

Shah inaugurates new campus of IIT Jammu

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JAMMU: Amid tight security, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday arrived here and inaugurated the new campus of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jammu, officials said.
Shah, accompanied by Union ministers Jitendra Singh and Dharmendra Pradhan and Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, reached Jammu airport from Srinagar and started his engagements with the inauguration of the new campus of the IIT-Jammu, they said.
Shah is on a three-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir; his first after the Centre revoked the erstwhile state's special status and bifurcated it into union



Union Home Minister, Amit Shah inaugurating new campus of IIT Jammu.

territories on August 5, 2019.
They officials said the new campus of IIT-Jammu, built at a cost of Rs 210 crore, has all the facilities like hostel, gymnasium, indoor games, along with higher education for the students.
After inaugurating the new campus of the IIT-Jammu, Shah reached the Bhagwati Nagar area to address a public rally.
Heavy rains lashed Jammu on Saturday, casting a shadow

on the scheduled public meeting of the Union home minister. However, with improvement in the weather, the local unit of the BJP and the administration worked overnight to ensure the success of the rally.
Policemen and paramilitary personnel were deployed in strength in and around the venue. Shah arrived at the rally amid thunderous applause and sloganeering by the participants who had reached the venue in large numbers to hear the home minister.
An official of the IIT-Jammu said, "It is a state of the art research centre to cater to students of various disciplines. It is meant for research and development."

KP community in US condemns targeted killings of civilians in Valley

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WASHINGTON: The Kashmiri Pandit community here has strongly condemned the recent targeted killings of civilians in the Valley by the militants and urged the Indian government to take steps to ensure the safety of the minorities there.
The community organised a two-day event at the popular National Mall where participants said that targeted killings have been especially gruesome, and the home-grown terrorist insurgency remains dependent on resources and inspiration from Pakistan.
"The killings of the minorities by the Pakistan-based terrorist in the

Kashmir Valley needs to be stopped, said Dr. Shakun Malik, a Kashmiri Pandit activist from Washington DC area.
"Indian Govt must take steps to ensure the safety of local minorities of Kashmir valley who remain targets for the future, she said.
Eleven civilians, including two teachers, a pharmacy owner and five non-local labourers, have been killed by militants in separate attacks in the valley this month.
In a press release, the community said that the murder of Makhan Lal Bindroo has "brought back the tragic memories of the 1990s, when more than half a million indigenous

Kashmiris were forced leave their lives in the Kashmir valley.
Bindroo, a prominent Kashmiri Pandit and owner of Srinagar's most famous pharmacy, was shot dead at his shop earlier this month.
Organised on the grounds of the National Mall here, the event coincided with October 22 as on this day in 1947, Pakistan invaded the Jammu and Kashmir as part of 'Operation Gulmarg', aimed at conquering Jammu and Kashmir on the basis that the region has a Muslim majority.
"Pakistan continues its proxy war with India via border infiltration in Kashmir, it release added.

Today's women not lagging behind men in any field: Priya Sethi

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Young and futuristic entrepreneur Saima Imran hosted Karwachauth' event in which women across the Jammu and Kashmir took part.
On the occasion, senior BJP leader and former Minister Priya Sethi was the Chief Guest while Anita Sharma - Corporator Ward 11 and Shameema Begum DDC Bajalta were the Guests of Honour. RJ Shwelta 'Jammu ki Kuddi' was the Special Guest.
Speaking on the occasion, former Minister Priya Sethi appreciated Saima Imran for the strenuous efforts put in by her in organizing such a useful and inspiring event in the City of Temples.
While lauding Saima



BJP senior leader, Priya Sethi and others during a programme.

Imran for marvelously managing her skills to maintain balance between the personal and professional lifestyles, Priya Sethi said that today's women are not lagging behind men in any field and it would not be wrong to state that women have excelled better than their male counterparts in many sectors.
The senior BJP leader

asserted.
Priya Sethi complemented Saima Imran for this wonderful event and hoped women across the Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory must take Saima Imran as their inspiration and role model and follow the suit to make them Atmanirbhar.
Speaking on the occasion, Saima Imran said "Seems like the good old days are back again. Yesterday, 22nd October 2021, was just a beginning of the upcoming events from Shikargah-Tiffinhut. The Young and futuristic host Saima Imran and her husband Imran Rouf are an example of what the future holds for aspiring young women entrepreneurs in Jammu."
She said girls are born every day and are accepted with the

hope 'Agdi Baar Ladka Hoga'. All good hopes and expectations are from a boy. But this was not the case with Saima she was always encouraged to fulfill her dreams be it her parents or her in-laws and husband, she added.
"We just need excuses to be happy and merry after the long gap of lockdowns and this new term and event 'Pre-Karwachauth' was just the need of the hour. It was a beautiful saga of cultural events, games and all the festivities were intricately brought to the fore and many skilled and inspiring entrepreneurs were promoted at the gala," she said.
Saima's story of success is a perfect example of what the future holds for married women in Jammu. She is a perfect daughter, mom and an entrepreneur.

