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Amit Shah slams Cong for ignoring religious sites because of appeasement policy

Highlights abrogation of Art 370, surgical strikes, Ram Mandir

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NAGROTA UNA (HP): Highlighted the Centre's surgical air strikes against Pakistan, construction of Ram temple in Ayodhya, implementation of 'One Rank, One Pension' and abrogation of Article 370 in Kashmir, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday said the Congress did not want a Ram Mandir even after 75 years, alleging that the grand old party ignored religious because of its vote bank and appeasement policies.

Uniform Civil Code will be implemented in Himachal Pradesh and all irregularities in the salary system of government employees will be looked into if the BJP comes back to power, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on

Addressing polls rallies in the hill state, Shah said this election is not about electing



Union Home Minister Amit Shah waves at supporters during a public meeting, ahead of the Himachal Pradesh Assembly elections at Nagrota Bagwan in Kangra district on Sunday.

MLAs or the chief minister, but making India "a strong and a great country under Prime Minister Narendra

"If you elect the Jai Ram Thakur government, I promise you that the common civil code will be implemented in Himachal Pradesh. No one can stop it." he said.

In his poll rally at Mehatpur in Una, Shah urged people to elect Satpal Satti and help him become a minister.

"Kindly help make a strong and a prosperous India with your vote," he said. "The BJP has put in all its efforts to accomplish this.'

said Himachal ShahPradesh was not just "Dev Bhoomi" but also "Veer Bhumi" as brave mothers of the state sent their sons to protect the country's bound-

cational institutions and sops for various segments. Urging women to encourage their daughters to study at least up to Class 12, Shah said the government will gift them two-wheelers. "She will ride to school in the morning and also help you bring veg-

etables home in the evening,

The BJP in its election

manifesto for the hill state

has also promised 33 per

cent reservation for women

in government jobs, new edu-

the home minister said. During an election rally at Nagrota in Kangra district earlier in the day, Shah claimed that the BJP will win both the lower and upper parts of Himachal Pradesh. Traditionally, the Congress has been a strong contender in the upper parts of the state.

He also took a swipe at the poll guarantees given ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 plunged to minus 3.6 degrees Celsius, they said.

till 8.30 am.

The downpour has resulted

in a dip in night temperature

across the valley as Gulmarg

was the coldest recorded

place in Jammu and

Gulmarg tourist resort, Machil, Sadhna Pass and Zojila Pass were some of the places in the valley where more than three inches of snow had accumulated by 8.30 am on Sunday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Higher reaches

of Kashmir received fresh

snowfall while the plains

were hit by moderate rains in

the early hours of Sunday,

The minimum temperature

in the Gulmarg tourist resort

officials said here.

Drass in Ladakh union territory also received snowfall, the officials said.

They said most parts of Kashmir were hit by moderate rainfall overnight with Srinagar city receiving the highest amount of 27 mm. Baramulla (23 mm), Bandipora (22 mm), Kulgam and Budgam (21 mm each) and Pulwama (20 mm) also received substantial rainfall

Kashmir ending November 10. Meanwhile, Mughal road,

Kashmir at minus 3.6 degrees Celsius. The minimum temperature at the rest of the weather stations in the valley was above the freezing point, the offi-

A JCB engaged in snow clearance work.

Mughal road closed; Jammu witnesses

high speed winds, rains
Snow in higher reaches, rains in plains of Kashmir bring down mercury

The meteorological department has forecast a five-day wet spell of weather in

an alternate link connecting Kashmir with rest of the country, was closed for vehicular traffic as most of the high altitude area experienced light to moderate Jammu and Kashmir with intermittent rains and snowfall till November 10 under

However, the traffic on the

strategic Srinagar-Jammu

National Highway is moving

normally despite rains which

lashed wide parts of Jammu

More than five inches of

snow accumulated on the

ground between Poshana and

Peer Ki Gali rendering the

Mughal road, connecting the

twin districts of Poonch and

Rajouri in Jammu province

with south Kashmir's

Shopian district, unsafe, offi-

The weatherman has pre-

dicted inclement weather in

cials said.

and Kashmir, they said.

the influence of western disturbance. Mughal road usually remains closed for winter months owing to heavy snowfall in 11.433 feet high Peer Ki Gali. A traffic department

official said the ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Over 2,500 Sikhs from India arrive in Pak to celebrate Guru Nanak's birth anniversary

STATE TIMES NEWS

LAHORE: Over 2,500 Sikhs from India arrived in Pakistan on Sunday amid tight security to take part in the festivities in connection with the birth anniversary of Guru Nanak, the founder of the Sikh religion.

