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# NDA has bagged 310 seats after five phases of LS polls: Amit Shah

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SAMBALPUR/KEONJHAR (ODISHA): Claiming that the NDA has already bagged 310 seats after the completion of five phases of the Lok Sabha polls, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday urged the people of Odisha to free the state from "babu-raj" and allow the BJP to form government at the Centre and also in the state. Addressing two election rallies in Sambalpur where the BJP has fielded Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, Shah said this time lotus, the party's symbol, will bloom in Odisha. "After the fifth phase of polls, the NDA has already bagged 310 seats. We will secure 400 plus seats after the sixth and seventh rounds of polls," Shah claimed. Alleging that Odisha has been ruled by a "handful of officers", Shah said this election will end the ongoing "babu raj" in the state. He



alleged that the tribals of Keonjhar get no benefit even though most of the mines and mineral reserves of the country are located in Keonjhar district. Claiming that Modi has ensured that there is no terrorism across the country, the Union Home minister said: "PoK (Pakistan occupied Kashmir) was with India and it would remain with us. India would take PoK." He criticised the Congress

and its leaders who are reportedly frightened over Pakistan possessing an atom bomb. "Modi has given a befitting reply to Pakistan's terror activities and he does not fear such threat of nuclear bomb," Shah said. Coming down heavily on the previous Congress government, Shah said: "Congress has done nothing for tribals. Former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee had formed a separate ministry for tribal

affairs while Narendra Modi as the PM has worked to eliminate Naxalism in Odisha, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana." Shah said PM Modi has constituted DMF (district mineral foundation) and given crores of rupees for the development of the tribal region. "The budgetary allocation for tribal affairs has been enhanced to Rs 1.25 lakh crore during Modi government from Rs 25,000 crore given during the previous UPA regime," Shah said, adding that the BJP government has set up 740 Ekalabya Schools where one lakh students have been studying. He said about 40,000 teachers were appointed in these schools. Shah said kendu leaf pluckers will get bonus and proper price on their minor forest produce. He also announced setting up a 500-bed

J&K Govt approves revised DA for employees

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir government of on Tuesday approved the payment of Dearness Allowance (DA) to the employees on revised rates with effect from January 1, 2024. "In continuation to the Government Order dated December 12, 2023, it is ordered that Government employees working in regular pay levels under 7th

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PC leader booked for manhandling polling officer, cop at voting booth

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: People's Conference leader Imran Ansari has been booked for allegedly manhandling a police officer and a polling official while voting was underway at a booth in the Baramulla district in the fifth phase of Lok Sabha polls on Monday, officials said. P K Pole, Chief Electoral Officer, Jammu and Kashmir, said he

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# LG reviews functioning of Hospitality & Protocol Department



LG Manoj Sinha chairing a review meeting of Hospitality and Protocol Department at Srinagar.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday chaired a review meeting of the Hospitality and Protocol Department. The meeting was attended by Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Satish Chandra, Chairman of J&K Real Estate Regulatory Authority (JKRERA); Santosh D Vaidya, Principal Secretary Finance Department; Dr Rashmi Singh, Commissioner Secretary,

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**Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat initiative**  
**LG interacts with Yuva Sangam's youth delegation from Maharashtra**

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday interacted with the youth delegation from Maharashtra, at Raj Bhawan. In his address, the Lt Governor welcomed the Youth who are on a five-day visit to J&K for Yuva Sangam, under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat initiative. He said the initiative aims to strengthen people-to-people connect between youth, including on-campus and off-campus students, of the two regions. "Yuva Sangam reflects the spirit of NEP 2020 with focus on experiential learning and youth are provided with opportunity to explore the rich diversity of the country and diverse facets of ancient heritage. During

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# INDIA bloc communal, casteist and dynastic: Modi

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
MAHARAJGANJ/MOTIHARI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday dubbed the INDIA bloc as a "congregation of scammers" that was communal, casteist and dynastic to a "severe" degree, "cent per cent". Modi launched the blistering attack at rallies in Mahrajganj and Purvi Champaran Lok Sabha constituencies in Bihar, where he also predicted a big blow for the opposition alliance that stood for corruption, appeasement politics and "perverted anti-Sanatan mindset", on June 4 when Lok Sabha poll results will be



he shall be bequeathing no "viraasat (inheritance)" since he considered the people of the country as his

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# Illegal allotment of prime custodian land, encroachment ACB books IAS officer, his kin Miwaiz Umar Farooq among 7 others

