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Delimitation exercise about to be over, polls in J&K likely in 6-8 months: Amit Shah

'Court's decision on Hijab issue should be accepted by all'

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Elections in Jammu and Kashmir will be held within six to eight months of the delimitation exercise being wrapped up in the Union Territory, Home Minister Amit Shah has said in an exclusive interview to Network18 Group Editor-in-Chief Rahul Joshi.

"The delimitation exercise is about to get over. After within six-eight months, the elections will be held. There is no confusion, Amit Shah said

Asked about Pakistan Minister Imran Khan's recent statement that New Delhi and Islamabad should resolve their issues, especially Kashmir, together, Shah said: "Kashmir is an integral part of India. There is no point of discussion there. It is a part of India. This is the position taken by governments Parliament. This is the coun-



The Home Minister also criticised Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's recent statement in Parliament that the Narendra Modi's government policies Kashmir had brought Pakistan and China

"Rahul Gandhi doesn't know the history of this country. He doesn't know what happened in 1962 and because of whom. The Narendra Modi government

has given strong reply to every challenge posed by China," Amit Shah said in the interview.

It was speculated earlier month that the Delimitation Commission, mandated to redraw the Assembly constituencies of Jammu and Kashmir, is likely to get a two-month extension. The term of the panel is coming to an end in early

Headed by former Supreme

judge Ranjana Prakash Desai, the panel has Chief Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra and the state election commissioner of

Jammu and Kashmir as its

ex-officio members.

In its draft report shared with its five associated members - all Lok Sabha members from Jammu and Kashmir - the delimitation panel has proposed an overhaul of Assembly and Lok Sabha constituencies in the Union Territory. Jammu and Kashmir at present has no Legislative Assembly. It is a UT with a provision for a leg-

Meanwhile, the Union Home Minister has said that the matter related to the hijab controversy is in court but he personally feels that a school's dress code should be followed by people of all religions. He said ultimately it has to be decided whether

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Major Revenue Scam in South Jammu

two Girdawars; property dealer

Hybrid JeM terrorist arrested in Handwara

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Police on Monday arrested a hybrid terrorist Jaish-e-Muhammad (JeM) outfit, identified as Ubaid Bashir Wani son of Bashir Ahmed Wani resident of Maidan Pora Lolab Kupwara, near Sultan Pora Bridge at Zachaldar Rajwar Handwara in north. According to a police spokesperson, based on specific input regarding movement of a terrorist in

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J&K sees 104 fresh **COVID** cases, one death

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Monday recorded 104 fresh cases of coronavirus, taking the total number of infected people to 4,52,410, while one death due to the virus was reported in the past 24 hours, officials

Out of the fresh cases, 85 were from the Jammu division and 19 from the Kashmir division of the Union territory, they said.

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DCGI grants restricted EUA to COVID jab Corbevax for 12-18 yr age-group

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granting restricted EUA to

Corbevax for the 12 to 18

years age group after deliber-

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DCGI's approval

HYDERABAD: The Drugs Controller General of India has granted Emergency Authorisation (EUA) to Biological E's COVID-19 vaccine Corbevax for the 12 to 18 years age group, subject to certain conditions, official sources said on Monday.

However, the government has not taken a decision yet on vaccinating those aged below 15 years.

This is the third vaccine to have received EUA from the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) for the age group of 12-18 years after Zydus Cadila's ZyCoV-D and Bharat Biotech's Covaxin.

At present India is using Covaxin to vaccinate adolescents in the 15 to 18 years age group.

ly had said additional need for vaccination and inclusion of population for vaccination

The health ministry recent-

ating on Biological E's application. The DCGI had approved Corbevax, which is India's

first indigenously developed RBD protein sub-unit vaccine against COVID-19, for restricted use in emergency situations in adults on December 28. It has not been

"The DCGI on Monday granted restricted EUA to Corbevax for the 12 to less than 18 years age group subject to certain conditions," an official source said.

