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Adopting 'Swadeshi', 'Swabhasha' key to achieving self-reliant India: Shah

STATE TIMES NEWS
JODHPUR: Emphasising the need to encourage 'Swadeshi' and 'Swabhasha' for achieving the goal of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat', Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday urged people to make and use local products and to converse only in their mother tongue at home.

Shah said that language is key to preserving any society, culture and religion. While any language can be learnt or spoken as required to progress in the world, only Hindi and local languages must be used for conversation with children at home, as it will help strengthen their connection with their



roots, he stressed. "Only by adopting the mantra of 'Swadeshi' (indigenous) and 'Swabhasha' (mother tongue) can India become 'aatmanirbhar' (self-reliant)," he said. The minister was addressing the Maheshwari Global Convention at Jodhpur, where members from the Maheshwari community converged from various parts of the country and abroad. "If you talk in your language with the children at home, they will be automatically connected to their histo-

ry, to their state of Rajasthan.... It is the language only which keeps the society alive, religion alive and takes the culture forward," said Shah. "Speak in any language as is needed at other places, even if it is a foreign language, but speak only in the mother tongue with children at home," the minister said. Emphasising the need to work towards 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat', Shah highlighted the significance of 'Swadeshi' in making India a leading nation in every field by 2047. "If we have to reach the top, 'aatmanirbhar' is the only option and to make it successful, the only

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J&K BOSE notifies date-sheet for Class 10

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (J&K BOSE) has notified the date-sheet for Class 10 Annual/Regular, 2026 (Feb-Mar session) of Jammu Division (summer zone), scheduling the examination from February 17 from 10 AM to 1 PM. In all, nearly 51,000 students from Jammu Division are taking up the examination. As per the date-sheet, the examination will commence on February 17 for Mathematics. The Hindi/ Urdu papers have been scheduled on February 21 and English subject on February 25 followed by Social Science on March 2 and in

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Army Commander reviews security measures along LoC in north Kashmir

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Northern Army Commander Lt Gen Pratik Sharma on Saturday reviewed security measures and the counter-infiltration grid along the Line of Control (LoC) in north Kashmir. During the review, Sharma was briefed on counter-infiltration measures undertaken in hinterland areas to dominate the operational space, the Northern Command said in a post on X. It said the Army commander emphasised the importance of a strong intelligence grid and close coordination with other security agencies for effective and timely response to emerging



threats. "He also visited the High Altitude Warfare School, Gulmarg, where he reviewed training activities with a particular focus on skill enhancement through incorporation of technology and innovation," the Northern Command said. Meanwhile, Lt Gen Sharma also visited the Army Aviation Squadrons

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We have to avenge our painful history: Doval

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval on Saturday said

Speaking as the guest of honour at the opening ceremony of the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue here, Doval invoked the struggles and sacrifices of freedom fighters like Mahatma Gandhi, Subhash Chandra Bose and Bhagat Singh to drive home his point. "You are lucky that you were born in an independent India. I was born in a colonised India. Our ancestors fought for independence and went through so many trials and tribulations,"

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Arms consignment dropped by drone seized in Samba 'Suspicious' pigeon caught in Akhnoor Sector

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: An arms consignment, apparently dropped by a drone from Pakistan, was recovered from a forward area near the International Border in the Samba district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Saturday. The recovery of the consignment, including two pistols, three magazines, 16 rounds and a grenade, was made amid heightened security to thwart any attempt by terrorists to disrupt the upcoming Republic Day celebrations, the officials said.



They said a joint team of the Border Security Force (BSF) and Special Operations Group (SOG) of J&K Police launched

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Three SIM-less phones recovered at Kot Bhalwal jail
JAMMU: Three Mobile phones without SIM cards were recovered from an inmate lodged in the high-security central jail here on Saturday, officials said. The recovery of cellphones from the luggage of Rohit Kumar alias 'Makhan', a resident of R S Pura, who was arrested last year on the charges of drug peddling, was made from Kot Bhalwal jail, the officials said.