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB), Srinagar has booked Majid Khalil Ahmad Drabu, IAS, Controller Legal Metrology, his brother-in-law Miwaiz Umar Farooq Hurriyat leader and others for fraudulently and dishonestly resorting to corrupt practices for encroachment and getting allotted 7 Kanal 19 Marlas prime custodian land, worth crores in their names at Nageen, Srinagar for just Rs 6 lakhs. According to FIR 10/24, a preliminary enquiry (PE

No.22/2019) was conducted into allegations, which revealed that one Dil Rafiqia, wife of Dr. Abdul Majid Sofi, resident of Hazratbal, Srinagar was conferred undue benefit by the Custodian Department by illegal allotment of evanee land without obtaining government sanction and without having open auction in violation to the standing provisions. During the course of preliminary enquiry, it was found that evacuees land belonging to Imam-u-Din, located at Saderbal

Hazratbal, falling under survey number 640 has been allotted in favour of some individuals, including Dil Rafiqia, in gross violation of rules and regulations governing the subject. Moreover, out of the mentioned evacuees land, belonging to Imam-u-din, land measuring 07 Kanal 19 Marias 97 sqft has been encroached upon by the allottees Dil Rafiqia, Majid Khalil Ahmad Drabu, IAS, son of Saif-Ud-Din Ahmad Drabu, resident of Qammerwari, Srinagar, Mohd. Amin Khan, son of Gh. Nabi Khan, resi-

dent of Saderbal, Srinagar, Ab. Majeed Bhat, son of Mohd Abdullah Bhat, resident of Saderbal, Srinagar, Qazi Bilal Ahmad, son of Qazi Noor Din, resident of Nageen, Srinagar and Hurriyat leader Moulvi Umar Farooq, son of Late Mohammad Farooq, resident of Nageen, Srinagar. The enquiry has revealed that the officers and officials of the Custodian Department, in league with the officials of Revenue Department and beneficiary allottees,

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# Record turnout in Baramulla: JeI played clandestine role in mobilising voters

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BARAMULLA: The record voter turnout in north Kashmir's Baramulla Lok Sabha constituency post abrogation of Article 370 in 2019 can be attributed to various factors including the proscribed Jamaat-e-Islami group's announcement to take the electoral plunge if the ban on it was lifted by the government, highly placed officials have said. Out of 17,32,459 eligible electorate, a total of 10,07,636 voters (58.17 per cent) exercised their franchise in the constituency -- an all-time high since its establishment in 1967. The

parliamentary seat is spread across 16 assembly segments of Baramulla, Bandipora and Kupwara districts and two segments of Budgam district. While the BJP views the increased participation as a rejection of past governance under the Congress, regional parties like the National Conference and the PDP interpret the historic turnout as a denouncement of the Centre's policies towards Jammu and Kashmir. The JeI, which was banned by the central government for five years in February 2019 for terror

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# Drug peddler's Rs 50 lakh property attached

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAJOURI: The residential complex of a 'notorious' drug peddler was attached in Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir, police said on Tuesday. Mohd Shakoor's residential complex, worth Rs 50 lakh, at Dhani Dhar village was attached under section 68(E)(F) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, a police spokesman said. He said Shakoor is accused in 10 FIRs registered under the NDPS act in different police stations in Rajouri. At present, the drug peddler is in judicial custody in a case registered earlier this year at Thanamandi police station, the spokesman said. Shakoor was previously detained under Public Safety Act in December 2022 but after his release in September 2023, he continued his involvement in drug crimes and was subsequently arrested by the police in another drug-related case, the spokesman said. He added that the attachment has been done to send a stern message to drug dealers that their days are numbered.

# Illegal construction of IT Park: Hilal Rather, Ex VC JDA, others booked

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday booked officers and officials of the Enforcement Wing, the then Chief Town Planner, then Vice Chairman, Jammu Development Agency (JDA) and the beneficiary Hilal Rather. According to a statement, the Anti-Corruption Bureau registered FIR (6/24) Police Station ACB Jammu under section 5 (1) (d) r/w 5 (2) of J&K PC Act Samvat 2006 and 120-B RPC against officers/officials of Enforcement wing, then Chief Town

