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## Congress using infiltration as weapon of its vote bank politics: Amit Shah



on this, and nobody can shake us from this firm stand," the BJP leader said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has worn the Assamese 'gamosa' at the UN and talked about Vaishnav saints Sankardeva and Madhavdeva, thereby spreading the state's culture globally, he said.

Shah also accused the Congress of using infiltration as a "weapon of its vote bank politics".

"There has been no infiltration in Assam since the BJP came to power. Those who had come to India illegally will be identified and sent back," he added.

Asserting that before the last elections, the BJP had pledged that infiltration, which "changed Assam's demography and compromised the nation's security", would be stopped, Shah said, "We kept our promise".

The Assam government has

stopped the process of changing demography, and has freed 1 lakh 26 thousand acres of land from infiltrators, he said. "If demographic change is not stopped, Assam may face difficulties in the coming days, and only our government can stop it."

Shah alleged that the opposition party, for the sake of vote banks, had even handed over the sacred land of Srimanta Sankardeva to infiltrators, which the

Himanta government of Assam has now made infiltration-free.

He also alleged that the Congress did nothing for Assam's development, and the BJP dispensation in Assam, under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has taken a series of initiatives for the progress of all sectors.

Both BJP Chief Ministers Himanta Biswa Sarma and his predecessor

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Kathua Rly Stn renamed after Martyr Captain Sunil Kumar Choudhary

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JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Government has accorded sanction for renaming Kathua Railway Station in honour of Martyr Captain Sunil Kumar Choudhary, recognizing his supreme sacrifice for the nation.

As per Government Order No.129-JK(GAD) of 2026, issued by the General Administration Department,

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Two held for impersonating JMC officials

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Two persons were arrested for allegedly impersonating officials of the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) and cheating citizens here, police said on Friday.

Mohd Shabiq and Mohd Zaffar, both residents of Bantalab, are accused of posing as JMC officials and cheating people by making deceptive claims related to official municipal

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The committee included

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## Speaker chairs All Party, Business Advisory Committee meetings



Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather chairing meeting of BAC and all-party representatives at Assembly Secretariat Jammu.

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather chaired a joint meeting of the Business Advisory Committee (BAC) and all-party representatives today at Assembly Secretariat Jammu. The meeting focused on finalizing the agenda, ensuring coordination, and preparing for the upcoming Budget Session, which is scheduled to commence on February 2, 2026.

The Speaker emphasized that the Members should not disrupt the Question Hour which is considered as the most important tool

their constituents in the House sincerely by way of raising the important public issues and highlight the problems being faced by them for the sake of their redressal by the Government.

Rather asserted that the Members should carry out healthy debates and discussions which is the essence of democracy but at the same time they should strictly keep the discipline and should not encourage any disorder and disruption which tells upon the dignity of the House. He added that the proceedings are watched by the people and any irresponsible behavior will send a wrong signal to them and as such have to behave as role models for the whole society.

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## SI among six charge-sheeted in Rs 3 Cr cheating case

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JAMMU: Six persons, including a Police Sub-Inspector, were chargesheeted here for allegedly duping a Hyderabad-based businessman of Rs three crore under the guise of selling Kashmir Blue Sapphires, a police spokesman said.

The charge sheet was filed in a local court here in the cheating and fraud case, which was registered at police station Bahu Fort in Jammu city on December 15, 2024, the spokesman said.

The accused in the case include Sub-Inspector Mohd Maqbool Dugga, Mohd Taj

Khan, Kulwinder Singh, Mohd Rayaz, Showkat Hussain and Mohd Shafi.

Earlier, the police had recovered and returned Rs 62 lakh to the complainant, Mir Firasath Ali Khan.

The investigation revealed a larger criminal conspiracy in which Taj Khan, along with others, was allegedly involved in selling rare Kashmir Blue Sapphires from the treasure of the Raja of Jammu.

The police seized multiple fake gemstones and other forged articles from the possession of Khan, Shafi and Maqbool during a

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## Younger generation should recognize non-violence as supreme courage: LG



He was speaking at the solemn event organised by the Gandhi Global Family, J&K. The Lieutenant Governor also remembered and paid homage to the sacrifice and dedication of all

great men and women on Martyrs' Day.

Addressing the gathering, the Lieutenant Governor spoke on Jammu Kashmir's unwavering desire for peace and the timeless relevance of

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Gandhian values and ideals that have guided us through generations.

"The world and global society is changing rapidly. The humanity is facing new challenges today. Amid such turbulence, Pujya Mahatma Gandhi's serene yet formidable voice offers strength and direction to the global society.

Pujya Bapu showed through his life and works that meaningful change demands not merely strength, but character and dedicated effort," the Lieutenant Governor said.

It was alleged that the patwari had demanded a bribe of Rs 20,000 for issuing an

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## Five AGMUT cadre IPS officers promoted to DGP rank



■ STATE TIMES NEWS  
JAMMU: The Ministry of Home Affairs has promoted five AGMUT cadre IPS officers to the rank of Director General of Police (DGP), including three officers who have been granted proforma promotion while on Central deputation.

As per an order issued by

the Ministry, Dr Shiv Darshan Singh Jamwal and David Lalrinsanga have been promoted to the DGP rank in Level 16 of the pay matrix, with effect from Feb 1, 2026, or from the date they assume charge, whichever is later.

