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Curfew in tense Doda, Kishtwar districts; Internet suspended in Bhadarwah, parts of Kashmir

BHADARWAH/SRINAGAR: Tension mounted in Jammu's Bhaderwah and some areas of Kishtwar prompting authorities to impose a curfew while parts of Kashmir observed a shutdown over the controversial remarks against Prophet Mohammad by two now-suspended BJP leaders, officials said on Friday.

Internet services were snapped in the Bhaderwah and Kishtwar towns and Srinagar city of Kashmir as a precautionary measure. Mobile Internet was also suspended in parts of Kashmir, they said.

Sporadic incidents of stonepelting were reported in Bhaderwah town. Some people, violating restrictions, came out on the streets and threw stones at security forces while raising slogans.

There was a minor incident stone-pelting Bhaderwah town but it has



ADGP Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh during visit to Bhadarwah to review situation.

No one was injured, a senior officer told PTI.

The protest started in Baderwah town of Doda on Thursday when hundreds of people staged a sit-in against the remarks made by nowsuspended BJP leaders Nupur Sharma and Naveen Jindal against Prophet Mohammad.

After intense negotiations, the protestors agreed to clear

Sahastra Varsha Ka Dharma

neighbouring Jama Masjid. Purported video clips of the inflammatory speeches went viral on social media. The police have registered a case and warned people against taking the law into their own hands.

However, tension increased around midnight when two women, who came out of the mosque, claimed that they were roughed up by the secumenting the curfew in the

Stones were pelted at the security forces who had to later lob tear gas shells and resort to lathi charge.

Tension eased after senior officials, including the additional deputy commissioner, assured the protestors that an enquiry would be held to probe into the allegations levelled by the two women.

Mukesh Singh visited the Baderwah town along with the Divisional Commissioner of Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, and other officials to assess the situation.

Later, he told reporters that preventive measures have been taken to ease the situation and requested the media not to visit areas stone-pelting had taken place as it could flare up the situation.

"Security forces have been deployed in large numbers in Bhaderwah town. The situation is under control. Anyone who tries to vitiate the atmosphere will face stringent action," Singh said.

The ADG held a meeting with all security agencies, civil administration and the Army to assess the situation and asked them to take stringent action against the mis-

A route march was held CONTD ON PAGE 9

Controversial remarks on Prophet Mohammad MHA advises police heads of states,

UTs to remain 'alert, prepared'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on Friday asked the police heads of states and Union Territories to be prepared and alert as they will be on

On Friday, MHA issued a statement to all state and Union Territory police after several incidents of violence were reported from different parts of the country over the controversial remarks of suspended BJP leader Nupur Sharma and expelled leader Naveen Jindal against Prophet Muhammad.

A senior MHA official informed that they sent alerts to all state and Union Territory police to remain vigilant as they can be targeted during the violence.

"We have asked the policemen deployed to maintain law and order situation to be in proper riot gear. There will be a deliberate attempt to disturb peace in the country. Police and, if required, the paramilitary will also need to

be on alert mode to counter any untoward situation," the official said. He added that several

instructions have been issued

to keep a watch on fringe elements posting provocative speeches. "We have asked state police to identify the influencers posting live videos of violence

and provocative speeches. Take required action against such people," he added. The MHA has asked all the

states to take preventive actions, keep a check on borders and identified sensitive The order have been issued

after the violence broke out in Uttar Pradesh's Prayagraj and protests were held at Moradabad, Saharanpur and Firozabad. Meanwhile several other

states including Delhi, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Jharkhand, Punjab, Hyderabad, and Gujarat also protests faced massive against the leader's contro-

120 Kg poppy recovered from truck in Udhampur STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Friday recovered 120 kilogramme of poppy from a truck on Jammu-Srinagar national highway in Udhampur district but the driver managed to escape, officials said.

A police party during routine checking intercepted a truck on the highway at Chenani area and was subjected to search, they said. During the search, a

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11 new COVID cases reported in J&K

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir reported 11 new coronavirus cases on Friday. taking the infection tally in the union territory to 4,54,325, officials said here. Ten cases were reported

from Jammu division while one case was reported from Kashmir valley, they said. There are 71 active cases of

the disease in the union territory, while the number of recoveries has

Most historians gave prominence to Mughals only: Amit Shah

■ STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: Most of the

historians India have given prominence recording the history of Mughals only, ignoring the glorious rules of many empires like

Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Friday and asserted that "nobody can stop us from writing history as we are independent now".

