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'Goli Ka Jawab Goley Se' if Pak terrorists attack India again: Amit Shah

STATE TIMES NEWS
DARBHANGA/MOTIHARI/BETTIAH: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday warned Pakistan-sponsored terrorists to refrain from further attacking India, asserting that if they repeat the mistake, "goli ka jawab goley se diya jayega" (they will face cannons for bullets).

Explosives manufactured in Bihar's proposed defence corridor will be used against these terrorists, he said.

"Terrorists from Pakistan attacked our citizens in Pahalgam. They wiped off Sindoore from the foreheads of our mothers and sisters. Prime Minister Narendra Modi avenged it by launching Operation Sindoore within 20 days. The Indian Army neutralised the terrorists on Pakistan's land," Shah said at a poll rally in Bihar.

He also said, "The PM is setting up a Defence Corridor in Bihar. If



Pakistan-sponsored terrorists repeat their mistake, 'goli ka jawab goley se diya jayega' (they will face cannons for bullets)."

The cannons to be used against terrorists will be made in Bihar, Shah said.

"Unlike the previous Congress regime, the government under Modi's leadership is committed to the safety and security of the nation," he alleged.

Shah launched a blistering attack on RJD supreme Lalu Prasad and his son Tejashwi Yadav for "raising slogans in

the praise of late Mohammad Shahabuddin", who was accused of unleashing terror in Siwan during the RJD's 15-year rule in Bihar.

"Lalu and his party raise slogans like 'Shahabuddin amar rahe', dream of 'jungle raj' but Bihar people won't allow these," he said.

Addressing back-to-back rallies in Darbhanga, Motihari and Bettiah, Shah urged voters in Bihar to press the EVM button with the BJP's poll symbol 'lotus' to prevent the return of 'jungle raj' during the RJD rule

that had "devastated" the state.

Champanan is witness to "how Bihar's land remained blood-soaked during the RJD's 'jungle raj'," he said.

Shah also hit out at Rahul Gandhi, the leader of the opposition in the Lok Sabha, for organising the 'Voter Adhikar Yatra' in Bihar.

"I dare Rahul Gandhi to organise as many yatras as he can to protect infiltrators. We will drive out illegal immigrants," he claimed.

Shah promised that if the NDA returns to power, the government will spend Rs 26,000 crore to harness the Koshi river water for irrigation and to prevent floods.

"Press 'lotus' button to prevent the return of 'jungle raj' that devastated Bihar during Lalu-Rabri's 15-year rule...Murders, loots, kidnappings, and extortion will be common in the state again if you make a mistake on

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SIR of electoral rolls begins in 12 States, UTs

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Election Commission's Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of voters' list commenced in nine states and three Union territories on Tuesday with the TMC dubbing the exercise as a "con job" by the "compromised" poll body.

The electoral roll cleanup exercise is also being opposed by the ruling DMK and its allies in Tamil Nadu.

The Election Commission (EC) said its booth-level officers (BLOs) have fanned out to hand over semi-filled enumeration forms to electors and will also help them fill the required document.

According to the schedule announced by the poll authority, SIR will begin with the enumeration stage and continue till December 4.

The EC will release the draft electoral rolls on December 9, and the final electoral rolls will be published on February 7.

The 12 states and UTs where the second round

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Annual Jhiri Mela inaugurated Together we can make strong, secure, prosperous, self-reliant J&K: LG



LG Manoj Sinha addressing gathering after inaugurating Annual Jhiri Mela. (Pic by Ashok Anand)

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: "Preserving cultural heritage is crucial for rapid economic growth," the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Tuesday.

He said cultural traditions, arts, crafts, and customs should be passed on to the younger generation through active participation in cultural-spiritual events and skill development that will open up employment opportunities as well. The Lieutenant Governor was speaking at

the inauguration of annual Jhiri Mela at Marh Sub-Division in Jammu District.

"Community participation in governance should be ensured to promote accountability, improve service delivery, and foster a more inclusive and transparent governance to understand citizens' needs and accordingly formulate new policies," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor paid obeisance to Baba Jitto and Bua Kauri. "Baba Jitto

is a universal symbol of public welfare, transcending sectarian divides. His values of truth, non-violence, and brotherhood strengthen society and make the Jhiri Mela a celebration of multiculturalism and social harmony. I believe real tribute to Baba Jitto is to ensure that benefits of government schemes reach every farmer," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor called upon the people to take a pledge to embrace the

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LG, CM greet people on Prakash Parv of Guru Nanak Dev Ji

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah have greeted the people on the auspicious occasion of Prakash Parv of Guru Nanak Dev Ji.