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ACB arrests Patwari for accepting Rs 10,000 bribe in Budgam

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has arrested a revenue official after trapping him red-handed while demanding and accepting a bribe in Budgam district. An ACB official, while confirming the arrest, said, "The Anti-Corruption Bureau follows a zero-tolerance policy against corruption. Any public servant found misusing official position for personal gain will be dealt with strictly under law." According to official, the ACB received a written com-

plaint alleging that the complainant had applied before the concerned Revenue authorities for issuance of a Revenue extract and a bank lien certificate in respect of his property situated at Rakh Soothu, BK Pora, Budgam, required for a bank guarantee. The complainant alleged that upon approaching the concerned Patwari of Halqa Rakh Soothu, namely Riyaz Ahmad Khan, the official failed to process the case in a lawful and timely manner. Instead, the Patwari

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Jammu Div Canals being closed for execution of works from Jan 15

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: All major canals of Jammu province including Ranbir Canal, New Partap Canal, Kathua Canal and their distribution networks along with the Tawi Lift Irrigation Canal and Ravi Canal (including their distribution networks) shall be closed from January 15, 2026 for annual desilting and maintenance work. Official communiqués received from Chief Engineers of Irrigation & Flood Control and Ravi Tawi Irrigation Departments stated that "As per consent conveyed by the Director, Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare Jammu (letter No: Agri/DAJ/Dev-32/2025-26/7583 dated 06-01-2026), all major canals of Jammu division shall be closed from January 15, 2026. The date for opening of canals shall be

CB registers FIR in job fraud case

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Special Crime Wing, Crime Branch Jammu on Saturday registered a formal case for cheating and forgery case involving fake appointment orders in the High Court of J&K. Sharing the details, SSP SCW Jammu Sanjay Parihar informed that the case has been registered against one Mohd. Tahir, son of Mohd Hussain, resident of Ward No. 07, Banola, District Poonch, on the basis of written complaints lodged by two different complainants, alleging fraud committed with them by the

accused by providing fake appointment orders in lieu of monetary considerations. "The accused came into contact with the first complainant during a train journey from Jammu to Roorkee and subsequently developed friendly relations with him. Taking advantage of this acquaintance, the accused allured the complainant by assuring him of a Government job in the J&K High Court, Jammu. On the basis of this false assurance, the complainant paid Rs. 2,00,000, part through bank transfer and part in cash. In return, the accused handed over an alleged appointment order purportedly issued by the J&K High Court," Sanjay Parihar said. "When the complainant approached the High Court authorities for joining, it was revealed that the appointment order was fake and forged," Parihar added. "Further, the accused, who was known to the second complainant for a long time, initially took Rs. 2,00,000 on the pretext of medical treatment of his wife. Subsequently, the accused assured him that he could arrange a job for his

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10 Finance Deptt officers transferred

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The government on Saturday transferred ten officials in Finance Department. According to the order issued by Santosh D Vaidya, Principal Secretary, Finance Department, Ramesh Singh, Director Finance, under orders of transfer to Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra has been posted as Director Finance, Transport Department; Kajal Jasrotia, Financial Advisor/CAO, under orders of transfer as Joint Director (Central) Local Fund,

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Security tightened amid surge of tourists in snow-bound Baderwah



STATE TIMES NEWS
BHADERWAH/JAMMU: Security arrangements have been strengthened across snow-bound tourist destinations in Doda following a surge of tourists over

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Kashmir shivers as night temperatures dip

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Temperatures dipped further across the Kashmir Valley, with Shopian recording a low of minus 8.2 degrees Celsius, and clear skies leading to the freezing of parts of the Dal Lake and other water bodies during the ongoing 'Chilla-i-Kalan', officials said. "Srinagar recorded a minimum temperature of minus 5.7 degrees Celsius on Friday night, up from

