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RS polls: BJP core group meets; panel to submit report to central leadership

High command's decision will be acceptable to all: Sethi



BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh chairing Core Group Meeting in Jammu on Saturday.

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JAMMU: The core group of Jammu and Kashmir BJP met on Saturday and discussed various issues, including the upcoming Rajya Sabha polls for the four seats of the Union Territory, a senior party leader said.

high command will finalise the list of candidates, which will be acceptable to all.

J&K BJP chief spokesperson Sunil Sethi said the meeting was chaired by National General Secretary Tarun Chugh and was attended by Union Minister Jitendra Singh J&K BJP

Sat president Sharma. national executive member Ravinder Raina and others.

The Election Commission announced on September 25 that the elections for the four Rajya Sabha seats in the Union Territory would be held on October 24 more than four

"The core group meeting took place and discussed various issues, including the prevailing political situation and the upcoming elections for the four seats of the Rajya Sabha from J&K," Sethi told reporters at the party headquarters.

years after they fell vacant.

He said the Leader of Opposition in the J&K Assembly Sunil Sharma could not attend the meeting as he was not present.

"The core group members put forth their viewpoint about the possible candidates. The deliberations will be forwarded to the party high command through the committee concerned and it will accordingly finalise the list of candidates who will fight the elections. The final decision of the party high command will be

5 booked in fake selection list scam linked to NHM

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of the Crime Branch, Kashmir, has registered a case against five people for their alleged involvement in circulating a forged selection list under the National Health Mission (NHM), the agency said on Saturday.

A spokesperson of the Crime Branch said it registered a case after receiving a communication from the state modal officer of the NHM, alleging circulation of a fake order purported to be issued by the mission director of NHM, Jammu and Kashmir.

The fraudulent order, titled "Provisional Selection List of Candidates for Different Posts (Kashmir Division) against Notification No. SHS/NHM/J&K/HR/10259 dated 10.05.2021", was found to be forged and was being circulated through social media platforms,

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ITI network being prepared to meet industry skill requirements: Modi

DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said that ITI network is being prepared to meet current industry skill requirements and

next ten years," he said. "ITIs are not only an important centre for industrial education but also serve as workshops for 'aatmanirbhar Bharat',

the Prime Minister

anticipate future

demands over the

said while speaking at the inauguration of a host of education and skilling initiatives for the youth, including several projects for the

poll-bound state of Bihar. He said: "The government is focused on both increasing the number of ITIs and continuously upgrading them. Until 2014 there were only

renowned Maa Danteshwari

Temple here and had praved

that security forces get

strength to free the entire

Bastar region from "red ter-

operations intensified in

Chhattisgarh after the BJP

came to power in 2023.

Security forces have gunned

down over 450 Naxalites in a

string of encounters, mostly

centred in the Bastar region,

for talks (with Naxals). Let

me make it clear again that

"Some people have called

since January last year.

both the Chhattisgarh

anti-Naxalite

ror" by March 31 next year.

Notably,

10,000 ITIs in the country, but in the past decade, nearly 5,000 new ITIs have been established.

tion of a host of education and skilling initiatives for the youth, including several proj-



Minister

The people of Bihar should be vigilant to attempts by

Speaking at the inaugura-

some to "steal" the honour long associated with Thakur. Modi said, without naming Gandhi.

Thakur was not bestowed the title of Jan Nayak by social media trolls, but it is a reflection of people's love for

him, he added.

Head Constable of Mahore Police

He asserted that the

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Friday trapped and arrested Head Constable Mahroof Ahmed, posted at Police Station Mahore. District Reasi, for demanding and accepting a

The complainant alleged that during the reporting period, the Head Constable harassed him, detained him beyond the prescribed hours. and demanded Rs 8,000 for permitting his timely release. The bribe amount was reportedly paid inside the police station on October 1,

Two days later, the accused allegedly demanded an additional ?12,000 for releasing the complainant's tractor and allowing his release during prescribed timings, threatening to book him under the Public Safety

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2026 target to end menace STATE TIMES NEWS

JAGDALPUR: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday ruled out talks with Naxals and said they will have to lay down weapons and accept the government's "lucrative surrender and rehabilitation policy".

Addressing the 'Bastar Dussehra Lokotsav' and 'Swadeshi Mela' Jagdalpur, the headquarter of Chhattisgarh's Bastar district, he asserted that March 31. 2026 has been set as the deadline to bid farewell to the menace of Naxalism. "I want to tell all my tribal

brothers and sisters to per-

exams to begin from Nov 3

15 pc relaxation in syllabus granted



Shah rules out talks with Naxals, says Mar

Mahotsay' at Rohtak, in Harvana on Saturday.

suade the youth of their villages to lay down their arms. They should shun violence, join the mainstream, and become part of the development of Bastar" he said

Security forces, including the CRPF and Chhattisgarh police, will give a befitting reply if ultras disrupt peace in Bastar. Shah warned.