In his message, the Lieutenant Governor said: "On the auspicious occasion of the Prakash Parv of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, I extend my greetings and good wishes to all. Guru Nanak Dev Ji's life and message of equality, love, brotherhood, compassion and truthfulness is an inspiration for all humanity.

"Guru Nanak Dev Ji taught us to lead a virtuous

and noble life. His Prakash Parv is an occasion to rededicate ourselves to the task of creating a just, fair and humane society and practice the revered Guru's noble teachings in our daily lives. Let us take a pledge to work with dedication and commitment to root out any divisive tendencies in our society and uphold the universal values of peace and harmony."

In his message, the Chief Minister said that the timeless teachings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji-rooted in compassion, equality, and selfless service-continue to illuminate the path of

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ACB arrests Patwari for graft in Samba, seizes Rs 35 lakhs

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has arrested a revenue official for graft and seized Rs 35 lakh in cash from his private vehicle in Samba district.

"ACB registered a case FIR 19/2025 U/S 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 against public servant, namely, Sunil Kumar, Patwari, Patwar Halqa Dadui, Tehsil and District Samba, for demanding and accepting illegal gratification from the complainant," an official said on Tuesday.

"The aforesaid accused public servant, demanded the bribe amounting to Rs

100,000 from the complainant, for preparing a report, sought by Tehsildar Samba on the application of complainant, with respect to correction of Girdawari. However, after negotiation, the said Patwari agreed to receive Rs 80,000 instead of Rs 1, 00,000 from the complainant for doing the needful. The complainant could manage Rs 20,000 as bribe money from the agreed amount of Rs. 80,000 for payment to the aforesaid Patwari. Since, the complainant didn't want to pay bribe and approached Anti-Corruption Bureau for taking legal action against the accused public servant under

law," the official said.

On receipt of the complaint, the official added, a discreet verification was conducted, which corroborated the demand of bribe by the public servant concerned and accordingly, a case FIR No. 19/2025 under Section 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 was registered in Police Station ACB Jammu and investigation taken up.

During the course of investigation, the official said, a trap team was constituted which laid a successful trap and accused public servant was caught red-handed while demanding and accepting bribe amount from the complainant in the presence of

independent witnesses.

The accused was arrested on the spot by the ACB team after following due process of law. The bribe money was also recovered from his possession in presence of independent witnesses associated with the trap team.

Moreover, during the search of his personal vehicle, a huge cash amounting to more than 35 lakhs rupees was also recovered/seized, apart from search was also conducted in the residential house of the accused public servant in presence of Magistrates, the official said adding that further investigation of the instant case is going on.

Film shootings resumes in Kashmir

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: In good news for Kashmir's battered tourism industry, film shootings have resumed in the valley, six months after the deadly Pahalgam terror attack in which 26 persons were killed.

The crew of a Telugu film has begun shooting at the Pahalgam tourist resort -- the site of the April 22 terror attack.

The comedy movie is being directed by Vimal Krishna, known for films such as "Jessie" and "Ladies &

Gentleman". Speaking to the reporters, Krishna said Kashmir is totally safe for visitors and movie shootings.

"I want to thank every



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Drone recovered from field in Poonch

STATE TIMES NEWS
MENDHAR/JAMMU: A drone was recovered from a field in a village in Mendhar sector of Poonch district on Tuesday, officials said.

The drone was recovered by the Special Operations Group (SOG) of local police from village Sakhi Maidan, which is around six km aerial distance from the Line of Control (LoC), the

Ex-MD of J&K Coop Development Ltd convicted for forgery

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: A court in Jammu and Kashmir has convicted a 93-year-old former managing director of J-K Cooperative Central Land Development Limited for forging his date of birth to extend service.

The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of the Crime Branch Kashmir has secured the conviction of the former MD Mohammad Shafi Bandy for "fraudulently manipulating" his date of birth to unlawfully extend his service tenure.

The case originated from a complaint alleging that the accused had deliberately

recorded his date of birth as September 1, 1939 instead of 1934 by producing a fake certificate, a spokesman of the EOW said.

