

# BJP to implement Uniform Civil Code in Jharkhand, tribals to be out of its ambit: Shah

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RANCHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday announced that the BJP will implement the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) in Jharkhand if voted to power in the state, but would keep tribals out of its ambit.

Shah, while releasing the saffron party's manifesto, 'Sankalp Patra', for the upcoming assembly elections in Jharkhand, announced that a Displacement Commission would be formed to ensure the rehabilitation of people displaced by industries and mines in the state.

"Our government will introduce UCC in Jharkhand but tribals will be kept out of its ambit. Hemant Soren and the JMM government are spreading false propaganda that UCC will impact tribal rights, culture and relevant legislation, which is totally baseless as they will be kept out of its ambit," Shah said in Ranchi.

He said that though UCC would be implemented, it will ensure that tribal rights are not impacted.

"The BJP, if voted to power in Jharkhand, will deliberate on the Sarna religious code issue, and take appropriate decisions," he said.

Shah said the saffron party, if voted to power, will create 5 lakh employment opportunities, including 2.87 lakh government jobs, in Jharkhand.

The Home Minister said that BJP will bring in a law to take back land from infiltrators in Jharkhand and identify and deport the illegal immigrants.



He claimed that 'Mati, Beti, Roti' (land, daughter and food) were under threat from the illegal immigrants and the BJP would provide security to the indigenous people.

The local administrations encourage infiltration in West Bengal and Jharkhand, Shah alleged. "Crimes against women rose by 29 per cent during the five year tenure of corrupt and insensitive Hemant Soren government, while rape cases saw an increase of 42 per cent during the period," Shah alleged.

He accused the JMM-led government of patronising infiltrators, while claiming that the tribal population was dwindling in the state and demography was changing fast. Shah promised that the BJP will bring in a stringent law to take back land from infiltrators in Jharkhand as well as to drive them out.

He announced 'Operation Suraksha', promising to end human trafficking in Jharkhand by 2027, besides the elimination of Naxalism from the state in the next two years. Shah said voters will have to choose between the

"corrupt JMM government that patronises infiltrators" and the BJP which doesn't allow anyone to cross the border illegally.

"Hindus are under attack and appeasement is at its peak. Jharkhand is the most corrupt state in the country," he alleged.

There will be CBI and SIT probes into "paper leaks" in competitive exams in Jharkhand and culprits will be put behind the bars, he said.

The manifesto promises that Jharkhand Staff Selection Commission-Combined Graduate Level (JSSC-CGL) Competitive Exam will be cancelled and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) will investigate the previous CGL exams and all major paper leak cases.

Besides, it promises to make Jharkhand the hub of eco-tourism in the country. "We will set up 10 new medical colleges in the state. We will increase the coverage under Ayushman Bharat Jeevan Dhar

Yojana from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 10 lakh for elderly persons aged over 70 years. We will increase the number of

beds in primary health centres and community health centres by 25,000," he added.

Shah promised that the poor in the state will be provided with houses if the BJP comes to power in the Jharkhand.

A total of 21 lakh houses will be constructed under PM Awas Yojna, while elderly, widows and persons with disabilities will get Rs 2,500 as monthly pension, he added.

Under the Matritva Suraksha Yojna, every pregnant woman will be given six nutrition kits and assistance of Rs 21,000, while free education will be provided from 'KG to PG' to girls from poor and backward communities, he said. "Hemant Soren is sitting on the lap of Congress and RJD. He is asking for Rs 1.36 lakh-crore coal dues from the Centre. I want to make it clear that the UPA government gave only Rs 84,000 crore grant-in-aid between 2004 and 2014 whereas Prime Minister Modi gave Rs 3.08 lakh-crore from 2014-2024 in addition to funds for infrastructure and rail development," Shah claimed.

He said the BJP government will construct 25,000 km of highways and expand rail network to connect every district headquarters with Ranchi.

The BJP will provide financial assistance of Rs 2,000 to graduate and postgraduate students for up to two years, he said.

Also, the BJP will launch the 'Gogo-Didi' scheme to provide Rs 2,100 per month to women as part of its mission to empower them, he added.

Shah said the BJP will re-launch the scheme for registration of property worth up to Rs 50 lakh in the name of women for Re 1 stamp duty, which was scrapped by the JMM-led government.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the manifesto is about the development of Jharkhand.

"Today we are among the people of Jharkhand with a new hope. Our manifesto is about development, employment for the youth and empowerment of the women of the state along with the respect for tribal brothers and sisters. We are committed to the protection of 'Roti, Beti, Mati' here," he posted on X after the release of the manifesto.

Elections to the 81-member assembly in the state will take place in two phases on November 13 and 20, and votes will be counted on November 23.

