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PoK part of India, we will take it: Amit Shah

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SERAMPORE (WB): Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday referred to protests in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir and said "PoK is part of India and we will take it".

Addressing a rally in West Bengal's Serampore, Shah said while peace has returned to once trouble-torn Kashmir after the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019, Pakistan-occupied Kashmir "now echoes with slogans of Azadi and protests".

"After the abrogation of Article 370 by the government in 2019, peace has returned to Kashmir. But now we are witnessing protests in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir: Earlier, slogans of Azadi were heard here, now the same slogans are heard in PoK. Earlier stones were pelted here, now stones are pelted in PoK," he said.

Hitting out at Congress



leaders for not supporting the demand of taking over PoK, Shah said, "Congress leaders like Mani Shankar Aiyar say it should not be done as they have an atom bomb. But let me say this, Pakistan-occupied Kashmir is part of India and we will take it."

He further said, "Rahul Gandhi might oppose it. Mamata Banerjee might oppose it. But the reality is that PoK will be a part of India."

The BJP leader said the

ongoing parliamentary elections are about choosing between "leaders of dynastic politics or honest leader Narendra Modi" who comes from a humble background.

"Sharad Pawar wants his daughter to be the chief minister. Mamata Banerjee wants her nephew to succeed her as the chief minister. Stalin (Tamil Nadu Chief Minister) wants to see his son succeed him. Sonia Gandhi wants Rahul Baba to become the Prime Minister. On the other side, there is an

honest and dedicated leader born in the family of a tea-seller," he said.

"It's a fight between the 'Chinese guarantee' of the INDI Alliance and the concrete promises of Modi Ji. It's a fight between infiltration and the guarantee of citizenship under the CAA. It's a fight between 'Vote for Vikas' and 'Vote for Jihad'. The choice is yours," he said.

He added, "On one hand, we have Rahul Gandhi, who makes frequent trips to foreign countries like Bangkok, and on the other hand, Modi for the last 23 years have been spending his Diwali with Army jawans."

Dubbing West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee as "Hirak Rani" in an apparent reference to the film 'Hirak Rajar Deshe' by Oscar-winning filmmaker Satyajit Ray, Shah said, "Ray was a great artist and filmmaker. He made the

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Amit Shah likely to arrive in Kashmir today for 2-day visit
■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Union Home Minister Amit Shah is likely to arrive on a two-day visit to Kashmir on Thursday, a local BJP leader said here.

"The Home Minister will arrive here tomorrow evening and meet several delegations," BJP spokesman Altaf Thakur told PTI.

He said Shah is also likely to chair a security review meeting during his overnight stay in the valley.

"Our local party leaders, delegations from the Pahari community, trade bodies and civil society are scheduled to meet the Home Minister," Thakur added.

The BJP has not fielded its candidates for the three Lok Sabha seats in Kashmir but has unofficially extended support to some of the new political parties formed after the abrogation of Article 370.

Access to safe, adequate drinking water to every citizen my commitment: LG
'Effective action being taken to ensure water security in J&K'



LG Manoj Sinha reviewing progress of schemes & projects of Jal Shakti Department.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday said that access to safe and adequate drinking water to every citizen is my commitment, adding that effective action is being taken to ensure water security in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Our efforts to provide tap water supply to all our citizens are on right track and we are creating a future-ready water management system", the Lt Governor said while reviewing the progress of schemes and

projects of Jal Shakti Department.

The Lt Governor said 14.91 lakh rural households in UT now have access to tap Water connection. He further directed officials to complete the works to ensure every household has access to clean drinking water through tap.

The Lt Governor appraised the district-wise achievements registered under the Jal Jeevan Mission. He impressed upon the officials to maintain transparency and accountability in execution of works and to make

concentrated efforts to meet the target within specified timelines.

The chair was briefed on the progress achieved under Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTC) in the UT. The meeting also discussed the working of Pani Samitis and the interventions required to address the issues in the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission.

