

# China flouted pact on no LAC build-up: India

**Jaishankar blames China for tension along border**

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

As tension persists along the border in Ladakh, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Saturday blamed China for dishonouring a written agreement not to mass soldiers at the Line of Actual Control (LAC). Making this point, he also said when a large country disregards a written pact, it is an issue of a legitimate concern for the entire international community.

Jaishankar made these comments in a joint news conference with his Australian counterpart Marise Payne in Melbourne.

He is on a four-day visit to Australia where he took part in the Foreign Ministers' meeting of the Quad nations on Friday. The Quad combine includes India, Japan, Australia, and the US.

Giving the low-down on the LAC situation in the news conference, Jaishankar said the current scenario has arisen due to the disregard of written agreements by China not to mass soldiers at the border.

He made these comments in response to a question on the eastern Ladakh border standoff between the Indian and Chinese militaries.

When asked whether the India-China border standoff issue came up for discussion during the Quad Foreign Ministers' meeting here on Friday, Jaishankar replied in affirmative.



"Yes, we (Quad) had a discussion on India-China relations because it was part of how we briefed each other about what was happening in our neighbourhood. And it's an issue in which a lot of countries legitimately take an interest, particularly if they are from the Indo-Pacific region," he said.

Jaishankar said the four foreign ministers of the Quad countries made a point that "we're here to do positive things, to contribute to peace, prosperity, stability of the region".

On China's Foreign Minister criticising the Quad, Jaishankar said our actions and stance are very clear, and criticising it repeatedly "doesn't make us any less credible".

China has all along protested against the Quad grouping, accusing the US of using the other countries to "provoke" China in the Indo-Pacific region while the Quad partners maintain that the partnership is to provide peace and stability in the region.

Jaishankar's remarks about the LAC came in the backdrop of stand-offs still on there

between the Indian and Chinese armies for the last two years. The face-offs erupted on May 5, 2020, following a violent clash in the Pangong Lake areas and both sides gradually enhanced their deployment by rushing in tens of thousands of soldiers as well as heavy weaponry.

Tension escalated following a bloody brawl in the Galwan Valley on June 15 that year in which 20 Indian soldiers including the commanding officer were killed.

As a result of a series of military and diplomatic talks, the two sides completed the disengagement process in the north and south banks of the Pangong lake in February and in the Gogra area in August last year.

India and China held the 14th round of Corps Commander-level meeting on January 12 during which the two sides agreed to maintain dialogue through military and diplomatic channels to work out a "mutually acceptable resolution" of the remaining issues of the standoff at eastern Ladakh.

# BSP too promises restoration of old pension scheme for govt staff in UP

PTI ■ AURAIYA

After the SP, the BSP announced on Saturday that once the party comes to power in Uttar Pradesh, the old pension scheme for the state government employees will be restored.

Addressing an election meeting in Auraiya, Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) supremo Mayawati promised that "a commission will be formed to look into the demands of the employees of the education and other departments, who have staged demonstrations, and their genuine demands will be accepted".

"It also includes the issue of the old pension scheme for the employees because our party does not agree with the new

pension system at all. After the formation of the BSP government, the old pension system will be implemented again," she said.

Earlier, Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav had also announced that the old pension system for the state government employees will be restored if his party comes to power in Uttar Pradesh.

According to the Uttar Pradesh Rajya Karmachari Sanyukt Parishad, there are about 10 lakh teachers and employees appointed after 2005 who are not getting the benefits of the old pension scheme.

Hitting out at the BJP government, Mayawati said poverty, unemployment and inflation have gone up due to its wrong

economic policies.

She also claimed that the prices of petrol and diesel, which were reduced before the Assembly polls in five states including in Uttar Pradesh, will be raised again after the elections.

"Farmers are also troubled by the wrong policies of this government," the former Uttar Pradesh chief minister said.

Targeting the Congress, she said the party ruled the country for years since independence, but because of its wrong policies and practices, it is neither in power at the Centre nor in Uttar Pradesh now.

Mayawati accused the Congress of being anti-Dalit, anti-tribal and anti-other backward classes since its inception,

adding that after being out of power, it keeps enacting all kinds of drama eyeing the votes of these sections.