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 15.2°C Min: 3.6°C

Humidity
Max: 87 Min: 68

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 10.9°C Min: -5.7°C

Humidity
Max: 92 Min: 77

Sunset : 17:42 Hours
Sunrise : 07:33 Hours

Tera Kya Hoga Kalia! A Case for Jammu State

DR NUTAN K RESUTRA
This is a very popular scene from the epic movie *Sholay*; when Gabbar Singh asks: *Ab tera kya hoga Kalia?* Kalia says: *Sardar, maine aap ka namak khayaa hai. Comes the reply: Toh ab goli kha.* To me, there is a remarkable similarity between this scene and the case for Jammu as a separate State. I request my learned readers to kindly bear with me when I say we the Jammutes are now tired, rather exhausted. We are tired of shouting again and again and again each time when discrimination takes place against Jammu. Sometimes, this shouting becomes agitation also which in turn makes governments- both at the Centre and the State- unwillingly listen to us and paeate us. As a result, Jammu also gets something that it had been deserving, but constantly being denied so far. For, that had already been assigned to Kashmir. The intensity of agitation determines whether we get our due share or not; but it seems invariably, agitation or an unrest among people has to be there to get due for Jammu. And this discrimination is not something that has happened in recent past decade or twenty years; it has been hap-

pening since the time the reign of Maharaja Hari Singh came to an end and we became so-called Independent India! Friends, I will not go too far back into those days. I will only concentrate on some recent incidents. Discriminatory Budget Allocations for various projects, Kashmir verses Jammu, now have become only a news item in print media and do not raise an eye brow. Let us not talk about selection of students of a particular religion in Shrine Board University; but surely look into the selections for Football Team and the Cricket Team. As far as the Shrine Board Medical College is concerned; the matter stands resolved by withdrawing permission granted to the SMVDMC. But here I sincerely wonder: are the Hindus really- please excuse me for using the word- so dumb in intelligence that out of fifty, not even ten have the matching IQ of those who had been sent to this College? Well, this can be better answered by the agencies who made those selections, and not by me. Similar situation seems to be resented when selections for football team is made. Through-out the Jammu Province, is there not a single football player

who can compete to come even at the twentieth position? Are we the Jammu-walas so sluggish in playing football? And in the case of Cricket Team, we do not account for even five good players? Then why not to forget cricket and start playing *gulli-danda* only if our children cannot get chance to shine in the gentleman's game. Frankly, it is being portrayed that one and all in Jammu can neither play, nor compete in academics with our respected fellow citizens of the Valley. Because we are still the Second-Class citizens! To me, merely forming of Committees to enquire into the matter is just not the solution. I am again recalled of an episode from yet another movie when in some other context Amitabh Bacchan remarks: "No means No! And I say: Enough is Enough. *Aub Bus!*" Right from the famous Bum Bum-Bholey or Amarnath Land Agitation to striving for AIIMS to Central University to SMVDMC to Cricket Team to Football Team, the people of Jammu have to cry hoarse to make governments listen. And they listen reluctantly, ultimately considering Jammu demand. I wonder: is this the only course left that we keep on forming Sangharsh Samities and protest?

And now another issue is simmering to become yet another base for a new agitation. It had been in the grapevine that National Law University will be established in Jammu. Suddenly, about a month and a half back, the Chief Minister announced that the said National Law University will be set up in Kashmir! And now various organisations including the Bar Association are up in arms against the announcement of the CM and have threatened a major agitation including *chakka jam* and complete *bandh*. We may be in for witnessing another conflict of issues between the two regions. Interestingly, I see a very positive development in all these incidents. The demand for a separate Jammu State is now after all becoming a reality. The think-tank of the authorities- that-be must have realised that the agitation concerning the Shrine Board Medical College is now going the Jammu State way; and hence a prompt decision, right or wrong, was taken and permission by NMC withdrawn: lest the inevitable happens. All kudos to Shri Sham Lal Sharma ji, the Hon'ble MLA from the BJP who has dared to raise this demand once again. He

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