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and Health Minister enquired about the condition of the injured. They directed the hospital authorities to provide them with the best possible treatment.

They also interacted with the injured persons and assured them of the best possible medical care to them.

MLA Sonawari Hilal Akbar Lone and other officers also accompanied the Ministers during the visit.

"The last few days have been dominated by headlines of attacks and encounters in parts of the Valley. Today's news of a grenade attack on innocent shoppers at the Sunday market in Srinagar is deeply disturbing. There can be no justification for targeting innocent civilians," Abdullah said in a post on X.

"The security apparatus must do everything possible to end this spurt of attacks at the earliest so that people can go about their lives without any fear," he added.

The Jammu and Kashmir Congress called for measures to curb such attacks.

"It is deeply disturbing to learn about the unfortunate and ghastly incident of a grenade attack on shopkeepers," Jammu and Kashmir Congress chief Tariq Hameed Karra said in a statement.

"Jammu and Kashmir Police must take effective measures to contain such brutal and inhuman attacks so that the public can move freely and without any fear," he said.

## Sunil Sharma elected...

for giving him this responsibility.

"With the help, experience and blessings of my MLA colleagues, I will discharge my duties. Keeping in mind the party policies and aspirations of the people, we will be the voice of the people in the assembly and outside as well," he said.

Asked about his priorities in the assembly, Sharma said, "I have just been appointed. The battle will start tomorrow. We have to see where the enemy is hiding and we will attack accordingly."

## Sat Sharma returns...

Nowshera constituency of Rajouri district as he was defeated by National Conference candidate and now deputy chief minister Surinder Choudhary.

Born in a Dogra family in Jammu, Sharma is a chartered accountant and won from the Jammu West assembly constituency on a BJP ticket for the first time in 2014 and also served as cabinet minister for 40 days in the PDP-BJP government which collapsed in 2018 after the saffron party withdrew its support.

"I am thankful to the central leadership for giving me this responsibility for the second time. I will try to overcome any shortcoming during my first tenure and will play my role to ensure the party can script history," the BJP leader said.

He said the recent assembly elections gave the BJP "a historic mandate of 29 seats (out of 90) with a 26 per cent vote share as it made big strides across the Union Territory, especially in the Valley".

"I am a long-time party worker and we will try to take the party to new heights with the support of the workers and the people of Jammu and Kashmir," Sharma said.

Sharma was appointed J-K BJP president for the first term in December 2015.

It has been less than three weeks after the assembly election results in Jammu and Kashmir and the change of guard in the BJP comes at a time when the Union Territory is gearing up for the urban local bodies and panchayat elections which are likely to take place early next year.

## Number of terror...

spent more than 30 minutes at the factory.

He also graced the 65th Foundation Day of the Indian Institute of Technology-Kanpur (IIT-K) as the chief guest.

Singh shared his vision for a self-reliant and innovative India while speaking at the premier engineering institute.

"In today's era of technology-driven transformation, India is on the verge of groundbreaking innovation, with institutions like IIT-K driving us forward," he said.

"As we envision a Viksit Bharat by 2047, I urge our youngsters to lead the country's journey towards technological self-reliance, especially in critical sectors such as defence. From ideation to production, IIT-K's role in nurturing new ideas and bringing them to fruition will be vital," he added.

Together, the academia, industry and the government must ensure that the country secures its place among the world leaders in high-end technology, Singh said.

Technology is essential in modern defence, with innovations like drones and cyber warfare reshaping combat. To achieve "aatmanirbharta" (self-reliance), India must reduce its reliance on imports and prioritise cutting-edge domestic innovations, he said.

"I am confident that the progress will continue and defence exports will reach Rs 50,000 crore by 2029-30. India has dreamed of becoming a developed nation by 2047 on the strength of our youngsters and we must put all our power into realising that dream," the defence minister said.

"There is a proverb that if you want to go fast, go alone but if you want to go far, go together. Let us walk together to achieve our target and reach greater heights," he added.

## Will bring stringent...

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

The Home Minister alleged that the JMM supported Naxalism, while the BJP government at the Centre eradicated it.

Attacking the Hemant Soren-led JMM coalition for "fuelling Naxalism," Shah asserted at another rally in Simaria that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led Union government will eliminate this menace from the country by March 2026.

