

Modi woos Dalits, tribals in Maoist-hit Bijapur

Says he is PM because of Ambedkar's contributions

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Bijapur

Invoking Dalit icon Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar on his 127th birth anniversary, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday sought to woo Dalits and tribals, saying he could become PM because of Ambedkar's contributions to the society and exhorted Maoists to join the mainstream for development and assured that he would protect their rights as envisaged in the Constitution.

Modi said that B R Ambedkar had made provisions in the Constitution for the protection of the rights of backward classes and he appealed to the people not to join the Naxals for securing their rights.

He asked the parents of those who had joined Naxalism to not hand over their children's lives to the leaders who were keeping themselves safe while letting the locals die.

Modi asserted that awakening among poor and backward sections about



Prime Minister Narendra Modi being presented a traditional headgear during inauguration of Health and Wellness Centre to mark launch of Ayushman Bharat, in Bijapur, Chhatisgarh on Saturday

their rights and aspirations was due to Ambedkar and also attributed his own success to the Dalit icon and framer of the Constitution. "Son of a poor mother like me hails from a very backward section of the so-

ciety and could become prime minister due to Babasaheb Ambedkar," he said.

After launching of the first phase of Ayushman Bharat scheme, the prime minister said his govern-

ment was focusing on a new approach for the development of the poor.

"Baba Sahab has given us the Constitution. He ensured protection of your rights...It is the duty of the government to take care of your rights. You need not pick up weapons...ruin your lives," he told a gathering.

"I want to tell parents that their sons and daughters have chosen a path...But at least think about those who are leading them. None of them is local and they are not from among you. They have come from outside.

"They keep themselves safe in jungles and keep your kids in the front and leave them to die. Why are you giving your children in their hands," the prime minister said.

He said the government was committed to protecting their rights. It was committed to working on the path of development and asked them to educate their children. The Ayushman Bharat scheme aims to work on the development and upgradation of sub-centres and primary health centres in 1.5 lakh villages. He said these primary healthcare centres will be developed as health and wellness centres by 2022.

Reservations will not be abolished, says Raje

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Jaipur

Rajasthan Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje on Saturday said her government is committed to the welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and the reservations for Dalits will continue.

Raje made the remarks while addressing a gathering on Dalit icon B R Ambedkar's 127th birth anniversary here.

The chief minister said, "a few people are trying to create confusion on the reservation system. It has not been abolished and it will never happen."

"We will not let the reservation be abolished ever. The government is committed to secure the benefits of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes," she said. She said Dr Ambedkar dedicated his life for equal rights and eliminated discrimination and ill-practices prevailing in the society.

"We are working on the path shown by him and progressing by taking everyone along in the state. The state government has increased loan subsidy from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 10 lakh for youths of the SC/ST community for setting-up industry. In manufacturing sector, the government now provides loan of Rs 25 lakh instead of Rs 10 lakh," she said.

The chief minister said if any industry employs over 15 per cent bonafide SC/ST residents of the state, a maximum of Rs 85,000 annually per individual will be given as an employment subsidy. Raje also announced equal application fees for all category candidates having Rs 2.50 lakh annual family income applying for government jobs.

Rajasthan Governor Kalyan Singh said the country cannot progress without honouring women.

Kerala police begins probe into death of Pillai

ALAPPUZHA: The Kerala police have begun investigation into the death of Gopinath Pillai, father of Pranesh Pillai alias Javed Sheikh who was shot dead in an alleged fake encounter in Gujarat in 2004, in a road accident. Seventy eight year-old Pillai, who hailed from Charummodu in the district was involved in an accident on April 11 when he was on his way to Kochi for medical treatment. He died on Friday.

Simultaneous LS, assembly polls, EC opinion sought

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New Delhi

The government will seek the Election Commission's (EC) opinion on whether simultaneous election to the Lok Sabha and state assemblies be held in multiple phases beginning next year, official sources have said.

The views would be sought from the EC after the submission of a report by the Law Commission, which is likely to recommend simultaneous election in two phases in 2019 and 2024.

The Law Commission is likely to submit its report on the matter to the Law Ministry later this month. A similar report of the government think tank NITI Aayog recommending simultaneous polls in two phases had been referred to the poll panel for its views.

