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# No talks with Pak, Assembly polls in J&K after electoral rolls are published: Amit Shah

Inaugurates, lays foundation stones of 240 dev projects worth Rs 2,000 Cr in Srinagar



(Lto R) Union Home Minister Amit Shah addressing a public gathering at Baramulla and inaugurating developmental projects in presence of LG Manoj Sinha, Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh and others on Wednesday.

**STATE TIMES NEWS** BARAMULLA: Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday said assembly polls will be held with "full transparency" in Jammu and Kashmir after the Election Commission publishes the revised electoral rolls and asserted that the Modi government will wipe out terrorism from the Union territory.

Shah lashed out at those advocating dialogue with

At his first public rally in the Valley after the abrogation of Article 370 on August 5, 2019, Shah, in his 27minute speech at Showkat Ali stadium in Baramulla district, trained his guns at leaders from opposition parties NC, PDP and Congress with frequent references to the "three families", "Mufti and company" and "Abdullah and sons"

Shah lashed out at those

Pakistan.

...I don't want to talk to Pakistan but I want to talk to the people of Jammu and Kashmir, he said.

Urging the youths to shun the path of violence, Shah said terrorism has claimed 42,000 lives in Jammu and Kashmir since the 1990s and asked whether it has ever benefited anyone.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has almost ended the K, Shah said, adding the Modi government does not tolerate terrorism and wants to wipe it out.

We want to make Jammu

and Kashmir the most peaceful place in the country, he Shah said due to the improved security situation,

22 lakhs tourists have visited Jammu and Kashmir this year so far. Earlier it was a terrorist

hotspot but today it is a

tourist hotspot. Imagine how many people have benefited from this, he said.

He blamed the families of the Abdullahs (National Conference), Muftis (PDP) Nehru-Gandhi (Congress) for the "lack of development" in Jammu and Kashmir as they ruled the erstwhile state for most of the years since the country's independence.

There are some people who have ruled for the last 70

years and are advising me to talk to Pakistan but I have a clear mandate that I don't want to talk to Pakistan, but

I want to talk to the people of

Jammu and Kashmir, he

On holding assembly polls, Shah said a political process has started in this regard.

I want to assure you that once the work of publishing electoral rolls by the Election

Commission is ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

## on the stage "if something was going on at a mosque"? When someone on the stage told him that 'Azaan' was going on, Shah stopped his speech, attracting a huge round of applause and chanting of slogans in ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Amit Shah pauses speech after hearing 'Azaan', starts with Bharat Mata Ki Jai BARAMULLA: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday briefly stopped his speech during a rally in Baramulla district of Jammu and Kashmir as 'Azaan' or Muslim call to prayer was going on from a nearby mosque. Five minutes into his about half-an-hour speech at Showkat Ali stadium in this North Kashmir district, the senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader paused and asked those

announcement on reservation BARAMULLA: Long queues with people jostling to enter through two narrow gates and excitement writ large on their faces, thousands flocked the Showkat Ali Stadium where Union Home Minister Amit Shah held a rally on Wednesday. The highest turnout was from Baramulla, Kupwara and

Thousands throng rally, welcome

Bandipora districts in north Kashmir. People walked up to the venue as vehicles were stopped at a

distance from the stadium due to security considerations. It was a long wait for the people to get in as the security per-

sonnel made sure to thoroughly frisk them. At the venue, BJP supporters were seen dancing to the

sounds of beating drums and blowing flutes. In between, army helicopters made sorties and the crowd

cheered. "We are very excited to welcome the Home Minister to Baramulla. There is a lot of

# Shah visits Chatti Patshahi Gurdwara in Srinagar



Gurdwara Chatti Patshahi in Rainawari.

# **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Union Home Minister Amit Shah visited Gurdwara Chatti Patshahi in Rainawari area here on Wednesday, officials

Some corporators taking bribes to facilitate illegal

constructions: SMC Mayor

(SMC) Mayor Junaid Azim

Mattoo has alleged that some corporators were

involved in corruption and

taking bribes to facilitate

illegal constructions in the

"Lakhs of rupees in bribes

have been found to be

deposited electronically into

the bank account of an elect-

ed representative in SMC

over the course of the last

The amount is roughly 1.4

crores with individual trans-

actions running into lakhs,"

Mattoo said in a series of

He said multiple witnesses have come forward, narrat-

ing "horrific tales" of extor-

tion and brazen corruption. Three citizens have recorded

statements before the offi-

gation is underway and

tweets late on Tuesday.

Corporation

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SRINAGAR:

Municipal

two years.

said. After the public rally in Baramulla, Shah returned to Srinagar and attended a function at the Rai Bhavan here, the officials said.

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# Four terrorists killed in separate encounters at Shopian Civilian killed in 'accidental' firing in Pulwama, cop arrested

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Four terrorists including those involved in the killing of a policeman three days ago, were neutralised in two encounters in Shopian on Wednesday, police said.

Three Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) ultras were killed in Drach Keegam area, while a Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorist was eliminated in Moolu, they said.

About the first encounter, a police spokesperson said security forces launched a cordon and search operation following inputs about the presence of terrorists there. As the search party proceeded towards the spot, the hiding ultras fired indiscriminately and the police retaliated, leading to the encounter, the spokesperson

Three terrorists linked to JeM were killed and their bodies were recovered, he He identified them as

Zubair Maqbool Wani, a resident of Doompora Keegam, Jamsheed Ahmad Magray from Rajpora and Hanaan Bin Yaqoob alias Saqib from Kareemabad in Pulwama.

Of these, Magray and Saqib were involved in the martyrdom of Special Police Officer Javed Dar on October 2 at Pinglana area of Pulwama. A CRPF jawan was also injured in the attack on the joint search party that

The duo was also behind

the killing of a labourer from

West Bengal in Gadoora.