JK Kissan Council demands compensation for crops damaged due to heavy rains

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: During field visits to different blocks in Jammu and Samba districts, Tajinder Singh Wazir, President JK Kissan Council observed that farmers have suffered a heavy loss to agricultural produce like paddy, vegetables, flowers, strawberry etc. He, on behalf of suffering farmers, appealed to the Government to provide adequate compensation to all those farmers who suffered losses due to heavy rains.
Wazir said that every



President JK Kissan Council, Tajinder Singh Wazir interacting with farmers during visit to a field.

time when Government announces some compensation for farmers, it is proved mere as an eye-wash, as there is a tedious process to follow for availing compensation under National Disaster Management Fund, which is nothing but just exploitation of poor farmers.
He further hoped that LG Manoj Sinha would personally intervene into the matter and announce a special package with cost of cultivation as Rs 5,000 per Kanal.
Speaking on the occa-

sion, farmers expressed gratitude towards Principal Secretary, Agriculture Production Department, Navin Kumar Choudhary for his pro-active approach to send teams of officers with insurance companies for claim settlement of crops under crop insurance schemes.
They also urged Union Home Minister Amit Shah to consider this disaster in J&K as a National Disaster and announce benefits under PMDP Special package.

Farooq pays obeisance at Shahdara Sharif shrine

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JAMMU: Former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah on Sunday paid obeisance at the shrine of Shahdara Sharif and prayed for peace and prosperity.
On top of a hillock near Thanna Mandi, the 19th century shrine is dedicated to Baba

Glulam Shah Badshah.
Before paying obeisance, the imam and khatheb of the shrine performed 'dastar bandi' of the National Conference chief.
Abdullah is currently on a visit to Rajouri and Poonch to meet his party's workers and leaders.

Delay in restoration of Statehood making J&K people restless: Bhalla

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JAMMU: JKPC Vice President and former Cabinet Minister Raman Bhalla on Sunday claimed that Congress was very disturbed about what's happening in Jammu and Kashmir.
"There have been targeted killings for the last few weeks. Hindus and Sikhs have been picked for killing though others have also suffered and one and two locals were killed as well. Nobody has forgotten the painful 1990, I don't think we can allow this to continue and hoped the government will take effective measures. The responsibility is on the Central Government," he said.
This was observed by former Minister while addressing people from across sections of society of Gandhi Nagar constituency on Sunday.
Speaking on the occasion, he said nobody is willing to come to Kashmir in view of the emerging situation that has led to the migration of labourers and Kashmiri Pandits who had got jobs under the Prime Minister's package here.
"They are seeking investors but who will come to invest under the present situation? I do not see any development happening in Jammu and Kashmir after historical blunders in J&K



Congress leader Raman Bhalla addressing a gathering.

by BJP govt. They promised 50,000 jobs but where did these jobs go? Inflation has broken the backbone of the poor," the former Minister said.
It is important for the HM to do a reality check and take feedback while also assuaging feelings of those whose aspirations have not been met. Hopefully in Jammu too, the HM should apply balm to a restive populace which perceives it has been wronged demanding alternatives for Jammu's political and administrative future.
Bhalla maintained that however, it is unlikely that these issues may find acceptance with the HM under the current circumstances where it is more important to stabilize and neutralize Pakistan's efforts at communalization and infusing sub-regional aspirations to upset the apple cart.
Moreover, it has revived and sharpened communal

fears among victims while the Poonch terrorists-army encounter in which 13 militants and 9 security personnel died reveals how deep terrorists have dug in without getting noticed in the porous border area. Certainly, the selective killings betray its evil intention, creating a fresh scare among Kashmiri Pandits intending to return home after three decades and to deter ordinary migrant workers mainly from UP and Bihar, comprising Hindus and Muslims from working here. Worse, the fear psychosis is getting aggravated ominously and becoming politically sensitive with Bhalla questioning the Centre's one-step-forward-two-step-back policies.
Except hollow condolences and banal assurances, there is deafening silence by the Centre, thereby, exposing the hollowness of misconceived political 'messages' of development, normality and end of terrorism," said Bhalla.