The government, the

sources said, wanted the EC to send its views in coming months so that a view can be firmed up on the issue.

Seeking to give shape to the government's concept of 'one nation, one election', a Law Commission internal working paper has recommended holding simultaneous election to the Lok Sabha and state assemblies in two phases beginning 2019.

The second phase of simultaneous polls can take place in 2024, the document states. The document has proposed amending the Constitution and the Representation of the People Act to shorten or extend the terms of state legislative assemblies to effect the move.

The amendments are in line with the ones recommended by a parliamentary panel and the NITI Aayog.

The states which are recommended to be covered under phase I are where assembly polls are due in 2021. These include Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra.

States which will come under phase II are Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Delhi and Punjab. To hold elections in these states along with Lok Sabha polls, the terms of the assemblies have to be extended.

Based on a suggestion made by the Election Commission, the working paper also says that a no-confidence motion against the government should be followed by a confidence motion. This would ensure that if the opposition does not have numbers to form an alternative government, the regime in office cannot be removed.

Punjabi singer shot at

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Chandigarh

Punjabi singer Parmish Verma and his friend were shot at by around five unidentified car-borne assailants in Mohali last night, police said on Saturday.

Though the motive behind the attack is yet to be ascertained, police claimed to have found some clues in connection to the case.

The singer, who shot to fame with his song 'Gaal Nee Kadhnai', was admitted to a private hospital in Mohali with a bullet injury.

The accused used a .30 bore weapon and fired six shots at the singer and his friend Kulwant Singh, police said, adding that he is out of danger.

Meanwhile, a Facebook page, the user of which claimed it belonged to gangster Dilpreet Singh, had a post, saying that the gangster had opened fire on the singer.

"I Dilpreet Singh Dhahan want to inform you all that I opened fire at Parmish. See how you were trying to hide yourself, but today you were caught," the post read. Dilpreet was accused in the murder case of a sarpanch in Chandigarh last year.

On the post, the SSP said, "It has come to our knowledge today...investigations are underway."

Police said a case under relevant sections of the IPC, including attempt to murder, and provisions of the Arms Act has been registered.

Casteism breaks social harmony, get rid of it: Kovind

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New Delhi

President Ram Nath Kovind on Saturday said that the country should get free from casteism which disturbs the country's social harmony, which is essential not only for economic development but for all kinds of happiness and peace.

"We have to get rid of casteism as it breaks the social harmony of the country," the President said at the launch of book "Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar: Vyakti Nahin Sankalp" at Rashtrapati Bhawan here. The book was released by Vice President Venkaiah Naidu.

Targeting politics of selfishness over its harmful trend of creating battlefields in the society, he said that people must work on the mindset of "don't break but integrate the re-

lations". Expressing his happiness that that Ambedkar's 125th birth anniversary was commemorated at the United Nations in 2016, the President said that Ambedkar, like Martin Luther King Junior, is an inspiring figure for all humanity. "There is need to do justice to his legacy," he said.

Kovind said the book that he had been presented was a slim volume but was an accessible resource to understand Ambedkar, covering his life of Ambedkar and several dimensions of his ideas and personality, including how Prime Minister Narendra Modi had been inspired by Ambedkar's life and message.

He expressed hope that thoughts compiled in the book would reach more and more citizens and motivate them to work together in peace and harmony.



President Ram Nath Kovind pays tribute to Bhimrao Ambedkar on his 127th birth anniversary at Parliament House in New Delhi on Saturday

Don't use 'Dalit' for all SC people in official documents: Govt

AGENCIES
New Delhi

The Centre has asked state and central government departments to avoid using the nomenclature 'Dalit' for all people belonging to Scheduled Castes in official dealings and transactions.

The Ministry of Social Justice referred to a directive by the Ministry of Home Affairs, dated February 10, 1982, issued to all state governments and union territory (UT) administrations, asking them to issue instructions to the authorities empowered not to insert the word 'Harijan' in Scheduled Castes certificates, and only mention the caste to which the person belonged and which had been recognised as a Scheduled Caste under the presidential orders.

The letter written to all chief secretaries also mentioned a verdict passed by the Madhya Pradesh High Court on January 15 "that the central government/state governments and its functionaries would refrain from using the nomenclature 'Dalit' for the members belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes as the same does not find mention in the Constitution of India or any statute".

