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Need to maintain utmost vigil along international borders: Amit Shah



Home Minister Amit Shah during 2nd 'Chintan Shivir' with police officials posted in CAPF and NSG in New Delhi on Monday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday stressed upon the need to have utmost vigilance along the international borders to ensure zero infiltration and smuggling of drugs and arms.

Presiding over a "Chintan Shivir" of IPS officers posted in the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) and National Security Guard

(NSG) here, Shah said that the CAPFs should constitute a dedicated team to work on drone technology and anti-drone measures.

He said the security of the borders can be ensured only by coordination with the local law enforcing agencies and administration of a district.

The home minister stressed upon the need to have utmost vigilance at the border to ensure no infiltration and

smuggling of drugs and arms, according to an official statement.

He said the responsibility of the unity, integrity and internal security of the country is imbued in the oath of IPS officers.

Shah said the CAPFs are making valuable contribution by maintaining internal security, law and order, protecting borders, conducting fair general elections, doing relief

and rescue operations in times of disaster; and protecting strategically important institutions and monuments throughout the country.

He said the common citizens of the country feel safe and sleep peacefully due to CAPF personnel's devotion towards their duty and alertness.

The home minister said on one hand, police administration and the armed police forces are expected to live up to the expectations of the common people and on the other hand, the government also ensures the welfare of the police and the CAPF personnel and their families by providing adequate facilities so that they can perform their duties smoothly.

In the Chintan Shivir, various topics related to the forces such as border security, capacity building, guidance of junior officers,

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Zaheer posted as SHO Akhnoor; Bopinder Miran Sahib

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Chandan Kohli transferred three Inspectors among five officials.

According to the order, Inspector Harjeet Singh has been transferred from Police Station akhnoor and posted to DPL Jammu; Inspector Bopinder Singh from DPL Jammu and posted to Police Station Miran Sahib

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Nearly 29 CCTV cameras, 4 body scanners to be installed at Amarnath base camp as security measure

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Nearly 29 CCTV cameras will be installed in and around the main base camp for Amarnath pilgrims in the winter capital of Jammu and Kashmir, said an official on Monday.

The Yatri Nivas Bhagwati Nagar in Jammu serves as the main base camp for pilgrims from across the

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Indian Dy HC in Mauritius meets LG, reviews progress on ADP in Baramulla



LG Manoj Sinha meeting Vimarsh Aryan, Deputy High Commissioner of India in Mauritius at Srinagar on Monday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Vimarsh Aryan, Deputy High Commissioner of India in Mauritius called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, here on Monday.

He discussed various important matters with the Lt Governor, including successful G20 meeting, trade and tourism potential of J&K UT and investment opportunities in different sectors.

Earlier, the Deputy High Commissioner addressed a

review meeting of Aspirational District Programme at Baramulla and said that this district is among the top performers in timely delivery of quality public services besides registering remarkable achievements in all development sectors.

Vimarsh Aryan emphasized the importance of implementation of Aspirational District Development Programme (ABDP) on the analogy of Aspirational District

Programme in Baramulla. He congratulated the district administration for achieving milestone under Aspirational District Programme (ADP) and also underlined the importance of ABDP Programme for holistic development of backward areas of Baramulla.

He said that the programme is an initiative towards equitable development and is expected to usher new era of

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Kejriwal, Bhagwant Mann have lost nerves in face of PM's achievements: Chugh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

CHANDIGARH: BJP National General Secretary Taran Chugh on Monday said that Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann have become nervous in the face of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's popularity in the country and abroad.

In a statement, Chugh said both the chief ministers have been trying to whip up unfounded fears among people while paying scant respect to

the Indian Constitution and BR Ambedkar. The two AAP chief ministers have been flouting all democratic norms within the party and have been behaving autocratically. Not just that now Kejriwal and Bhagwant Mann have started sending deceptive and misleading signals to the Opposition parties as well to create confusion.

Chugh said the Modi-led government at the Centre has achieved many milestones and would go a long way to take India firmly on the international firmament.

NIA attaches 17 properties of businessman Zahoor Watali in terror funding case

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Monday attached 17 properties of Kashmiri businessman Zahoor Ahmed Shah Watali in a terror funding case, the agency said.

