the right barometer of normalcy and this makes tourists a target. The situation in the Valley is "not normal", Abdullah told reporters after visiting polling booths in Budgam. The NC leader is contesting the Lok Sabha polls from Baramulla, where voting is underway. "We have been saying that the situation (in Kashmir) is not normal. The militants have proved that they can attack whenever they want."

FIR against AAP leaders for BJP HQ protest

NEW DELHI: A day after AAP leaders led by Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal held a protest march near BJP headquarters, the Delhi Police booked them for violation of prohibitory orders, officials said. The officials said the Aam Aadmi Party had not sought permission for the demonstration even though Section 144 was imposed at the DDU marg.

Sex tapes: Ex-PM Gowda wanted to quit RS: HDK

RAJASHEKARA S / BENGALURU

Former prime minister HD Deve Gowda wanted to resign his Rajya Sabha seat due to severe embarrassment and humiliation caused by his grandson Prajwal Revanna's sex tapes being leaked.

Gowda's son and former chief minister HD Kumaraswamy shared this with the media on Monday and said that he had to intervene and stop his father from quitting his RS seat. "He wanted to quit out of shame and embarrassment," the Janata Dal (Secular) Karnataka president said.

He admitted that there is a growing tension and concern among his family members on the former prime minister's reputation and image besides the family legacy.

On Monday, Kumaraswamy, who is Prajwal's uncle, asked his nephew to return to India and surrender. "If you have any respect for Deve Gowda and me, I appeal to you to return to India in the next 48 hours and surrender before the SIT. Face the trial as per the law of the land," he said.

The fugitive lawmaker is on a run and is said to have been staying in London for the last 24 days. Videos showing his alleged sexual abuse were leaked days before the April 26 Lok Sabha polls where he was seeking a re-election for the second term. He fled for Frankfurt, Germany in the wee hours on April 28 a few hours before the government announced a Special Investigation Team to probe charges of rape, sexual assault and filming his victims on his phone.

Kumaraswamy said that he had even asked his father to issue a statement asking Prajwal to return and surrender and his son, Nikhil, had also made an appeal.

Speaking to media in Hubballi, Karnataka Home Min-



ister G Parameshwara said that the government will soon write to the Centre to cancel Prajwal's passport.

Bail for Revanna

Meanwhile, the 42nd Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court granted bail to former minister HD Revanna, Prajwal's father, in a sexual assault case. Judge J Preeth had reserved the orders on the bail application on May 17 and granted bail after Revanna furnished a personal bond of Rs 5 lakh and a witness.

Earlier, the Special People's Representatives Court had granted bail to the former minister in a kidnapping case, where he was accused of kidnapping one of Prajwal's victims. The woman was kidnapped from her home in KR Nagara in Mysuru and kept in captivity at a farmhouse belonging to Revanna's former personal assistant Rajgopal in Kalenahalli in Hunsur taluk in Mysuru.

Phones of my family and supporters being tapped, Kumaraswamy alleges

H D Kumaraswamy on Monday alleged that 40 phones including his own and those of his family members and supporters are being tapped.

"Whatever discussions are happening on phone are being monitored. H D Revanna's phone is also being tapped," he alleged.

Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar and Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara dismissed the allegation as baseless and a means to gain publicity. With PTI inputs

WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY SPECIAL CITIZEN: MODI

Campaign speeches aimed at exposing Opposition's bid to appease minorities



PM Modi addresses a public rally during a roadshow in Puri on Monday

PTI / BHUBANESWAR

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said he has never uttered a word against minorities, and the BJP has "not just today but never" acted against them. He, however, made it clear that he is not ready to accept anyone as "special citizens".

His comments were made in an interview to PTI, in which he also said the Congress has constantly violated the secular spirit of the Con-

stitution, and his campaign speeches are aimed at exposing the opposition parties' bid to appease minorities with vote bank politics.

"I have not spoken a word against minorities. I am only talking against the vote bank politics of Congress. Congress is working against the Constitution, that's what I have been saying," Modi said.