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Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya tweeted, "The @CDSCO_INDIA_INF has granted emergency use authorisation to COVID-19 vaccine #CORBEVAX for 12-18 year age group. It is India's 1st indigenously developed Receptor Binding Domain Protein sub-unit vaccine against COVIDfurther strengthen our fight against COVID19."

Mahima Datla, Managing Director, Biological E Limited, said: We are pleased with this significant development, which helps extend the reach of our vaccine to the age group of 12 to 18 years in our country.

With this approval, we are even more closer to

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BJP corporator detained for driving stolen vehicle in Udhampur

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JAMMU: A BJP Corporator from Srinagar was detained on Monday for questioning after he was found driving a stolen vehicle in Udhampur district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said.

Nazir Ahmad Gilkar was on his way to Srinagar along with two personal security officers in a sports utility vehicle (SUV) when he was stopped by the traffic police led by Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Himmat Singh for checking of documents, they said. The officials said

BoDs of JKTPO re-constituted

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government on Monday re-constituted of Board of Directors of Jammu and Kashmir Trade Promotion Organization

"In terms of Clause 113 of Article of Association of the JKTPO, sanction is accorded to the re-constitution of Board of Directors of Jammu and Kashmir Trade Promotion Organization

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Active COVID-19 cases in India decline to 2,02,131

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: India logged 16,051 new coronavirus infections, taking the virus tally to 4,28,38,524, while the active cases dipped to 2,02,131, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on Monday. The death toll climbed to

5,12,109 with 206 fresh fatalities, the data updated at 8 am stated.

The daily COVID-19 cases have remained below one lakh for 15 consecutive

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Gilkar was taken to the Udhampur police station after it was found that he was driving a stolen vehicle having a Harvana registration number. "The chassis and the registration numbers of the vehicle were not matching and on scrutiny, we came to know

that it is a stolen vehicle. The number plate of the vehicle resembled a high securegistration plate (HSRP)," DSP Singh said. He said the case was handed over to the Udhampur

police for a thorough investi-

Court grants 8-day police remand of Ex-Tehsildar,

JAMMU: In a much publicized revenue scam, wherein Jammu Police and Revenue authorities carried out raids at 21 locations of 13 property dealers and serving and retired officials of Revenue Department besides arresting four persons and affecting recovery of Rs 26.63 lakh along with a large number of official documents, the Sub-Judge Jammu (13th FC) Suhseel Singh on Monday granted 8-day police remand

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of Sadeeq Poswal, property dealer of Channi Himmat; Mohammad Bashir, retired Tehsildar, $\operatorname{resident}$ Janipur; Dharampal, retired Girdawar from Sarore and Ghulam Rasool, retired Girdawar hailing from

FC) Suhseel Singh after hearing APP Kuldeep Bhat observed that through medium of this order, application for remanding accused per-

Sunjwan. Sub-Judge Jammu (13th sons in police custody is

SHO Police Station Channi Himmat and accused present in the Court. Senior Adv P N Raina appearing for Bashir Ahmed, the then Tehsildar perused the application. Court after perusal of

being disposed of after hear-

ing Inspector Deepak Katoch

application observed that above named accused were arrested on February 20, 2022 in FIR 182/2021 regisundersections 409/120-B of IPC at Police Station Channi Himmat

Institute launched in J&K for research, studies on

Kashmiri Shaivism STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Kashmir Shaiva

Institute has been launched as the first research, studies and publications centre on Kashmir Shaivism in Jammu and Kashmir on Monday, officials said.

