# 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

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

"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

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RANCHI: Shorty 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

Tenancy

Garhwa.



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 "Crimes 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

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

Uniform Civil Code won't be allowed

in Jharkhand: CM Hemant Soren

"corrupt JMM government that patronises infiltrators'

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

and the BJP which doesn't

allow anyone to cross the bor-

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

The manifesto provides 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

Besides, it promises to make Jharkhand the hub of ecotourism in the country.

"We will set up 10 new medical colleges in the state. We will increase the coverage under Ayushman Bharat Jeevan Dhara Yojana from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 10 lakh for elderly persons aged over 70 years. We

ernment, pointing out,

"The Centre is yet to clear

Rs 1.36 lakh-crore in coal

dues to the state for min-

Questioning the Centre's

stance on Bangladeshi

infiltration, Soren asked

Minister Sheikh Hasina of

Bangladesh was allowed to

land in India while the

government raised con-

cerns about security.

"What internal agree-

ments permit this? The

Soren defended his gov-

asserting it is designed to

support all communities

"In the coming five

years, we will work to send

Rs 1 lakh to every

He alleged that the elec-

before time due to BJP's

fear. "These people did not

let our tenure complete;

one month was left. They

announced the elections a

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ber assembly will take

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month earlier."

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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.

pension, he added.

Under

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

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-inaid 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

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 relaunch 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.

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

HATHRAS (UP): A 15vear-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 Aditva'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 Delhi hospital. Subsequently, three more foreign objects were removed, which surprised ceded 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 Ratangarbha colony in

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

## India have been on right side on turning tracks, we felt it was right approach against NZ: Rohit are a lot of different individ-

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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

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



We played on really good pitches against England and this time around we felt that this is the right thing for us to do as a team," said Rohit.

"More often than not, we have come on the right side of it. This is the only time where we have fallen short in terms of what we wanted to achieve from this series," he

Rohit's admission was in contrast to what former player and current India assistant coach Abhishek Nayar said before the Mumbai Test.

"I wish we could curate pitches, but we don't. The curators do. Whatever we're provided with, we go on and play with it - (whether) that would be a pitch that seamed

Nayar had said in the leadup to the third Test.

We try and play what we're provided with. We don't try and get conditions according to what we want.

India have had their share of heavy defeats along the way as the 113-run drubbing in Pune and 25-run loss in Mumbai in this series now join their other rare defeats at home -- against Australia by 333 runs in Pune in 2016-17 and by eight wickets in Indore in 2023-24.

Rohit defended India's new coaching  $\operatorname{staff}$ under Gautam Gambhir (head coach), comprising Nayar, Ryan ten Doeschate (the Netherlands), Morne Morkel (South Africa) and T Dilip, who retained his position as the team's fielding coach.

"They've just come in, it's not been a lot of time (spent) for them. They are also understanding how this team and players operate. This is obviously a first Test series loss in the two. It's the player's responsibility to make their job or make their life easier," he said.

"It's never easy for to come in and start doing uals and they operate slightly differently. It's been only four or five months now, too early to judge anything," he added. Rohit admitted India's shot selection was questionable as they slipped to 29 for five chasing 147 in the third Test.

"It wasn't up to the mark, starting from me. When you are chasing a target like that, you want to try and put the pressure on the bowlers. You can't allow bowlers to bowl on one particular slot," he said.

"I played a bad shot, yes but I don't regret it honestly speaking - because that has given me a lot of success in the past. I'll continue to do that," said Rohit after miscuing a pull to be caught at midwicket.

Rohit said it was important for India to ensure maximum training time for batters in Australia as the team management cancelled an intra-squad match before the first Test starting November 22 in Perth.

"Rather than (playing a) ractice match planned a very match simulation kind of a thing with

Delhi: 2 sisters assault former DSP over

India A," he said.

"We are travelling with a squad of 19 players and it was only three days that were allotted to us. I don't know how much workload can we get done in those three days in terms of getting everyone prepared."

India might have averted a 0-3 loss if Rishabh Pant, who waged a lone battle with a fine 64 on Sunday, had not been a victim of a contentious caught-behind DRS appeal as he looked set to seal it in favour of the hosts.

"About that dismissal, I honestly, I don't know. If we say something, it is not accepted well," Rohit said. "But if there is not conclu-

sive evidence, it has to stand with the umpire's on-field decision. That is what I have been told. I don't know how that decision was overturned, since the umpire didn't give him out.

"The bat was clearly close to the pad so, again, I don't know if it is the right thing for me to talk about. It is something for the umpires to think about. Have the same keep changing their mind,

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

## STATE TIMES NEWS

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 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 lawvers 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 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 "This heinous act of vio-

lence against a member of the bar cannot be tolerat-We stand united in demanding justice and accountability," it added. The communication --

signed by the committee's general secretary Atul Kumar Sharma -- urged all lawvers 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

honking dispute, held after chase **STATE TIMES NEWS** 

NEW DELHI: Two sisters armed with a knife allegedly barged into the house of a former Uttar Pradesh deputy superintendent of police (DSP) and attacked him and his family following a dispute over honking in east Delhi's Vasundhara Enclave area, police said on Sunday.

