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## BJP to send all Bangladeshi infiltrators back: Amit Shah

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 ${\bf BORDUWA}$ (ASSAM) Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday accused the Congress of considering Bangladeshi infiltrators, who threatened Assam's people, their culture, land and identity, as its vote bank.

Addressing a public rally here, Shah said the Centre would identify all illegal immigrants from the neighbouring country, not only from Assam but also from the rest of India, and send them back

He also claimed that the enactment of the Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) (IMDT) Act in 1983 gave the infiltrators legal protection.

The Act was later scrapped by the Supreme Court.

"I assure the people of Assam from the holy place of Batadrava that the BJP government will identify all Bangladeshi infiltrators and send them back," he said.



Shah alleged that the cultural identity of the state's people was "gradually weakened under the influence of the infiltrators"

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi has not only ensured the protection of the cultural identity of the Assamese people but also focused on allaround development of the state", he said.

"The Congress government

ment against illegal immiat the 'Swahid grants. Kshetra' Smarak Guwahati.

He asserted that the last ten years of the BJP rule in the state will be considered a "golden era", adding "Modi has come to the North East 80 times and to Assam 36 times during the last 11 years since he became the Prime Minister".

Taking a dig at former prime minister Manmohan Singh, Shah claimed, "The Congress talks about the welfare of the people of Assam, which had sent him to Rajva Sabha for 12 years, but he had come to the state only seven times, twice for filing his nomination papers".

"For him (Manmohan Singh), Assam's development, culture and peace were just a matter of speech as for vears the state had suffered from various agitations

#### Chairs 6th J&K UT Wildlife Board meeting

### LG calls for priority focus on biodiversity management, wildlife conservation

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday chaired the 6th meeting of Wildlife Board for the UT of J&K, at Lok Bhavan.

The meeting was attended by Javed Ahmed Rana, Minister for Jal Shakti, Ecology Forest,

Environment and Tribal Affairs Departments; Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal and Mian Mehar Ali, Members of Legislative Assembly; Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Dr Mandeep K. Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor: Sheetal Nanda,

Commissioner Secretary to Government, Forest, Ecology & Environment; Suresh Kumar Gupta, Principal J&K; Sujit Kumar, IGP

Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF; Sarvesh Rai, PCCF / Chief Wildlife Warden,

Conservationists, Ecologists,

eminent

Security;



(JKPSC) on Monday submitted its 66th Annual Report for the year 2024-25 to the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, at Lok Bhavan Jammu. The delegation, led by Chairman JKPSC Arun Kumar Choudhary, comprised Members of the Commission, Dr Rajiv

Singh, Tariq Ahmad Zargar, Yashpal Kotwal and Asaf Mehmood Sagar. The report was submitted in terms of Article 323(2) of the

Constitution of India. The report outlines a year of significant administrative

reforms and presents a comprehensive review of the functioning of the Commission.

The Lieutenant Governor commended the Jammu & Kashmir Public Service Commission for upholding the highest standards of integrity and ensuring a fair, merit-based, speedy and transparent selection process. Arun Kumar Choudhary, Chairman JKPSC ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Environmentalists, representatives of Army and NGOs dealing with Wildlife, and other board members.

The Board, which met under the chairmanship of Lieutenant Governor, accorded wildlife clearance to several projects and recommended some proposals to National Board of Wildlife for final approval. These included projects of 4G-saturation, Jal Jeevan Mission, re-alignment of transmission lines, setting up of border security posts, development of horticulture nursery and installation of

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#### One detained for posting 'misleading' video in Kishtwar

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: One person was detained for allegedly uploading a "misleading" video related to a clash between two communities in Kishtwar district, police said on Monday, and issed public advisory cautioning citizens against misuse of social media.

In a related development, District Kishtwar Magistrate Pankaj Kumar Sharma on Monday issued an order under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS). directing strict regulation and compliance with the statutory framework govern-

#### VPN services suspended in Shopian over security considerations STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Authorities in Shopian district on Monday suspended the use of Virtual Private Network (VPN) services until further orders, over security considerations.

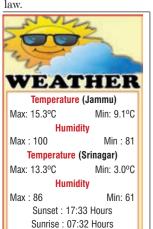
According to a police spokesperson, the deputy commissioner directed the suspension of VPN services with immediate effect in the interest of maintaining public order and ensuring securi-

He said the order has been

issued in view of the prevailing security considerations and to avoid potential misuse of VPN services, which may impede lawful monitoring and pose risks to public safe-

"All residents of Shopian district are requested to strictly adhere to the order and cooperate with the district administration and police," the spokesperson said.