Planner and then Vice Chairman of JDA as well as beneficiary namely Hilal Ahmad Rather on the outcome of a verification to look into the allegations that JDA has illegally approved construction of IT Park in favour of Hilal Rather on back dated site plan for three-storey building by knowing the fact that there is no provision to regulate an illegal construction. The verification conducted revealed that back dated permission was granted for construction of IT park in favour of Hilal Rather by BOCA (JDA) with the condi-

tions that building shall be used only for IT purpose but after obtaining NOC's he started construction of the building and constructed 5th floor and porch in front, which is violation of sanctioned plan, besides violated the rear setback by constructing G+1 on the rear side. The verification revealed that the then officers/officials of Enforcement wing, then Chief Town Planner as well as then Vice Chairman of JDA, by abuse of their official positions and in criminal conspiracy

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# BJP holds protest in Srinagar against terror attack on ex-sarpanch

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: The BJP Srinagar unit held a protest on Tuesday against the administration of the Shopian district over the killing of former sarpanch Aijaz Ahmad Sheikh by terrorists in the south Kashmir district two days ago. Led by district BJP president Ashok Bhat, the party workers protested against the Shopian district administration at Jawahar Nagar here over the alleged neglect by the concerned authorities in safeguarding the former sarpanch, who was a BJP leader. "The BJP

# Uplifting poor, developing far-flung areas my agenda: Azad

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Chairman Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP), Ghulam Nabi Azad on Tuesday reaffirmed his unwavering commitment to uplifting the poor and developing underprivileged areas. In a vibrant road show held in Kokernag, Azad highlighted the persistent issues plaguing the region, emphasising that many people still lack access to basic necessities such as electricity and road connectivity. Drawing from his extensive experience as Chief Minister, he assured the audience of



DPAP Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad addressing a gathering after road show in Kokernag on Tuesday.

his dedication to addressing these challenges with the same vigor and effectiveness he demonstrated in the past. "I have campaigned extensively across south Kashmir,

visiting even the most remote villages," Azad remarked. "The poverty is stark, and the lack of basic necessities is alarming. Unemployment

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# ACB books Horticulture Officer, others for illegal allotment of shop sites

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SOPORE: Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) J&K on Tuesday registered case against the then Dy. Director Horticulture (Planning & Marketing) Deptt. Kashmir, Mohammad Sultan Teli, then Area Marketing Officer, Sopore, Mohd Ashraf Damnoo and 48 other illegal beneficiaries for illegal and fraudulent allotment of shop sites at Fruit and Vegetable Mandi Nowpora, Sopore. According to a statement, a Joint Surprise Check (JSC) was conducted by ACB to investigate the allegations of large-scale bungling in allotment of shops at Fruit Mandi Sopore by Horticulture (Planning & Marketing) Department. It was alleged that the Area Marketing Officer concerned in con-

nivance with touts of the Fruit Mandi Union allotted shops at their will against huge consideration and the bonafide applicants who had submitted form along with premiums way back two decades were ignored etc. It surfaced that Department of Horticulture (Planning & Marketing) invited offers on prescribed forms from eligible Fruit & Vegetable Growers/ Traders/ Commission Agents/ Joint Firms/ Societies/ Federations/ Corporations and other NGOs for allotment of 700 shop sites at Fruit & Vegetable Market Nowpora Sopore vide notice issued under notice No. DHPM/701/2001/1381-92 dated 23.04.2001, with terms and conditions

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# Action unfolds in Srinagar: #SinghamAgain shoots at iconic Lal Chowk as Bollywood returns to Valley


**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, is buzzing with activity as the crew of #SinghamAgain takes over the iconic Lal Chowk to shoot an action-packed scene. This marks a significant moment in the valley's cinematic history, as it's the first major film shoot in the region since the abrogation of Article 370 four years ago. In a remarkable turnaround, Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed a surge in film shoots, with over 300 films being shot in the region during the last four years. This resurgence can be attributed to the JK Government's efforts to revitalize the film industry,



including the launch of the new film policy 2024, which builds upon the JK Film Policy 2021. The new policy aims to simplify processes, making it easier for filmmakers to shoot in the region. The return of Bollywood to

the valley is a welcome sign of peace and normalcy, as cinema halls reopen their doors to eager audiences. The shoot at Lal Chowk, a iconic location and a symbol of the city's rich heritage,

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praised Rahul Gandhi with comments such as 'Rahul on fire'. "I want to ask you (people) whether such a leader who has been praised by the enemy be respected or allowed to form the government? Which direction do they want to take the country? I appeal to everyone to save the country," Singh said. Chaudhry, who was a minister in the Imran Khan government in Pakistan, had shared a video featuring Rahul Gandhi on X, with a caption 'Rahul on fire'. Singh asserted that "no force on earth" can

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