The promotions were made following the recommenda-

tions of the Screening Committee meeting held on Dec 8, 2025, and were approved by the competent authority.

Meanwhile, the three officers accorded proforma promotion are Satish Shriramaji Khandare, Rajesh Kumar and Tsewang Namgyal Kalon.

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JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir government has approved an enhancement in the honorarium of vocational trainers engaged under Samagra Shiksha and PM SHRI, with retrospective effect from April 1, 2024.

According to an official communication issued by the Directorate of Samagra Shiksha, the decision was taken following approval of the Project Approval Board (PAB) for 2024-25 and authorization by the Chairman of the Executive Committee. As per the revised rates,

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## Consultations with public representatives of 8 Jammu districts Peoples' welfare at core of pre-budget consultations: CM



Chief Minister Omar Abdullah chairing meeting in Jammu on Friday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS  
JAMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday concluded the pre-budget consultation process with public representatives from eight districts of the Jammu division, reiterating the government's commitment to inclusive and participatory approach in budget formulation aimed at the overall development of Jammu and Kashmir.

Thanking all the Members of the Legislative Assembly for their valuable inputs and feedback regarding developmental works in their respective constituencies, the Chief Minister said that these consultations were not a mere formality but an essential exercise to understand needs and perspectives of people at the grassroots

level and their priorities.

"There was no doubt in this. These consultations are not meant to be a formality. If it were just a formality, I would not have called you," the Chief Minister said. He added that listening to elected representatives often brings forward ideas and perspectives that the government may not have otherwise considered.

The Chief Minister emphasized that all stakeholders shared a common objective. "We are all on one page—that Jammu and Kashmir and the people of Jammu and Kashmir should benefit. This is the purpose of these meetings," he said.

CM Omar Abdullah further thanked the MLAs for active-

ly participating in the consultation process and placing their demands and suggestions before the government. "What you have spoken, what you have written, and what you have submitted has all been noted. I thank you for that and participating in these meetings," he said.

He noted that the pre-budget consultation process was initiated last year and has been continued this year to strengthen participatory governance. He explained that the primary objective of these meetings is to listen to public representatives and incorporate feasible suggestions during budget preparation. "Every honourable minister receives a report of these consultations so

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NEW DELHI: The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting on Monday ordered a major reshuffle in the Indian Information Service (IIS), transferring and posting 27 Group 'A' officers across key media units including PIB, DD News, All India Radio (AIR), CBC, RNU and the Prime Minister's Office with immediate effect.

According to the official order, Ritu Shukla has been posted as ADG (News), DD News, All India Radio (AIR), CBC, RNU and the Prime Minister's Office with immediate effect.

As per the official order, Ritu Shukla has been posted as ADG (News), DD News, New Delhi, while Rajith Chandran M R moves from PRGI New Delhi to Director (M&C), PIB New Delhi. Neha Jalali will continue as Director (M&C), PIB

Jammu, with additional charge of CBC, RO Jammu. Siddhartha Babanrao Bodke will continue as Director (News), RNU, DDK Mumbai, with additional charge of CBFC, RO Mumbai, while Ayushi Puri moves from CBC Jammu to Deputy Director (News), RNU, DDK Jammu.

Supriya Ghayatdak will continue as Deputy Director, CBC Pune, with additional charge of PRO, DPR (Defense), Pune.

Megha Sunny has been posted as Deputy Director (M&C), PIB New Delhi.

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## Anti-terror ops intensified in Kishtwar; mobile internet services remain suspended

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Security forces on Friday intensified their ongoing anti-terror operation in the snowbound Chatroo belt to track down and neutralise a group of three holed up Jaish-e-Mohammad terrorists in Kishtwar district, officials said.

They said mobile internet services remained temporarily suspended within a radius of six km covering Singhpora, Chingam and Chatroo to avoid its misuse by anti-national elements during the ongoing operation.

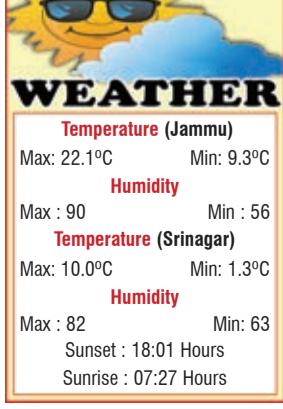
The operation in the area was launched on January 18, leading to a fierce gunbattle in Sonnar forest near Mandral-Singhpora resulting in the killing of a paratrooper and injuries to seven

soldiers. Although the terrorists managed to escape taking advantage of thick vegetation and the challenging terrain, the security forces continued their hunt for the terrorists despite more than two feet of snowfall.

Two more encounters took place between the army and the terrorists at Mali Dara top on January 22 and Janseer-Kandiar on January 25 but the terrorists once again slipped deep into the forest area.

The suspension of mobile internet services in Singhpora, Chingam and Chatroo has been extended till 23:59 hours on January 30, the officials said, quoting an order issued by the J-K Home Department.

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Max: 22.1°C Min: 9.3°C  
Humidity  
Max: 90% Min: 56%  
Temperature (Srinagar)  
Max: 10.0°C Min: 1.3°C  
Humidity  
Max: 82% Min: 63%  
Sunrise: 07:27 Hours  
Sunset: 18:01 Hours