"It is time to oust the anti-Dalit, anti-tribal, anti-poor, and anti-youth Hemant government from Jharkhand, which is fuelling Naxalism for petty political gains," he said at Simaria in Chatra district.

"We uprooted the menace from Jharkhand during the last five years, and now the Prime Minister Modi-led Centre will wipe out Naxalism from India by March 2026," he added.

He promised 27 per cent reservation for OBC communities in Jharkhand without affecting existing reservations and asserted that the upcoming assembly elections were crucial to prevent the "corrupt" JMM from misusing funds meant for poor tribals.

Shah pledged to check migration from Jharkhand in the next five years, asserting that only the BJP could ensure the state's development. He noted that while the allocation for tribal welfare was Rs 24,000 crore during the UPA regime, it had increased to Rs 1.24 lakh crore under Modi's government.

Additionally, Shah announced that if elected, the BJP would procure 51 forest produce items at minimum support prices (MSP) and pay for paddy at Rs 3,100 per quintal, ensuring payment within 48 hours.

He expressed confidence that the NDA would form the government in Jharkhand, claiming it would win at least 52 out of 81 assembly seats, based on the recent Lok Sabha elections.

"NDA will win 52 seats out of 81 in Jharkhand given that people cast 47 per cent votes to the alliance in Jharkhand during the recent Lok Sabha elections. The NDA got 80 lakh votes and had maintained a lead in 52 assembly segments during the Lok Sabha polls," Shah said. He said the people of Jharkhand gave nine out of 14 parliamentary seats to the NDA.

Later addressing a rally at Barkatha, Shah said the stone (mica) industry in Jharkhand's Koderma would be revived with a Rs 500-crore special package.

He criticised Hemant Soren for demanding Rs 1.36 lakh-crore in coal mining dues, stating that the Narendra Modi government has already allocated Rs 3.80 lakh-crore to the state, along with additional funds for infrastructure development.

"Koderma's stone industry (mica) has been closed. We will revive it with a Rs 500-crore special package in the coming days," Shah said.

Shah also launched a scathing attack on the CM saying, "I have never seen a liar like Hemant Soren, who is asking for Rs 1.36 lakh-crore (in lieu of coal mining dues) whereas the Centre has already given Rs 3.80 lakh-crore to Jharkhand in addition to funds for infrastructure development from 2014-2024 in comparison to barely Rs 84,000 crore given by the UPA government from 2004-2014."

He alleged that the "corrupt" Soren government has thrown open the doors

for Bangladeshi infiltrators who are marrying multiple tribal women for grabbing land.

"Infiltrators who tortured women in Jharkhand will be hanged upside down," he said.

He also blamed wrong policies of the Hemant government for the death of 17 people during an excise constable recruitment drive in the state.

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.

## A R Rather...

While the BJP has not named a candidate for the speaker's post, it was not clear if the government and the opposition have reached an informal understanding on these key posts in the assembly.

The House will meet after a gap of more than six years on Monday, with the last session held in early 2018, a year before the reorganisation of Jammu and Kashmir into two union territories.

Stringent security measures have been put in place for the assembly session. According to the calendar for sittings of the House, the speaker's election on Monday will be followed by the lieutenant governor's (LG) address.

Obituary references will be made on November 5 and discussion on the Motion of Thanks on the LG's address will be taken up on November 6 and 7, it showed.

The reply to the discussion on the Motion of Thanks will be taken up on November 8, an official spokesperson said.

## India, China made...

different ways, we are trying to do something in both," he said while replying to another question.

On the Ukraine-Russia conflict, Jaishankar said that India is making efforts to bring diplomacy back to the forefront, with Prime Minister Modi personally involved in meetings with leaders of the two countries.

The minister said the Prime Minister went to Russia in July, and then he went to Ukraine in August. He met Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy separately, once in June and once in September. He again had a meeting last month with President Vladimir Putin in Kazan.

Jaishankar said that due to the conflict, every day, there is a cost to the world, apart from the cost to these countries - Russia and Ukraine - and to the rich. "So, it is a situation, which does call for some degree of activity or proactive diplomacy. We are trying to do that," he said.

"When we began doing it, I think there was a certain degree of skepticism, to be honest. I would say today, there is a much greater understanding, especially among Western countries... We have very strong support from the Global South as well for our endeavours. So we are, you know, hoping that through multiple conversations, we are able to create some common ground..." he said.

