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Amit Shah terms...

Shah slammed Haryana Congress leader Bhupinder Hooda, saying, "I want to ask Hooda ji whether the development which took place in the last nine years (under BJP) is visible or if (your) eyes are still shut."

Terning the INDIA coalition a "ghamandiya" (arrogant) alliance, Shah alleged that all the 27 constituents of the opposition bloc are "parivarvadis" (dynasts).

"All the 27 outfits are 'parivarvadis'. Some have to adjust their son, some have to make their son prime minister, some have to save their son from agencies while some have to make their son chief minister. Some have to become Madam's loyalists. Can these parties do any good for the people?" Shah asked.

He also targeted the Congress over the Ram Temple issue.

For decades after Independence, the Congress kept the Ram Temple issue hanging and hindered its construction in Ayodhya, he alleged.

"Should the Ram Temple have been built in Ayodhya on time or not," he asked the gathering.

Shah said it was Prime Minister Narendra Modi who laid the foundation of the temple.

At the event here, Shah, in presence of Chief Minister Khattar and others, launched five schemes for the 'Antyodaya' families.

Several Haryana ministers, Union minister Rao Inderjit Singh, and state BJP chief Nayab Singh Saini were among those present at the event in Karnal, which is also CM's home constituency. However, no one from BJP's ally JJP was present.

Shah said the government has been carrying forward the 'Antyodaya' welfare policy based on Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya's vision.

'Antyodaya' means the welfare of the people in the bottom of the pyramid.

Shah also attacked the previous governments headed by Congress' Hooda and INLD's O P Chautala.

"What you (Hooda) had done? You gave the rule of fear, corruption and hunger," Shah said.

"When Hooda came, there was massive corruption. There was an auction of Haryana land to serve 'damad' (referring to Sonia Gandhi's son-in-law Robert Vadra)," he alleged.

When Chautala came, the law and order situation turned bad, he said.

Both of them had indulged in corruption in government recruitments during their respective regimes, he alleged.

However, the BJP government in Haryana gave jobs to people on merit and without any money, he said.

Shah also accused Hooda and Chautala of indulging in developing their own districts.

But the BJP government carried out development across the state, he added.

Sharpening his attack on Hooda, Shah said from "darbaris" (courtiers), "damad" and "dealers" government, the BJP regime has made Haryana a developed state.

Attacking the Congress, he said during the Congress-led UPA regime, there used to be attacks from Pakistan every day.

"Aaliya maliya jamaliya" (referring to infiltrators) from Pakistan used to carry out bomb blasts on a frequent basis," he said.

During Modi's rule, Pakistan committed mistakes in Uri and Pulwama, he said.

"But they forgot that it was not the Congress government, it was the BJP government. It was not 'Mauni Baba' Manmohan Singh, but Narendra Modi who is the PM.

"Within 10 days, surgical and air strikes were carried out in Pakistan to teach a lesson to terrorists," he said.

Shah also inaugurated new schemes initiated by the Haryana government for 'Antyodaya' families' upliftment.

The schemes launched by Shah included the 'Mukhiyamantri Tirth Yatra' scheme.

According to officials, under this scheme, members of families with an annual income of less than Rs 1.80 lakh who are over 60 years of age will be taken for pilgrimages to Ayodhya, Varanasi, and other sacred places.

The state government will bear all the expenses for their travel.

Shah also listed various initiatives and schemes of the Narendra Modi government on this occasion.

Asking people to vote for the BJP in the next general elections and make Narendra Modi the country's Prime Minister again, Shah attacked the Congress, saying it can neither develop Haryana nor the country.

Both Modi and Khattar governments have left no stone unturned to take the country and state ahead, he said.

Under Modi's leadership, seven IITs, seven IIMs, 15 AIIMS, 390 universities, 700 medical colleges and 54,000 km national highways were built, said Shah.

The Union home minister said in Haryana, the Khattar government built 77 new colleges, 13 universities, eight medical colleges, two new airports, 16 new hospitals and 28,000 km road length was built.

