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We will take PoK back at any cost: Amit Shah

Shah on 2-day Srinagar visit, interacts with J&K BJP leaders, likely to chair security review meeting

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday interacted with several delegations, including BJP leaders of Jammu and Kashmir, on the first day of his two-day visit here. Shah, who arrived this evening, is also likely to hold a security review meeting on Friday morning. A Pahari delegation led by Mohammad Younis Khan met the minister and thanked him for granting Scheduled Tribe status to the community. "We have come to meet the home minister to express our gratitude because after 50 years of struggle, we have finally obtained Scheduled Tribe status. They have fulfilled our demand, unlike other parties who only seek votes but never fulfill their promises. We will remain



Union Home Minister Amit Shah welcomed by J&K BJP leaders on his arrival.

faithful to them as they fulfilled our demand," Khan told reporters before the delegation's meeting with Shah. A delegation of local Sikhs also met Shah and it said it raised the demand of inclusion of the Punjabi language in syllabus of universities and reservation of seats in the assembly for the community as granted to Kashmiri Pandits. Among the BJP leaders

who met Shah were Darakhshan Andrabi, Sunil Sharma, Tarun Chugh and R S Pathania. Though the schedule finalised for Shah's visit is limited to meeting only BJP leaders, sources said leaders of "local allies" of the party may also meet him. Earlier in the day, Sharma, the general secretary of the BJP's Jammu and Kashmir unit, said the home minister's visit to Kashmir is not political. "The Union minister is coming to Kashmir today, but the visit is not political. The (general) elections are underway. The voter turnout (for the Srinagar Lok Sabha seat) on May 13 is a huge success of the policies of the central government including the abrogation of Article 370. "I think the home minister is coming here to review the measures from the security point of view to increase the turnout and create an atmosphere of peace. There is no political activity, but the BJP workers will meet him and discuss the party's organisational matters," Sharma said. Asked whether a Jamaat-e-Islami delegation will meet Shah, he said no such

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Terrorist associate arrested with arms, ammunition

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Security forces on Thursday arrested a terrorist associate and recovered a cache of arms and ammunition from his possession in Kupwara district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said here. The recovery of arms and ammunition comes just four days ahead of polling on May 20 in Kupwara district.

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J&K Govt amends J&K Civil Services Decentralization and Recruitment Act 2010

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The government on Thursday amended Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services Decentralization and Recruitment Act 2010. "In exercise of the powers conferred under Cause (ii) of proviso to Section 3 of the Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services Decentralization and Recruitment Act, 2010 (Act No. XVI of 2010), the Lieutenant Governor

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LG invites devotees from India, abroad for Amarnath Yatra from June 29



LG Manoj Sinha addressing during Shrimad Bhagavat Katha by Pujya Bhaishri Rameshbhai Oza Ji at Katra.

STATE TIMES NEWS
KATRA: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday invited devotees from India and abroad to the annual Amarnath Yatra which begins on June 29. While attending Shrimad Bhagavat Katha by Pujya Bhaishri Rameshbhai Oza Ji at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Spiritual Growth Centre,

Katra, Sinha urged the devotees to become the messengers of equality, brotherhood, humanity and harmony. The Amarnath Yatra will start on the 29th of next month. In his address, the Lt Governor spoke about Shrivani, Manan and Nidhidhyasan- the three pillars of vedantic practice to imbibe Guru's teachings in daily lives and to strengthen the bonds of oneness in our society. "Righteous life is only path to attain spiritual growth and to awaken our own divinity," he said. He urged the devotees to become messengers and spread Bhagavat's message and vision in the society and inspire people to

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Nearly 67 pc voter turnout in first four phases of LS elections: EC

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The cumulative turnout in the first four phases of the Lok Sabha elections has been recorded at 66.95 per cent, the Election Commission said on Thursday, adding 45.10 crore of the nearly 97 crore electors have voted so far in the ongoing electoral exercise. In a statement, the poll panel urged electorate to come out and vote in large numbers in the coming phases. According to the poll authority, the updated voter turnout in the fourth phase of polling held on May 13

was 69.16 per cent, 3.65 percentage points higher than the corresponding phase in the 2019 parliamentary polls. The updated voter turnout figures for the third phase of polling in the Lok Sabha election stood at 65.68 per cent. In the third phase of the 2019 general election, the turnout was 68.4 per cent. In the second phase of the election held on April 26, the turnout was recorded at 66.71 per cent against the 69.64 per cent in the second phase of the 2019 polls. In the first phase of the

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Former DGP Dilbagh Singh likely to be Advisor to LG

