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Amit Shah to review J&K situation on June 3

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NEW DELHI: Home Minister Amit Shah will chair a high-level meeting on June 3 to discuss security situation in Jammu and Kashmir, the second such exercise in less than a fortnight which comes at a time when terrorists have been carrying out targeted killings in the Valley.

Officials said Lt Governor Manoj Sinha, and senior functionaries of the central government and union territory would participate in the meeting which is also expected to take stock of the arrangements for the annual Amarnath pilgrimage, being held after a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This is the second high-level meeting in less than a fortnight on the Kashmir issue.

In the last meeting on June 17, the home minister had advocated pro-active and coordinated counter-terror



"Amit Shah has asked LG Manoj Sinha to come to Delhi to brief him on ground situation in Jammu & Kashmir. The meeting will also have National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval in attendance. Army Chief Manoj Pande, as well as all DGs of security agencies are also expected to be present. The meeting will held around noon on June 3 in New Delhi."

operations and had asked security forces to ensure zero cross-border infiltration and wipe out terrorism from the

union territory. The meeting comes in the wake of terrorists carrying out three targeted killings,

including of a woman teacher hailing from Samba district of Jammu region at Kulgam on Tuesday.

On May 18, terrorists had entered into a wine shop at Baramulla in North Kashmir and threw a grenade, killing one person hailing from Jammu region and injuring three others.

On May 24, a policeman, Saifullah Qadri, was shot dead outside his residence in Srinagar while a television artiste Amreen Bhat was gunned down in Budgam two days later.

Scores of Kashmiri Pandits, who were employed under a prime minister's package in 2012, have been staging continuous protests threatening mass exodus since the assassination of Rahul Bhat on May 12 in Chadoora area of Budgam district in central Kashmir.

After the previous meeting, an official statement had said that the home

Terrorists shoot at civilian in Shopian

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SRINAGAR: Terrorists opened fire at a civilian near his residence in Shopian district Wednesday, leaving him injured, police said.

A police official said the incident happened around 8:45 pm near Farooq Ahmed Sheikh's residence at Rakh Chidren Keegam.

He said the injured was moved to the nearby Pulwama hospital where his condition is stated to be stable.

Plea in SC seeks direction to establish Bar Council in J&K, Ladakh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: A petition has been filed in the Supreme Court seeking directions to the Centre and the Bar Council of India (BCI) to establish the Bar Council in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

The plea has alleged that failure to provide Bar Council to lawyers from Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh is nothing less

8 new HC Judges appointed, six transferred Wasim Sadiq appointed as Addl Judge HC of J&K, Ladakh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU/NEW DELHI: Four years after his name was recommended by the Supreme Court Collegium, Senior Advocate Wasim Sadiq Nargal was on Wednesday appointed as an Additional Judge of the Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh High Court.

The recommendation of Nargal was made by the Supreme Court Collegium in 2018 and was one of the oldest pending with the government. The appointment on Wednesday came after the Collegium reiterated the recommendation in 2021.

Wasim Sadiq Nargal is a designated Senior Advocate, who has formally served as Senior Additional Advocate General of J&K Home Department. Nargal hails from Katra and did his initial schooling from Dewan Badri Nath Vidya Mandir, Jammu.

After doing graduation from GGM Science College, Jammu and Law degree from University of Jammu,



Nargal started his active practice in March 1991. He has distinction of serving as Standing Counsel for various departments of Government of India, J&K Government, Public Sector Undertakings, Banks, Universities in addition to his own private practice.

In an illustrious career of over 31 years of law practice, Nargal has served as Standing Counsel for University of Jammu, SKUAST-J, Baba Ghulam Shah University Rajouri, Cluster University Jammu. Besides that, he has also

remained as a Senior Counsel for Union Public Service Commission, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt of India, Food Corporation of India, J&K Public Service Commission, Service Selection Board, Sales Tax and Exercise Department, JKIMPA, General Administration department and State Pollution Control Board. Nargal has also served as Central Government Counsel, Counsel for J&K Education Department on the terms and conditions as Additional Advocate General.

