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smoke and fire and we all woke up. Some of us managed to jump out of the premises and save ourselves. But a few others could not come out," one of the workers who survived told mediapersons.

for perpetrating unlawful activities, including supporting terrorist activities, and sustained stone-pelting on

"The TeH members are paying tributes to terrorists who were killed in encounters with security forces

and its members have been involved in supporting terrorist activities with an intent to create a reign of terror in the country, thereby endangering the security and public

order of the State... The TeH and its leaders and members, have been indulging in unlawful activities, which are prejudicial to the integrity, sov-

are prejudicial to the integrity, sovereignty, security and communal harmony of the country," the notification said.

"The Central government is firmly of the opinion that having regard to the activities of the TeH, it is necessary to declare it as an 'unlaw-

necessary to declare it, as an 'unlawful association' with immediate effect under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 for a period of

Incidentally, the government banned Telugu after similar action

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Odisha: BJP

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On Saturday ruled out an electoral alliance with the ruling Biju Janata Dal (BJD) in for the forthcoming Assembly and general elections. After a day-long brainstorming

of its office-bearers, the party said it had candidates in all 147 Assembly constituencies and 21 Lok Sabha seats in the state.

the BJP's state observer Sunil Bansal said that there is no possibility of a

aid that there is no possibility of any all-or understanding with the BJD in . An impression is being created inten- about an alliance. The BJP will fight ag-

ely on its own strength... the central
have told us to be ready for the big bat-
JP national spokesperson and

eswar MP Aparajita Sarangi told re-
Apart from Bansal, party's co-observer
Singh Tomar was also present in the
g. On Friday, BIP's national general sec-

B.L. Santosh also held marathon meeting with senior state BJP leaders to discuss roadmap for the coming polls. BJP lead-

to were part of the meeting, said the bill launch an all-out electoral blitzkrieg the BJP, led by its central leaders, in- PM Modi. Home Minister Amit Shah

Even though the BJP is the principal opposition party in Odisha, but at the Centre,

derships of the two parties enjoy cor-
relations. The BJD extended its support to
odi government on several issues, in-
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ment. Amit Shah had hailed CM Naveen
as the “popular” CM during his visit to
e in August. Patnaik had also praised

works by rating him 8 out of 10 during
at in Bhubaneswar in September