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Former Director General of Jammu and Kashmir Police Dilbagh Singh is likely to be appointed Advisor to Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha. A close confidant of the former DGP told STATE TIMES that the announcement with regard to the appointment of 'Bhaiya' (Dilbagh Singh) is expected in second week of the next month, immediately after the



ongoing general election process ends. Credited with important assignments in the sensitive Jammu and Kashmir, Dilbagh Singh, having distinction of being the largest serving Director General of Police, has remained Senior Superintendent of Police Doda and Baramulla districts, DIG South Kashmir Range, Anantnag, DIG North Kashmir, Baramulla, DIG Jammu-Kathua Range

besides Director, Special Security Group, J&K, which takes care of the security of the high risk protectees like Chief Minister and Ex-CMs. Dilbagh Singh, a retired IPS officer of 1987 batch, will be second in the team of LG's Advisors after Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, also a retired IPS officer of 1983 batch. Bhatnagar is currently holding the portfolios of Health & Medical Education, Public Works (R&B), Jal Shakti, Transport, Animal/ Sheep Husbandry and Fisheries, Revenue, School Education, Higher Education, Skill Development. Rai was appointed as Advisor to LG G C Murmu in January 2020 along with Baseer Khan and Farooq Khan, However, both of them relinquished their assignment later. Dilbagh Singh retired on October 31, 2023 and was accorded a mega farewell at the Srinagar police headquarters. His tenure as DGP witnessed momentous changes, including the scrapping of Jammu and Kashmir's special status on August 5-6, 2019.

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NIA attaches multiple properties of top JeM terrorist in Pulwama

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has attached seven immovable properties in Kashmir belonging to a top terrorist of the Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), according to an official statement issued on Thursday. Terrorist Sartaj Ahmed Mantoo's properties, including land measuring 19 Marlas and 84 Sq ft at Kisarigan in Pulwama district, were attached on Wednesday on the orders of a special NIA court in Jammu, it said. Sartaj was arrested on January 31, 2020, and arms,

ammunition and explosives were recovered from his possession. He was charged on July 27, 2020, and is currently facing trial under relevant sections of the Arms Act, Indian Penal Code, Explosive Substances Act, Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and the Indian Wireless Telegraphy Act, 1933, said the statement issued by the NIA. Along with his five co-accused members of the JeM, he was involved in transporting terrorists to the Kashmir valley, it said. "Going full steam with

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Two intruders killed as infiltration bid foiled in Tangdhar

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Two unidentified intruders were killed after an infiltration bid was foiled on Thursday in Tangdhar sector of North Kashmir's Kupwara district. A top police officer told that two intruders were trying to sneak this part of the fence. The security forces challenged them to return back, however they refused, resulting into exchange of fire, the officer said. During firefight two bodies were seen lying on the other side of the fence, the officer added.

Voter excitement in Srinagar polls proof that no one can bring back Art 370: Modi

STATE TIMES NEWS
AZAMGARH/BHADOLHI (UP): Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Thursday that voters in Kashmir felt proud to participate in the festival of democracy. "The excitement shown by people of Srinagar in polls is proof that no one can bring back Article 370 and do vote bank politics", the Prime Minister added. "Earlier during polls in Kashmir, there used to be

protests, people used to fear for their lives and get threats from terrorists. But this time accused the opposition of spreading lies and inciting violence over the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, and said that the law is here to stay. In a rally at Azamgarh, a day after the first set of citizenship certificates under the new law were issued, he dared the opposition parties to muster whatever forces they could against the CAA. They will never be able to scrap the law, he asserted, saying in Hindi, "Kya



The Prime Minister

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AI-based facial recognition system installed at Navyug Tunnel Qazigund

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Artificial Intelligence-based facial recognition system was installed at the Navyug Tunnel Qazigund on the Srinagar-Jammu highway, the Jammu and Kashmir Police said on Thursday. This will help to identify and track history sheeters, drug peddlers, absconders and members of banned organisations in the region, it said. "In a significant stride towards bolstering security measures, police in Kulgam today installed an innovative Artificial Intelligence-based

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Court directs SSP ACB to conduct further investigation in trap case

