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Either fight to end terror in Kashmir or take transfer: Amit Shah to police

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: After a detailed review of security arrangements in Jammu and Kashmir during his four-day visit to the Kashmir Valley, Union Home Minister Amit Shah told officials to focus on "ending terrorism and not worry about welfare," a national television channel CNN-News18 reported quoting sources.

In his first visit to J&K since the abrogation of Article 370 on August 5, 2019, Shah had reviewed the security situation at a meeting on Saturday attended by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, the top brass of J&K Police, Army, paramilitary forces, and the intelligence agencies. The Home Minister's visit also came amid a recent spate of attacks on civilians in the valley.

In the meeting, channel quoted sources as saying that Shah first addressed the intelligence chiefs and



enquired about "doable" solutions to curb terrorism in J&K. The officials informed the Home Minister about their style of functioning and pointed out that local officials don't want to work on information provided by intelligence, as they felt that "investigations would take place and the CBI would come to the valley." Responding, Shah said those seared should not work in Kashmir and take decent postings instead, sources said.

"By staying here, they should not oblige us," the Home Minister said, according to sources, who also reiterated Shah's clear 'message' for those not keen enough to work in J&K: 'to go immediately.'

Shah also spoke to the Army Commander and informed him about 'lapses' in security arrangements, the sources said. The official replied that only eleven infiltrations had happened in 2021, and that the number was reduced to a great

extent. However, Shah said if only eleven infiltrations had taken place, the number of killings should also be less, according to sources.

Shah said with eleven infiltrations and so many terrorists killed in the valley, militancy should have ended in the valley, which was not happening. "Do you think this is the right answer?" the Home Minister said at the meeting, the sources said.

Among the top officials who attended the meeting were Lieutenant Governor of J&K Manoj Sinha; Chief Secretary, J&K; DGP Kashmir; IG Kashmir; Intelligence Bureau and RAW chiefs; and Union Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla.

The Home Minister also told officials to arrest all overground workers without any hesitation. "Let them face the music of doing anti-national work," sources quoted Shah as saying in

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DA hike to 31 pc effective from July 1: Fin Min

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Dearness Allowance for central government employees has been hiked to 31 per cent of the basic pay from 28 per cent with effect from July 1, 2021, the Finance Ministry said.

In an office memorandum, the Department of Expenditure, under the Finance Ministry, said the term 'basic pay' means the pay drawn as per the

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Grenade attack in Bandipora, 6 civilians injured

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Six civilians, including a woman, were injured in a grenade attack by terrorists in Bandipora district on Tuesday, police said.

"At about 10:20 am, terrorists hurled a grenade upon the Army convoy near bus stand Sumbal which missed the target and exploded on road side," a police official said. The explosion caused injuries to six civilians,

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LG attends 'Sufi Festival'

Govt committed to promote iconic role of Rishis & Sufi saints in disseminating peaceful & syncretic traditions: Sinha



LG Manoj Sinha attending Sufi Festival, a mystical musical evening at Botanical Garden, Srinagar.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Tuesday attended "Sufi Festival, a mystical musical evening" at Botanical garden, Srinagar showcasing the spirit of J&K.

The Sufi musical festival was organized by the J&K Tourism department to celebrate Iconic Week as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. Jammu & Kashmir is

blessed with rich cultural heritage, literature, and wisdom of Rishis and Sufis and the legacy needs to be shared with the world. It is home to values of communal harmony and unity in diversity, spreading the message of peace and love, observed the Lt Governor.

The government is committed to promote the iconic role of Rishi's and Sufi saints in disseminating peaceful and

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syncretic tradition, the Lt Governor said.

The musical evening brought together the gems and renowned artists of the Sufi tradition, from across the country, in Kashmir, including Vidha Lal, a famous Kathak Exponent, and Vusat Iqbal Khan, a Dastango, telling the tales of the mystics and literary legends through their performances.

Junaid Azim Mattu, Mayor SMC; Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lt Governor; Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Vivek Bhardwaj, Additional Chief Secretary, Health and Medical Education Department; Rohit Kansal, Principal Secretary, PDD; Ranjan Prakash Thakur, Principal Secretary Industries and Commerce; Pandurang K. Pole, Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir; Sarmad

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Speculation over Amarinder's next move, may launch party today

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
CHANDIGARH: Former Punjab chief minister Amarinder Singh may launch his new political party here on Wednesday, according to speculation triggered by the announcement of a press conference.

Singh had last week said he would soon launch his own party, and that he was hopeful of a seat arrangement with the BJP provided the ongoing farmers' stir against farm laws was resolved in their interest.

The development comes just months ahead of the Punjab assembly elections.

Singh, who faced an uncer-

emonious exit from the state government last month, had also said that he was looking at alliances with like-minded parties such as breakaway Akali groups.