Jammu Kashmir Liberation Front chief Yasin Malik is currently undergoing life imprisonment in the case.

The NIA said the case relates to terrorist and secessionist activities in Jammu and Kashmir carried out by proscribed ISI-backed organisations such as Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), JKLF, Jaish-e-



NIA team attaching one of the properties of Watali.

Mohammad (JeM), and others.

These outfits were spreading terror and perpetrating violence in the Valley by promoting and conducting

attacks on civilians and security forces, it said.

The investigating agency said 17 properties belonging to "financier of terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir" Watali

in the Handwara area of Kupwara district were attached on the orders of Special NIA Court, Patiala House, under section 33(1) of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) (UAPA).

These banned terrorist groups were using the Hurriyat Conference, "which was formed in 1993 as a front for carrying out and supporting secessionist activities" in Kashmir, it said.

Investigations revealed that the secessionists, arraigned as accused in the case, including the Hurriyat,

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ACB arrests forester for accepting Rs 30,000 bribe

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BANDIPORA: The Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) has apprehended a forester 'red-handed' while demanding and accepting a bribe in the Budgam Tulail area of Gurez valley in Bandipora district.

"Mohd Sultan Bhat, the Incharge Block Forester of Budgam Tulail and son of Ab Jabbar Bhat from Ayatmulla Bandipora, was arrested after being caught red-handed while demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 30,000 from a contractor.

The ACB received a complaint from a contractor alleging therein that he is

executing the work allotted to him under J-JM Scheme in Special sub Division Gurez during which he is being harassed by the forester Block Tulail Gurez on pre-text of NOC & is demanding bribe of Rs 30,000, the ACB spokesman said.

"The complainant alleges that as contractor he was allotted many works of various government departments which he completed as per given allotments and in the year 2022, he has received allotments in two different works under J-JM Scheme issued by Executive Engineer Special

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Narco-terrorism cases: Four detained, over Rs 13 lakh seized in J&K

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

LUDHIANA: The police on Monday said no arrests have yet been made in connection with the heist of over Rs 8 crore at a cash management services company here.

The robbery, which took place at CMS Securities in the New Rajguru Nagar locality here on Saturday, is being considered one of the biggest heists in Ludhiana in the recent past.

Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police Shubham Aggarwal said ten teams have been formed to nab the accused who broke into the office around 1.30 am and decamped with the cash in a van of the company.

At least eight robbers were involved in the heist, where they overpowered four security guards of the building and disconnected all the wires and took away the DVR (digital video recorder) of the CCTV cameras, Aggarwal said.

Preliminary investigation revealed that the main gate of the office was of

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Transport Commissioner inspects RTO Jammu, calls for streamlining services delivery

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Describing direct interface between applicants and authorities as crucial for ensuring transparent delivery of services, Transport Secretary, G Prasanna Ramaswamy, on Monday issued strict instructions to officers for streamlining services delivery.

Secretary, in his endeavours to ensure transparency and accountability in working of Regional Transport Office, Jammu, today conducted a surprise inspection of the institute and had detailed assessment of services being extended to the public there.

During the inspection, some applicants complained presence of agents in the organisation and sought their removal forthwith to ensure speedy delivery system besides saving them from any kind of exploitation on this account.

Taking cognizance of these complaints, Secretary asked the RTO to ensure that concerned clerk or dealing assistants are stationed in one hall to ensure transparency in dealing with applications for various services available in the office. This will facilitate direct interface between the applicants and the

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Police cracks Rangoor firing case within hours; arrests 3 hardcore smugglers, recovers 2.8 Kg heroin

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Under the guidance of Director General Police Dilbag Singh, ADGP Jammu Zone Mukesh Singh, DIG Range Shakti Pathak and SSP Samba Benam Tosh, Police has achieved a major success in solving the sensational Rangoor firing case within few hours after the commission of offence and arrested three hardcore heroin smugglers, recovered 2.080 kg heroin, Rs. 93200 cash, one pistol, one magazine and several rounds.

On the intervening night of 11 and 12 June 2023, three heroin smugglers. Jagdeep



SSP Samba Benam Tosh briefing media.