Evacuee Trust Property Board (ETPB) additional secretary Rana Shahid and Pakistan Sikh Gurdwara Parphandhik Committee president Amir Singh and other officials greeted the pilgrims at the Wagah border where they crossed into Pakistan on foot. "Over 2,500 Sikhs from

India arrived here to attend

ISRO plans to return to

Mars, explore dark side

of moon with Japan STATE TIMES NEWS

DEHRADUN: After mis-

sions to the moon and Mars,

the Indian Space Research

Organisation (ISRO) has

now set its eyes on Venus and

also plans to explore the dark

side of the moon in collabora-

Making a presentation on

ISRO's future missions at

the Akash Tattva conference

Director of the Ahmedabad-

based Physical Research

Laboratory, said the space

agency also planned to send

Bhardwaj said it was in

Agency (JAXA) for sending

a lunar rover to explore the permanent shadow region of

As per the initial plans, a lunar lander and rover built

by ISRO will be put into orbit by a Japanese rocket with a planned landing near

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the south pole of the

Bhardwaj,

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a probe to Mars

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Baba Guru Nanak's birth anniversary on Sunday. They were later transported to Nankana Sahib, some 80 km from Lahore, at the Gurdwaras Janamasthan, by train," ETPB spokesperson Amir Hashmi told PTI.

ETPB is a statutory board that manages religious properties and shrines of Hindus and Sikhs who had migrated to India following the parti-

Hashmi said strict security arrangements have been made for the pilgrims and the main event will be held at Gurdwara Janamasthan on

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MoS Rajeev Chandrasekhar to visit J&K today MoS to interact with State Government officials, students & other stakeholders

to broaden engagement in skilling, innovation and entrepreneurship

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Union Minister of State for Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar will embark on a two-day tour to Jammu and Kashmir on Monday during which he will hold interactions with state government officials, students and other stakeholders to broaden engagement in the areas of skilling, innovation and entrepreneurship.

Rajeev Chandrasekhar will also be meeting key beneficiaries of Government schemes



Mumkin, schemes, Ujjwala, Aap ki Zameen, Aap ki Nigrani schemes etc and give away the promised disbursements to several of them at Ramban. He will also be distributing motorized tricycles/ scooties/among the speciallyabled beneficiaries.

He will be visiting Government Polytechnic College, Chanderkote to interact with students and staff members and visit the stalls put up by them, displaying their products. The Minister will also be launching a Job Mela for placement of skilled youth in various companies. Later he will lay the foundation stones of various projects virtually (Amrit Sarovars/ $_{
m Jal}$ Jeevan Missions).

The Minister will also be

holding interactions with Chairperson, District Development Council (Zilla Parishad), and District Commissioner of Ramban.

Chandrasekhar will then leave for Patnitop where he will be interacting with hoteliers, youth and members of tourism clubs, apart from representatives Panchayati Raj institutions. He will also be launching a sanitation drive there.

In Jammu, the Minister will be interacting with the trainees and officials of the Regional Directorate

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'2015 to 2022 likely to be 8 warmest years on record'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The global mean temperature in 2022 is estimated to be 1.15 degree Celsius above the pre-industrial (1850-1900) average, likely making the eight years from 2015 the warmest on $_{
m the}$ record. Meteorological Organisation said in a report on Sunday.

The report titled 'WMO Provisional State of the Climate 2022Global released at the 27th Conference of Parties to the UNFCCC on Sunday stated that the rate of sea level rise has doubled since 1993 and has risen by nearly 10 mm since January 2020 to a new

record high this year. The past two-and-a-half

years account for 10 per cent of the overall rise in sea level since satellite measurements started nearly 30 years ago, the report stated.

The figures used in the provisional 2022 report are till the end of September this year. The final version will be issued next April.

"The global mean temperature so far in 2022 has been 1.15 degree Celsius above the 1850-1900 average. If the current anomaly continues to the end of the year, the analysis would place 2022 as either the fifth or

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Those spreading hatred, defaming Gujarat will be swept out of state in Assembly polls: Modi

STATE TIMES NEWS NANA PONDHA (GUJ):

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said forces that indulged in spreading hatred and defamed Gujarat will be swept out of the state again in the next month's Assembly polls which he said BJP would win with a record margin.

On visit of poll-bound Gujarat, Modi addressed a rally in Valsad district and later attended a mass marriage function held in talks with the Japanese Bhavnagar city.

Addressing his first election

rally in his home state after the announcement of the poll



a new slogan in Gujarati -"Aa Gujarat, mai banavvu chhe" (I have made this Gujarat), and also made people chant it several times during his 25-minute-long

"Those divisive forces that have indulged in spreading

hatred, those who have tried to defame and insult Gujarat have been swept out of Gujarat. The people of Gujarat never accept those who spread hate.