India supports dialogue and diplomacy, and not war, Modi had said at the BRICS Summit in Russia last month.

On the situation in the Middle East, Jaishankar said it is very different.

"At the moment, the effort is more to prevent the conflict from spreading. And, here, one of the gaps is the inability of Iran and Israel to talk to each other directly. So different countries are trying to see if they can, you know, bridge that gap. We happen to be one of them," he said, without giving the details.

On the sidelines of the BRICS Summit in Russia last month, Prime Minister Modi met Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian, who emphasised the need for peace in West Asia and the role that India could play in de-escalating the conflict given its good relations with all the parties, amid heightened tension between Iran and Israel.

Jaishankar said that the Ukraine-Russia conflict and tensions in the Middle East are very worrying. "In a globalised world, conflict or instability anywhere has implications everywhere. I mean, you see that in inflation, you see that in energy, in food, in disrupted supply chains. So, that's one of the reasons we are approaching it the way we are," he said.

On Quad, he said the four-member grouping has a bigger purpose. "You have four democracies, four market economies, four countries with a strong record of global contributions. All of whom, by the way, happen to be maritime nations, who have found a kind of a common agenda on which to work," he said, referring to the grouping comprising India, Australia, Japan and the US.

"I mean, the Quad does many things. I mean, from connectivity and climate forecasting to fellowships. So there is a whole set of activities out here," he said while replying to another question.

During his visit, Jaishankar will inaugurate India's 4th consulate in Australia. He will also co-chair the 15th Foreign Ministers' Framework Dialogue (FPMFD) with Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong in Canberra.

## Pak conducted artillery...

rounds per minute. Among the arsenal being tested is the refurbished M109, which has a firing range of 24 kilometres and can launch six shells in just 40 seconds. Initially acquired from a Western European country, this artillery system is now undergoing trials in its enhanced version, the officials said.

Turkiye has contributed to this military enhancement with the deployment of a modern 105 mm artillery piece manufactured by a Turkish defence company, FNSS, they said.

This medium-weight tank is equipped with a two-man turret armed with a standard 105 mm rifled gun capable of firing both armour-piercing and high-explosive ammunition.

China has also been instrumental in bolstering Pakistan's military capabilities along the LoC, according to the officials.

This assistance includes construction of fortified bunkers, provision of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), combat aerial vehicles, and advanced communication systems, the officials said.

Early this year, China's North Industries Group Corporation Limited (NOR-INCOC) delivered the second batch of 56 SH-15 155 mm calibre wheeled self-propelled howitzers to the Pakistan army.

Chinese support has also extended to the installation of encrypted communication towers and underground fibre optic cables along the LoC, the officials said.

## Rajasthan bypolls: Home voting to begin today

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAIPUR: Voting from home will start from Monday in the bypolls to seven assembly seats in Rajasthan.

Home voting will be held in two phases between November 4 and November 10.

All the voters who have opted for home voting will be informed in advance through BLO and the polling team will go to their homes between November 4 and 8. If a voter is not found at home at the scheduled time, then the polling team will go to the house again on November 9-10.

A spokesperson of the Election Commission said that during this process, representatives of political parties and candidates participating in the election will also be present with the polling team.

A total of 3,193 voters including 2,365 elderly and 828 persons with disabilities from seven assembly constituencies will vote from home through postal ballot. As per the instructions of the Election Commission, senior citizens above 85 years of age and voters with more than 40 per cent disability are given the facility of home voting with their consent.

Voting for the bye-elections in the state's Rangarh, Dausa, Deoli-Uniara, Jhunjhunu, Khinvsar, Salumbar and Chaurasi assembly seats will be held on November 13 and the counting of votes will be done on November 23.

## Modi to address two rallies in Jharkhand today

### STATE TIMES NEWS

RANCHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to address two rallies in poll-bound Jharkhand on Monday.

He will address the election rallies in Chaibasa and Garhwa.

"Prime Minister Modi is scheduled to arrive at Gaya airport in Bihar around 11 am and fly to Garhwa via helicopter to address a rally there," a senior BJP leader told PTI.