Asking historians to revive the glory of the past for the present, Shah, while releasing the book 'Maharana:

Auto, home & personal

loans become expensive

with banks raising rates

NEW DELHI: Auto, home

and personal loans have

become costlier with banks

and other financial institu-

tions increasing interest

rates following the repo rate

A number of banks includ-

ing ICICI Bank, Bank of

Baroda, Punjab National

Bank (PNB), Bank of India,

Bank.

Overseas Bank and the

country's leading mortgage

lender HDFC Ltd have

raised lending rates for their

Repo is the rate at which

RBI lends to banks for their

short-term borrowing needs.

In its June 8 second bi-

monthly monetary policy meeting review for FY23,

RBI raised the benchmark

repo rate by 50 basis points

to 4.90 per cent with imme-

It followed an off-cycle rate

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May to rein in the

hike by RBI on Wednesday.

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Yuddha', said history is not written at the behest of the governments and other books but on the basis

offactual events. Speaking in Hindi,

home minister

also said many Indian kings had fought invaders and protected their territories by defeating them bravely but unfortunately this has not found a place in great detail in the history so far.

The battle fought for ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Army Chief reviews security situation Devise better traffic management plan within 15 days: CS



STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR:

Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Friday impressed upon the officers of civil and police administration to devise a better traffic management plan within 15 days. He asked them to carry out a scientific study of all the bottlenecks to come up with lasting solutions for all of them. The Chief Secretary was speaking in a high level meeting held to deliberate over the traffic management in the UT of J&K. The meeting was attended

Additional Chief Secretary, Home; Principal Secretary, Commissioner Transport Transport Commissioner; IG

Secretary, Department; Traffic; DIG Traffic, SSP Traffic Kashmir, SSP Traffic Jammu besides other concerned officers from police and civil administration.

Dr Mehta emphasised upon the officers to ensure that there is no unauthorized parking on roads anywhere. He asked them to identify places for parking of vehicles at all the busy locations. He observed that popular market and tourist places having highest footfall are badly

have better solutions for their problems and our man-

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affected in terms of choking

of roads so needs better

enforcement of traffic rules.

The Chief Secretary urged

the officers to erect barriers

and diversions on roads after

proper application of scien-

tific knowledge. He main-

tained that civilized societies

along LAC in Himachal, Uttarakhand STATE TIMES NEWS with the "rapid improvement

NEW DELHI: Army Chief

Gen Manoj Pande has carried out a comprehensive review of India's security preparedness along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

This is the first visit of Gen Pande to the sector after taking over as the Chief of the Indian Army on April 30.

The Indian Army has been maintaining a strict vigil along the entire stretch of the LAC since the eastern Ladakh border row erupted in May 2020.

The Army said Gen Pande expressed his satisfaction of defensive posture and operational readiness of formations. "The Chief of Army Staff,

General Manoj Pande is currently on a three-day forward area visit to the LAC in the states of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand," the Army said on Friday.

In his visits to the forward posts, Gen Pande has been briefed by local commanders about the prevailing situation along the borders.

"Taking a first-hand assess ment of the operational preparedness in forward areas. the Army Chief is

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Govt issues new guidelines to curb misleading ads; bans surrogate ads

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The government on Friday announced new guidelines to curb misleading advertisements and endorsers by banning surrogate ads, while imposing strict norms for those advertisements that seek to lure consumers offering discounts and free claims.

The new guidelines on "Prevention of Misleading Advertisements Endorsements Misleading Advertisements. 2022" also seeks to regulate advertisements targeting

The guidelines, notified by

Validity of order regarding registration of bonafide migrants, DPs for Domicile Certificate extended

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The government has extended validity of government order regarding registration of bonafide migrants or displaced persons for the purpose of Domicile

According to an order issued here on Friday by the Department of Disaster Management, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction (DDMR-

RR), it has been ordered that the validity of government order number 52-JK(DMRRR) of 2020 dated May 16, 2020 extended vide government order number 44-JK(DMRRR) of

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the consumer affairs ministry and that have come into force with immediate effect, also specify due diligence to be carried out while endorsing in advertisements.

Action against violation of the new guidelines will be taken as per the provisions of the Consumer Protection Act (CPA), which provides for a penalty of Rs 10 lakh for first offence and Rs 50 lakh for subsequent contraven-

Announcing the guidelines, consumer affairs secretary Rohit Kumar Singh said: "Advertisements have great interest for consumers.

Under the CCPA Act, there are provisions to handle misleading advertisements affecting consumers rights. "But to make it more

explicit, clear and aware to the industry, the government has come out with guidelines for fair advertising with effect from today," he said. The guidelines will be appli-

cable to advertisements published on all platforms like print, television and online. Stating that these guide-

lines will not bring change overnight, the secretary said. however, it gives a framework for the industry

ined

by

Commission.

