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### Amit Shah slams...

by the Congress in its manifesto, saying the people of Himachal Pradesh will not believe in that party's poll guarantees.

"Who will believe in their guarantees? They ruled for 10 years but only indulged in big scams. Now they are making guarantees to befool the innocent people of Himachal Pradesh," he said.

As voters in Himachal Pradesh have been following a tradition of not repeating the government for a second consecutive term, Shah urged them to break the norm and elect the BJP once again to ensure that it becomes the "number one state" in the country. Shah also vowed to make the hill state drugs-free in five years. Hailing Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Shah said his stature had grown globally.

The home minister claimed that when Indian students were stranded in Ukraine during its war with Russia, Modi had called up presidents of the two countries and asked them to stop the war for a couple of days so that Indians could be evacuated.

"This is unprecedented for the world. Our students were evacuated safely," Shah said. The home minister also made a mention of the development work and government initiatives like Himecare health scheme and Jal Jeevan Mission to ensure safe drinking water. Lauding Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur, Shah said the state attracted an investment of Rs 44,000 crore under his leadership.

### Mughal road closed..

270-km Jammu-Srinagar National Highway is open with no report of any disruption in the movement of vehicles which are plying from both sides.

Jammu city also witnessed high speed winds overnight along with a spell of heavy rains during the intervening night of Saturday and Sunday but there was no report of any damage, they said.

### ‘2015 to 2022...

sixth warmest year on record (from 1850), and in each case marginally warmer than 2021. The eight years -- 2015 to 2022 -- are likely to be the eight warmest years on record," the report read.

### MoS Rajeev Chandrasekhar...

of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (RDSDE) and National Skill Training Institutes (W) and discuss with them skilling efforts in the districts-keeping in mind the resources available and the aspirations of local people.

### Over 2,500 Sikhs...

He said the Sikh pilgrims during their stay will also visit Gurdwara Darbar Sahib Kartarpur, Gurdwara Panja Sahib Hasan Abdal and Gurdwara Dera Sahib Lahore before leaving for their homeland on November 15.

At Wagah, Sikh leaders Manjit Singh, Pareet Singh and Jeet Singh told reporters that Sikhs love to visit their holy places in Pakistan and they also receive love from the people across the border.

They demanded that the people-to-people contacts be strengthened and called for ease of the visa process.

India and Pakistan signed a pact in 2019 to open a land corridor between the

two countries that will allow Indian pilgrims to visit Darbar Sahib Gurdwara in Kartarpur, in Narowal district of Pakistan.

The Kartarpur corridor connects the Darbar Sahib Gurdwara with the Dera Baba Nanak shrine in Gurdaspur district in India's Punjab province, facilitating visa-free movement of Indian pilgrims who just need a permit to cross over to Pakistan.

### Azad laments over ...

for the last few years. They said people are facing deficiency of medical staff and doctors and slow pace of working at Doda Medical College.

They informed Azad about the absolute unemployment of the youth of this most backward area of Jammu and Kashmir.

The people who came in large numbers were assured by Azad that the issues raised would be taken up with all concerned for immediate redressal.

Meanwhile, hundreds of people of the area joined the DAP in presence of Ghulam Nabi Azad.

### Former minister Abdul...

personal reasons," the aide, who is also a relative of the former minister, said. The 69-year-old had joined the People's Conference in 1983. He later joined the PDP in 2003. Khan was one of the few leaders who did not switch sides after the fall of the Mehbooba Mufti-led PDP-BJP coalition government in 2018.

### Those spreading hatred..

while launching the Bharatiya Janata Party's poll campaign from tribal-dominated Nana Pondha village in Kaprada taluka in Valsad district.

Without taking any names, Modi said the people of Gujarat have identified a "gang" working against Gujarat which always tries to defame the state.

He added that though such people have been trying hard for the last two decades, the people of Gujarat never believed them.

"Those who try to defame Gujarat are surprised why people of Gujarat are not believing their false propaganda. This is because the people of this state have made Gujarat with hard work and they will never allow someone to harm the state," said Modi.