He added that the makers of India's Constitution, including B R Ambedkar and Jawaharlal Nehru, had decided

there will be no reservations on the basis of religion. "Now you are turning away from that. It is my responsibility to expose them. At that time there were no members of my party in the Constituent Assembly. It was an assembly of eminent people from across the country," he said.

Workers of opposition parties' not turning out

Modi has said poor campaigning by the Congress and its allies could be a reason for low

ON UNEMPLOYMENT

“Our track record in creating more and more opportunities for our youth as compared to previous governments has been the best”

ON J&K

“The restoration of statehood is a solemn promise we have made and we stand by it.”

ON BJP'S EXPANSION IN THE EAST

“The so-called 'red corridor' will become a 'safron corridor' in these elections.”

PM spreading hate speech from all forum: Oppn

PTI / NEW DELHI

The opposition on Monday hit out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "never uttered a word against minorities" remark, saying he is "lying" as he is "unleashing hate speech" against Muslims from every available forum.

CPI general secretary D Raja called Modi's statements in a PTI interview a complete lie. "Modi knows how they (BJP) have been talking about Muslims."

Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal said there is no talk of education and health which will take us to 'Viksit Bharat' but what is discussed is Mangalsutra.

Aam Aadmi Party MP Sanjay Singh said the prime minister's comments were laughable as he talks in the "language of hate daily". "Not only Hindus and Muslims, he makes Hindus fight with each other as well," he said calling the BJP the Bharatiya 'Jhagda' party.

TMC MP Sagarika Ghose also slammed the prime minister for his remarks and said his party garlanded the rapists of Bilki Bano and those who lynched a Muslim cattle trader. "The PM is unleashing hate speech against Muslims from every available forum," she said.

DMK spokesperson T K S Elangovan also hit out at the prime minister, and said that his lie starts getting exposed immediately. "Whatever he says, his government does something that makes it a lie. So people do not believe him," the DMK leader said.

'JAGANNATH TEMPLE NOT SAFE WITH BJD'

PTI / ANGUL, CUTTACK, PURI

Asserting that the Biju Janata Dal government in Odisha is on its way out, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said he was hurt over the "destruction" of the state.

Addressing public meetings in Dhenkanal and

Cuttack Lok Sabha seats, Modi said though the state is rich in mineral resources, its people are distressed. The PM said the Odisha Chief Minister's office and residence are under the grip of a coterie which destroyed the state and shattered the dreams of the youths.

Stating that Odisha received Rs 50,000 crore as mineral royalty and Rs 26,000 crore from the district mineral fund, which should have been spent on roads, schools and drinking water, but instead were "misused".

Modi said neither the state's mineral resources

nor the cultural heritage was safe with the BJD.

"Even, the temple of Lord Jagannath in Puri is not safe in the hands of this government," Modi said, expressing concern over the missing keys of Lord Jagannath's Ratna Bhandar (treasury) for last six years.

Shah: Vote for Modi to end corruption, dynasty politics

RAJESH MOUDGIL CHANDIGARH

Sharpening his attack on the INDIA bloc, Union home minister Amit Shah on Monday asked people at the election rallies in Haryana to vote for prime minister Narendra Modi-led NDA government to end the dynastic politics and corruption in the country.

Shah, on a whirlwind state tour, held rallies at Hisar, Karnal and Jhajjar to campaign for BJP candidates; the state which has 10 Lok Sabha seats, goes to polling on May 25.

At Jhajjar, Shah lashed out at the INDIA bloc constituents and said that while Congress leader Sonia Gandhi wanted her son Rahul Gandhi to be the prime minister, Congress leader in Haryana, Bhupinder Singh Hooda wanted his son to be the chief minister. Shah



reiterated that Pakistan-occupied Kashmir belonged to India, belongs to India and that "we would take it back".

Kejriwal is 'shameless'

In his first election rally in Delhi, Shah tore into Aam Aadmi Party leader and chief minister Arvind Kejriwal calling him a "shameless person" who was "sent to jail in a corruption case but did not give up his seat".