Cong MP hits out at Centre for its failure to secure people in Kashmir **STÂTE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Hitting out at the BJP-led Centre for its "failure" to secure the lives of innocent people in Kashmir from targeted killings, Congress Raiva Sabha MF Amee Yagnik on Friday demanded adequate security measures for the safety of

minorities in the valley. She also expressed concern over the prevailing atmosphere of religious tension in Jammu and Kashmir and elsewhere in the country under the present BJP regime. "The BJP

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Efforts on to restore peace in Bhadarwah: DGP **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Jammu

agement of traffic

Kashmir Director General of Police Dilbag Singh said efforts are on defuse tension in Bhaderwah town, rocked by protests over controversial remarks against Prophet Mohammad, and expressed confidence that the situation will return back to normal

Tension mounted in Bhaderwah and some areas of Kishtwar over the controversial remarks against the Prophet by two now-suspended BJP leaders, prompting authorities to impose a curfew and snap internet services there.

Singh said people should

Congress won three of the

four seats and the BJP one.

BJP-backed Independent

nominee and media baron

Subhash Chandra, whose

entry into the fray had added

spice to the electoral tussle.

fell by the wayside. Chandra,

who had won the last RS

election as an Independent

from Harvana, tried his luck

Randeep Surjewala, Mukul

Wasnik and Pramod Tiwari

were declared elected, and so

was BJP's Ghanshyam

candidates



DGP Dilbag Singh interacting with officers

6 terror suspects, including 2 active

behave responsibly and maintain communal harmo-

ny.
"We are holding talks with them (people). Additional director general of police (ADGP) and the divisional

commissioner have been sent to that area. They are both in Bhaderwah. The situation is being watched. We will soon bring it to normalcy, the J-K Police chief told

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Sitharaman, Surjewala among 8 elected to RS, row over rules breach delays counting in Maha, Haryana

STATE TIMES NEWS BENGALURU/JAIPUR:

Union Finance Minister Sitharaman, Congress' chief spokesperson Randeep Suriewala and senior leader Jairam Ramesh were among the eight candidates elected to the Rajya Sabha on Friday from Karnataka and Rajasthan, while counting got delayed in Maharashtra and Haryana amid wrangling by rival par-

other of flouting the open

balloting rules and seeking

invalidation of the votes of

some MLAs, are being exam-

voting rules.

The main opposition Congress managed to win only one of the two seats for ties over alleged breach of which its nominees were in Representations made by the fray, while the JD(S) the BJP and the Congress drew a blank. Union Finance Minister and its allies, accusing each

four that went to polls.

seats it contested out of the

Nirmala Sitharaman, actor-

politician Jaggesh, and MLC

Lehar Singh Siroya of the

BJP, and former Union

the Election Minister Jairam Ramesh of the Congress were declared The counting will be taken victorious.

up only after the poll panel Sitharaman and Ramesh gives the go ahead. have been re-elected to the In an emphatic endorse-Sabha Rajya ment for the BJP in Karnataka. Karnataka, the ruling party

There was suspense over had the last laugh as it won the outcome of the fight for all the three Rajya Sabha the fourth seat, which witnessed a tight contest between all the three major political parties none of which had enough votes for an easy win.

> However, BJP's Siroya triumphed over Mansoor Ali Khan of the Congress and D Kupendra Reddy (JDS). apparently aided by crossvoting from rival parties and the help of Independents. In Rajasthan, the ruling

In an interesting development, BJP MLA Shobharani Kushwah cross-voted in favour of Congress

from Rajasthan.

Congress

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terrorists arrested in Kashmir **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Security forces arrested six terror suspects, including two active terrorists and three 'hybrid terrorists' in three operations in Kashmir, officials said on

The two active terrorists are linked to Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) and they were arrested from Baramulla district, a police spokesman said.

arrested Irshad Ahmad Mir, a categorised terrorist, and Zahid Bashir, are residents of Nehalpora in Pattan area, he said.

Incriminating materials, two Chinese pistols, 18 live rounds and two magazines were recovered from their

Two other 'hybrid terrorists', also linked to LeT, were

arrested at a checkpoint jointly set up by the police, the Central Reserve Police Force and the army at Gurseer in Sopore area of Baramulla district on Thursday night, he said.

Faizan Ahmad Paul, a resident of Shopian, and Muzamil Rashid Mir from resident of Pulwama were in search of an opportunity to carry out attacks on security forces as well as civilians, including outside labourers,

the spokesperson claimed. Two pistols, two magazines and five pistol rounds were recovered from their posses-

sion, he said. A hybrid terrorist identified as Mudabir Aijaz and his associate Syed Muntaha were arrested from

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Sunset: 18:52 Hours

Sunrise: 06:10 Hours