After addressing the rally in Garhwa, the PM is scheduled to come to Ranchi and from there, he will travel to Chaibasa where he is scheduled to address another rally around 2.30 pm, he said.

Last week, Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, who is also the election-in-charge of Jharkhand, said that all arrangements have been made for the PM's visit.

Polling for the Jharkhand assembly elections will be held on November 13 and November 20. The counting of votes will be held on November 23.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah addressed three political rallies here on Sunday and released the BJP's election manifesto.

# Over 2 lakh devotees take holy dip in Yamuna in Mathura on Yam Dwitiyaa

### STATE TIMES NEWS

MATHURA (UP): Over two lakh devotees took a dip in the holy water of Yamuna river at several ghats of Mathura and Vrindavan on the occasion of 'Yam Dwitiyaa' on Sunday, officials said.

"A large number of siblings belonging to different age groups celebrated the festival by taking holy dip," Senior Superintendent of Police Shailesh Kumar Pandey said.

He added that over two lakh devotees took a dip in Yamuna on the occasion which is celebrated on the day of Bhai Dooj.

Narrating the legend of the festival, priest Kanta Chaturvedi said, "Lord Yamraj, pleased by his sister Yamuna's hospitality, granted her a boon."

"According to the boon, sib-

lings of any age group taking a dip in the holy Yamuna river at Mathura's Vishram Ghat together on the day of 'Yam Dwitiyaa' will be spared from the wrath of the messengers of Lord Yam," the priest said.

While majority of the devotees took a dip at Vishram Ghat, those unaware of the legend took dip in Bangali Ghat, Swami Ghat, and on the other bank of Yamuna. After taking dip, they paid obeisance at the Dharmraj temple situated on the bank of Yamuna near Vishram Ghat, Dhanesh Chaturvedi, a resident of Mathura said.

Siblings Geeta and Devas who came from Gorakhpur said they were glad they could take a dip in holy Yamuna together. Similarly, for siblings Rita and Subhash from Agra, in their teens, it was a revered experi-

ence.

In Lucknow, devotees worshipped Lord Chitragupta on the occasion of Yam Dwitiyaa.

The celebrations were held at Bhagvaan Shri Chitragupta Dham Jhuleal Vatika in the state capital. Collective worship of pens and ink pots were also held.

According to Dilip Srivastava, the programme organiser, 'chhappan bhog' prasad was offered to the deity at the temple.

Pens were also distributed to the devotees along with prasad, he said.

Forest and Environment Minister Arun Saxena visited the temple and wished the people of the state on the occasions of Lord Shri Chitragupt Pujan, Kalam Dawat Pujan and Bhaaidooj, the organisers said in a statement.

# Russia sends nearly 100 drones into Ukraine, as Zelenskyy urges tougher sanctions against Moscow

### AGENCY

KYIV: Moscow sent 96 drones and a guided air missile into Ukraine overnight into Sunday, Ukrainian officials said.

According to Ukraine's Air Force, 66 drones were destroyed during the overnight barrage, along with the missile. A further 27 drones were "lost" over various areas, it said, likely having been electronically jammed, while one drone flew into Belarusian airspace. No casualties were reported.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said Sunday that Russia had launched around 900 guided aerial bombs, 500 drones and 30 missiles against Ukraine over the past week.

Zelenskyy appealed Sunday on X to Ukraine's allies to provide "long-range capabilities for our security", saying that these "attacks would have been impossible if we had sufficient support from the world". Kyiv is still awaiting word from its Western partners on its repeated requests to use the long-range

weapons they provide to hit targets on Russian soil, including for preemptive Ukrainian strikes on camps where North Korean troops are being trained.

The Ukrainian President also urged partners to enact "truly effective sanctions to prevent Russia from importing critical components for drone and missile production". This appeal followed an address on Saturday, in which he said over 2,000 drones and missiles "still using Western components" were launched against Ukraine in October, and underlined the need for more stringent export controls to prevent sanctions evasion.

In Russia, the Defence Ministry said that 19 Ukrainian drones were shot down overnight into Sunday in three regions of Russia: 16 in the Rostov region, two in the Belgorod region and one in the Volgograd region.

A man died Sunday in a Ukrainian drone attack in the Belgorod region, according to regional Governor Vyacheslav Gladkov.