Modi said he was getting inputs that the BJP will win the elections in Gujarat with a record margin.

Gujarat will vote in two phases on December 1 and 5. The counting of votes will be taken up on December 8.

Sitting in Delhi, I am getting inputs that BJP will win Gujarat with a record margin this time. I have come here to beat my past records. I have told Gujarat BJP that I am ready to give as much time as possible to you (for campaigning), said Modi, who had served as the chief minister of the state before he became the prime minister for the first time in 2014.

The BJP's peak performance in Gujarat came in December 2002 elections under Modi, when the party had bagged 127 of the total 182 seats.

In the 2017 polls, the BJP's tally shrunk to 99 while Congress improved its previous tally by 16 to bag 77 seats.

### Service conditions for...

justifications even when such decisions have long term effect on the exchequer, on the future of the families of government employees and even directly or indirectly on the commitment of an employee to the public cause. Government of

India discontinued pension for central government new employees w.e.f 2004 and some state governments did that w.e.f 2010 ( like J&K) for new employees and not for already employed putting the new employees to much more disadvantage in comparison to those already employed. There has been no scientific reasoning for that. Now in 2022 some governments have announced revival of pensions which has been keeping eye only on elections to come( Presenting a populist budget ahead of the 2023 State Assembly election, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on 23-02-2022 ) announced restoration of the old pension scheme for the government employees who joined the service on or after January 1, 2004).

(3b Similar is the case as regards increasing or decreasing the retirement age of government employees which too should not be just a 'decision' of individual liking Should not such decision be left to legislature since it could be discussed and debated there ?

3. The government employees who are near to political bosses have been able to manage getting the maximum gratuity amount from Rs. 2.5 Lakh to 10 Lakh and then from Rs. 10 Lakh to Rs.20 Lakh w.e.f 2006 and w.e.f 2016 respectively {Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 } but for those who work in private sector/PSU the limits for max gratuity under Payment of Gratuity Act of 1972 were given effect w.e.f 2010 and 2018 respectively since that needed amendment to PGA 1972 for which those outside govt service had no near 'care takers' and for government employees simply executive order were needed. (The author is Sr Journalist, social activist and analyst J&K affairs dayasagr45@yahoo.com).

### ISRO plans to...

moon. "The rover will then travel to the permanent shadow region of the moon which never sees sunlight," Bhardwaj said.

He said the exploration of the region was interesting as anything that has remained in the PSR zone was akin to staying in deep freeze for times immemorial.

Bhardwaj said the Aditya L-1 would a unique mission in which a 400-kg class satellite carrying the payload would be placed in an orbit around the Sun in such a way that it can continuously view the star from a point called the Lagrange Point L-1.

## 75th Annual Nirankari Sant Samagam 16 Nov

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: Showing the spirit of equality, the 75th Annual Nirankari Sant Samagam will be held from November 16 to 20 at the Sant Nirankari Spiritual Complex, Samalkha, Haryana. The preparations for the Sant Samagam are almost towards completion.

The 75th Annual Nirankari Sant Samagam is historic and unique in itself as the continuous series of these divine Sant Samagams have successfully completed 74 years.

During these times of festivities, all the devout devotees are making their important contributions in the Sant Samagam services along with fulfilling their family obligations. Satguru Mata Ji also visits the grounds a number of times during the day to observe the activities and check the execution progress of the congregation venue. All the devotees feel blessed by Her Holy Darshan, post which there is much more enthusiasm and zeal observed in the devotees.



## Man arrested, 3 vehicles seized in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BUDGAM: Acting tough against illegal extraction and transportation of minerals, Police on Sunday arrested one person and seized 03 vehicles in Budgam.

As per the details, a party of Police Station Khansahib during overnight naka checking at Dreygam Khansahib seized 03 vehicles (Tippers) and arrested one accused person for illegal extraction and transportation of minerals. However, upon seeing the police party, 02 persons left behind their tractors and fled away from the spot. The arrested person has been identified as Lateef Ahmed Ganie son of Ghulam Rasool Ganie resident of Banderpora. He has been shifted to police station where he remains in custody.

Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 191/2022 under relevant sections of law stands registered at Police Station Khansahib and investigation taken up.

## 9 vehicles involved in illegal mining seized

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A massive crackdown has been done on the menace of illegal mining, on second consecutive day whereby 09 vehicles involved in illegal mining were seized.

A multi-pronged strategy was devised by Jammu Police in which teams of Police Stations Domana, Arnia, Akhnoor, Nagrota and Police Post Chinore acted stringently on the specific inputs and raided at a location in their respective area and seized 9 vehicles involved in illegal mining.

The seized vehicles include three tractor trollies bearing Chasis Nos. MNBGSSAEMCG20108, MBNBR5844L9, MBNAAAL2BMRMQ1314; one tractor trolley bearing Chasis No BZZDJ114353853 Arnia Police; One Tractor Trolley (JK02AX 6657) by Akhnoor Police; two tractor trolley without Registration No by Nagrota Police and two Tractors i.e One bearing Chasis No MBNGAANUUMR-GO6982 and another bearing Engine No RMG6CBA5627, by Chinore police.

The recoveries were made by SHO Domana Inspr Tilak Raj, SHO Arnia Inspr Deepak Katoch, SHO Akhnoor Inspr Harjeet Singh, SHO Nagrota Inspr Vishva Partap Singh and In-Charge Police Post Chinore PSI Rajesh Kumar in their respective jurisdiction.

## 2 narco smugglers nabbed, 107 grams heroin recovered

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

MIRAN SAHIB/UDHAMPUR: Continuing its drive against drug trafficking and substance abuse, Jammu Police arrested two narco smugglers and recovered 107 grams of heroin from his possession.

As per the details, a team of Police Station Miran Sahib constituted under the supervision of SDPO RS Pura Surinder Singh and led by SHO Miran Sahib Inspr Zaheer Mushtaq while on naka duty at Gazian towards Miran Sahib rounded up a suspect. During search, 100 grams of heroin was recovered from him. Suspect identified as Mohd Mustaq alias Channi, son of Mohd Butta, resident of Kothi Shiekh Miran Sahib was arrested and FIR No. 147/2022 under section 8/21/22 NDPS Act was registered against him at Police Station Miran Sahib.

Meanwhile, a team of Police Station Udhampur led by Insp. Raghubir Singh SHO PS Udhampur under the supervision of Addl. SP Udhampur Anwaar UI Haq and DySP Headquarters Udhampur Sahil Mahajan, while patrolling at circular road near Main Bazar Udhampur noticed the movement of one suspicious person namely Aditya Gupta, son of Navneet Gupta, resident of Adarsh Colony, Udhampur who was directed to stop for checking. On his frisking, 07 grams of heroin (chitta) like Contraband substance was recovered from his possession.

Meanwhile the recovered contraband substance was seized and accused was arrested on spot. On this, FIR No. 460/2022 under section 8/21/22/ NDPS Act was registered at Police Station Udhampur.

## Theft case solved; two arrested, stolen cash Rs 4.9 lakh recovered

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Sunday solved a theft case solved by arresting two notorious thieves and recovered stolen cash Rs 494000 from their possession.

As per the details, a complaint was lodged at Police Post Nehru Market by one person namely Ajaz Ahmad, son of Mohd. Sharief, resident of Gool Ramban stating that some unknown persons stole Rs 518000 from his truck parked in the area under the jurisdiction of PP Nehru Market. In this regard, a case under relevant sections got registered at PS Gandhi Nagar and investigation started.

After this, a team of Police Post Nehru Market under the supervision of SDPO South Sachit Sharma led by SHO Gandhinagar Inspr Pankaj Sharma assisted by In-Charge Police Post Nehru Market SI Rohit Gandhi did strenuous efforts and with the help of various CCTV footages of the areas along with timely human inter-

vention, finally rounded up two suspects later identified as Mohd Ashraf S/O Mohd Hussain, resident of Kakori, Rajouri (who already have 7 FIRs registered in different Police stations against him) and Mohd Usman, son of Abdul Karim, resident of Chawa, Rajouri (who already have more than 3 FIRs registered against him).