The two-time chief minister had added that he would not rest till he secures the future of my people and my state.

Punjab Deputy Chief Minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa on Tuesday, however, said if Amarinder Singh floated a new political outfit, he would be making a big mistake.

Singh's face in Punjab will be scarred, Randhawa said, and added that the

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Volcano building up in J&K, celebrations over Pak win meant to provoke BJP: Farooq

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A volcano has been building up in Jammu and Kashmir after the abrogation of Article 370, National Conference president Farooq Abdullah said on Tuesday and expressed fears over what shape it would take when it erupted.

Celebrations in the Valley over Pakistan's win against India in the T-20 cricket world cup while Home Minister Amit Shah was visiting were meant to provoke the BJP, which had taken away Jammu and Kashmir's special status, the erstwhile state's former chief minister

added.

They (those who celebrated the win) don't have anything to do with them (Pakistanis). It was done to provoke the BJP. They were children and young boys and this should serve as an eye-opener for the BJP, Abdullah said at a public meeting in Surankote in Poonch district.

The BJP claims a new phase has started and militancy has finished but the situation is otherwise, Abdullah said. He said Shah was the one who announced the state's special status under Article 370 being revoked and also witnessed



the celebrations after the Pakistan's cricket win on Sunday.

They (the BJP) took away Article 370 and Article 35A from us and claim not a single bullet was fired. How

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could bullets have been fired when you have put a soldier outside the door of every household? A volcano is building up even as they think they have silenced (the people)..

This volcano will erupt one day and god knows what will be its shape and size. They have to return Article 370 to the people of Jammu and Kashmir, he said.

In August 2019, the government revoked Jammu and Kashmir's special status under Article 370 and bifurcated the state into the union territories of Jammu

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Cases registered against medical students in Srinagar for celebrating Pak victory

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Police has registered two cases against medical students here under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) for celebrating Pakistan's victory over India in a T20 international cricket match, officials said on Tuesday.

The cases have been registered against the students living in hostels at the Government Medical College in Karan Nagar here and SKIMS Soura, the officials said.

The two cases under the UAPA have been registered in Karan Nagar and Soura

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police stations respectively, they said.

Videos of the celebrations of Pakistan's victory against arch-rivals India at many places in the valley went viral on social media. The match took place on Sunday in Dubai.

At many places, fire crackers were also burnt following Pakistan's victory.

The J-K Students Association has, meanwhile, urged Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to withdraw the UAPA charges on humanitarian grounds.

In a statement, national spokesperson,

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Hideout busted in forest belt of Poonch-Rajouri

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Security forces have busted a terror hideout that led to the recovery of some arms and ammunition during a search operation in Bhatti Durrian forest in Poonch district, officials said.

The operation in Bhatti Durrian in Mendhar, along with Surankote forest

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Rescue ops launched to trace 2 missing persons in Rajouri village

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Police have launched a rescue operation to trace two persons who went missing in the upper reaches of Rajouri district after the recent snowfall, officials said on Tuesday.

Sajjad Hussain and Khadim Hussain, both residents of Targain village of Kortranka, were reported missing after they were caught in snowfall at

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 27.0°C Min: 13.0°C

Humidity

Max: 85 Min: 61

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 16.2°C Min: 7.4°C

Humidity

Max: 88 Min: 69

Sunset: 17:48 Hours
Sunrise: 06:45 Hours

Lay down definite, decisive ground to implement reservation in promotions to SCs/STs: Centre to SC

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The Centre on Tuesday asked the Supreme Court to lay down a definite and decisive ground for the Union of India and the states to implement reservation in promotions to the Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) in government jobs.

Attorney General K K Venugopal, appearing for the Centre, told a bench headed by Justice L Nageswara Rao that SC/STs have been sidelined from the mainstream for years and "we have to bring an equaliser (in form of reservation) in the interest of

the country to give them an equal chance".

"If you don't lay down a definite decisive ground that the states and union will follow, there'll be a multitude of litigations. There will never be an end to this issue as to what is the principle on which reservation has to be made.."

"We can't fill the seats unless merit is the criteria but there is a class that has been sidelined from the mainstream for centuries. In which case, in the interest of the country and in the interest of the constitution, we have to bring an equaliser,

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and that in my view is proportional representation. That gives the right to equality," Venugopal told the bench also comprising Justices Sanjiv Khanna and B R Gavai which reserved its verdict on the issue.

He said, "we need a principle on which reservations are to be made".

"If it is left on the State, how will I know when adequacy is satisfied? What is inadequate. That is the great problem," he said.

The AG said there is no dispute that so far as SC/STs are concerned, due to

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COVID: 97 fresh cases in J&K, 4 in Ladakh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday recorded 97 fresh COVID-19 cases, which took the tally to 3,31,795, while one fresh death due to the virus was reported in the Union Territory in the past 24 hours, officials said.