Due to his brilliant law career, he was recommended long back in August 2017 for elevation as a Judge of J&K High Court and was cleared in 2018 by the SC collegium and subsequently, his case was reiterated in March 2021 and his name has now been finally approved as Judge of common High court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

Cong expresses concern over deteriorating security situation in J&K

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Congress on Wednesday called for urgent measures to stop terror attacks on soft targets, including minorities and Kashmiri Pandit employees, in the valley, a party spokesperson said.

The two-day 'Nav Sankalp' workshop of the Congress commenced at Patni Top in Udhampur district of Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday.

The participants, including senior Congress leader Rajani Patil, accused the government of failing to ensure the safety and security of the people of Jammu

and Kashmir.

Patil, who is the AICC in-charge of Jammu and Kashmir, expressed serious concern over the deteriorating security scenario in the valley leading to series of targeted killings of innocents, including members of minority communities.

An atmosphere of fear and pain has gripped the people in Kashmir, she said.

Kashmir has witnessed a series of targeted killings of Hindu government employees by terrorists in the recent past.

The top brass of J&K Congress demanded the

Migrant employees, others from Jammu to be posted in 'secured' locations in Kashmir by Jun 6

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JAMMU: In view of increased threat perception, the Jammu and Kashmir administration on Wednesday decided to immediately post Kashmiri migrants employed under prime minister's special package and other employees belonging to the Jammu division in "secured locations" in the Valley by June 6, officials sources said.

The decision comes after a series of targeted killings of Hindu government employees by terrorists in Kashmir and fears of their exodus from Kashmir.

KP employees say 'preparing' for mass migration over targeted killings

SRINAGAR: A group of Kashmiri Pandit employees, who were given jobs under a prime minister's package for the community, Wednesday began preparations for "mass migration" out of Kashmir, protesting against a series of targeted killings of non-Muslim employees by terrorists.

The group said they were meeting truck-owners Wednesday to negotiate a rate for transporting their goods.

Hours after a female teacher was shot dead by terrorists in Kulgam district, an organisation of KP employees had threatened to leave the Valley if the government did not relocate them to safer places in 24 hours.

"We have come to fix the rate with truck-owners. Let's see if any decision comes from the government by this evening. If not, then we will migrate from

"PM Package employees and others from minority

communities posted in Kashmir division will be

immediately posted at secured locations and the process to be completed by Monday, 6th June," a source said.

"It has to be ensured that no employee should work or reside in isolated areas or in a scattered manner," the source said.

This was decided in a high-level meeting of administrative heads and senior police officers chaired by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha early on Wednesday, sources told PTI.

There is a need to sensitise the lower rung officials

Dedicated cell in GAD for redressal of grievances of minorities in Kashmir

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Reiterating the commitment for resolution of issues pertaining to minorities in Kashmir Valley on Wednesday a dedicated cell in the General Administration Department was set up for attending and resolving grievances

Govt allows procurement by cooperatives through GeM portal

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Government on Wednesday announced to expand the mandate of Government e-Marketplace by allowing procurement by cooperatives.

Presently, the registration of cooperatives as buyers was not covered within the existing mandate of Government e-Marketplace (GeM).

The move will help over 8.54 lakh registered cooperatives, like Amul and

Union Home Secy reviews PMDP projects All tenements for KP employees under execution to be completed by 2023

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SRINAGAR: In a high level meeting, the Union Home Secretary, Ajay Kumar Bhalla, on Wednesday reviewed the implementation of projects under Prime Minister's Development Package (PMDP) in J&K with the Chief Secretary and other Senior Secretaries of UT of J&K.

The meeting was also attended by Senior Officers of MoRTH, Ministry of Tourism, NHAI, NHIDCL and BRO, amongst others.

It was informed in the meeting that a total of 53 projects at a cost of Rs 58,477 crore are being exe-

cuted under the PMDP. Twenty nine projects have already been completed/ substantially completed while twelve more projects will be completed during the current financial year. Another six projects are likely to be completed by end of 2023.