"Whoever had tried

to defame and insult Gujarat in the past been wiped out of Guiarat by the people. In this election too, such people will meet the same fate, the prime minister said

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Former minister Abdul Haq Khan resigns from PDP

■ STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: Senior PDP leader Abdul Haq Khan on Sunday resigned from the party and is taking a break from active politics for personal reasons, a close aide of the leader said.

Khan, a former Jammu and Kashmir minister, was elected MLA from the Lolab constituency in 2008 and 2014 on a Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) ticket.

"He (Khan) has resigned from the PDP but he is not joining any other party. He has taken a break from active politics for

Azad laments over abandonment of 3-shift work culture in J&K introduced in 2008 **STATE TIMES NEWS**

Democratic Azad Party (DAP) and former Chief Minister J&K. Gulam Nabi Azad, on Sunday said that the three shift work culture introduced by him during his short tenure as Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir has been given a complete goodbye by the successive government after 2008.

"DAP will ensure to start a fast-track developmental era once again so that all the problems being faced by the people of Jammu and Kashmir in general and the



addressing a gathering at Doda.

far flung rural areas in particular are sorted out." Azad said while addressing various deputations, here. The deputations from variincluded deputations of SC and ST and people from all walks of life informed Azad about the problem and difficulties faced by them

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Service conditions for regular government employees need to be fixed by legislature, not by executive

Pension for retired employees should be in techno-economic fitments, not on political whims Decisions on retirement pension for govt. employees should not be political decisions but should be in Techno- Economic Fitments

JAMMU: Should the revision of pay scales of posts in Government departments be left to the "Executive or it should be brought under the purview of the legislature? Should the decision regarding installing/ withdrawing the service conditions like superannuation/retirement pension, increase/ decrease in the maximum limit of superannuation / retirement age of government employees, Gratuity and like for government employees be left with the Government / Executive or it should be brought in the purview of legislature? Should deciding the general service conditions of government employees for appointment and career progress on substantive posts having long term implica-

tions regarding state expenditure as well as the due rights of those seeking employment & and those already employed be left to the executive or to the Legislature? and like are the questions that common man of India / voter citizen must deliberate in view of the political culture that many be sensing these days since we are living in parliamentary system of multi party democracy. Some specifics could be taken here like (1). It has been observed that

although there is a system of appointment of Pay Commissions to see needs for revision of pay scales every 10 yrs for government employees but that has not been an automatic process . At $\,$ occasions the political parties in power may be found waiting till the employee associations make demands / formal protests also before they decision aiming at taking some political advantage projecting that 'favour' has been done by appointing a Pay Commission. How far the Pay Commission have so far maintained reason-

the same work which regular

employee may be doing too has

come under question mark in the

past which some say that has been

due to the regular government

employees being there close to the

commission. So should not such

able parity between what they suggest for the regular employees and what exists there for the casual/ contractual employees that the governments often employ for doing

A Look through the Mist

taking political advantage in 'numbers' i.e may exploit even the qualified unemployed who may be in huge numbers to the extent of using some unfair terms even for appointments against substantive vacancies in case elections are not near and may project some goodness in making some corrections when

matters be left to legislature?

(2.) Similarly the conditions of

employment and service rules too

are often used by the political gov-

ernments not particularly keeping

the quality of delivery of public

unemployed job

seeking youth in

first focus but

more looking for

some possibility of

political challenges ahead. The way the "Modalities For Fixed Salary Mode" recruitments for Non- Gazetted posts were genuine interests of installed by NC- Congress Govt in 2011 (Order 257-F of 2011 27-10-2011) and withdrawn by same government in May 2014 in view of elections ahead ,The Jammu and Kashmir Special Recruitment Rules, 2015 (no allowances and increments for 5 years for all new appointments in general) under SRO-202 of 30-06-2015 was installed by PDP - BJP Govt in 2015, the way it was later modified under public pressure with some corrections in 2020 vide S.O 192 of 17-06-2020 { Jammu and

Kashmir Probationer (Conditions

there is some likely political com-

petition to be faced in view of some

of Service, Pay and Allowances) and Fixation of Tenure Rules, 2020} reducing the 5 yr block to 2 yr block (no increments and no allowances for 2 years) and the way now S.O 192 has been repealed in 2002 vide S.O 425 of 06-09-2022 w.e.f 01-09-2022 after repeated appeals could be made to reach Sh. LG Manoj Sinha, could well demonstrate the point being pursued here in. Should not Such affairs be kept for legisla-

ture?

(3a). Provisions like superannuation pension are handled to 'individual' likings and choices. Pensions are discontinued for new appointees and revived by the political leaders in power without ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

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