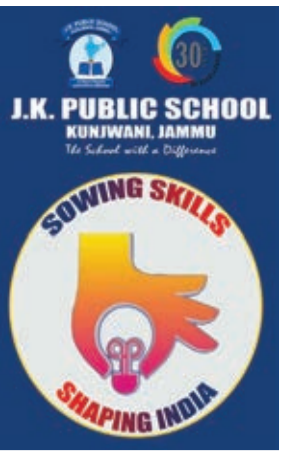




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Amit Shah reviews J&K security situation with top officials

Likely to chair another meeting today

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday reviewed the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir which has witnessed a few terror incidents in the recent past, sources said.

Top officials of the Army, Jammu and Kashmir Police and intelligence agencies briefed Shah about the prevailing situation in the Union territory and ongoing operations against terrorists, they said.

The meeting was held a day after a terror attack in south Kashmir's Kulgam district, in which ex-serviceman Manzoor Ahmad Wagay was killed and his wife and niece were injured.

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, DGP Nalin Prabhakar, Army chief General Upendra Dwivedi



Union Home Minister, Amit Shah chairing security review meeting at New Delhi on Tuesday.

and other top army, police and civil officials attended the meeting.

Shah is also likely to chair another security review meeting with top officials of the paramilitary forces on Wednesday.

During the last review meeting on December 19, 2024, Shah had directed all security agencies to continue working in a coordinated

manner to eliminate terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir.

The government has maintained that there is a significant decline in terrorist incidents, infiltration and recruitment of youth in terrorist organisations.

The security forces last week launched a massive operation in Jammu and Kashmir, mostly in the

higher reaches and forest areas along the Line of Control, to locate and eliminate the terrorists who carried out multiple attacks in different districts last year.

Areas such as Reasi, Doda, Kishtwar, Kathua, Jammu and Rajouri have seen increased terror activity in the last couple of years.

PM takes 'urban naxal' jibe at Rahul, tears into AAP

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: In a scathing attack on Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said some people are openly speaking the language of urban naxals and asserted that those who "declare a war" against the Indian State can neither understand the Constitution nor about the country's unity.

He also took a dig at Arvind Kejriwal and AAP a day before the Delhi assembly polls, saying "some parties are like 'AAP-da' for the future of the youth".

Modi asserted that while his government's schemes saved lot of money, it was not used to build 'Sheesh Mahal'.

Replying to the debate on the Motion of Thanks to the President's Address in Lok Sabha, he made several veiled attacks at former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi, saying those who entertain themselves by getting photo sessions done in



huts of the poor will find the talk about the poor in Parliament boring.

"Those who walk around with Constitution in pockets, do they know how they forced Muslim women to live in hardship. We brought in the triple talaq law to give right to them," Modi said.

"Today some people are openly speaking the language of urban naxals. The things that urban naxals say (are being said). These people who speak the language of

urban naxals, who declare war against the Indian State, can neither understand the Constitution nor about the country's unity," Modi said.

Though Modi did not name anyone, his remarks were an apparent reference to Gandhi's comments last month that "we are now fighting the BJP, the RSS and the Indian State itself".

In a veiled jibe at AAP convenor Kejriwal, Modi said some leaders focus on

Modi to take holy dip at Sangam today

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit the Maha Kumbh Mela in Prayagraj on Wednesday and at around 11 am, he will take a holy dip at the Sangam, his office said.

Maha Kumbh 2025, which commenced on Purnima (January 13, 2025), is the world's largest spiritual and cultural gathering, attracting devotees from across the globe. The Maha Kumbh will continue until Mahashivratri on February 26, a statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office said.

Prime Minister Modi will visit Maha Kumbh Mela 2025 in Prayagraj on February 5, it said.

At around 11 am, he will take a holy dip at the Sangam and offer prayers to Maa Ganga, the statement said.

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Battle for Capital: Delhi votes today

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The stage is set for the high-stakes Assembly elections in Delhi, where the Aam Aadmi Party is eyeing a third straight term, while the BJP and the Congress are looking at resurgence.

Over 1.56 crore voters are eligible to cast their ballots from 7 am onwards on Wednesday.

Voting will take place across 13,766 polling stations in all the 70 Assembly constituencies to decide the fates of 699 candidates in a contest that could reshape the political landscape of the capital.

Led by Arvind Kejriwal, the AAP is seeking a third straight term, banking on its governance record and welfare schemes.

On the other hand, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is making a determined push to reclaim the capital after more than 25 years.