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Saderbala area of north Kashmir's Bandidora district, he said.

During the search, incriminating materials, arms and ammunition including a pis-

tol, two pistol magazines, 28 pistol rounds and a hand grenade were recovered from their possession, the spokesperson said.

Regarding the incident, a case vide FIR No. 159/2023 under relevant sections of law has been registered in PS Parimpora and investigation has been initiated, he added.

CS calls for...

sowing 1.75 Cr saplings besides carrying out demarcation of the boundaries of all the vulnerable forest areas.

The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, Forests; Principal Secretary, Finance; PCCF, HoFF; Chief Wildlife Warden; PCCF (CEO), CAMPA; DG, Planning; Addl CCFs besides other concerned officers of the Department.

Outstation based officers participated in the meeting through video conferencing.

During this meeting the Chief Secretary enjoined upon the officers to attain all the deliverables set for the department on time. He stressed on achieving the target of sowing 1.75 Cr saplings and distribution of 90 lakh seed balls as envisaged under the annual plan of the department.

Dr Mehta also impressed upon the officers to focus on revitalization of the degraded forest areas and ensure that the dense and moderate forest cover of the UT increases with time. He maintained that the peculiarity of this region is its unique ecology and environment, which distinguishes it from other States/UTs. He made out that the Department has the responsibility to maintain it sustainably.

The Chief Secretary impressed upon the officers of the Department to complete the process of demarcation and geo-referencing of all the forest areas forthwith before the onset of winters. He called for setting up of new benchmarks in management of National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries, Wetlands and notified areas. He asked for complete digitization of official records and fixing of their boundaries to evade any chances of trespassing.

Dr Mehta called for making all the forest areas plastic-free. He observed that forests are the best places to de-stress the minds and the department should encourage people to visit these natural habitats and promote eco-tourism. He advised installation of proper signages and other bill boards containing information in a manner so that people are informed about the utility and significance of such treasure troves.

On the occasion Dr Mehta also released a document capturing the restoration plan for Gharana Wetland of Suchetgarh, Jammu. He took note of all the measures taken for restoration of other water bodies like Wular, Mansar, Surinsar and Shalabugh. He advised that the restoration measures for protection of these water bodies should be gauged separately as the Department has both the expertise and resources to do the same.

He also recalled the measures taken a year back to make Palli Panchayat of District Samba a carbon-neutral village. He maintained that in order to achieve the target of net-zero carbon emissions by 2047 as aspired by the Prime Minister it is essential to have Panchayat level carbon neutral plans to make this happen within the deadline.

On the occasion the Principal Secretary, Forest, Dheeraj Gupta informed the meeting that the Department is going to complete the demarcation of the vulnerable forest areas by 15th of December this year. He also said that process of digitisation and geo-referencing of all the forest areas will be achieved by the end of the current financial year.

The CEO, CAMPA in his presentation gave out that the Department had an original APO outlay of Rs 272 Cr for 2023-24. He further elucidated that in order to achieve the milestones of planting 1.75 Cr saplings, installation of nearly 1,16,266 boundary pillars and digitization and geo-referencing of forest lands it has become imperative to ask for the additional APO to the tune of Rs 53.44 Cr. This is in addition to the amount invested through ploughing back of savings made on tendering and other interest amounts of the department taking the total additional requirement to Rs 81.24 Cr for the financial year.

It was further apprised that department saved an amount of Rs 16.28 Cr through e-tendering of its works. The additional works envisaged under the funding includes installation of additional 89,569 BPs, 8.5 lakh plants and digitization and demarcation of forest boundary lines and works related to protected areas in the UT.

Prerna Puri felicitates...

such events since the past few years which has hugely streamlined its functioning. In this regard, she mentioned the holding of mega exhibitions, cultural bonanzas and awareness programmes highlighting the achievements of the J&K Government since creation of the Union Territory.