During intensive questioning suspect confessed their involvement in the above case and on their disclosure stolen cash Rs 494000 recovered and one Scorpio vehicle which was used during commission of offence was seized. The whole operation was done under the supervision of SP South Mamta Sharma.

## 23 bovines rescued; 2 smugglers arrested

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Police foiled two bovine smuggling bids under the jurisdiction of Police Post Tikri where in 23 bovines were rescued which were being transported towards Kashmir valley in two different cases.

As per the details, a team of Police Post Tikri led by PSI Abdul Satar In-Charge Police Post Tikri and assisted by Insp. Rajesh Sharma SHO Rehmbal under Supervision of Dy.SP Headquarters Sahil Mahajan foiled one bovine smuggling attempt in Tikri area of District Udhampur in which one smuggler Namely Puran Chand, son of Prabhu Dayal, resident of Krimachi Mansar Udhampur while smuggling 13 bovines in a Truck (JK 19 0062). Accused was arrested, bovines rescued and Vehicle seized. FIR No. 257/2022 under sections 188 IPC was registered at Police Station Rehambal.

In another incident, a team of Police Post Tikri apprehended 1 more bovine smuggler namely Manzoor Ahmed, son of Mohd. Hussain, resident of Kaura Kotli, Reasi and rescued 10 bovines from their possession which they were being smuggled towards Kashmir Valley on foot without any valid permission. Accused got arrested on the spot and FIR No. 258/2022 under section 188 IPC was registered against him at Police Station Rehmbal.

## Massive fire in Anantnag village, several structures caught in flames

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

ANANTNAG: A massive fire has broken out in Yakerboru Bala village in Kapran of Verinag in Anantnag district.

As per the reports, fire broke out from a residential house and soon spread to other adjacent houses, besides few cow sheds. A rescue operation was launched at the site and after hectic efforts fire was doused. In incident at least five houses and two cowsheds were damaged.

## Youth arrested for brutally beating girl student

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A youth was arrested in Anantnag district following a video in which he was seen thrashing a school-going girl went viral on social media on Saturday.

As per the details, a Class 11th student (name withheld), a resident of Zadipora Khanabal has been arrested by Anantnag Police in connection with thrashing of a school girl on KP road in the district.

The incident was captured and posted on social media, which went viral and thus triggered widespread public outrage. As soon as the video went viral, police launched a speedy manhunt and arrested the accused. "The arrested person is a drug addict," an official said.

## Two teachers suspended over resorting to corporal punishment

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KUPWARA: The district administration Kupwara has suspended two teachers for allegedly giving corporal punishment to students in a government school in Kralpora zone of the district.

According to an order, a complaint was filed against two teachers namely Shaukat Ahmad Lone and Naseer Ahmad Lone posted at UPS Gampora Budanamal Zone Kralpora in Kupwara district.

The order reads that one Ghulam Mohammad Lone son of Abdul Khaliq of Bundnamal along with his wife and three school going children approached the office of deputy commissioner with a written complaint regarding corporal punishment by two teachers.

"The preliminary enquiry was conducted into the matter and prima-facie it appears that the matter is a case of corporal punishment and needs to be enquired into thoroughly," it reads.

It added that pending enquiry into the matter both teachers are hereby placed under suspension with immediate effect.

As per the order a 4-member committee has been constituted to conduct a thorough enquiry into the matter. "The committee will come up with a factual report along with specific comments within 10 days for further course of action."

The committee comprises of District Social Welfare Officer Kupwara, Tehsildar Kralpora, Zonal Education Officer Kralpora and SHO Kralpora.