"When the Congress is in power, it does not remember the issue of development of these sections," she said.

Taking a jibe at the grand old party's manifesto for the Uttar Pradesh polls, Mayawati said, "When the Congress is in power, it does not remember the issues of participation of women or farm loan waiver."

She alleged that even under the governments of the SP and the BJP, the people of Uttar Pradesh have largely been unhappy.

There was a rule of goons, miscreants, mafia and rioters when the SP was in power, Mayawati said, adding that a

"step-motherly approach was adopted at every level with the Dalits and those from the most backward sections of the society". She alleged that the current BJP-led government in the state has concentrated on implementing the casteist, capitalist and narrow agenda of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS). "The Dalits and the backward classes have not been able to get the full benefit of reservation in the state because the BJP got most of the government work done through the private sector," the BSP chief said.

She urged the voters to ensure the victory of the BSP candidates in the ongoing polls to strengthen the law-and-order situation in Uttar Pradesh.

# BJP promises 75 pc quota to Punjab youth in govt jobs

PTI ■ CHANDIGARH

The BJP-led NDA released its manifesto for the February 20 Punjab polls on Saturday, promising a slew of sops for various sections, including 75 per cent reservation in all government jobs for youngsters from the state, an unemployment allowance, 35 per cent reservation for women in government jobs and massive infrastructure development.

The highlight of the manifesto is the promise of 75 per cent reservation in government jobs and 50 per cent reservation in private jobs for the youngsters of Punjab.

The BJP-JJP government in neighbouring Haryana had

earlier passed a law giving 75 per cent reservation in private sector jobs to youngsters domiciled in the state.

The BJP manifesto for the Punjab polls says a dope test will be mandatory before filing nominations for elections.

An unemployment allowance of Rs 4,000 per month will be given to all graduates for two years after the completion of their degrees, it says. The manifesto promises 35 per cent reservation for women in all government jobs, including contractual ones.

It also says fast-track courts will be established to deal with any kind of violence, harassment and oppression against women. A special law will be enacted to deal with the cases

of brides abandoned by NRI grooms, the manifesto says.

The BJP is contesting the Punjab polls in an alliance with former chief minister Amarinder Singh's Punjab Lok Congress and the Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa-led Shiromani Akali Dal (Sanyukti).

The 'Sankalp' document of the saffron party was released in Jalandhar in the presence of Union ministers Hardeep Singh Puri and Som Parkash, BJP leaders Dushyant Gautam and Tarun Chugh and Amarinder Singh's son Raninder Singh, among others.

The BJP-led alliance had earlier released an 11-point 'Sankalp' (pledge or commitment) document and another manifesto for the rural areas,

which had promised a complete loan waiver for farmers with less than five acres of land-holding. In the manifesto released on Saturday, the key promises made in the earlier documents have been incorporated.

Speaking on the occasion, Puri said it is not just a vision document, but it carries concrete commitments.

He also talked about the saffron party's plan to revive Punjab's economy with an infrastructure development fund of Rs 1 lakh crore, which will be spent over a period of five years. The party promised "zero tolerance to sacilage", saying fast-track courts will be set up to decide such cases in a time-bound manner.

The manifesto is an elaborate and comprehensive document that spells out a roadmap for the revival of Punjab's economy and addresses the issues of drugs and law and order, Puri said. To check cross-border infiltration and smuggling of weapons and drugs, the party promised surveillance by drones and CCTV cameras and construction of electric fences and outposts.

A "Truth and Reconciliation Commission" will be constituted for addressing the grievances of the families affected by terrorism, who have been ignored by successive regimes for the last three decades, and a compensation of Rs 5 lakh will be given to each family, the party said.

# BJP names 9 more candidates in UP, drops 2 MLAs

PTI ■ LUCKNOW

The ruling BJP announced the names of candidates for nine seats that will go to polls in the seventh and final phase of the ongoing Uttar Pradesh Assembly election.

The party has fielded Ramesh Jaiswal from Mughalsarai, denying ticket to the MLA from the seat, Sadhana Singh. Similarly, in Chakia, the party has put its trust on Kailash Khairavar over the MLA from the seat, Sharda Singh.