The Congress, which ruled Delhi for 15 years in a row till 2013, is striving to stage a comeback after failing to win a single seat in the previous two elections.

Polling will begin at 7 am on Wednesday and continue until 6 pm under tight

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Gataru Murder case: Nowabad Police gets 5-day remand of 5 gangsters

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JAMMU: Chief Judicial Magistrate Preet Simran K. Grover on Tuesday granted five-day police remand of Harsh Singh, son of Ramesh Singh, resident of H.No. 38, Bikram Chowk, Jammu, Arun Kumar, son of Rajesh Kumar, resident of H.No. 70, Bikram Chowk, Jammu, Abhay Singh alias Hul, son of Karan Singh, resident of H.No. 496, Nai Basti, Jammu, Ajay Kumar, son of Rajesh Kumar, resident of H.No. 70, Bikram Chowk, Jammu and Raj, son of Uttam Kumar, resident of H.No. G-93, Old Seemapuri,



Nowabad Police taking gangsters to court on Tuesday.

Delhi who are allegedly involved in Sumit Jandiyal alias Gataru Murder case.

The incident took place on January 21, when the armed

men opened fire on Sumit Jandiyal traveling in his Thar vehicle near Jewel Chowk in Jammu City.

Today, these five accused

were produced in court by Investigating Officer Deepak Pathania SHO Nowabad in connection with FIR 14/2025 registered for offenses under section 103, 3(5), 49, 249 BNS, 3/25 Arms Act alongwith case diary with a prayer for grant of further seven days of police remand in respect of accused persons.

CJM Jammu Preet Simran K Grover after perusal of the case diary which reveals that accused persons were apprehended on February 1, 2025 by team of Police Station Nowabad with the

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5 detained for smuggling SIM cards to terrorist lodged in J&K jails

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Counter Intelligence Kashmir (CIK) on Tuesday detained five suspects allegedly involved in smuggling SIM cards to terrorists lodged in various jails in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Five individuals were detained for interrogation/questioning for their involvement in a criminal conspiracy hatched with anti-national elements aiming at procuring/transportation/smuggling of SIM cards inside the Central Jail premises for its use by the jail inmates which include those involved in terrorism and

Narco-terrorism," CIK said

on a press release here.

The CIK had earlier carried out searches inside the Central Jail premises and found that these suspects in connivance with some inmates have procured and transported SIM cards inside the jail for its use in variety of terror related activities, it said.

It said the role of vendors of different Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) who have issued these SIM cards is being ascertained and further arrests are expected.

The suspects, who were detained for questioning today, belong to the

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HC declares Feb 14 as Shab-i-Barat on account of holiday on account of Shab-i-Barat

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court notified for information of all the concerned that the holiday on account of Shab-i-Barat shall be observed in the High of Court of J&K and Ladakh on 14th February, 2025 (Friday), instead of 19th March, 2025 (Wednesday) and in lieu thereof 19th March, 2025 (Wednesday) is declared as working day.

Badhaal deaths: 11 patients discharged from Rajouri's GMC hospital after complete recovery

STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI/JAMMU: Eleven patients, who were admitted to the Government Medical College Hospital (GMC) after falling ill due to a mysterious illness in Badhaal village of Rajouri district, have fully recovered and been discharged, officials said on Tuesday. A team of doctors from the All India

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 21.6°C Min: 6.8°C

Humidity
Max: 89 Min: 45

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 14.6°C Min: -1.8°C

Humidity
Max: 91 Min: 41

Sunset : 18:06 Hours
Sunrise : 07:23 Hours

Suspected land dispute; Masked men open fire near Phallian Mandal, damage two cars

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Some unidentified masked men opened fire and damaged two cars parked outside Panchayat Ghar Phallian Mandal on Tuesday evening.

No one got injured in the incident, police said. The incident happened around 6:30 PM when the assailants, travelling in an Alto car, initially used sharp weapons to damage the windows of two parked cars (Wagon-R JK02AK-5755 & ScorpioN JK02DL-9921) near Panchayat Ghar Phallian Mandal.

Following the vandalism,



Vehicles damaged by miscreants at Phallian Mandal.

the gunmen fired three to four shots at three individuals-Arun Choudhary son of Janak Raj, Sachin Choudhary, son of Ashok Kumar, and Monmohan, son of Subash-while they were

sitting near the Panchayat Ghar, however they managed to escape unhurt.

The attack further escalated the tense atmosphere in the area.

