

EC bars Maneka Gandhi, Azam Khan from campaigning

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Election Commission(EC) has barred senior BJP leader Maneka Gandhi from poll campaigning for 48 hours for violating model code of conduct by her speech during a rally at Sultanpur in Uttar Pradesh.

10 AM today. In its order, the Commission strongly condemned her objectionable comments targeting people from a particular religion.

The Commission also banned Samajwadi Party leader Azam Khan from election campaigning for 72 hours for his objectionable remarks against BJP candidate Jaya

Prada. The ban will be effective from 10 this morning. Yesterday, the Poll body barred BSP Chief Mayawati for 48 hours and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath for 72 hours from campaigning for violating Model Code of Conduct. The ban has come into effect from 6 this morning.

ED attaches properties of Om Prakash Chautala in DA case

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Enforcement Directorate, ED has attached properties of former Haryana Chief Minister Om Prakash Chautala worth 3.68 crore

rupees in a disproportionate assets case. The attached properties consist of a flat, a plot, a residential house and land in Delhi, Panchkula and Sirsa. The action has been taken

under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act. The ED's money laundering case is based on a CBI's FIR against Mr. Chautala and his family members for possessing alleged disproportionate assets.

NDA is fully committed to fulfilling dreams, aspirations of people of the country: PM Modi

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that NDA is fully committed to fulfilling the dreams and aspirations of people of the country. In an exclusive interview to DD News, Mr Modi said that for the five years the focus was on meeting the

needs of people, and the next five years will be spent fulfilling the dreams and aspirations of people of India.

Prime Minister asserted that NDA govt is committed to the welfare of farmers. Mr Modi said that government launched the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme to

provide an assured income support to the small and marginal farmers.

Prime Minister also said that India has emerged as a major global power during last five years in a multi-polar world scenario. Mr Modi said, India believes in working with everyone for the good of all.

Congress starts blaming EVMs after sensing imminent defeat in Lok Sabha elections: Amit Shah

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BJP president Amit Shah has said that Congress party and its president Rahul Gandhi have started blaming EVMs after sensing imminent defeat in Lok Sabha elections. Addressing a rally in Kodinar in Gir Somnath

district of Gujarat, Mr Shah said Mr Gandhi is speaking lies after lies as he fears his party defeat in the polls.

BJP President said that Rahul Gandhi spoke lies about a recent order of the apex court on Rafael issue and has now been summoned by the court to give clarification.

Highlighting major

achievements of the NDA government at the Centre, Mr Shah said, Modi government gave constitutional status to OBC commission and provided 10 percent reservation to economically weaker sections among the general category. Mr Shah said, the biggest achievement of Modi government was making the country secure.

PM Modi to hold rally in Solapur, not Baramati

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will hold a rally at Akhuj in Solapur on April 17, instead of the earlier plan for an event at Baramati in Pune, from where Supriya Sule, sitting MP and daughter of Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) president Sharad Pawar, is contesting the polls. The two leaders have been involved in a war of words over the past few days. Modi was expected to hold a rally at Baramati on April 10, known as Pawar's home turf. It is also considered the NCP's bastion for several decades. The NCP chief was a six-term MP from the seat till 2009. Sule is an MP from the seat since 2009 and is looking for a third consecutive term.

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has fielded Kanchan Kul as its candidate for the polls. She is the wife of Rahul Kul, Rashtriya Samaj Paksha (RSP) MLA from Daund Assembly

constituency. The RSP is one of allies of the BJP in the state. Kul is expected to give Sule a tough fight. In 2014, RSP chief Mahadev Jankar, who was contesting against Sule, had brought down her victory margin to 69,719 votes from over 3.36 lakh votes in 2009.

The state BJP unit was expecting that Modi's rally would help in consolidation of votes, making party's poll prospects better than 2014 in Baramati. The state BJP unit has clarified that a Modi rally in Akhuj (Solapur) will help three candidates of the party. State BJP spokesperson Madhav Bhandari said their strategy is to cover maximum constituencies and the PM's rallies have been planned accordingly. "Modiji's rally at Akhuj will impact three constituencies at a time — Baramati, Madha and Solapur, which is why the party is holding a rally there," Bhandari said, denying any plan for Modi's rally in Baramati. Modi, while addressing a

gathering at Baramati in 2015, had said that Pawar held his hand and taught him to walk in his early days in Gujarat. In 2014, the NCP had declared unsolicited support to stabilise the Devendra Fadnavis-led BJP government in the state.

Fire destroys five houses in Dimapur

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A fire burned five houses to the ground at Kuda C Khel, SP Colony in Nagarjan, Dimapur informed.

The fire broke out in the early hours of April 15.