Shah said he visited the

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ACB raids Ex-PWD Draftsman's house; registers DA Case accused had amassed assets

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Prime

blamed the "devastated state

of education" during the

RJD rule as a major reason

for the large-scale migration

from Bihar and lauded the

Nitish Kumar-led NDA gov-

ernment for improving the

situation and setting the

state on a nath to prog

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Corruption Bureau (ACB) registered Disproportionate (DA) case against Sumer Singh Bhau, who was then posted as Head Draftsman in the office of the Executive Engineer, PWD (R&B)

Division, Poonch. According to an official spokesperson, the case FIR No. 18/2025 under Section 13(1)(b) read with Section 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (as amended in 2018), was registered at Police Station ACB Jammu following a verification into allegations that the

disproportionate to his known sources of income. The verification revealed that the accused public servant had acquired substan-

tial assets - both movable and immovable - in his own name as well as in the names of his family members. The properties include a palatial doublestorey residential house, luxurious vehicles, costly electronic gadgets, and large bank deposits, far exceeding his legitimate earnings.

During the investigation, a search warrant was obtained from the Court, and a raid was conducted at the

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Shailendra gets TRF commander's property addl charge of **Admin Secy PDD**

official said. The TRF is a proxy of the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) outfit. The NIA had designated Sajad Ahmad Sheikh alias Sajad Gul a terrorist in April 2022 and announced a reward of Rs 10 lakh on his

"In a significant step towards dismantling terror networks and their support structures, Srinagar Police has attached a three-storey

over 15 marlas of land located at Rose Avenue, in HMT locality of the city," a police spokesman said.

The spokesperson said the ownership of the property, valued at approximately Rs two crore, is in the name of Ghulam Mohammad Sheikh, father of designated terrorist Sajad Ahmad Sheikh alias Sajad Gul, according to the revenue records and verification from Tehsildar Central, Shalteng, Srinagar.

Though the property is registered in the name of the terrorist's father, investigation has revealed that Gul is an active stakeholder, he said. "The attachment has been executed in

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Farooq Abdullah hospitalised

STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR:

Conference president Farooq Abdullah (87) has been hospitalised as he was not keeping well for the past few days, party leaders said on Saturday.

The former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Farooq Abdullah developed infection in the abdomen on Tuesday and was taken to a private hospital for treatment, the leaders said.

"He (Farooq Abdullah) was not keeping well for the past few days but his condition is getting better now.

The former chief minister underwent a kidney transplant in December 2014.

Stn arrested for accepting bribe **STATE TIMES NEWS**

bribe of Rs 8,000. According to an ACB

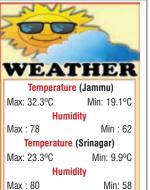
spokesperson, a complaint was received alleging that the accused Head Constable had demanded illegal gratification from a person who had been granted interim bail by the Court on September 25, 2025, with the condition to report daily at PS Mahore between 10:00 AM and 4:00

Machail Mata Yatra suspended for 3 days

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JAMMU: Authorities in Kishtwar district suspended Machail Mata pilgrimage for three days from October 5 weather advisory issued

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Sunset: 18:12 Hours

Sunrise: 06:27 Hours

JKBOSE notifies date-sheet for Class 10,

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (JK BOSE) has notified the datesheet for Class 10th Annual/ Regular, 2025 (Oct-Nov session), scheduling the examination from November 3

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from 11 am to 2 pm. In all, nearly 95,000 students from Kashmir Division and winter zone areas of Jammu Division including students from Ladakh UT are expected to take up the exam, which the Government has restored back to October-November session.

As per the date- sheet, the exams will commence on November 3 for Mathematics

subject followed by Social Science on November 7. examination

Science subject has been scheduled on November 11 while English paper will be held on November 14. The Urdu/ Hindi papers

have been scheduled on November 17, Computer Science on November 19 while as vocational subjects paper will be held on November 21. Subjects with smaller number of candidates like Home Science will be held on November 23, Music on November 25 and additional/ optional subjects including Kashmiri/ Dogri/ Bhoti/ Punjabi/ Arabic/ Urdu/ Hindi/ Persian/

Sanskrit on November 24. The examination will conclude on November 27 with Painting/ Art and Drawing subject papers scheduled on that day.

In consideration of the disruptions in the academic calendar caused due to heat wave, torrential rains/cloudbursts and floods, the JK BOSE has granted concession of 15% syllabus, making attempt of 85% marks equivalent to 100%

The J&K BOSE has urged students to prepare seriously for the examinations while renewing its commitment to conduct the exams in observance of high standards ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: The Government on Saturday assigned additional charge to Shailendra Kumar,

IAS (AGMUT: 1995), as Administrative Secretary, Development Department (PDD). "In the interest of administration, it is ordered that Shailendra Kumar, IAS (AGMUT: 1995), Commissioner Financial (Additional Chief Secretary), Agriculture Production Department, shall, in addition to his own duties, hold the charge of the post of Administrative Secretary, Development Department, till further orders," reads an order issued by M. Raju, Commissioner/ General Secretary, Administration Department.

attached under UAPA residential house constructed

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Police on Saturday attached the property of Sajad Ahmad Sheikh, head of The Resistance Front (TRF) terror outfit and the alleged mastermind of the Pahalgam attack, under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act here, an