Giving details of the construction of 6000 tenements for Kashmiri Pandit migrants in the valley, Dr. Mehta informed that the work on most of the tenement is going on at a brisk pace. He said that 1324 tenements will be completed by December, 2022 and additional 672 tenements would be constructed by October

next year. Dr. Mehta expressed confidence that all the remaining tenements will be completed by 2023.

Regarding the rehabilitation of Dal and Nageen Lakes, it was informed that an integrated DPR for conservation of the twin lakes for an amount of ? 273 crore has been prepared.

The Chief Secretary said that the focus of the project is to improve the water quality by management of catchment area, construction of 30 MLD STP at Gupt Ganga, establishment of sewerage network for 28 hamlets within the lake and

Apni Party leader from Jammu quits outfit

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a major setback to the Apni Party, one of its co-founders and general secretary from Jammu, Vikram Malhotra on Wednesday resigned from the party, citing "lack of any coherent policy or programme for the future".

Malhotra also claimed that the Apni Party has become a "reflection of the National Conference and PDP, particularly in its regional approach to Jammu.

Apni Party headed by former minister Altaf Bukhari was formed in March 2020 in the aftermath of abrogation of Article 370

Maintain highest level of alertness to ensure peaceful Amarnath Yatra: ADGP to officers

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A senior official of Jammu and Kashmir Police on Wednesday called for the highest level of alertness and sharing of intelligence on the upcoming Amarnath Yatra to foil "nefarious designs" of anti-national elements and their masters from across the border.

Additional Director General of Police Mukesh Singh also directed officials to conduct joint patrolling on all possible infiltration routes, drone dropping sites and ensure adequate deployment of personnel on national highways.

The 43-day-long Amarnath yatra is scheduled to start on June 30 from the twin routes -- traditional 48-km Nunwan in south Kashmir's Pahalgam and 14-km shorter Batal in central Kashmir's Ganderbal -- after a hiatus of two years owing to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The ADGP was speaking at a joint meeting of various security agencies which was convened to discuss and review the deployment and other security related issues for the pilgrimage.

Inspector General of CRPF, Jammu sector, P S Ranpise, deputy director

Intelligence Bureau (Jammu), Parthipal Singh and other senior police and intelligence officers attended the meeting, a police spokesperson said.

During the meeting, a powerpoint presentation was given by concerned district Senior Superintendents of Police with regard to security arrangements planned for the peaceful conclusion of the yatra, the spokesperson said.

He said threadbare discussion was held on the various security related issues and for ensuring enhanced security measures on the

Peace cannot be restored by army, police in Kashmir: Farooq

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Asserting that peace cannot be restored by the use of army and police in Kashmir, National Conference President Farooq Abdullah batted strongly for bringing all political parties on board to find out a way to tackle this grave situation and said people want protection of their families.


Abdullah asked the government to be very alert during forthcoming Amarnath yatra and said if there is one single untoward incident during the yatra, there will be country-wide repercussions.

"They (government) will have to think about the security aspect. They will have to do something (to ensure security of these Hindu employees). Please call lead-

ers of different political parties to find out way as to how we control this (security) crisis," Abdullah told reporters here on Tuesday, referring to the targeted killings in the valley.

Former Chief Minister said that nothing (resorting of peace) will happen without it. "It (restoration of peace) cannot be restored through army and police," he said.

In reply to a question about the security challenge to Amarnath yatra, he said, "God forbid, if there is even one untoward incident, repercussion of which will not only be faced by Jammu and Kashmir but entire India. They (government) have to be very alert and cautious." Asked about



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Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 40.1°C Min: 28.5°C

Humidity

Max : 28 Min : 18

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 25.2°C Min: 13.8°C

Humidity

Max : 66 Min: 44

Sunset : 19:34 Hours

Sunrise : 05:26 Hours



Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, ADGP Mukesh Singh and family members of deceased carrying coffin of teacher Rajni Bala at Samba.

supposed to be Bala's last day at the school in Gopalpora, he said.

"I had given an application to the Chief Education Officer of Kulgam. We told him that the school is not safe for my wife but he did not do anything," Kumar alleged.

As nothing happened despite having submitted multiple applications to the CEO, he said, he and his wife met the Director School Education in Srinagar on Monday.

"We requested him to post us in the same school and gave him its name.

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