Former MLA Kalicharan Rajbhar has been fielded from Zahoorabad against Om Prakash Rajbhar of the Suheldev Bhartiya Samaj Party (SBSP), a former ally of the BJP who has joined hands with the Samajwadi Party (SP) in the ongoing election.

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has fielded Arvind Jaiswal from Mubarakpur, Poonam Saroj from Muhammadabad Gohna, Ashok Singh from Mau and Mihilal Gautam from Machhlisahar.

Anil Maurya and state minister Sanjeev Gond have been fielded from the Ghorawal and Obra constituencies, respectively.

Of the nine seats, Muhammadabad Gohna, Machhlisahar and Chakia are reserved for Scheduled Caste (SC) candidates, while Obra is reserved for Scheduled Tribe (ST) candidates.

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| Sl. No.   | Particulars  | 3 Months Ended 31.12.2021 | 9 Months Ended 31.12.2021 | Corresponding 3 Months Ended 31.12.2020 |
|   |  | Unaudited                 | Unaudited                 | Unaudited                               |
| 1.  | Total income from operations   | -                         | 0.90                      | -                                       |
| 2.  | Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)  | (17.07)                   | (36.95)                   | (9.49)                                  |
| 3.  | Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)   | (17.07)                   | 69.90                     | (9.49)                                  |
| 4.  | Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)  | (17.07)                   | 69.90                     | (9.49)                                  |
| 5.  | Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and other comprehensive income (after tax)) | (17.07)                   | 69.90                     | (9.49)                                  |
| 6.  | Paid-up Equity Share Capital   | -                         | -                         | -                                       |
| 7.  | Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)   | 85.01                     | 85.01                     | 85.01                                   |
| 8.  | Basic & Diluted Earnings per share (of Rs.10/- each) (For continuing and discontinuing operations) (Net Annualised) (in Rs.)               | (2.01)                    | 8.22                      | (1.12)                                  |

Note: The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/9 months Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full formats of the Quarterly/9 months Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange website: www.bseindia.com and on the Company's website: www.khandlwalextractions.com.

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### CAMPAIGNING FOR 2ND PHASE OF POLLS ENDS

These areas are considered to be the stronghold of the Samajwadi Party.

The prominent faces in the fray in this phase include senior Samajwadi Party leader Mohammad Azam Khan, Dharam Singh Saini, a Yogi Adityanath government minister who switched to SP after the polls were declared, and Uttar Pradesh Finance Minister Suresh Khanna.

Azam Khan has been fielded from his stronghold Rampur seat, Khanna has been fielded from Shahjahanpur, while Saini is trying his luck from the Nakud Assembly segment.

Khan's son Abdullah Azam has been fielded from the Swar seat. He has been pitted against Haider Ali Khan, the heir of another political family, the Nawabs of Rampur, who is trying in luck on the ticket of Apna Dal Sonela, a BJP ally.

Haider Ali Khan is the grandson of former MP Noor Bano.

Outgoing Minister of State for Jal Shakti Baldev Singh Aulakh is the candidate from Bilaspur, Minister of State for Urban Development Mahesh Chandra Gupta from Badaun, and Minister of State for Secondary Education Gulab Devi from Chandausi.

The former mayor of Bareilly Supriya Anon is contesting from Bareilly Cantonment after joining the Samajwadi Party.

Of the 55 seats going to polls in this phase, the BJP had won 38 in 2017, while the Samajwadi Party had bagged 15 and the Congress two. The SP and the Congress had contested the last Assembly election in an alliance.

Of the 15 seats won by the SP, Muslim candidates emerged victorious in 10.

Campaigning for the BJP, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had attacked the main opposition Samajwadi Party while elaborating on why his party's government was necessary in the state to keep it riot-free.

He had also spoken about the legislation against triple talaq.

"Now these mafiwadhis' (supporters of the mafia) have made the big culprit of the Saharanpur riots their partner in this election. It is not just about Saharanpur. In the entire western Uttar Pradesh, these people have selectively fielded criminals. These people are even making anti-nationalists their proposers," Modi had said.

Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav leading his party's took a swipe at the state government that "Azam Khan is in jail for building university, son of a Union minister is out of jail" in the case of running over farmers.

This is the "new India of the BJP", he had said mockingly.

BSP supremo Mayawati had alleged that its government ended the Jatav-Muslim brotherhood in western Uttar Pradesh. Congress' Priyanka Gandhi held 'jan sampark' events in Moradabad, Rampur and other places and focused her campaign on women welfare.

With the elections being held amid the Covid scare, Additional Chief Electoral Officer Brahmdew Ram Tripathi said all necessary arrangements have been made to ensure free, fair, transparent and Covid-safe polling.

### MODI CONFIDENT OF YOGI'S RETURN TO POWER IN UP

Yogi's return to power in UP is working tirelessly to uplift the condition of the

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people. We have introduced Gobardhan Yojana to support those engaged in animal husbandry. We are providing Kisan Credit Card facility to animal and fish keepers. We have launched a vaccination drive for animals for the first time after independence at a cost of Rs 13,000 crore. Biogas plants are also being set up in the state while natural farming is being encouraged," the prime minister pointed out.

Urging voters to exercise their right to franchise in large numbers, Modi said that it was only the BJP that could give them free vaccines along with rations throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, while opposition parties and their friends in ration mafia used to loot when they were in power.

"We want to vaccinate everyone. But they tried to play with the lives of people by calling it a vaccine of the BJP and obstructing our mission through their misinformation campaign against the indigenous vaccines," Modi remarked.

The prime minister further said, "The government is not only building houses for the poor but also building schools and colleges and has introduced the new education policy, which allows a student to become a doctor and engineer despite studying these courses in Hindi. This will benefit a large number of promising youths of UP as language will not be a hurdle for them in pursuing their dreams."

Modi said that the government had extended reservations for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for 10 years while making the Other Backwards Class Commission a constitutional body.

### DOYEN OF INDIAN INDUSTRY HAMARA BAJAJ NO MORE!

A villager from Angamali in Kerala sitting and speaking on equal terms with one of the doyens of Indian industry!

The documentary I envisaged was to feature the day-to-day life of the industrialist. His daily routine, how he works, what he does during free time, and his likes and dislikes, etc. Bajaj was very open and he was a fantastic communicator. "Becoming an industrialist or manufacturing scooters were never in my plan of things even during my student days. I had dreamt of becoming a railway engine driver and later on a pilot. But it was my father, the late Kamalnayan Bajaj, who moulded my life. "We used to have long drawn-out discussions which would last up to the early hours of the day. He taught me the rule that there was no alternative to hard work and Lady Luck would smile only on persons who deserved to be smiled," he said in the free-wheeling interview.

Bajaj used to plead with Prime Ministers Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi to liberate Indian economy and allow free enterprises in a big way. He collaborated with Vespa, then the leading scooter manufacturers in the world, and Indian roads got crowded with Vespa brand scooters. Over a period of time, his research and development team came out with brands like Chetak, Priya, and Cub which ended up as the premium models. This was before the Indian economy was opened for foreign competition by Prime Minister Narasimha Rao in 1991. Motorcycles like Pulsar from the Bajaj stable were products of the post-liberalization era.

More than a businessman, Bajaj was an industrialist who wanted to employ thousands and thousands of people in his Bajaj Group of companies. Chetak, Priya and Cub might have been phased out from Indian roads but the roar of these compact engines marked the arrival of

### BENGAL GOV PROROGUES ASSEMBLY, TMC RAPS ACTION AS 'ARBITRARY'

The TMC leader also indicated the State Government's plans to move the Court against the Governor's order.

Chatterjee said that the Governor has been holding up several Bills passed by the Assembly. "We are seeing the most biased Governor of all times in Bengal. Other senior leaders said that the Saturday's move by the Governor only proves that he has converted the Raj Bhavan into a BJP party office," he said.

Critics called Dhanekar's action an exercise to thwart a possible move on the part of the ruling party to bring a motion in the State Assembly against the Governor. The order also comes ahead of a likely TMC move in Parliament to bring a motion against the Governor.

