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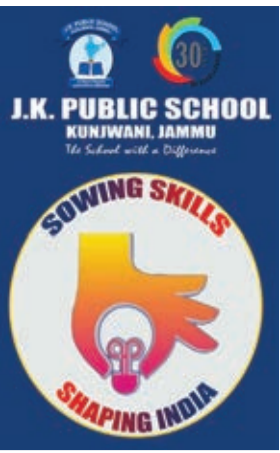
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## SSB played key role in securing borders, combating Naxalism: Amit Shah

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SILIGURI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday lauded the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) for its pivotal role in securing the country's borders with friendly nations such as Nepal and Bhutan, combating Naxalism in Bihar and Jharkhand, and curbing illegal activities.



Home Minister Amit Shah addressing gathering at 61st Raising Day celebrations of SSB in Siliguri on Friday.

Addressing the 61st Raising Day celebrations of the SSB in Siliguri, Shah said, "The Sashastra Seema Bal has played a key role in securing our borders with friendly nations such as Nepal and Bhutan. Its alertness and presence have ensured a sense of security in the Siliguri Corridor and the Eastern region."

The SSB has adopted a zero-tolerance policy in last three years against encroachment on government land within 15 km of the border. The SSB has been successful in freeing thousands of acres of government land from encroachment," he said.

## Police attaches property of Pakistan-based terror handler

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAJOURI: Police on Friday attached the property of a Pakistan-based terror handler in Rajouri district.

## Parliament's session ends amid deepening political animosity

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Parliament was adjourned sine die on Friday, capping off a tumultuous session that saw a robust debate on the country's constitutional journey and the introduction of two landmark bills on simultaneous elections before plunging to a new low of political animosity over alleged insult of B R Ambedkar.

Speaker Om Birla in Lok Sabha to adjourn the House within three minutes without even the customary summing up of the Session's highlights.

far cry from days when it hovered around 100 per cent and even beyond.

## CB files charge-sheet in two fraud cases of similar nature

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Special Crime Wing (SCW) of the Crime Branch Jammu on Friday produced Challan in two fraud cases of similar nature against accused Deepak Kumar.

plainants in MES Department, had duped them of their hard-earned money to the tune of around Rs. 46 lakhs," a Crime Branch official said.

## Anti-terror ops at Ander Bough Lolab; people asked to record statement

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: In connection with the anti-militancy operation conducted at Diver Ander Bough Lolab on 5th and 6th of November, the government has ordered a Magisterial enquiry under section 196 BNSS.

## Decks cleared for mega parliamentary panel to examine ONOE bills

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Decks were cleared for setting up a mega 39-member parliamentary panel to examine the two bills proposing simultaneous elections with the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha adopting resolutions in this regard.

that seek to fulfill the BJP's long-cherished promise of holding simultaneous elections to the Lok Sabha and state assemblies.

lawmakers, including Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, Bansuri Swaraj and Sambit Patra, as members.

## Former Haryana CM OP Chautala dies at 89

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
CHANDIGARH/NEW DELHI: Om Prakash Chautala, a prominent Jat leader and former Haryana chief minister whose career was marked by dizzying highs and rock bottoms, including stints in jail, died on Friday. He was 89.



## SC orders states, UTs to complete inspection of wetlands in 3 months

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court has directed states and union territories to complete inspection of wetlands identified by the Space Application Center Atlas within three months.

## Gen Rawat's chopper crash: Par panel report says 'human error'

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Country's first Chief of Defence Staff Gen Bipin Rawat died in a Mi-17 V5 helicopter crash on December 8, 2021, and a parliamentary panel report has said the reason behind the accident which occurred that day was "human error".

helicopter they were traveling in crashed near Coonoor in Tamil Nadu.

es stood at 34, including nine IAF aircraft accidents that took place in 2021-22 and 11 in 2018-19.

## Jammu needs its priorities listed

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A lot is being said about the development and opportunities that need to be grabbed in 2025, but Jammu's priorities don't figure as much as they should. Now Jammu has its own voice, which it mandated in the Assembly elections and before that in Lok Sabha polls through its vote. It is predominantly the mandate for BJP and it is for the lawmakers so elected from here to represent Jammu's case and list its priorities.

number of issues which got piled over one another in the past six and a half years when its political voice was limited to Parliament, as the Assembly stood dissolved since November 2018. The MLAs elected in 2014 lost their position and power. It should be admitted that same was the fate of the then MLAs in Kashmir, but they continued to raise their issues. The Centre, before and after the abrogation of Article 370, paid greater attention to the Valley. In fact, the whole attention was focused on the behaviour

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of the Valley, and that was need of the hour too as any untoward incident there could have cast shadows on Centre's decision to remove Article 370. Jammu also accepted that position as by its organic nature and endless love for the Indian nationalism, supported Delhi's moves. It did not flag its issues in the overarching national interest.

ing a feeling, which it is saying both loudly and whispers that the development taking place in the UT of J&K is keeping Jammu out of its benefits. The business community is overtly worried about its future prospects as the developments like Expressway and rail link to the Valley skip Jammu. From a destination for pilgrims of Vaishno Devi shrine, the number of which staggers around 10 million per year, it was reduced to a transit point. Now that transit point is also melting into a mini stop. Kashmir-bound tourists, who would often stay in Jammu for couple of days or at least overnight, will now be going straight from other parts of the country to Valley. With that, it is feared that economy will nose dive. The prognosis is economic stagnation will worsen. This will affect transport, hospitality sectors and also small-time eateries. That is that the whole canvas of the economy would be affected.

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