# Lawrence Bishnoi's brother booked for making threatening calls to Bhim Sena chief

### STATE TIMES NEWS

GURUGRAM: Gurugram Police has booked gangster Anmol Bishnoi, brother of Lawrence Bishnoi, for allegedly threatening Bhim Sena chief Satpal Tanwar from abroad, an officer said on Sunday.

Anmol is accused of making threatening calls from the US and Canada using numbers from Zimbabwe and Kenya.

Police in the wake of the

complaint constituted a team from the members of STF and several crime and cyber crime units for investigation.

The officer said efforts are being made to bring Anmol Bishnoi to India.

According to the complaint, Bhim Sena chief Satpal Tanwar received several calls from Anmol Bishnoi on October 30 with the threat that he would cut him in pieces.

In total, the phone calls lasted 6 minutes 41 seconds, and were received by a female secretary of Tanwar.

Police booked Anmol Bishnoi under sections of BNS at Sector 37 Police Station on Saturday.

Anmol Bishnoi is said to be hiding in the US and carries a reward of Rs 10 lakh on information leading to his capture, announced by the National Investigation Agency.

# Trump wants to narrow his deficit with women but he's not changing how he talks about them

### AGENCY

GASTONIA (US): Donald Trump says he will be the "protector" of women, whether they like it or not.

He's campaigned with men who use sexist and crude language. He's expressed alarm at the idea that wives might vote differently from their husbands.

And the former Republican president has suggested that Democrat Kamala Harris, who is trying to become the first woman to win the White House, would get "overwhelmed" and "melt down" facing male authoritarian leaders he considers tough.

In the final days of his campaign, Trump has stuck to a gendered worldview that his critics consider dated and paternalistic, even as he acknowledges that some of that language has gotten him "into so much trouble" with a crucial group of voters.

Trump and some of his most prominent allies have peddled outright sexism.

Former Fox News host Tucker Carlson, at an event with the Republican presidential nominee, likened Trump to an angry father providing tough love to a "bad little girl" who, as Carlson put it, was "in need of a vigorous spanking".

Charlie Kirk, founder of the conservative youth organisation Turning Point, which is playing a key role in the campaign's get-out-the-vote operation, has said that any man who votes against Trump is "not a man". Kirk also has said wives who

covertly vote for Harris "undermine their husbands" - describing a man "who probably works his tail off to make sure that she can go and have a nice life and provide to the family".

On Saturday night, Trump laughed along with a crude joke about Harris, nearly a week after a speaker at his Madison Square Garden rally suggested the vice president was like a prostitute controlled by "pimp handlers". As Trump repeated his claim, made without evidence, that Harris lied about working at McDonalds in her youth, someone in the crowd yelled, "She worked on the corner."

Trump laughed, looked around and pointed toward a section of the crowd.

"This place is amazing," he said to cheers. "Just remember, it's not other people saying it. It's not me."

Trump has faced a persistent gender gap since Harris entered the race in July. Women are far more likely to say they're supporting Harris than Trump - by a double-digit margin in some surveys. That could be enough to prove decisive in what both sides expect to be an extremely close race that ends Tuesday.

Women generally vote at higher rates than men. In 2020, they made up 53% of the electorate, according to AP VoteCast. Among the nearly 67.2 million Americans who have already voted, about 53% are women, versus 44% men,

according to TargetSmart, a political data firm.

"This is not a time for them to get overly masculine with this bromance thing that they've got going," said Nikki Haley, who competed with Trump for the GOP nomination this year, in a recent Fox News interview. "Women will vote. They care about how they're being talked to. And they care about the issues."

Trump has not campaigned with Haley, who was UN ambassador during his administration, despite her offers to appear with him.

Trump has been aggressively courting men. Trump's team has spent months trying to reach younger men, in particular, with a series of interviews on popular male-centric podcasts and appearances at football games and mixed martial arts fights. His campaign has been dominated by machismo, evident for example when former pro wrestler Hulk Hogan ripped off his shirt as he took the stage at the Republican National Convention and later at the Madison Square Garden rally.

The song "It's A Man's Man's World" often plays at Trump's events. Trump was always expected to face challenges with women this year after nominating three of the Supreme Court justices who voted to overturn Roe v Wade, ending the constitutionally guaranteed right to abortion and ushering in a wave of restrictions across Republican-led states.