The Lt Governor took stock of the IEC activities and dedicated measures undertaken by the department

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Five killed in separate road incidents in J&K

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Five people, including a minor girl, were killed in four separate road incidents in Samba, Poonch, and Ramban districts of Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday, police said.

Two sadhus, Baba Bhim Giri, 55, and Suresh Kumar, 52, both residents of Narwal bypass, were killed when their two-wheeler was hit by a truck coming from the wrong side on a bridge in Samba along the Jammu-Pathankot highway, they said.

The accident took place around 10 am when the two were headed towards

Pathankot. The driver of the truck, which way on its way to Jammu, fled the scene and efforts are on to arrest him, police said.

In Surankote area of Poonch, a passenger vehicle driven by 26-year-old Mohd Naseer Khan skidded off the road and fell into an over-100 metre gorge near his house in Buffiaz around 11.30 am. He died on the spot.

A 17-year-old girl, identified as Sabooria Rafiq, was killed when she was hit by a speeding truck near the Banihal court complex

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Greater Kailash Murder Case: Police raids Gola Shah's banquet hall at Bhagwati Nagar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Continuing investigations into the murder of a 39-year-old man over land dispute, the Jammu police on Wednesday raided R K Resort at Bhagwati Nagar. The resort is owned by Ravinder Kumar alias Gola Shah. Police teams have seized some documents from the spot.

Here it is relevant to mention that the Court on Monday had granted 15 days Judicial remand of Ex-SSP Sheikh Mehmood IPS, Parshom Singh alias Nikka, Suraj Singh son of Parshom Singh, Sandeep Charak,



Police team raiding RK Resort at Bhagwati Nagar.

Vikas Singh, Ravinder Kumar Gupta alias Gola Shah and Rajat Jandyal son of Ravinder Gupta. A case under sections 307/323 /447/147/IPC was registered

against these accused at Gangval police station.

On April 30, a 39-year-old man in Greater Kailash, was attacked in the presence of police over a land dispute.

Security situation reviewed in view of terror incidents across Jammu
■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A joint security review meeting with a focus on counter-terrorism operations in the Jammu region was held in view of the recent terror attacks on an IAF convoy in Poonch, officials said.

General Officer Commanding (GOC) of Jammu-based 16 Corps (also known as White Knight Corps) Lt Gen Navin Sachdeva chaired the meeting which was attended by Additional Director General of Police, Jammu zone, Anand Jain and representatives of intelligence agencies,

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People will teach lesson to 3 families who looted J&K for own interests: Chugh

"Vikaas, Vishwaas, Progress in Kashmir PM Modi's Agenda"

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU/SRINAGAR: National General Secretary of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Tarun Chugh, on Wednesday asserted that Jammu and Kashmir, often referred to as the paradise of India, was transformed into a den of loot by three prominent families.

"These families, who ruled the region for an extended period, were deeply involved in corruption, depleting the state's treasury for personal gain while fostering an environment of terrorism", he added.



BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh along with BJP J&K Chief Ravinder Raina during public meeting.

He said the residents of Jammu and Kashmir are now fully aware of the actions of these family-ori-

ented parties and are prepared to hold them accountable. Chugh specifically

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Not doing Hindu-Muslim politics, only exposing Cong plan to create religion-based rift: PM

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NASHIK/KALYAN: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday asserted he has never indulged in Hindu-Muslim politics, but was determined to expose the Congress "game plan of appeasement" and uncover the opposition bloc's designs to divide people on the basis of religion.

He accused the Congress of wanting to allocate 15 per cent of the central government budget for minorities and vowed not to allow splitting of budget or reservation in jobs and education on the basis of religion.