Youth will be architect of golden future of J&K: Amit Shah

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SRINAGAR: We have 70% youth population in Jammu & Kashmir and they are shaping the present and building the golden future of Union Territory as we speak, Union Home Minister, Amit Shah said during interaction with members of youth clubs at Raj Bhawan.
The Home Minister said with the establishment of 4,500 youth clubs in Jammu & Kashmir, the government has included the young generation in the development process so they can actively participate in designing the path to transform the entire community.
"Only youth can be the agents of change in any sphere of life and without their participation, transformation is not possible. The events of stone pelting, terrorism, violence have been replaced by the youth of the same Jammu & Kashmir, who are focused about development, employment, scholarship, skill development. People themselves can see how much change has happened," the Home Minister said.
Stressing upon the need for engaging youth and making them equal partners in the design and development of stability and sustainability of a prosperous Jammu & Kashmir, the Home Minister said, no force can stop this wind of change and a new era will begin in Jammu & Kashmir and for this such programs (youth

clubs) are necessary.
"If hope is instilled in the minds of this 70% population, if they are encouraged, if they are associated with development works, if they are focused on their education, skill development, employment and if they are made ambassadors of peace and development of Jammu & Kashmir, then no one can ever disturb the peace of this region," the Home Minister said.
The Home Minister highlighted that there are 4500 youth clubs registered all over Jammu & Kashmir, out of which 4229 youth clubs are in rural areas, which are working to connect the youth in the respective areas with the activity of development, sports, education, employment and skill upgradation.
Applauding the concept of 'Youth Club', the Home Minister pointed out that it is a multi-faceted program, which also generates livelihood, advances education, skill development, economic development, grants, counseling and guidance, besides adding various aspects of healthcare up gradation to it.
"Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Government of Jammu & Kashmir had set a goal that a youth club to be formed in every Panchayat and urban ward. I am happy to note that this milestone was achieved in a short span of time. A program has been institutionalized to pro-

vide assistance of Rs 25,000 to every youth club. Buildings have also been provided, Sports Engagement Program has been started all over J&K," the Home Minister observed.
He further said that the Government of India has decided to make multi-faceted use of these youth clubs for the development of the entire Jammu & Kashmir in various areas, such as emergency management, health, communication, skills, capacity building and training.
"Every person's life is full of possibilities, but it depends on the person how he utilizes the opportunities that knock on the door. So, it is for the youth to decide whether he wants to sit with a negative mindset or ready to exploit the available opportunities with an optimistic mind and come out on the top", the Home Minister said.
"India has immense potential for every youth and Prime Minister Modi has launched start-ups and many other programs to realize their dreams. Modi has started several platforms through which the youth from even the smallest and remotest village of Jammu & Kashmir can showcase their power on the global stage. You need guidance, information and opportunities to tap into all these possibilities and this youth club will provide all three of these things to you," the Home Minister told the members of Youth Club during his interaction.

AIM higher & you could reach higher than you ever dreamed
SRINAGAR: During the interaction with youth from different districts, the Home Minister, Amit Shah advised the youth to aim higher in life. He said, the goal in life should never be kept small and while setting a goal, one should not think whether it will be accomplished or not, because the completion of the goal is not in your hands.
"You set a goal and start walking in that direction. God will surely help you and you will be able to achieve the biggest goal of your life. The one, who does hard work and planning with enthusiasm, definitely succeeds in the journey of life."
Giving his own example, the Hon'ble Home Minister told the youth club members that his family does not have any political background, nor he is the son of any Chief Minister or MLA, but it is the beauty of democracy that by rising from the bottom, one can become the Home Minister of such a big country.

Strengthening Democracy
SRINAGAR: The Home Minister also dwelled upon grass-root democracy that has been entrusted with the task of rural development in Jammu Kashmir post abrogation of Article 370.
"What did 70-year-old democracy give to Jammu & Kashmir? Let me tell you, it gave 87 MLAs, six MPs and three families. But PM Modi has given 30 thousand elected representatives in such a short span of time. Elections were held in 4291 constituencies in the Panchayat elections, 285 Tehsil Panchayats in the Block Development Council and 280 seats in the Zila Parishad. About 98 percent of the people voted enthusiastically and now 30 thousand elected representatives exercising their rights and serving people of Jammu & Kashmir," the Home Minister said. The Home Minister further observed that those, who are making noises, are perturbed by the strengthening of grass-root democracy in the Union Territory. He said some people are also restless because democracy has been finally freed from the clutches of three families and has gone to a poor house.
"With the introduction of three-tier Panchayat system, the youth of Jammu and Kashmir has got the biggest opportunity of life. Youth of a village can dream to be Panch, Sarpanch, Zila Panchayat Member, MLA and Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir and they can also get elected to the Parliament of the country. Earlier, this opportunity was limited to a few families but Narendra Modi has made a new beginning and youth should join in a large number to further strengthen the democracy," the Home Minister observed.

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