According to the president of Kuda Youth Council (KYC), Vikeduo Linyu, around six to seven families have been affected by the incident. Property worth

SMSU elects office bearers

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Election for the Shillong Manipur Student's Union (SMSU) was conducted at the Union office, Manipur House, Red Land Shillong for the term 2019-2020 on April 14, 2018.

A press release issued by RO Paanam Budhachandra Election committee SMSU, Shillong said that for the term 2019-2020 Chomgham Thangamba Meitei elected as President, Relvin Hidam and Wangjam Sanatomba Meitei as Vice-President, Irom Bebekanda Singh as General Secy and Leitongbam Gunarani Devi as Information and publicity Secy.

PWG lifts ban on Catholic Education Society

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Peoples War Group (PWG) while wishing the Christian community on occasion of Good Friday and Easter Sunday has stated that the outfit has lifted the ban on the Catholic Education Society.

The outfit also wishes to strengthen the unity between the Hill and Plain people with the coming of the Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Manipur Maoist warns Regional FCI

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Armed rebel group Maoist Communist Party Manipur has alleged serious irregularities being committed in the Food Corporation of India (FCI).

A statement signed by Kyonghang Mangang, Co-ordinator of the Standing committee of the Manipur Maoist said that when investigation by the Maoist based on the complaint received by the outfit from various section it has been stated that the Maoist senses false play by the DGM and the Manipur Tender Committee

Member in awarding Road Transport contract and Handling contract.

There is a possibility that the contract works had been allotted to their near and dear one by the Tender Committee Members in connivance with the DGP, the statement said.

It added that there is strong suspicion of the malpractice in awarding the contract work in FSD Sangaiprou, FSD Sawombung and FSD Bishnupur. Stating that they had procured some of the document regarding the malpractice, the Manipur Maoist said that FCI and FCS has become the den of

corruption. In these two sections the concern Minister in hands with some armed group has been looting the peoples share. The Regional Office of the FCI is also becoming the den the corruption, the statement alleged.

The Maoist said that they are ready to make public the irregularities and malpractice being underway in the FCI. It appealed all those related with the FCI to cooperate the Maoist while warning serious consequences to those who stayed away.

The outfit also stated that all those responsible will be award befitting punishment.

Exposure visit for weavers



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An exposure visit of Taosang Handloom Weavers Group was organised jointly by Khongbung Battalion and

District Handloom and Textiles Office Noney, with the guidance of Project manager District Handloom and Textiles Office Churachandpur at the 3 successful Handloom Clusters, Society and NKC Handloom of

Churachandpur are visited. In the visit weavers acknowledged the technical upgradation of weaving and their weaved pattern design and also focus on marketing sector in hilly areas.

“We Never Said So”: SC Seeks Rahul Gandhi’s Response In BJP MP’s Contempt Petition Over “Chowkidar Chor Hai”



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The Supreme Court has sought the response of Congress President Rahul Gandhi in a contempt petition filed by BJP leader Meenakshi Lekhi over his remarks after Rafale verdict. Senior advocate Mukul

Rohatgi, appearing for Lekhi, told the CJ-led bench that Congress president made a remark that the “Supreme Court has said, chowkidar chor hai” in the verdict in Rafale review delivered on April 10. “We have

considered the matter. We make it clear that this Court had no occasion to record any view or finding or make any observation as allegedly attributed to the Court by the respondent inasmuch as what was

decided by this Court was a purely legal question of admissibility of certain documents to which objections were raised by the learned Attorney General.” a bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi said. The bench also comprising Justices Deepak Gupta and Sanjay Khanna said, “Sanjiv clarified the matter we deem it appropriate to seek explanation of Gandhi.” The bench also observed that no views, observations or findings should be attributed to the Court in political address to the media and in public speeches, unless such views, observations or findings are recorded by the Court.

Rahul Gandhi gets court summons for alleging RSS was involved in Gauri Lankesh’s murder

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A Mumbai court has issued summons to Congress president Rahul Gandhi and CPM general secretary Sitaram Yechury for saying the Rashtriya Swayamseval Sangh (RSS) was involved in Gauri Lankesh's murder.

The Mumbai metropolitan court, in the summons, has asked Rahul and Yechury to appear before the court on March 25.

A criminal defamation case was filed by an advocate, Dhrutman Joshi.

The court had rejected the complainant's stand that Sonia Gandhi was also liable for Rahul's statement as the then president of the party.

Soon after the 2017 murder of Gauri Lankesh, Rahul Gandhi had tweeted: Spoke to the CM of Karnataka and mentioned that it's very important that people who have murdered Gauri Lankesh are caught and

punished. Anybody who speaks against the RSS/BJP is attacked & even killed. They want to impose only one ideology which is against the nature of India,” he added, in a second tweet.

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