The incident took place on Saturday night after former DSP Ashok Sharma, who is a cancer patient, requested the two sisters to refrain from honking their car a day before. a police officer said, adding that Sharma escaped with minor injuries in the attack.

Both Sharma and the two sisters -- Chhavi Jain (21) and Bhavya Jain (23) -- are residents of Anekant Apartments society, the officer said.

A high drama was witnessed when police was called after the two women allegedly reacted aggressively. Later, the accused, who tried to flee in

their car, were arrested after a chase, police said.

"It has been alleged that on Saturday, both the sisters entered the house of Sharma forcefully and confronted him and his family with a knife, creating a disturbance that drew neighbours to the scene. Some residents who attempted to intervene also sustained minor injuries," said the offi-

Police said after the confrontation, the sisters tried to flee in their vehicle and allegedly hit a scooter rider and dragged it for a few metres, injuring one of the police personnel. "They (sisters) were chased

and apprehended from Noida. We have started further investigation into the matter," said the officer. A total of four FIRs have

been registered at New Ashok Nagar police station against the two accused on the basis of complaints filed by former DSP Sharma, his daughter Reena, head constable Sunil and scooter rider Joginder, police said.

The two sisters have been booked under various sections of BNS including 109(2) (attempt to murder), 115 (voluntarily causing hurt), 126(2) (wrongful restraint), 221 (obstructing public servant in discharge of public functions), and 132 (assaulting or using criminal force against a public servant), the officer said.

Sources said that both the sisters have a history of confrontational behaviour, including an alleged incident in which they took a security guard hostage a few months back.

The two sisters were previously booked in September in a case in which NBW proceedings are underway against

Investigation in all the cases are in progress under ACP Kalyanpuri, police 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

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

'Nautanki' programme with-

During the programme, he and his associates misbehaved with the people and created chaos under the influence of alcohol. The accused also misbehaved with a police team from the local police station after which five people,

including Sharma, were taken into custody, it said.

Sharma, however, said the police team reached the village late at night and asked him to stop the nautanki programme.

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,

#### nor the National Register of Citizens (NRC) would be allowed in the state. Soren emphasised that Jharkhand would adhere only to the Chotanagpur (CNT) and Santhal Pargana Tenancy (SPT) Acts to protect tribal culture, land, and is totally baseless.

rights. "Neither the UCC nor the NRC will be implemented here. Jharkhand will rely solely on the Chotanagnur Tenangy and Santhal Pargana Tenancy scathing Acts. These people (the BJP) are spewing venom and do not care about trib-

als, natives, Dalits, or backward communities," Soren said at a rally in testimony Naxalism had Soren's reaction followed Shah's remarks while releasing the BJP's mani-

festo, in which he said, "Our government will  $\stackrel{-}{\text{introduce}} \quad \text{the} \quad UCC \quad \text{in} \quad$ Jharkhand, but tribals will be kept out of its Hemant Soren and the



that the UCC will impact tribal rights, culture, and relevant legislation, which

Shah asserted that although the UCC would be implemented, it would be ensured that tribal

attack

He compared the BJP vowed to uproot it, allegdents for mineral wealth. of undermining his gov-

rights were not affected.

Shah's remarks that the JMM-led coalition was fuelling Naxalism, stating that the election being held in two phases been curbed, unlike in the past when elections were con-

to a "drying tree" and ing that the party aimed to displace local resi-Soren accused the BJP

SI arrested in connection with

involvement in the October

30 incident in which

Taekwondo player Anurag

Yadav (17) was beheaded,

Kumar Yadav and his

father Laalta Yadav were

arrested in the case. A

juvenile was also appre-

hended in connection with

the matter, the senior offi-

Anurag was killed over a

land dispute between his

father Ramjeet Yadav and

Laalta in Kabiruddinpur

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 mem-

bers of the rival side

objected, an altercation

As the matter escalated,

Ramesh

SP Verma said.

identified

cer said.

broke out.

Earlier, two

responsibility for border security lies with the Government of India," he asserted. ernment's welfare initiatives, specifically the Mainya Samman Yojana,

Soren also launched a

ducted in five phases.

beheading of teen in UP's Jaunpur Ramjeet's 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 suspended Chandra 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.

his report.

out permission on October 30, Singh said in a statement.

> Sharma claimed that he and four others were detained and physically assaulted at the local police station while he

demanding action.

## Mawana police station in Meerut, was arrested on Saturday for his alleged

## police station. Rajesh Yadav, posted as Sub-Inspector at the

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 dis-

pute, officials said on

During interrogation, it

was found that the SI

spoke to the accused sever-

al times over phone a day

before and after the inci-

dent, indicating his

involvement in the crimi-

nal conspiracy, Additional

SP Arvind Kumar Verma

An FIR has been regis-

tered against six individu-

als in connection with the

case at Gaurabadshahpur

Sunday.