Singh (21) son of Dilbag Singh resident of Madipur, tehsil Patti, district Taran/Taran Punjab; Satinderpal Singh (26) son of Daljinder Singh, Resident

of Rattoke, GurudwaraBhikh Wind, district Taran/Taran Punjab and Sunny Kumar (22), son of Surjeet Singh, resident

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PIL seeking eviction of Ex-Ministers/MLAs from Ministerial Bungalows DB expresses displeasure over UT Govt's stance in allowing 49 politicians in ministerial bungalows

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a Significant order, the Division Bench of High Court of J&K and Ladakh (Jammu) comprising Chief Justice N. Kotishwar Singh and Justice Puneet Gupta directed the UT Administration to apprise the Court as to the nature of the accommodation provided to Ex. Ministers/MLAs and Former bureaucrats as by the next date of hearing and also the reasons for doing so.

The Division Bench at the outset has observed that it has perused the report submitted by the UT Administration in sealed cover. The Court expressed displeasure on the report

filed by the respondents while observing that, the report, however, does not address the issue which has been raised before this Court, as to whether a person who is entitled to security cover would also be entitled to Government accommodation as these are the two separate issues.

These court directions were passed in the much publicized Public Interest Litigation (PIL) highlighting unauthorized occupation of ministerial bungalows by the Ex-ministers/MLAs at Jammu/Srinagar. The PIL seeks directions to the Estates department to ensure the eviction of the illegal occupants.

When this PIL came up for hearing, the Advocate Sheikh Shakeel Ahmed with Advocates Supriya Chouhan and Mohd. Zulkarnain Choudhary appearing for the petitioner drew the attention of the Division Bench towards the decision of the High Court rendered by a Division Bench on 26.12.2022, whereby it had been clearly held that the security assessment and entitlement to Government accommodation are two different issues and cannot be intermingled.

Advocate S.S Ahmed vehemently argued that as per the earlier decision of the Division Bench of the High Court, the inference which

can be drawn is that while because of certain threat perception security cover can be granted to a person, but it is not necessary that the person has to be provided the Government accommodation also, which was the stand of the Administration in the aforesaid case.

Advocate S.S Ahmed also submitted that there is no requirement in law for the government to provide accommodation as well to a person who is being provided a security cover. Advocate Ahmed further submitted that, even if accommodation was required to be provided in exceptional circumstances, the accommodation to be provided to the former Chief

Minister/Minister or a retired bureaucrat cannot be the same after his ceasing to occupy the office.

Advocate S. S. Ahmed also referred to the RTI information received from Estates department wherein it was divulged that on December 21, 2018, the Deputy Director Estates, Jammu issued eviction notices to former Deputy CM Kavinder Gupta, Bali Bhagat (Former Health Minister), Sunil Kumar (Former Minister) and others whereby all of them were directed to surrender their ministerial bungalows by or before December 21, 2018 and in default, the Estates Department

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Democratisation of technology important tool to help bridge data divide: Modi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday pitched for democratisation of technology to bridge the data divide, and told G20 development ministers that India is willing to share its experience with partner countries as digitalisation has brought about a revolutionary change here.

Speaking to G20 development ministers through a video address, Modi also batted for reforms in multilateral financial institutions to expand their eligibility criteria to ensure that finance is accessible to those in need.

He underlined the growing data divide and said high quality data is critical to meaningful policy-making, efficient resource allocation and effective public service delivery.

"Democratisation of technology is an important tool to help bridge the data divide.

In India, digitalisation has brought about a revolutionary change. Technology is being used as a tool to



empower people, make data accessible, and ensure inclusivity," he said, adding India is willing to share its experience with partner countries.

He hope that discussions at the G20 development ministers' meeting will result in tangible actions to promote data for discourse, data for development and data for delivery in developing countries.

Noting that development is a core issue for the Global South, he said these countries were severely impacted by the disruptions created by the global Covid pandemic.

The food, fuel, and fertiliser crises because of geo-political tensions have

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Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 24.8°C Min: 13.2°C

Humidity
Max: 71 Min: 69

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 6.8°C Min: 2.8°C

Humidity
Max: 94 Min: 83

Sunset : 17:27 Hours
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