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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.

 $_{\mathrm{the}}$ 61 stAddressing 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.

Highlighting the SSB's role in tackling left-wing extremism, Shah noted, "The SSB has played an important role in ending the menace of Naxalism in Bihar and Jharkhand. Their proactive



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

approach, in coordination with the CRPF and local police forces, has significantly weakened Naxal activities in Chhattisgarh, making the region Naxal-free after almost four decades. Shah commended the SSB

for its unique initiatives to foster cultural integration and uphold its motto of "Service, Security and Brotherhood." "The SSB has done a com-

mendable job by connecting the culture, language, and

curbing smuggling of narcotics, arms, counterfeit currency, and wildlife products, and for preventing human trafficking and infiltration heritage of India's border vilby anti-national elements. lages with the mainstream. "The vigilance of the SSB in the Siliguri corridor, a cru-

This initiative strengthens the bond between the nation cial area in eastern India, has reassured and instilled confiand its border communities," dence in the nation. Their he said. The SSB has also been efforts have also created an instrumental in removing environment of trust in the

encroachments, particularly along the India-Nepal border. "While respecting the dignity of friendly relations with Nepal, the removal of more than 1,100 encroachments in the No Man's Land by the

Ashok Bajaj who after com-

pleting the investigation,

produced the Challan in the

court of CJM Samba against

the accused who had cheated

as the Ayushman SSB is a great achievement.

> Anti-terror ops at Ander Bough Lolab; people asked to record statement **STATE TIMES NEWS**

eastern region," he added.

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

Shah praised the SSB for

from

government land

encroachment," he said.

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

Sub Divisional Magistrate Lolab Sogam has been

Meanwhile, general public are informed that if any person has any kind of information regarding the incident,

#### **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. The land, measuring 19

marlas and belonging to proclaimed offender Zia-ul-Rehman, was attached in the Samote village of Budhal, officials said. The action was carried out

by a joint team of police and civil administration led by Superintendent of Police Kotranka, Wajahat Hussain, and Tehsildar Syed Sahil, they added. The was

propertyattached on the orders of a court in the presence of revenue authorities.

# **Parliament's session ends amid** deepening political animosity

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

It was only a little better in Rajya Sabha as opposition parties, which have been protesting against Home Minister Amit Shah's alleged insulting comments for Ambedkar, agreed to let Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar read out his valedictory remarks before adjourning the House sine die.

The Lok Sabha's productivity was nearly 58 per cent, persisted, forcing according to its secretariat, a

CONTD ON PAGE 9 Decks cleared for mega parliamentary Former Haryana CM OP Chautala dies at 89

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chief min-

partisan.

Farooq, CM express brief STATE TIMES NEWS

far cry from days when it

hovered around 100 per cent

In his concluding remarks,

Dhankhar called upon par-

ties to rise above political dif-

ferences and restore the

sanctity of parliamentary

discourse, striking a note of

balance amid opposition's

charge that he has often been

He said the House effec

tively functioned for just 43

hours and 27 minutes with a

productivity of merely 40.03

percent during the Winter

Session that began on

November 25. At a press con-

ference, Parliamentary

and even beyond.

CHANDIGARH/NEW DELHI: Om Prakash Chautala

a prominent Jat leader and former

ister whose career was marked by dizzying highs and rock bottoms, including stints in jail, died on Friday. He was 89. CONTD ON PAGE 9

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

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Department, had duped

them of their hard-earned

money to the tune of around

Rs. 46 lakhs," a Crime

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#### 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.

"Crime Branch (SCW) Jammu had received various complaints of similar nature against one Deepak Kumar, son of Parshotam Lal, resident of Nathal Chak. Kathua, who in lieu of providing jobs to the com-

SC orders states, UTs to complete inspection of wetlands in 3 months The DELHI: NEW Supreme Court has directed states and union territories to complete inspection of wetlands identified by the Space Application Center Atlas within three months. A bench comprising Justices Sudhanshu Dhulia and Ahsanuddin Amanullah said according to ISRO the number of wetlands in