"All the state governments/UT administrations are requested that for all official transactions, matters, dealings, certificates, etc, the constitutional term, 'Scheduled Caste' in English, and its appropriate translation in other national languages should alone be used for denoting the persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes notified in the Presidential Orders issued under Article 341 of the Constitution of India," the directive issued on March 15 said.

India asks all parties to exercise restraint in Syria

NEW DELHI: As the US, the UK and France launched air strikes in Syria targeting chemical weapons facilities, India on Saturday urged all parties concerned to show restraint and avoid any further escalation in the war-torn country.

The External Affairs Ministry said India has taken note of the air strikes in Syria and was closely following the situation. "We have taken note of the recent strikes in Syria. India is closely following the situation. The alleged use of chemical weapons, if true, is deplorable. We call for an impartial and objective investigation by the OPCW (Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons) to establish the facts," Spokesperson in the External Affairs Ministry Raveesh Kumar said.

We need to revisit our Constitution, laws: Minister

AGENCIES
New Delhi

Union Minister of State for Human Resource Development (HRD) Satyapal Singh on Saturday said that the country's Constitution and laws need to be revisited if "justice for all" is to be ensured.

Speaking on "Rule of Law" on the occasion of BR Ambedkar's birth anniversary at the Delhi University (DU), the Minister remarked that in past decades, the country's Constitution had been interpreted so there was a need to revisit it.

"In the last about two decades, the way the

Constitution has been interpreted and the laws have been interpreted... Let us revisit our Constitution."

The Minister also raised doubts over the way secular aspect of the Constitution has played out and hinted that there was an imbalance in the way the law treats minorities and majority.

"We want this country to be secular country... The kind of freedom has been given to the minorities... Minorities have the right to run their institutes, their religious institutions, but the majority does not have. Law is equal to all," he said.

Singh remarked on the inequities in society, saying that "one who steals Rs 100 and one who swindles Rs 100 crore, deserve the same punishment" according to the book of law.

"Does it really do justice to society?" he said.

Despite the Right to Education, he said, millions of students did not go to schools because the "law doesn't have teeth".

"Law, life and death spare no one... We need to do a lot to realise the dreams of Ambedkar," he added. DU Vice Chancellor Yogesh Tyagi and former Vice Chancellor of the university and law professor Upendra Baxi also

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S.No.	Tender No.	Description of Material	Quantity	EMD (₹)
365	04-18-3308	Rubber Pad suitable for Axle Pulley of 25 KW Alternator	3968 Nos.	25100
366	04-18-3309	Rubber Pad suitable for Axle Pulley of 4.5 KW Alternator	2962 Nos.	17750
367	09-17-1980	Kit of Magnet Frame	72 Set	42700
368	09-17-2532	Passenger Emergency Valve	21 Nos.	1795
369	09-18-3331	Vacuum Switch Tub for VCB	17 Nos.	52900
370	23-16-0666	Buffer Spindle (BG)	3124 Nos.	26000
371	03-17-2610	Rope wire steel flexible round strand 16mm	3263 MTR	1590
372	06-18-1688	Amalgamated transformer	38 Nos.	152200
373	06-18-2976	Automatic come along	91 Nos.	11106
374	06-18-5016	Tension insulator rod	2 Set	20800
375	06-18-5017	UN Insulated Cadmium Copper	20200 MTR	135700
376	06-18-5025	Lead acid battery	12 Set	25396
377	09-18-3324	Valve cone for knorr brake make air dryer	44 Nos.	2765
378	11-16-9080	ABG Analyser	2 Nos.	9650
379	15-18-5010	Outlet slide valve assembly for CDTS of LHB Coaches	404 Nos.	53400
380	22-16-5196	Set of Axle Boxes Complete without Roller Bearing	10 Set	97850
381	22-17-5132	Set of SB-1 and SB-2 Panel	3 Set	210700
382	06-18-5022	High capacity inter vehicular coupler	142 Set	500000
383	14-18-3971	Set of cylindrical roller bearing for three phase traction	36 Set	81300
384	14-18-5089	24 Fibre Armored Optic Cable	343 KM	413500

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