He said any non-compliance or violation of the order shall invite strict legal action under relevant provisions of



ing digital news and current

affairs content in the district. The order specifically targets mushrooming of unregistered online news portals and social media pages reporting news and current affairs without registration, verification, or accountability, which the administration said poses a serious risk of misinformation and disturbance of public order.

The order followed a clash between two communities in a remote village in Nagseni area of Kishtwar district which left a few persons injured. One person was detained for

**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

JAMMU: The Special Crime

Wing (SCW) Crime Branch

Jammu on Monday filed

charge-sheet in a fraud and

cheating case before the

Court of Chief Judicial

The charge-sheet has been

filed against Uttama Devi,

wife of Hans Raj, resident of

Village Shingani, Tehsil

Gandoh Bhalessa, District

Doda in FIR No. 06/2024

under sections 420, 467,

468, 471 RPC of Police

While sharing the details,

SSP SCW Jammu Sanjay

Parihar, informed that the

Fresh spell of rain, snow

likely in Kashmir

witnessed warmer- than-

usual minimum tempera-

tures on Sunday night,

according to Meteorological

An official from the depart-

ment said there is a possibil-

ity of moderate snowfall in

Kashmir on Tuesday, with

the main activity expected in

The weather is likely to

remain cloudy on Wednesday

and Thursday, with rain or

snow expected in the higher

Srinagar city recorded a

low of 0.8 degrees Celsius

last night, which was 3.4

degrees above normal for

this time of the year.

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Gulmarg was the

reaches, the official added.

Department officials.

the afternoon.

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Station SCW Jammu.

Magistrate, Doda.

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 FAKE DEGREE: CB files charge-sheet

the nation this month," Shah The home minister paid MCC of J&K HC organises 3-day training programmes

was in power for so long, but

it did nothing in memory of

the martyrs of the Assam

movement against infiltra-

tions. It was due to the

efforts of the BJP govern-

ments at the Centre and the

state that such a grand

memorial was dedicated to

**STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU/SRINAGAR: Under the patronage of Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Justice Arun Palli, Mediation Committee Conciliation (MCC) of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh on Monday inaugurated three-day training programme 'Conduct of Mediation- Advanced Course (Capsule Course), Training of Trainers Programme, simultaneously at Jammu and Srinagar campuses of Judicial Academy J&K

The course is being held in collaboration with Jammu & Kashmir Judicial Academy

in fraud, cheating case

case originated from a writ-

ten complaint, alleging there-

in that the accused person

has fraudulently procured a

fake Bachelor of Physical

Education (B.P.E) degree

Kalyanpur, Kanpur (UP).

Preliminary investigation

into the matter revealed that

the said university does not

offer any such course and

accordingly matter was

taken up with the university

to know the genuineness of

the degree submitted by the

candidate. Hectic efforts

were made to secure reply

Shahu Ji

University,

purportedly

Maharaj

Chhatrapati

(JKJA).



Director J&K Judicial Academy, Naseer Ahmad Dar speaking at the inaugural session of training programme.

and J&K Legal Services Authority and is scheduled from December 29 to 31, This advanced mediation training course is aimed at enhancing the skills of mediators across

the

be genuine.

University, which includes

personal visits to the cam-

pus. Finally, reply was

obtained and the qualifica-

tion degree was found not to

Using the fake qualifica-

tion, the accused secured

engagement as Rehbar-e-

Khel, thereby depriving the

complainant, who was placed

at Serial No. 1 in the waiting

list. The accused remained

engaged from March 2019 to

February 2023 and fraudu-

lently drew the admissible

honorarium during that peri-

od, causing wrongful

20-hour

concerned

At the Jammu campus, the inaugural session commenced with a welcome address by Director J&K Judicial Academy, Naseer Ahmad Dar, who highlighted the growing importance of mediation in strengthening

#### Abandoned drone recovered

**STATE TIMES NEWS** MENDHAR/JAMMU: Police on Monday seized an unidentified drone found abandoned in a field in a forward village in Poonch district, officials said.

Special Operations Group (SOG) of J&K Police received an input about a drone abandoned in a field at village Gohled in Mendhar sector this afternoon, they

said.

the justice delivery system. emphasized that advanced and practice-oriented mediation training plays a crucial role in equipping mediators with the skills required for effective conflict resolution. During his address, the Director also introduced the resource person and welcomed participants to the three-day programme.