Commending DIPR for receiving a good number of entries in all its events, Commissioner Secretary exhorted upon the concerned officers to give further push to social media activities which play an instrumental role in this regard. She also applauded all those who actively participated in the various initiatives organised by the department and appealed them to further raise their participation in such events.

Prerna Puri emphasized upon the officers to give space to local designs in their photo galleries which will immensely help towards promoting and preserving our magnificent cultural and traditional legacy. She also ask them to step up efforts towards designing of departmental annual e-calendar.

CB chargesheets couple for issuing fake diplomas of different trades

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Economic Offences Wing of Crime Branch Jammu on Thursday produced challan against accused husband-wife duo for cheating students by providing them fake diploma certificates to get job in Public Health Engineering Department as skilled workers.

The 301 page preliminary charge-sheet in case FIR No. 11/2017 under section 420,465,468,471,120-B RPC Police Station Crime Branch Jammu against accused Husband-wife duo Gurbaksh Singh alias G.B Singh (MD-Kissan Institute of Technology, R.S Pura), son of Late S. Seva Singh, resident of H.No. 64 W.No. 08 R.S.Pura Jammu at present H.No.177 near Geeta Mandir Bakshi Nagar Jammu and Bharti Bhat (Principal KIT, R.S Pura), wife of Gurbaksh Singh, daughter of Jia Lal Bhat, resident of H.No.177 near Geeta Mandir Bakshi Nagar Jammu for cheating students by providing them fake diploma certificates of Plumber, Electrician etc. posing as Managing Director and Principal of Kisan Institute of Technology R.S. Pura, Jammu, knowingly that they were not authorized to conduct such examinations and issue diplomas for various NCVT and SCVT trades, which were further used by students for job in PHE Department as skilled workers.

Giving the brief facts of the case, an official handout stated that a complainant titled Harpreet Singh and others V/S Executive Engineer PHE Department, Division Poonch, was received in Crime Branch Jammu from the Vigilance Commission J&K to the effect that some candidates having Plumber/Electrician diploma certificates from Kissan Institute of Technology R.S. Pura, Jammu were engaged by the Executive Engineer, PHE Poonch, as need based casual labourers but on verification of their diploma certificates through Directorate of Technical Education, it was found that these diploma certificates were fake. It was also revealed that permission/affiliation granted by the Directorate to the Kissan Institute of Technology, R.S. Pura, Jammu an Industrial Training Institute (ITI) for running the courses under NCVT and SCVT was also kept in abeyance till further orders and the institute was not allowed to make any admissions in any of the trades from August, 2016. However, the institute in violation of the norms and the standing orders and in furtherance of a criminal conspiracy admitted the students and issued them fake diploma certificates, which were used by these candidates in order to secure Govt. job through fraudulent means.

On receipt of the complaint alongwith the verification report instant case was registered by Crime Branch

Jammu under the relevant sections of law for indepth investigation. During the course of investigation, material evidence in the form of documentary record, FSL report was collected from concerned quarters besides statements of complainant/witnesses u/s 161 CrPC was recorded and also keeping in view the circumstantial evidence enumerated above, it has been found that the accused cheated the students by providing them fake Plumber/Electrician diploma certificates/diplomas for NCVT trade and SCVT trades, knowingly that they were not authorized to conduct such exams and issue such diplomas. Offences U/S 420,465,468,471,120-B RPC has been proved against accused persons.

In the meantime EOW-CB Jammu also produced charge-sheet in another case FIR No. 68/2022 U/S 420, 465, 468, 471/RPC P/S Crime Branch Jammu for judicial determination.

Yasin Malik, Pahloo appear before court in Rubaiya Sayeed case, witnesses identify another accused

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Separatist leader Yasin Malik and his associate Rafiq Pahloo appeared before a special court here on Thursday via video conference in connection with the 1989 abduction of Rubaiya Sayeed, the daughter of the then Union home minister Mufti Mohammad Sayeed.