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In a much publicized trap case, Additional Sessions Judge Anticorruption Jammu has directed Senior Superintendent of Police, ACB, Jammu to conduct further investigation after clarifying the facts into the matter and after concluding the investigation, file the charge sheet without any delay. Till then the accused persons are let off. While directing further investigation, Additional Sessions Judge Anticorruption Jammu OP Bhagat after hearing both

the sides observed that in the present case, it is alleged that on May 10, 2022 as a written complaint was lodged with ACB by the complainant Harmeet Singh against accused Arish Parvez Patwari Halka Gangyal and his tout namely Jatin on the ground that that brother in law of complainant Devan Singh wanted to sell a piece of land comprising 6.6 marlas, falling under khasra No.150-min, situated at Dashmesh Nagar, Gangyal Jammu and he had applied for the issuance of fard Intikhab on April 12, 2022, but Patwari Halqa Gangyal

namely Arif Parvez did not provide the Fard despite fulfilling all the formalities. According to FIR, one Harmeet Singh had lodged a complaint in ACB P/S Central Jammu that his brother-in-law Devan Singh applied for the issuance of Fard Intikhab on April 12, 2022, for sale of land 6.6 marlas in khasra No.150-min situated at Dashmesh Nagar, Gangyal Jammu, but the Patwari Halqa Gangyal did not provide the same despite fulfilling all the formalities. He was following the same before the patwari

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Jammu records season's highest temp at 40.2, two degrees above normal

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Jammu city recorded a maximum temperature of 40.2 degrees Celsius, the season's highest, the Meteorological Department officials said on Thursday. The mercury continued its upward trend across the Jammu

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Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 40.2°C Min: 24.6°C

Humidity
Max: 35 Min: 24

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 28.9°C Min: 13.6°C

Humidity
Max: 61 Min: 40

Sunset : 19:22 Hours
Sunrise : 05:30 Hours

Abdullahs, Muftis, Gandhi-Nehru family kept J&K on boil to deprive people of development: Chugh

"These three families promoted terrorism, violence"

STATE TIMES NEWS
POONCH: BJP National General Secretary, Tarun Chugh on Thursday said that Abdullah, Mufti and Gandhi-Nehru families deprived Jammu and Kashmir of development and in place of peace these three families gave destruction and ruin. Addressing a meeting of BJP workers in Surankot of Poonch district, Chugh said that in the eyes of these three families and their dynastic parties, J&K has been for looting the resources which were meant for the development and progress of the people. While highlighting the achievements of the Modi government in the past 10 years, Chugh said that on the one hand there is development and trust under the leadership of Modi Ji, while on the other hand the Congress and National Conference represent corruption and 'Mafia Raj'.



BJP National General Secretary, Tarun Chugh addressing party workers in Poonch District on Thursday.

"Even today, these three nepotism parties are crushing the aspirations of the people to see a prosperous Jammu and Kashmir", he added. In the past ten years, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the definition, method and culture of politics in the country has changed. During the rule of the opposition, there was appeasement, casteism, regionalism, nepotism as well as divisive politics in the name of religion. From 2004 to 2014, there was an atmosphere of disappointment and frustration in the country. From 2014, the situation of the country

changed and under the leadership of Modi Ji, a self-reliant and prosperous India has been created, he added. Chugh said that under the Modi government, India's economy reached the 5th position from 11th position in the world. The world's cheapest and most effective medicines are being made in India. Under the PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, 5 kg of food grains are being provided free of cost to 80 crore people. Under the leadership of the Prime Minister, 25 crore people of India have come out of the poverty line and extreme poverty has reduced to less than one percent. Today, a healthy India has been created by providing annual health cover of Rs 5 lakh to 55 crore people. The Modi government, dedicated to service, good governance and poor welfare, is making India corruption-free, which the opposition does not like, he said.

PDP's Srinagar candidate Waheed Para booked for poll code violation

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: PDP candidate from Srinagar Lok Sabha constituency Waheed Para has been booked for violating Model Code of Conduct (MCC) by holding a road show without prior permission in south Kashmir's Pulwama last month, officials said on Thursday. The Srinagar constituency went to polls on May 13, registering about 38 per cent voter turnout which was the second highest in the past three decades. Para is among 24 candidates in the fray from the seat. The officials said the FIR was lodged against Para on May 8 under section 188 (disobedience to order duly promulgated by public servant) of the Indian Penal Code at Pulwama police sta-

tion on the complaint lodged by nodal officer, MCC and additional deputy commissioner, Pulwama. The PDP leader is accused of holding a road show in the areas of Beighpora, Padgampora, Larkipora, Wankanpora, Goripora, Dangerpora, Jangalnad, Batapora, Dhawatoo, Khandaypora and Panzgam in Pulwama on April 27, without any permission from the authorities concerned. Quoting a report of senior superintendent of police, the complainant said the vehicle-bound rally of Para from PDP office to circular road via Rajpora Chowk, Murrin and Peaks crossing was in violation of the MCC. The candidate violated the MCC despite requests

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