## India have been on right side on turning tracks, we felt it was right approach against NZ: Rohit

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MUMBAI: It's an open secret that Indian team management dictates terms when it comes to deciding the nature of pitches for home Test series, and captain Rohit Sharma on Sunday admitted the hosts felt having turning tracks was the 'right thing to do' against New Zealand.

While India dominated visiting teams on spin-friendly wickets to put together 18 consecutive series wins at home in last 12 years, the choice to play on turning tracks against New Zealand backfired in Pune and Mumbai.

With their batters coming up short, India lost each of these matches inside three days for a first-ever 0-3 whitewash on home soil, following a huge defeat in the opening Test in Bengaluru on a seaming wicket.

"Playing on pitches and all of that... we don't decide so much before. It is based on series-to-series (as to) what we want," he told reporters when asked if India need to revisit their strategy of playing on turning tracks at home.

## Ghaziabad courtroom clash: Delhi lawyers to strike on November 4

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NEW DELHI: A committee of Delhi bar associations has resolved to strike on Monday to protest against the alleged attack on lawyers in a courtroom in Uttar Pradesh's Ghaziabad. Lawyers and baton-wielding police personnel clashed in a courtroom in Ghaziabad on October 29 after the judge called in the force to remove a group of protesting advocates raising slogans against him over a disagreement.

Some of the lawyers claimed they suffered injuries as the police personnel used batons on them while police officials alleged that the agitating advocates set a local outpost on fire.

The committee said in a communication on Sunday, "A crucial and emergent meeting of the coordination committee of all bar

associations of Delhi was held today (Sunday) and it was unanimously resolved and decided that the lawyers will abstain from work on November 4 in strong condemnation of the brutal attack on an innocent lawyer in Ghaziabad by the police on the direction of a district judge."

"This heinous act of violence against a member of the bar cannot be tolerated. We stand united in demanding justice and accountability," it added.

The communication -- signed by the committee's general secretary Atul Kumar Sharma -- urged all lawyers to abstain from work to show solidarity with their affected peers and protest against the "police brutality".

"Let us come together and raise our voices against this injustice," it said.

## UP village head's representative 'forced to lick own spit' by police, probe ordered

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RAEBARELI (UP): A village head's representative in Nasirabad area here was allegedly forced to lick his own spit by the local police for "creating chaos" during a 'nautanki' programme organised without permission from the authorities, officials said on Sunday.

Superintendent of Police (Raebareli) Yashveer Singh said the allegations are being investigated by the additional superintendent of police and action will be taken based on his report.

Sushil Sharma, the representative of the head of Kapurpur village in Nasirabad, organised a

## Batteries, blades among 56 metal objects removed from UP teen's stomach; patient dies post surgery

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HATHRAS (UP): A 15-year-old boy from Uttar Pradesh's Hathras died a day after a major surgery was performed on him at a Delhi hospital to remove an astonishing 56 objects such as watch batteries, blades, nails and other metal fragments from his stomach.

The discovery of multiple foreign objects inside the body of Aditya Sharma, a Class 9 student, has left the medical community perplexed and his family shaken, the boy's father Sanchit Sharma, a Hathras-based medical representative, told PTI.

The boy died a day after the surgery at Safdarjung Hospital as his heart rate spiked and his BP dropped alarmingly, his father said. The foreign objects inside Aditya's stomach were detected during multiple medical check-ups in different hospitals in Uttar Pradesh, Jaipur, and Delhi, Sanchit said.

He said his family's ordeal started after his son complained of severe stomach pain and breathing difficulties.

Sanchit said Aditya was

initially taken to a local hospital in Hathras from where on medical advice he was subsequently moved to a Jaipur hospital, which discharged the patient after a brief treatment. However, when the boy's symptoms resurfaced, his family took him to a hospital in Aligarh where a surgery was performed on him to ease his breathing discomfort.

A post-surgery ultrasound at the Aligarh hospital on October 26 revealed presence of about 19 items inside Aditya's body, following which doctors referred him to a more advanced medical facility in Noida. Here, another scan revealed presence of about 56 metal fragments, which led to the family moving the boy to Delhi's Safdarjung Hospital where a major surgery was performed on him on October 27.

"Doctors said that about 56 foreign objects were removed from my son's body after the surgery at this Delhi hospital. Subsequently, three more foreign objects were removed, which surprised

even the doctors who conceded that they were clueless about how this was medically possible," he said. "I must say that the doctors did try their best but perhaps destiny willed otherwise. My son died a day after the surgery at the Delhi hospital as his heart rate spiked and his BP dropped alarmingly," Sanchit said.

Sanchit admitted that Aditya's case left even the doctors perplexed, as there were no injury signs in his mouth or throat to suggest if the minor boy ingested the items deliberately or accidentally.