The institute will reach out to all educational institutes across the country and globe to promote Kashmiri Shaivism, a senior official

Kashmir Shaivism, or Trika Shaivism, is a nondualist tradition of Shaiva-Shakta Tantra which originated sometime after 850 CE. Since this tradition

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APP Kuldeep Bhat, appearing for prosecution and also perused CD File and the material placed on record. "As investigation of the

Court also heard pleadings

case is in progress, therefore keeping in view the nature of allegations and stage of investigation, I am satisfied with arguments advanced by APP. Thus accused persons produced before the court are remanded to police

of Sr Adv P N Raina and Monday said that 2,250 square kilometres of forest area has been degraded in the Union Territory till date. However, the forest depart-

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Kashmir government on

Jammu and

JAMMU:

ment on an average restores 100-200 square kilometres of the degraded forest area in an year, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF), Mohit Gera said "Out of total of 20,194

square kilometres of the forest area in J&K, around 2,250 square kilometres forest area has degraded," Gera

2,250 square Km of forest

land degraded in J&K: Govt

He informed that the forest department has set a target of planting 1.3 crore plants this year and it is on course to meeting the target.

Gera said that out of 3,700 traditional village ponds requiring repair and reconstruction, 57 ponds have been taken up under UT capex for repair during this financial year and so far 37 ponds have been reconstructed. The Chief Secretary

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SC seeks reply from Centre, states on plea seeking law for adherence to fundamental duties

STATE TIMES NEWS $\mathbf{DELHI}:$

Supreme Court Monday sought response from the Centre and states on a plea seeking direction for enacting well defined laws/rules to ensure adherence to the fundamental duties as enshrined in the Constitution.

A bench of Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and M M Sundresh issued notice on the plea filed by Supreme Court lawyer Durga Dutt.

The plea sought issuance of directives ensuring adherence to the mandates as postulated under Part IV-A of the Constitution and said

that non-adherence to them has a direct bearing on the exercise and enjoyment of the fundamental rights guaranteed under Article 14, 19, 21 for formulation and operationalisation of appropriate scheme providing incentives

to the citizenry for ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

establishing offence under Sec 7 of PC Act: SC STATE TIMES NEWS illegal gratification and its

DELHI:

The apex court said that offence under

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cials said.

JAMMU: Police on Monday

resorted to a mild lathi-

charge against hundreds of

employees of Jal Shakti

Department when they

sought to reach Union

Minister Dr Jitendra Singh's

residence as part of protest

for regularisation of their

injured in police action, offi-

The workers who assem-

bled under the banner of

Public Health Engineering

(PHE) Employee's United

Front moved towards Singh's

Gandhi Nagar residence,

chanting slogans against the

minister. Lt Governor-led

administration and the BJP

for their alleged failure to

A strong police posse,

regularise their services.

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daily-wager

The section deals with



respect of an official act. A bench of Justices Ajay

said this while setting aside the judgement of the Telangana High Court which

had upheld the conviction of a woman public servant, who was working as a commercial tax offi-

the alleged offences under the PC Act including under section 7.

deployed outside the minister's residence, prevented the

Over 60,000 daily wagers, casual labourers and other workers who are working in various departments for over the past two decades have regularly holding protests in both Jammu and Srinagar in support of their long-pending including regularisation and

We are fed up with the rigid and anti-employee attitude of this government. The BJP leaders only befooled us and did nothing to resolve our long pending demands, one of the protesters, Balwinder Bahel, said. He said they

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Supreme Court Monday said the proof of demand for bribe by a public servant and its acceptance by the official is essential for establishing $_{
m the}$ offence under the provision of the anti-corruption law which relates to government servants taking illegal gratification.

Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption (PC) Act relating to public servants taking bribe requires a demand of

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Agitating daily-wagers face mild lathi-charge by

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police outside Union minister's residence

Protesting daily-wagers scuffling with police in Jammu.

Rana condemns lathi-charge on daily-wagers; seeks road-map for their regularisation JAMMU: Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana today

condemned lathi-charge against agitating daily-wager employees of Jal Shakti Department, adding that peaceful protests to draw the attention for resolution of problems is In a statement, Devender Rana said that the daily wage

employees of the Jal Shakti Department and other depart-

ments have been agitating for over 22 years in support of

their demand with regard to regularization and redressal of

other issues. "These daily wagers

agitating workers to reach near the house, using a mild baton charge, the officials said, adding no one was injured in police action.

demands release of pending wages.