Addressing a rally in

South Delhi in support of party candidate and Leader of Opposition in Delhi Assembly, Ramvir Singh Bidhuri, Shah said it was time to expose Kejriwal's hypocrisy.

"He left his job, formed an NGO, took an oath saying that he will not enter politics and formed a party. He used to say, 'I will never become the Chief Minister'... but become the Chief Minister," Shah said adding that Kejriwal used to say that he will topple the Congress government in Delhi but today sits in Congress' lap for power.

On the issue of corruption, Shah said Kejriwal's list is very long. "Kejriwal believes in odd-even. On odd days, he lectures on corruption by listing the corrupt. On even days, he allies with the corrupt and becomes part of the INDI Alliance."

PM to address rallies in Bihar

DHEERAJ KUMAR / PATNA

Amid ongoing Lok Sabha election, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday visited Bihar BJP office and held discussions with senior party leaders to fine-tune the party's strategy for remaining two phases.

The PM held a brainstorming session with members of Bihar state election management committee and discussed various election related issues with them. Senior party leaders including deputy chief ministers Samrat Choudhary, Vijay Kumar Sinha and other senior party leaders were present.

Modi will also address two back-to-back rallies in Motihari and Siwan on Tuesday, going to the polls in the sixth phase on May 26.

Modi will seek votes for sitting BJP MP Radha Modhan Singh in Motihari. He will also address a public meeting at Goreakothi in Siwan district. The Goreakothi rally will cover both Siwan and Maharajganj constituencies.

Prime Minister miffed with Didi's comment on monks

ARITRA SINGHA / KOLKATA

Prime Minister Narendra Modi slammed Trinamool Congress (TMC) on Monday while addressing in West Bengal after an alleged scuffle took place in Ramkrishna Mission at Jalpaiguri over CM Mamata Banerjee's comment about monks.

"I have heard that there was a scuffle in Ramkrishna Mission on Sunday night after the Chief Minister of Bengal insulted the monks. The workers over there got injured. Everyone knows about my connection with Ramkrishna Mission and the role it played in my life. Even after becoming Prime Minister whenever I get time, I spend time with the saints there," said Modi.

Notably, Swami Shivaprem-ananda, head of Ramkrishna Mission in Jalpaiguri said that a few masked people with guns entered the premises and tied the security personnel and gunman and took away

their SIM cards and then a scuffle took place between a few workers. "The SIM cards of the workers were also taken and the workers and the secu-

rity personnel were taken in a car and released midway. They tried to capture the land of Mission," said the Swami Shivaprem-ananda.

MAMATA: CRITICISED MONKS WHO INDULGED IN POLITICS

ARITRA SINGHA / Onda, Panskura

Praising the Ramkrishna Mission and Bharat Sevashram Sangha for their philanthropic work, West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee on Monday said she was not against any institution but criticised one or two persons for indulging in political activities despite being monks.

Banerjee had on Saturday alleged that some monks of the two monastic orders were working "under instructions of the BJP". The statement drew sharp criticism from Prime Minister Narendra Modi who alleged that she was "under pressure from Muslim extremists" and was threatening these socio-religious organisations to "appease" the TMC's vote bank.

Addressing an election rally in Bankura's Onda, Banerjee said, "I am not against Ramkrishna Mission, why should I be against an institution or insult it? She also praised Bharat Sevashram Sangha, saying that it works for the people and that they also love her."

"I had spoken about Kartik Maharaj, he did not allow Trinamool Congress agents to sit (at a polling booth) in Rejina-gar," Banerjee said.

Sidda govt completes a year, no glitz due to MCC

RAJASHEKARA S / BENGALURU

Karnataka Congress government headed by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah completed one year in office on Monday. But there were no celebrations as the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) is in place till June 6.

The CM wanted to celebrate the first year in office with pomp and show had written to the Election Commission (EC) seeking relaxation in MCC as polls were over in Karnataka.

Siddaramaiah now plans to club the outcome of the Lok Sabha polls and the first year office to have a gala event, provided that the Congress wins at least 15 seats. If not, it will be a simple affair, sources close to the CM told the FPI.