He said: "I lost my only son and am now left with my daughter, who, like the rest of us, is shaken by this terrible, unexplained, and mysterious tragedy to have hit us out of nowhere."

He said Aditya's unexplained death has raised many questions, leaving both his family and medical professionals puzzled. The family resides at Ratangarbh colony in Hathras.

No comment was available from the Safdarjung Hospital on the matter.

## Uniform Civil Code won't be allowed in Jharkhand: CM Hemant Soren

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RANCHI: Shortly after Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday announced that the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) would be implemented in Jharkhand, Chief Minister Hemant Soren hit back saying neither the UCC nor the National Register of Citizens (NRC) would be allowed in the state.

Soren emphasised that Jharkhand would adhere only to the Chotanagpur Tenancy (CNT) and Santhal Pargana Tenancy (SPT) Acts to protect tribal culture, land, and rights.

"Neither the UCC nor the NRC will be implemented here. Jharkhand will rely solely on the Chotanagpur Tenancy and Santhal Pargana Tenancy Acts. These people (the BJP) are spewing venom and do not care about tribals, natives, Dalits, or backward communities," Soren said at a rally in Garhwa.

Soren's reaction followed Shah's remarks while releasing the BJP's manifesto, in which he said, "Our government will introduce the UCC in Jharkhand, but tribals will be kept out of its ambit."

Hemant Soren and the JMM government are



making false propaganda that the UCC will impact tribal rights, culture, and relevant legislation, which is totally baseless."

Shah asserted that although the UCC would be implemented, it would be ensured that tribal rights were not affected.

Soren also launched a scathing attack on Shah's remarks that the JMM-led coalition was fuelling Naxalism, stating that the election being held in two phases was testimony that Naxalism had been curbed, unlike in the past when elections were conducted in five phases.

He compared the BJP to a "drying tree" and vowed to uproot it, alleging that the party aimed to displace local residents for mineral wealth. Soren accused the BJP of undermining his gov-

ernment, pointing out, "The Centre is yet to clear Rs 1.36 lakh-crore in coal dues to the state for mining by coal companies."

Questioning the Centre's stance on Bangladesh infiltration, Soren asked why former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina of Bangladesh was allowed to land in India while the government raised concerns about security. "What internal agreements permit this? The responsibility for border security lies with the Government of India," he asserted.

Soren defended his government's welfare initiatives, specifically the Mainya Samman Yojana, asserting it is designed to support all communities regardless of religion. "In the coming five years, we will work to send Rs 1 lakh to every woman," he promised.

He alleged that the elections were scheduled before time due to BJP's fear. "These people did not let our tenure complete; one month was left. They announced the elections a month earlier."

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Ramesh beheaded Ramjeet's son Anurag present at the spot with a sword and fled the spot, they said.

Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav has targeted the state government over the incident and said the more the government is becoming weak and inactive, the more powerful and active the criminals are becoming.

The dispute over the land is 40 years old and the matter is currently in a civil court, according to district administration officials.

While District Magistrate Dinesh Chandra suspended Lekhpal (local revenue officer) Jagdish Yadav, a report has been sent to the administration for action against Revenue Inspector Munni Lal, who oversees the area, the officials said.

## SI arrested in connection with beheading of teen in UP's Jaunpur

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JAUNPUR (UP): A sub-inspector of Uttar Pradesh Police has been arrested for his alleged involvement in a recent incident here in which a teenager was beheaded over a land dispute, officials said on Sunday.

During interrogation, it was found that the SI spoke to the accused several times over phone a day before and after the incident, indicating his involvement in the criminal conspiracy, Additional SP Arvind Kumar Verma said.

An FIR has been registered against six individuals in connection with the case at Gaurabadshahpur police station.

Rajesh Yadav, posted as Sub-Inspector at the Mawana police station in Meerut, was arrested on Saturday for his alleged

involvement in the October 30 incident in which Taekwondo player Anurag Yadav (17) was beheaded, SP Verma said.

Earlier, two persons identified as Ramesh Kumar Yadav and his father Laalta Yadav were arrested in the case. A juvenile was also apprehended in connection with the matter, the senior officer said.

Anurag was killed over a land dispute between his father Ramjeet Yadav and Laalta in Kabiruddinpur village of the Gaurabadshahpur area, he said. According to police, the incident took place when Ramesh was clearing the grass on the disputed land, saying it was for Diwali cleaning. As members of the rival side objected, an altercation broke out.

As the matter escalated,

was made to lick his own spit.

He also accused Nasirabad SHO Shivakant Pandey of demanding a bribe of Rs 2 lakh from him.

Meanwhile, the Rashtriya Panchayati Raj Gram Pradhan Sangathan on Saturday lodged a written complaint with the SP, demanding action.