Branch official said. the complainant and other Accordingly, the official victims of their hard-earned added, PVs were got conmoney to the tune of Rs. ducted and on the basis of 42,20,000," official said and added. "Another case FIR findings, two FIRs were registered in Police Station No 07/2024 under Sections 419, 420, 504, IPC of Police SCW Crime Branch Jammu against the accused person. Station SCW Jammu was "Case FIR No.1/2023 entrusted to Inspector Kali Charan who too completed under Sections 419/420 IPC was entrusted to Inspector

section 196 BNSS. entrusted with the job. CONTD ON PAGE 9

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

STATE TIMES er they were travel- es stood at 34, including nine

panel to examine ONOE bills Underlining the BJP-led **STATE TIMES NEWS** NDA government's commitment to improving the lives NEW DELHI: Decks were of CAPF personnel, Shah cleared for setting up a mega highlighted initiatives such 39-member parliamentary panel to examine the two bills CONTD ON PAGE 9 proposing simultaneous elections with the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha adopting resolutions in this regard.

The government decided to increase the Committee's strength from 31 to 39 as political parties more expressed the desire to be part of the exercise to examine the two draft legislations

that seek to fulfill the BJP's long-cherished promise of holding simultaneous elec-

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NEW DELHI: Parliament

was adjourned sine die on

Friday, capping off a tumul-

tuous session that saw a

robust debate on the coun-

try's constitutional journey

and the introduction of two

landmark bills on simultane-

ous elections before plunging

to a new low of political ani-

mosity over alleged insult of

As Parliament met on the

last day of Winter Session,

the overhang of mutual bit-

terness involving the ruling

Alliance and opposition par-

following Thursday's

Democratic

B R Ambedkar.

National

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BJP leader and Lok Sabha Bhratruhari Committee on the 'One One Nation Election' (ONOE) bills with former union ministers Anurag Thakur, Parshottam Rupala, P P Chaudhary, Manish Tewari and several first term

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

The Joint Committee to examine the Constitution (129th Amendment) Bill and the Union Territories Laws (Amendment) Bill will have 37 members from the Lok Sabha and 12 members from the Rajya Sabha.

Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal moved the resolutions in the Lok CONTD ON PAGE 9



member

tions to the Lok Sabha and state assemblies Mahtab is tipped to be the chairman of the Joint

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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". Gen Rawat, his wife Madhulika Rawat, and many

other armed forces personnel

ling in crashed near Coonoor in Tamil Nadu.

The accident was widely reported in the media.

In the report tabled in Parliament on Tuesday, the Standing Committee on Defence shared the data on the number of Indian Air Force aircraft crashes that took place during the 13th Defence Plan period.

had died after the military The total number of crashIAF aircraft accidents that took place in 2021-22 and 11in 2018-19.

The tabulated data in the report also contained a column titled "reason" that specified the cause of the accidents in this period, against the aircraft type and date and accident.

The data for the 33rd accident listed in the report

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# ammu needs its priorities listed



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.

The first task before the BJP leadership is to identify all issues confronting the region and seek region-specific solutions. This time party's responsibility to understand and flag issues is more than it was in 2014 when it had won a majority of Assembly seats and both the Lok Sabha seats as the political landscape is vastly different; the party had aligned with PDP to rule in coalition. The BJP had its big share in the coalition government and could maneuver things in the corridors of power . Today the scene is different - it is cast in the role of opposition after the Assembly elections with 29 seats in its kitty, while NC that got an overwhelming mandate from the Kashmir Valley is the ruling party. They are ideologically and politically poles apart. Practically speaking , Jammu has a

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.

Now when the abrogation of Article 370 has been accepted as an all-time reality, Jammu has the right to list its priorities and seek attention toward that. A mechanism is also in place- it has elected MLAs mandated by the people to raise their issues and seek redressal. This is expectation of the people as they are also looking for their space to gain their importance in the UT.

First thing first, Jammu is nurtur-

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. All should put their heads together to

bring out a list, in which all the issues should be placed priority -wise , and if possible a time frame should also be worked out This has to be a collective effort . Without stable economy, the political stability too would get affected. Jammu cannot afford that . There are issues that can be resolved at the local level and there are many other issues which the Centre alone can address. In both the cases, it is the BJP has to lead.



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