The relationship between Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and the Governor hit an all-time low after the former blocked him on her social media and compared him with a lame horse. The duo never enjoyed a healthy chemistry ever since he came to power in 2019 with both the sides often indulging in open letter wars on a host of issues, including electoral violence, corruption, nepotism, communalism, etc.

Things reached such a pass that even senior leaders like Saugato Roy, Sudip Bandopadhyay and Sukhendu Shekhar Roy had informally requested President Ram Nath Kovind and Prime Minister Narendra Modi to withdraw him from the State.

### MAMATA DISSOLVES TOP POSTS, FORMS NCW TO END BHATIJA-LEADERS FEUD

When asked as to whether the Saturday's meeting and the announcement of the NCW was a result of the internal rift between the young leaders led by Mamata and the old guards led by Hakim and Chatterjee who are showing allegiance to the Chief Minister, Sudip Bandopadhyay said, "There has been no rift in the party... because the name of its leader is Mamata Bandopadhyay."

Another leader who avoided most of the questions giving a small replay was Hakim himself. He said, "I have given you the name of the members of the NCW and we have left it on the party president Mamata Banerjee to take further decisions... I have been asked to tell this much only..."

The TMC has been witnessing turmoil over the future leadership of the party with a number of leaders including junior Banerjee and the likes of Hakim and others gradually tightening their control in the organizational matters. One

fallout of the ongoing rift is the alleged differences between Prashant Kishor the chief of poll consultant agency I-PAC (loyal to Abhishek Banerjee) and the other senior leaders.

### INTERNATIONAL DRUG TRAFFICKING RACKED BUSTED, 22 HELD

The network was busted after a long operation that was initiated after a drug parcel was intercepted by us in Kolkata. Our special investigation team that conducts cyber patrolling to check the usage of darknet has busted three big networks being run in the country using the darknet, anonymous cryptocurrency transactions and pseudonymous social media profiles," Singh said.

Darknet denotes the hidden internet platforms that can only be accessed using specialised software and pre-configured communication protocols for anonymous communication.

Drug cartels and syndicates at the international level are known to use the DarkWeb to evade the radar of law enforcement agencies.

Use of courier parcels for drugs delivery has increased following the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic. Raghunath Kumar, alias 'LSD King', lodged in Bellary jail was also among those arrested, he added.

The NCB's Delhi zonal unit has seized 975 LSD (Lysergic acid diethylamide) blots, 130 gms psychotic tablets, 6 gms heroin, paste and liquid of cannabis, 1.6 gms cocaine, 16 Alprazolam tablets, 315.8 gms charas, 171 gms hashish chocolate, a dozen capsules of Spasomoproxyvon and 7.9 kg of imported ganja.

Rs 22.5 lakh cash has been seized. Rs 2 crore worth crypto turnover generated from this illegal trade was detected but could not be seized as of now, Singh said.

"Almost all (arrested) are very educated, tech-savvy, felt the thrill in dodging the police or NCB, have had a disturbed childhood or family problems and were highly influenced by western culture." Easy money, the fame of getting popular in the virtual platforms was also the allurements for these youngsters, Singh said in a statement.

### INDIA SLAMS NATIONS' 'MOTIVATED' DIGS AT KARNATKA HIJAB ROW

A US Government body that monitors and reports on religious freedom abroad had criticized Karnataka. Rashad Hussain, the Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom (IRF) tweeted "hijab bans in schools violate religious freedom".

Hussain was appointed Ambassador-at-Large for IRF by the US Senate in December last year. He is the first Muslim Ambassador-at-Large for IRF. He previously held several high-level positions in the US Government, including serving as the Special Envoy to the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation during the Obama administration.

Pakistan's Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi had said in a tweet, "Depriving Muslim girls of education is a grave violation of fundamental human rights. To deny anyone this fundamental right and terrorise them for wearing a hijab is absolutely oppressive. The world must realize this is part of Indian State plan of ghettoization of Muslims."

Pakistan had also summoned the Indian diplomat in Islamabad to convey its concern on the development in Karnataka.