Addressing two back-to-back poll rallies in Maharashtra, where the fifth and last phase of voting covering 13 Lok Sabha seats will take place on May 20, the PM hit out at the Shiv

Sena (UBT), repeatedly calling it the "duplicate" Shiv Sena, and said the Uddhav Thackeray-led party has abjectly surrendered to the Congress and was silent

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J&K participates in Cannes Film Festival 2024

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
CANNES, (FRANCE): Today marked a historic day as the official delegation from Jammu & Kashmir participated in the 77th edition of world famous Cannes Film Festival for the first time ever. The Jammu and Kashmir Booth in the Bharat Pavilion of the famed Cannes Film Market (Marché du Film) was inaugurated on Wednesday by Jawed Ashraf, Ambassador of India to France and Sanjay Jaju, Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, GoI, along with dignitaries from the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, National Film Development Corporation as well as leading personalities of Indian and International Cinema.

Rehana Batul, Secretary Information, J&K and Jatin



Official delegation from J&K posing with Bollywood actor Rajpal Yadav during 77th edition of World Famous Cannes Film Festival.

Kishore, Director Information and Public Relations are representing Jammu & Kashmir at this international event, showcasing the vibrant cinema culture and scenic beauty of the region to the global audience. The presence of Jammu and Kashmir at this global stage aims to promote

Jammu and Kashmir as Film Makers' paradise and will definitely attract the attention of Film Producers of international repute to come to shoot in Jammu and Kashmir. The Cannes Film market will prove to be an ideal destination for promotion of recently launched, highly lucrative and

producer friendly J&K Film Policy, 2024.

The Government of Jammu and Kashmir has recently accorded Industry Status to Film Making in J&K. The Film making in the Union Territory has got a fillip with Single Window Permissions and dedicated Nodal Officers for 24x7 assistance to the production houses shooting in J&K. The newly launched policy provides for attractive financial incentives by the government as well as a Local Talent Directory for promotion of Film Industry in the region.

Jammu & Kashmir has seen a remarkable resurgence in filmmaking over the last few years, with over 300 films/documentaries shootings taking place here. This resurgence marks a significant return of cinema to J&K after decades,

symbolizing a renewed era of cultural revitalization thereby signaling a positive shift in the entertainment landscape of the region.

The presence of Jammu & Kashmir Pavilion at Cannes serves as a platform to promote the diverse cinematic offerings and scenic locations that the region has to offer to the world. It presents an exciting opportunity for filmmakers and industry professionals to explore the rich potential that Jammu & Kashmir holds for cinematic productions.

As the Cannes Film Festival unfolds over the next two weeks, the presence of Jammu & Kashmir will stand as a testament to the growing significance of regional cinema on the global stage and underscores the commitment of J&K to embrace and nurture its burgeoning film industry.

Not necessary to make arrest in all GST cases: SC

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Wednesday told the Centre that there is no need for making arrests in all Goods and Services Tax (GST) cases and that it can be done only if there is credible evidence and tangible material to prove culpability.

A bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna, MM Sundresh and Bela M Trivedi, which reserved its verdict on a batch of pleas challenging the constitutional validity and interpretation of provisions relating to the Customs Act and Goods and Services Tax Act, said the power of arrest is different from necessity of arrest.

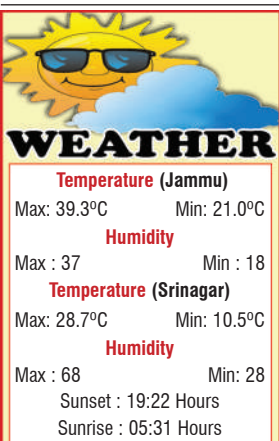
"The legislation does not say that for completion of investigation you need to be

arrested. It is not the object of the legislation. It is not necessary for you to arrest in each and every case of GST. It has to be based on some credible evidence and tangible material," the bench told Additional Solicitor General SV Raju.

The bench, which posed several questions to Raju on provisions of arrest under the GST law, said the legislation has itself kept liberty on a high pedestal and it should not be diluted. Raju said arrests are mostly made during the investigation as there can be no arrest after the probe in a case has been completed.

"The arrest is not based on mere suspicion but when there are reasons to believe indicating commission

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Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 39.3°C Min: 21.0°C

Humidity
Max: 37 Min: 18

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 28.7°C Min: 10.5°C

Humidity
Max: 68 Min: 28

Sunset : 19:22 Hours
Sunrise : 05:31 Hours