Two eyewitnesses examined in the court identified Ali Mohammad Mir as another accused in the case, Senior Additional Advocate General and Chief Prosecutor of the CBI Monika Kohli told PTI.

She said the next date of the hearing was fixed on December 14.

"In the 1989 Rubaiya Sayeed abduction case, two witnesses were examined.

They identified one accused Ali Mohammad Mir," she said.

Giving further details, senior public prosecutor S K Bhat told PTI that two witnesses numbers 24 and 25 were examined. They supported the prosecution and identified accused Ali Mohammad Mir, he said.

Ali Mohammad Mir, who is the prime accused in the kidnapping case after Malik, had taken Rubaiya Sayeed in his vehicle to Sopore from Srinagar and kept her at a guesthouse.

Bhat said Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) chief Malik and Pahloo appeared via video conference.

Malik, who is lodged in

Delhi's Tihar Jail where he is serving a jail term in a terror financing case, was not produced in the court physically due to a Union Ministry of Home Affairs order restricting his movement.

Pahloo is lodged in the Central Jail in Srinagar following his arrest for reviving the terrorist apparatus in the Kashmir valley, Bhat added.

He said that Pahloo, alias 'Nanaji', was among 10 terrorists arrested in July from a hotel in a case related to a conspiracy to revive the banned JKLF and separatist amalgam Hurriyat conference in the valley.

In a separate case connected with the killing of four Indian Air Force (IAF) personnel in a terrorist attack in

Srinagar in 1990, the court had summoned a witness for identification but he could not appear as he in unwell, Bhat said.

The court has set December 14 as the next date of hearing in the IAF killing case and called for the summoning of witnesses for cross-examination, the prosecutor said. The special Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act court has already framed charges separately against JKLF chief Malik and several others in both cases.

The charges against Malik, Pahloo and eight others in the 1989 abduction case of Rubaiya Sayeed were framed by the court on January 11, 2021.

Div Com Jammu accords reception to Champion para Athlete Sheetal, Rakesh

Congratulates them for winning medals at Para Asian Games

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar on Thursday received and welcomed 16-year-old Para Athletes Sheetal Devi and Para Athlete Rakesh Kumar at Jammu. The Para Athletes have returned after winning Medals at recently concluded Para Asian Games held in Hangzhou, China.

Sheetal Devi, who was born without arms, has defied all odds to become the World's First Armless Female Champion Archer.

The Div Comm saluted her grit, determination and invincible spirit of Sheetal Devi that made her world's first para Archer without arms. He also lauded the hardwork and achievements of Rakesh Kumar.

The UT of J&K and while nation is proud of the achievements of the para Athletes, he said.

The Div Comm further added that rhe



Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar welcoming Para Athletes Sheetal Devi and Rakesh Kumar at Jammu.

UT of J&K under the guidance of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha is making all efforts to promote sports and promote the sportspersons.

He also appreciated the role of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board for nurturing and provide facilities to the ath-

letes. ADDC Kishtwar; Sham Lal, member J&K Sports Council Ranjit Kalra; DSO Sports Council, Baljinder Singh; Arjuna Awadee, Krupali Singh; Coach Abhilasha Choudhary, Escort Romika Sharma and other prominent sportspersons were present on the occasion.

Northern Army commander reviews operational, security preparedness along LAC

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

LEH: Northern Army Commander Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi on Thursday visited forward areas along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Ladakh and lauded the tenacity and dedication of troops deployed there.

"Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi, Army commander northern command visited formation in Ladakh sector to review the operational and security preparedness along the LAC," Northern Command



wrote on X.

The Army commander lauded the tenacity and dedication of troops deployed in the challenging terrain and harsh weather conditions, it said.

During his ongoing visit to

various formations, projects and border areas in Ladakh, the Army commander on Tuesday hailed the troops of the Indian Army, Indo Tibetan Border Police and General Reserve Engineer Force for their relentless

efforts in maintaining highest standards of operational effectiveness under challenging conditions.

He also reviewed operational preparedness for winters and border defence infrastructure development.