## Theft in two houses, mosque

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Thieves stole cash and valuables from a mosque and two houses in the city's Shaheed Chowk area on Sunday. The thieves broke the lock of the donation box of the mosque and stole the cash lying in it. The picture of the thief being captured in the CCTV cameras installed inside and outside the mosque. On the complaint of the owner of the houses and the management of the mosque, the police have registered cases at Pir Meetha Police Station. However, no one has been taken into custody.

As per the details, the thieves carried out this incident on Saturday night, when people reached Gani Khan Masjid located in Bawe Wali Gali, they found the lock of the donation box in the mosque broken. The thieves broke the lock and stole cash

kept in the donation box. When the footage of the camera installed inside and inside the mosque was scanned, a suspicious youth was seen there.

At the same time, thieves stole cash worth thousands of rupees from a house adjacent to the mosque. On the information of the owner of the house, Renu Gupta, Pir Meetha Police reached the crime scene and collected evidence. On the other hand, thieves also targeter house of Jaspal Singh in Jogi Gate area.

## FIR against Gym owners under SC, ST Act

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Trikuta Nagar Police has registered a case against the owners of a famous gym located in Narwal area under SC, ST Act.

According to the information, Wasid Ahmed resident of Subhash Nagar lodged a complaint with police along with two of his associates that they work as a trainer in the famous gym located in Narwal. He They further state that the owners Sahil Choudhary and Nitin Abrol are not given them salary on time and when they asks for salary, they owners passed comments on them related to their caste. Many other allegations have been leveled against both the owners.

After hearing the complaint, the police investigated in the matter and lodged a case against them under the Special Act. The three complainants said that they were being harassed for a long time, after which now they have lodged a police complaint.

## Woman killed in mishap

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: A woman was killed in a road mishap at Kathua on Sunday.

As per the details, Raj Kumari, wife of Chaman Lal, resident of Barnoti was hit by an unknown vehicle as a result she got injured and was shifted to hospital where doctors declared her as brought dead. Police h as registered a case and started investigation.

## Labourer buried under debris, dies

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A labourer died after he buried under spoil in Panjtirthi area.

According to the information, labourer Masuf, who was engaged in the work of a parking lot in Panjtirthi area buried under debris. The accident happened due to rain. Police reached the spot and took him hospital where doctors declared him as brought dead. Police has registered a case in this regard.

## Nagar Kirtan taken out ahead of Guru Nanak's Parkash Utsav



Panj Piyare leading the Nagar Kirtan at Poonch.

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH : An impressive Nagar Kirtan was taken out today in the Border District of Poonch ahead of the sacred festival of 554th Parkash Utsav of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, the founder of Sikhism in which thousands of devotees of all walks of life including men, women and children participated. Various groups from extreme border places including Deghwar, Khari Dharamsal, Jhallas and Dara Dullian reciting religious hymns, joined the main procession which started from Gurdwara Singh Sabha Poonch after the commencement of 48 hours long Sri Akhand Path Sahib. The holy Guru Granth Sahib was placed on the palanquin and the procession was led by Panj Pyaras while devotees cleaned the whole track. Raagi Jathas including Bhai Bhupinder Singh and others recited Gurbani Kirtan.

The procession passed through main bazaar and Quila bazaar where DGPC President Principal Narinder Singh addressed the sangat and said that Guru Nanak Ji pleaded to love humanity and serve humanity knowing well that God is one and we all are His children and that we have to maintain religious tranquility and brotherhood.

Secretary Harcharan Singh and others also spoke on the occasion and appealed to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi to release all those Sikhs who have completed their jail term.

Numerous stalls of fruits, sweets and hot drinks were installed enroute. Two Gatka parties displayed the martial art and different skills.

The procession passed through College Ground, Nakhan Wali Road, Parade Ground and finally culminated at Singh Sabha Gurdwara in the evening.

Prominent among those present included Addl Dy Commissioner, SSP Poonch, GDC Principal Jasbir Singh, Adv Rajinder Singh, BJP State Secretary Paramjit Singh, Retd Distt Sports Officer Rajinder Singh, Surjan Singh, Manjit Singh, Balbir Singh and others.