He said a probe was initiated by the Crime Branch Kashmir, during which, the verification confirmed the manipulation, and established that his actual date of birth was June 26, 1932.

Subsequently, a formal case was registered at Crime Branch Kashmir (now Economic Offences Wing), he added.

During the course of the investigation, the spokesman said the allega-

tions were substantiated, revealing that the accused had overstayed in service for more than seven years, thereby causing wrongful gain to himself and corresponding loss to the State exchequer.

Accordingly, a chargesheet was filed before the court for judicial determination, the said.

After a full trial, the court of City Judge, Srinagar, found the accused guilty, sentencing him to two years of simple imprisonment on each count and a fine of Rs 5,000 per offence. All sentences shall run concurrently, the spokesman said.

Two criminals detained under PSA

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Two alleged criminals were detained under the Public Safety Act (PSA) in Jammu and Kishtwar districts of J&K, police said on Tuesday.

Tajinder Singh alias "Happy", a resident of Simbal Camp of Jammu, was detained under PSA and lodged in Poonch district jail, a police spokesperson said.

"Singh is a hardcore criminal with a history of violent and heinous offences. Despite multiple arrests and legal actions, he has consistently shown a blatant disregard for the law and continued his involvement in criminal activities, posing a

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Mini bus overturns in Rajouri; many students among 28 injured



STATE TIMES NEWS
RAJOURI/JAMMU: At least 28 persons, mostly students, were injured when a mini bus overturned on a highway in Rajouri district on Tuesday, officials said.

The bus was on its way to

Snowfall in Gulmarg, Sonmarg, other high-altitude areas in Valley

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Many areas in the higher reaches of Kashmir, including the tourist resorts of Gulmarg and Sonmarg, received fresh snowfall on Tuesday, while rains lashed the plains, officials said.

They said the higher reaches of Kupwara, including Sadhna Pass and the areas close to the Line of Control (LoC), also received snowfall.

The tourist resort of Gulmarg, in north Kashmir, and Sonamarg, in central Kashmir, received fresh snowfall, the officials said.

The plains in the valley, including Srinagar,

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Drug peddler's property worth Rs 50 lakh attached

STATE TIMES NEWS
UDHAMPUR: Police here on Tuesday attached property worth Rs 50 lakh belonging to a drug peddler under the provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act in Udhampur district, officials said.

During the investigation into narcotics cases, it was found that the accused, Amit Singh, had acquired a residential house with land at village Preyan Southan and a KTM Duke motorcycle

India on way to become third largest economy: Sitharaman

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: India today stands out as a fast-growing economy and will soon be the third-largest in the world, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Tuesday.

Addressing students at the Delhi School of Economics here, she said, India stands distinctly on its feet because of its economic strength.

"What is making us literally stand out is the fast movement from the tenth largest economy in 2014 to fifth and the fourth, and now sooner, probably to the third," she

said.

She further said that the government has been able to pull 25 million people out of multi-dimensional poverty.

As regards the banking sector, Sitharaman said the balance sheets of public sector banks have improved significantly compared to the twin balance sheet problem



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DPRs invited for 7 ropeway projects in J&K under PPP mode

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on Tuesday chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess the progress and implementation of major infrastructure projects being executed by the National Highways Logistics Management Limited (NHLML) across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting primarily focused on the status of ropeway projects under the Parvatmala Scheme, the Inter Modal Station (IMS) at Katra, and the Multi-Modal Logistics Park (MMLP) in Jammu, all of which are pivotal for enhancing connectivity, logistics efficiency, and tourism infrastructure in the

region.

The meeting was attended by ACS, PWD; CEO, NHLML; Commissioner Secretary, Housing & Urban Development Department (H&UDD); Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce (I&C); Divisional Commissioner Jammu/Kashmir; Director General, Budget; Director, Industries Jammu; representatives from NHLML, and other senior officers.

Reviewing the progress of

ropeway projects, the Chief Secretary underlined that the UT administration is prioritizing improved connectivity to key tourist destinations through sustainable transport solutions.

The meeting was informed that bids have been invited by NHLML for the preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for seven priority Public-Private Partnership (PPP) projects, with bid submission

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Humidity
Max: 72 Min: 71

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Max: 21.9°C Min: 2.4°C

Humidity
Max: 89 Min: 63

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