At a media interaction organised by the Bangalore Press Club, Siddaramaiah expressed satisfaction at the government's performance.

He said that the government despite constraints successfully implemented the given guarantees promised during the polls.

Bloc never respected spirit of country: Yogi

RAJESH MOUDGIL CHANDIGARH

Uttar Pradesh chief minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday launched a scathing attack on the INDIA bloc, including Congress and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), saying they never respected the spirit of the country.

Addressing an election rally here in favour of party candidate Sanjay Tandon, who is pitted against Congress' Manish Tewari, Yogi alleged that the opposition sometimes denied the existence of Lord Shri Ram and sometimes opposed Lord Shri Ram temple built in Ayodhya.

Keeping the focus of the speech on 'Hindutva', Yogi spoke about the terrorism and corruption during Congress rule and the development, public welfare schemes, respect for religion, culture, faith and heritage during prime minister Narendra Modi-led NDA government.

He said that while the four phases of elections had already been completed in the country he was standing in Chandigarh without any worries, because the sentiment of the entire country was the



same - once again Modi government and this time it would cross four hundred. Taking a dig at the Congress he said that when the BJP leaders talked about crossing the 400 mark, the Congress felt dizzy; because the condition of Congress had become such that the public had not even allowed it to contest elections on 400 seats.

Yogi Adityanath alleged that the environment of "hunger, corruption, unemployment, terrorism, Naxalism and anarchy" was the contribution of Congress and whenever there was any crisis in the country, the first name among those who fled the country was Rahul Gandhi.

He asked the gathering whether Rahul Gandhi or Manish Tewari ever came forward during Covid crisis?

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EXTRACT OF AUDITED IND AS FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024 (INR in lakhs except as stated)

PARTICULARS	QUARTER ENDED		YEAR ENDED		
	31.03.2024 Audited (Refer Note 3)	31.12.2023 Unaudited	31.03.2023 Audited (Refer Note 3)	31.03.2024 Audited	31.03.2023 Audited
Total revenue from operations	38,810.18	40,830.62	38,662.28	1,61,793.12	1,65,293.22
Net profit for the period (before Tax, exceptional and/or extraordinary items)	1,690.37	1,952.24	362.86	7,741.19	151.28
Net profit for the period before tax (after exceptional and/or extraordinary items)	1,690.37	1,952.24	362.86	7,645.28	151.28
Net profit for the period after tax (after exceptional and/or extraordinary items)	1,237.97	1,079.38	2,160.94	5,312.26	2,031.18
Total comprehensive income for the period (comprising profit for the period (after tax) and other comprehensive income (after tax))	1,239.98	1,084.13	2,169.39	5,337.01	2,079.15
Paid-up equity share capital - Face value INR 5 each	1,193.67	1,192.97	1,172.65	1,193.67	1,172.65
Other equity (as shown in the audited balance sheet of the previous year)				71,682.20	66,450.66
Earnings per share of INR 5 each (Not Annualised)					
Basic - INR	5.19	4.52	9.06	22.26	8.51
Diluted - INR	5.17	4.51	9.06	22.22	8.51

Notes:
1 The above Ind AS financial results of the Company have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their respective meetings held on 20 May 2024.
2 The Company has determined 'Snacks Food' as a reportable segment as evaluated by the chief operating decision maker for allocation of resources and assessing the performance. There are no other reportable segment as per Ind AS 108 'Operating Segment'. Accordingly, no separate segment information has been provided.
3 The figures of the quarter ended 31 March 2024 and 31 March 2023 are balancing figures between audited figures in respect of the full financial year and the unaudited published year-to-date figures upto 31 December for the respective years which were subjected to limited review.
4 The above is an extract of the detailed format of Audited Ind AS Financial Results for the Quarter and Year ended 31 March 2024, filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Audited Ind AS Financial Results for the Quarter and Year ended 31 March 2024 are available on the websites of the Stock Exchange(s) (www.nseindia.com and www.bseindia.com) and on the Company's website (www.yellowdiamond.in).

Place: Indore
Date: 20th May, 2024

For Prataap Snacks Limited
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