Out of the 97 fresh cases, 15 were from the Jammu division and 82 from the Kashmir division of the Union Territory, they said.

The officials said Srinagar district recorded the highest number of 36 cases followed by 18 cases in Baramulla district. There are 854 active cases in the union

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Old ways of running Govt Deptts have to give way to needs of post-COVID world: Dr Jitendra

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Union minister Jitendra Singh on Tuesday said the old ways of running a government department have to give way to the needs of a post COVID world and officers able to take initiatives with longer term vision can help realise Atmanirbhar Bharat.

Therefore, there is a need to create leaders who can navigate the changing ecosystem as defined above and at the same time, using new skill sets and partnerships, lead the country towards achieving its aims and aspirations, he said



addressing a group of officers.

According to an official statement, Singh, the Minister of State for Personnel, said officers with the capacity to take initiatives with a long term, broad-

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er vision and mobilise collective efforts will help achieve the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Atmanirbhar Bharat.

Delivering the key-note address to the participants of the first-ever common mid-career programme at the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA), he said 150 old officers of this course are going to be the "architects of Modi's New India".

The old ways of running a department/ministry have to give way to the needs of a post COVID world,

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Amit Shah turns new leaf in J&K

UT moves from terrorism to tourism, from pellets to ballots

■ TARUN CHUGH



On August 5, 2019 is remembered as the most historic and the golden day of post independence India when the unfinished agenda of complete integration of the state of Jammu and Kashmir was executed by abrogating of Article 370 and the dream of Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee of 'Ek Desh Mein Do Vidhan, Do Pradhan Aur Do Nishan Nahi Chalenge' (In one country, two different sets of legislature, executive, and judiciary cannot function) was fulfilled.

All along the Article 370 gave a special yet discriminatory status to J&K. Though it was supposed to be a temporary provision in the Constitution of India, it was perpetuated by vested political interests.

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister, Amit Shah, became the architect of modern and new Kashmir.

Dr Shyama Prasad always believed that the Article 370 was working as a deterrent for the cultural unification of India and Kashmir and that it was harmful to the country's integrity. As a founder of Jana Sangh he laid down his life for the cause of complete integration of Kashmir and for abolishing the permit rule from Kashmir.

In fact, the Article 370 had become a sweltering wound which became septic and dangerous to the overall health of the nation. Scrapping of Article 370 was a surgery which was necessary for the body politik of our great nation, Bharat.

Whenever the history of India would be written dispassionately, this will be hailed as one of the biggest steps by the Modi Government who is known for its strong, decisive and farsighted decisions.

Amit Shah visited Kashmir this week for the first time after the infamous Article 370 was abrogated. The new approach of Kashmir policy adopted by the Union Home Minister is clear- Justice for all, appeasement for none and at no cost anyone would be allowed to disturb the peace of the state.

Immediately after landing in Srinagar, he went

straight to the brave policeman who made the supreme sacrifice for protecting the national integration and sovereignty of India.

Later, he took a high-level meeting on the security situation in Kashmir.

He was well received by all the sections, classes and regions of Kashmir. The focus of the new Kashmir-policy is the people of Kashmir and specifically the Kashmiri youth. The Home Minister extended his hand of cooperation to the Kashmiri Youth and urged them to work for the development of the New Kashmir which is full of opportunities, growth and development.

The last 2 years have seen 'Kashmir' move on the road to national and cultural-integration; unprecedented all round development and economic-growth. The pellets and guns have given way to ballot papers. There are hardly any incidents of stone-pelting or violent protests. The secessionist gang of Hurriyat has been dismantled. Kashmir is not witnessing any curfew, forced-protests, and 'Bandh-call' incited by Pro-Pakistani Hurriyat conference. Kashmir has seen a protracted arms insurgency by a few

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Govt notifies framework for traffic management of drones in lower airspace

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The Civil Aviation Ministry has notified a traffic management framework for drones under which public and private third-party service providers will manage their movement in the airspace under 1,000 feet.

Current air traffic management (ATM) systems have not been designed to handle the traffic from unmanned aircraft, the framework issued on October 24 stated.

"Integration of unmanned aircraft in the Indian airspace using conventional means may require unmanned aircraft to be equipped with bulky and expensive hardware, which is neither feasible nor advisable," it noted.

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This requires the creation of a separate, modern, primarily software-based, automated UAS (unmanned aircraft system) Traffic Management (UTM) system, it said, adding that such systems may subsequently be integrated into traditional ATM systems.

The integration of UTM and ATM will be important to continuously separate manned and unmanned aircraft from each other in the airspace.

The framework allows third-party service providers to give services such as registration, flight planning, dynamic deconfliction and access to supplementary data like weather, terrain and position of manned

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