At the Srinagar campus, the programme opened with a welcome address by Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Srinagar, Tabasum Qadir Parray, who underscored the relevance of mediation training

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#### of 2026-27 Budget ■ STATE TIMES NEWS Sitharaman is likely to pres-

Modi to meet economists ahead

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will meet eminent economists and sectoral experts on

Tuesday to seek their views

on the upcoming Budget, a

senior government official

ent the Union Budget for 2026-27 on February 1. She will present the Budget

against a backdrop of geopolitical uncertainties and a steep 50 per cent US tariff on shipments

> Besides economists and sectoral experts. Niti Aayog

from India.

Suman Bery, NITI Aayog

CEO BVR Subrahmanyam and other members of the Aayog will also attend the

#### Finance Minister Nirmala MHA approves forensic institute

## in J&K after AIIMS proposal

SAMBA: TheMinistry of Home Affairs has approved a proposal of the

A police party was immediately rushed to the spot and the drone was recovered, the officials said, adding an investigation is underway to identify the owner of the drone. Separately, a

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## setting up the institute in Union

All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Jammu, state-of-the-art

Forensic Institute in the Union Territory The proposal had been sent to establish an institute to consolidate evidence collec-

tion, increase conviction rates and help in better investigation and diagnosis in the health sector, officials

"A forensic institute is coming up in J&K. AIIMS has submitted a proposal (for J&K) to the Ministry of Home Affairs. They have approved it," Executive Director & CEO, AIIMS Jammu, Prof Shakti Kumar Gupta told PTI. Gupta said the CBI has

also been involved in it. "There are only a few forensic institutes in the country. This institute will come up in the Samba district of Jammu and Kashmir," he said. He added that in the

future, AIIMS will work with the institute, helping in early investigation and diagnosis for medical health.

which has been battling terrorism for the past 35 years, has two forensic science laboratories at Jammu and Srinagar, with its headquarters at Jammu. It was created in the year 1964 under the Home Department.

The geographical location of Jammu and Kashmir, with its proximity to the International Border and three state borders, makes it sensitive to terror, narco-terror and gun-related crimes. officials said.

"The possibility of involvement of criminals from different states and

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#### **MEA trashes Pakistan's**

#### comments on condition of minorities in India STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: India on Monday said Pakistan's "horrific and systemic victimisation" of minorities of various faiths is a well established fact and no amount of "fin-

New Delhi said this while strongly trashing Pakistan's comments on the condition of minorities in India.

"We reject the reported remarks from a country whose abysmal record on this front speaks for itself," exteraffairs ministry Randhir

"Pakistan's horrific and systemic victimisation of minorities of various faiths is a well established fact. No amount of finger

#### ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 34-year legal battle ends in win for wrongfully terminated man

SRINAGAR: Kashmir is **STATE TIMES NEWS** bracing for a fresh spell of rain and snow as the valley

NEW DELHI: Sometimes judicial proceedings are too slow and protracted to deliver justice in one's lifetime.

This is reflected in a case in which the three-tier judicial system took 34 years to decide the validity of an ITDC employee's job termination. The litigant passed away a year before the final word was spoken on the litigation by the apex court, which delivered a verdict in

D K Sharma was terminated in 1991 and the litigation started from the labour court. It then went before a single bench of Rajasthan HC, whose order was challenged before a division bench and the proceedings culminated in the Supreme

The labour court had passed an order in his favour and directed his reinstatement with 100% back wages after the management failed to lead evidence to prove the charges against him. It, however, passed the order in 2015, almost a quarter of century after his job was terminated. Aggrieved by the order,

ITDC moved HC whose single bench modified the order to the extent that back wages awarded by the labour court were reduced to 50%. But a division bench of HC set aside the order of his reinstatement as well as payment of back wages. Sharma thereafter moved SC in 2020 which now directed the hotel to give 50% of back wages. Sharma had died last

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#### Centre must push state Govts to stop communal violence: Farooq **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Conference president Farooq Abdullah on Monday said the Centre should impress upon state governments to stop incidents of communal violence when they take place in their respective territories.

"It is the duty of the Centre to tell the states that such incidents should be stopped," Abdullah told reporters at the party headquarters in Srinagar.

He was commenting on an incident of alleged stone-pelting on a mosque and madrassa in Kishtwar district. "There are evil people

around and they will always be there. We have impressed upon the Centre repeatedly that India is a secular country and the Constitution



gion," the former chief minister said. On the situation in

Bangladesh, Abdullah expressed hope that peaceful elections are held in the neighbouring country so that it forms a new government. "We want peace, friendship

and brotherhood. I hope that the new government (in Dhaka) will find new path of friendship with India," he

and tourism.

# ger pointing" will "obfuscate'

Abdullah prayed that the

upcoming New Year is better than the previous year for people. "I hope our problems will ease and there be peace

nal spokesperson Jaiswal said.

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