Besides, Magray had shot at two migrant labourers in Ratnipora, the spokesperson In another encounter at Moolu, also in Shopian, a ter-

Rashid Wani, a resident of Shirmal, was killed. Liked the three men killed in Drach, Wani was also a categorised terrorist, and he

was linked to LeT, the

rorist identified as Arif

spokesperson said, adding that he was involved in several terror crime cases including attacks on the police, security forces and civilian atrocities

Four AK series rifles, a pis tol, eight AK magazines, four pistol magazines and other incriminating materials were recovered from both the encounter sites, he added.

Meanwhile, rifle of on-duty police personnel went off accidently at Haal area of Pulwama, resulting in injuries to a person identified as Mohammad Asif Padroo son of Mohd Ayub Padroo

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# Shah reviews J&K security situation, calls for dismantling terror ecosystem



Union Home Minister Amit Shah reviewing security scenario in J&K

SRINAGAR: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday said the terror ecosystem comprising elements that aid, abet and sus-

tain the terrorist-separatist campaign in Jammu and Kashmir needs to be completely dismantled. He was speaking at a review

Dharmarth Trust joined the

Shobha Yatra taken out by

Sanatan Dharm Sabha on

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# Amit Shah visits family of martyred policeman in Uri

# **STATE TIMES NEWS**

URI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday visited the family of policeman Mudasir Sheikh who martyred in an encounter in Baramulla district earlier this year, officials

They said Shah along with Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and MoS PMO Jitendra Singh went to Sheikh's residence in Uri, 100 kms from Srinagar.

Shah met Sheikh's family and interacted with them. The officials said the Union

Home Minister took the mountainous terrain to reach



policeman Mudasir Sheikh at Uri.

Minister visited

the slain special officer's res-

"He had the route changed and went all the way through the tough route to meet the

martyred family," the officials added. Later, the Union Home

# Dussehra celebrated with fervour in Jammu

**STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU: Dussehra marking the victory of good over evil was celebrated with religious fervour and gaiety in Jammu on Wednesday.

In this connection, a grand function was organized at Parade Ground here, this evening in which the efficies of demon King Ravana, his brother Kumbkaran and son Meghnath were torched to commemorate the victory of Lord Rama over Rayana.

A large number of people drawn from Jammu city and its outskirts had gathered in the Parade Ground to witness the function.

The function was organized by Sanatan Dharam Sabha



Effigy of Ravana in flames during Dussehra celebrations in Jammu on Wednesday. (More pics on pg-3)

(SDS), Jammu in coordination with Dharmarth Trust

Effigy of the demon King

was set ablaze after performtraditional

the traditional

the occasion of Dussehra. The Rath Yatra started from the Shri Raghunathji Temple and passed through various markets including Raghunath Bazaar Shalamar Road and finally culminated at Parade Ground where in Ravana's Dahan was organized.

Rath Yatra

A large number of devotees accompanied the Rath yatra which carried Lord Rama, Laxman and Hanumana to Parade Ground along with the 'Wanar Sena' (army of monkeys) led by ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

# Bhagwat calls for comprehensive population policy for all 'Community-based 'population imbalance' shouldn't be ignored'

# **STATE TIMES NEWS**

cials in this regard, he Rashtriya added. "A @JKACB investi-Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat said on Wednesday India should **■ CONTD ON PAGE 9** frame a well thought out, comprehensive population control policy applicable to all social groups equally and flagged the issue of demographic "imbalance" as he also asserted there was no danger to minorities.

Speaking at the annual RSS Dussehra rally at the Reshimbagh Ground in Nagpur, Bhagwat called for women empowerment and covered a wide range of "Hindu issues. from Rashtra", education, selfreliance to India's help to crisis-hit Sri Lanka and the ongoing Ukraine-Russia con-

flict during his more than 60minute-long address. He said community-based

"population imbalance" is an important subject and should not be ignored.

Population imbalances lead to changes in geographical boundaries, he said.

"Seventy five years ago, we experienced this in our country. In the 21st century, three new countries that have come into existence - East Timor, South Sudan and Kosovo they have been the results of population imbalance in certain territories of Indonesia, Sudan and Serbia," he said. The new population policy

should be applicable to all

communities equally to strike

a balance, he said. There has

to be a balance among the

he added.



"Alongside the differences in birth rate, conversions by force, lure or greed and infiltration are also big reasons. All these factors have to be mulled over," he said. Bhagwat emphasised on

the use of mother tongue and

ernment to institute the promotion of mother tongue, we

"When expecting the govshould also consider whether we sign our names in our mother tongue or not?

Whether the nameplates

affixed on our residences are rendered in mother tongue or not? Whether household invitations bear the texts in the mother tongue or not?' Bhagwat said.

The RSS invited acclaimed mountaineer Santosh Yaday as the chief guest for the event. She is the first woman in the world to climb the Mount Everest twice.

Pointing out at China's one family one child policy, Bhagwat said, While we are trying to control the population, we should see what happened in China. That country went for the one child policy and now it is getting older." With 57 crore youth population in India, we will remain a young nation

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# DG Prisons H K Lohia cremated with full honours



H K Lohia at DPL Jammu

# **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Director General (Prisons) Hemant K Lohia was cremated with full state honours on Wednesday, two days after he was found murdered by a domestic helper. Lohia, a 1992-batch IPS officer, was found dead with his throat slit at his friend's

house on the outskirts of Jammu City late Monday

The accused, 23-year-old Yasir Lohar domestic help at the house, was arrested from a field in Kanhachak on Tuesday following a major manhunt.

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