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J&K Bank branch looted in Kishtwar, Rs 19 lakh stolen

STATE TIMES NEWS

KISHTWAR: Thieves looted Rs 19 lakh from the J&K Bank branch located in Dachan area of Kishtwar district, officials said on Monday. An official said that unidentified persons decamped with cash from the J&K Bank branch in Dachan. He stated that approximately Rs 19.50 lakh were taken from the branch, which remains usually cut-off during the winter period.

Efforts are underway to identify the robbers, officials said. "CCTV footage is being analyzed, and an investigation has been initiated," the official added.

CS for adopting multi-pronged strategy to optimise tourism potential of Jammu

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on Tuesday chaired a meeting of all the stakeholders including tourism players from Jammu to seek their suggestions for optimal utilisation of tourism potential of this region especially in the wake of nearly one crore pilgrims visiting Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine (SMVDS) in Katra.

Those who attended the meeting included Principal Secretary, Finance; Commissioner Secretary, Tourism; Secretary, PWD; CEO, SMVDSB; DC, Jammu; DC, Reasi; MD,



CS Atal Dulloo chairing a meeting in Jammu.

JKTDC; Director Tourism, Jammu and other officers of the Department.

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary sought suggestions from the representatives of hoteliers, transporters and other tourism players about the ways and

means to attract these pilgrims coming to this shrine to other religious or tourism destinations spread across the region.

Dulloo said that the tourism players too had a role to play in

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I Apologise!

PROF. NUTAN K RESUTRA

My dear readers, I apologise. I apologise to you all who have been encouraging me by reading what-so-ever write up I have been presenting. To you all in general, I apologise. And I apologise to some in particular too.

I apologise to the warrior people of this Duggar land, since even up till now we do not in fact have the Dugger Land! The Dogras have been great warriors and the likes of legendary General Zorawar Singh went hitherto unreachable and invincible lands including as far as Tibet in their conquering spree, bringing untarnished glory to the Dogra Empire. To them, I apologise.

I apologise to an Unknown Soldier in that great Army who fought along-side the General and laid down his life in the Battle for Tibet. When his last

belongings along with his Sword were sent to his home in Samba, there was great mourning and howling among ladies. But his composed wife took the Sword with all respect and honour and went inside to keep it in Pooja Ghar.

After a long spell of time when she did not return, inquisitive folk went in to the Pooja Ghar and to their horror, saw that the said lady had cut her own throat also with the same Sword of her husband and was lying there in pool of blood! I saluted that blood-stained Sword of the Veernagna when it was brought in Udhampur College for Shaurya Shastra Exhibition during my tenure as the Principal. And I apologise to that Veernagna, and thousands of other Unknown soldiers of the Great Dogra Army.

The seat of Dogra Rule, Mubarak Mandi Jammu, has undergone from time to time not one or two but three mysterious fires; systematically destroying the very Dogra culture itself. And it seemed to be based on the dictum that if you want to annihilate

generation, destroy its culture. It is a fact that the Victors write History. To add insult to injury, our text books have been flooded with glorification of Post-Independence Rulers and Demonisation of the Great Maharaja Hari Singh Ji and his ancestors; an example being that of portraying the armed rebellion of July 13 against the Dogra Rule, the Martyrs' Day. During my very short stint as the Chairman Board of School Education J&K (BOSE), I tried to get text books re-written by bringing untold truth to light and glorifying the really deserving Dogra Rulers and the rich Dogra Culture.

I failed!

And I apologise.

History has not been unkind to We, The People of Jammu; rather it has given us many chances to unite. But alas! We have been very unkind to History itself. I had read in my childhood that United we stand and Divided we fall. But in Jammu, what we have actually practised

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If terrorism has ended, incidents like Kulgam attack shouldn't happen: Farooq

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: National Conference president Farooq Abdullah on Tuesday questioned the government's

death and two women including his wife injured, the former J-K Chief Minister questioned the government's



assertion of having eradicated militancy.

"Ask those who claim that militancy has ended. If incidents like this happen, ask them where their claim has gone. Everyday, they make statements in Parliament, outside Parliament, on mountains and

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Govt intensifies drive against sale of machine-made carpets

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In response to growing complaints from buyers and tourists about the sale of machine-made carpets from outside the region being falsely marketed as authentic Kashmiri handmade carpets, the Handicrafts and Handloom Department, Kashmir, has further intensified its crackdown on unscrupulous carpet sellers.

Several counterfeit products were confiscated and stern warnings were issued to errant dealers to ensure compliance with Quality Control standards.

In a press statement issued here on Tuesday, a spokesperson from the Department said that this action follows recent

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