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# Terror in J&K has shrunk from highly organised acts to mere proxy war: Amit Shah

Orders area domination in Jammu; reviews Amarnathji Yatra preparations



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NEW DELHI: The fight against terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir is in its decisive phase and recent incidents show that terrorism has been forced to shrink from highly organised acts of violence to a mere proxy war, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Sunday.

During a high-level meeting at the North Block here to review the security situation in the Union Territory in the wake of recent terrorist attacks there, he also direct-

ed security agencies to implement area domination and zero-terror plans in the Jammu division like they did in Kashmir to achieve success.

The government is determined to root out terrorism, Shah asserted.

The meeting with top security officials was convened to review the situation in the wake of the attacks in the Union Territory's Jammu region, officials said.

Home Minister Shah directed the security agencies

to work on a mission mode and ensure quick response in a coordinated manner.

He also stressed on seamless coordination among security agencies, identifying vulnerable areas and addressing security concerns in these areas.

Reiterating the government's zero-tolerance policy against terrorism under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he said the government will leave no stone unturned to root out terrorism from Jammu and

Kashmir.

The efforts of the government of India have yielded great positive results in the Kashmir Valley with significant reduction in terror-related incidents, he said.

Shah noted that the improvement in the law and order situation is reflected in the record flow of tourists in the Kashmir Valley.

The Home Minister appreciated the security agencies and the Jammu and Kashmir administration for the successful conduct of the Lok Sabha elections, which witnessed record voter turnout in the Union Territory.

He directed the agencies to replicate in the Jammu division the successes achieved in the Kashmir Valley through the area domination plan and the zero-terror plan, the officials said. The fight against terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir is in

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## LG greets people on Eid-ul-Zuha

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SRINAGAR: The Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, has extended his heartiest greetings and best wishes to the people on Eid-ul-Zuha. In a message, the Lt Governor said, "Heartiest greetings and best wishes to all on the auspicious occasion of Eid-ul-Zuha.

"The sacred festival of Eid-ul-Zuha is a symbol of selfless sacrifice and sharing. Let us, on this occasion, reaffirm our resolve to further strengthen the spirit of brotherhood and unity. May Eid-ul-Zuha bring peace, prosperity and joy for everyone", he added.

## IAF's Rafale aircraft participate in Red Flag exercise

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NEW DELHI: The Indian Air Force's Rafale fighter jets carried out complex missions along with F-16 and F-15 combat aircraft at a multi-nation mega military exercise in Alaska in the US.

The key takeaways from participating in the Red

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# Those behind Reasi terror attack will pay heavy price: LG

'Record voter turnout in LS election across J&K reflects people's unwavering faith in democracy, constitution'

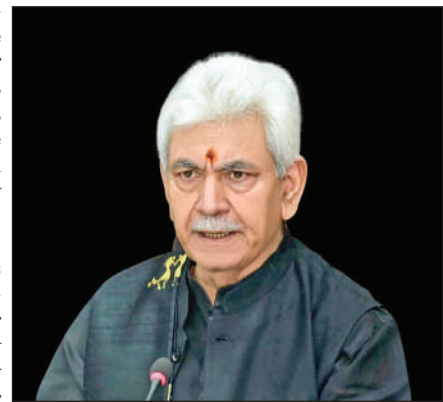
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SRINAGAR: Paying tributes to the civilians martyred in the terror attack in Reasi and extending his heartfelt condolences to the families who lost their loved ones, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday assured the people that those behind the attack will pay a very heavy price for their barbaric and heinous act.

"I appeal to the public to stay united and provide information to our police force and security agencies to completely neutralize the terror ecosystem," the Lt Governor said while dedicating the 3-year anniversary edition of 'Awaam Ki Awaaz' programme to the citizens for their valuable contribution and commitment towards development of Jammu Kashmir.

"Awaam Ki Awaaz, the people's voice completes 3

years today. Valuable suggestions from citizens helped in policy-making in diverse sectors. It has also strengthened the record voter turnout reflects people's unwavering faith in democracy and the constitution.



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"The stage is set for the International Yoga Day celebrations on 21st June. Yoga is a holistic approach towards health, happiness and well-being. Now the discipline is the mantra of Yoga which emphasizes on fine balance between mind and body", the Lt Governor said.

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## FM to hold pre-budget meeting with industry chambers on Jun 20

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NEW DELHI: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is likely to hold pre-budget consultations with industry chambers on June 20, sources said.

The budget for 2024-25 fiscal is likely to be presented in Parliament in the second half of July.

Industry sources said the pre-budget consultation with Sitharaman would be preceded by a meeting with Revenue Secretary Sanjay Malhotra on June 18.

The 2024-25 Budget is likely to lay out Modi 3.0 government's economic agenda.

The finance minister will have to look at measures to boost growth without hurting

inflation as well as look for resources to meet the coalition government's compulsion.

The economic agenda would include steps to fast-track reforms to make India a USD 5-trillion economy in near future and turn the country into a 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047.

The Indian economy is projected to grow 7.2 per cent in the current fiscal on the back of improving rural demand and moderating inflation, as per RBI estimates.

The Modi 3.0 government inherits a strong economy with fiscal prudence in place. Icing on the cake is a bonanza from RBI which

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# CRS to conduct inspection of Railway line as 'Dream Project' inches closer in J&K

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JAMMU: Commissioner of Railways Safety (CRS) D C Deshwal will conduct a two-day inspection of the 46-km Sangaldan-Reasi section, which passes through the world's highest steel arch rail bridge over Chenab and major tunnels, later this month, an official said on Sunday.

Chief Public Relations Officer, Northern Railway, Deepak Kumar said the commissioning of this section depends on the CRS's inspection of this vital section of the ambitious Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail link (USBRL) on June 27 and 28.

"The works of Sangaldan to Reasi will be completed before the scheduled inspection of CRS," he told PTL.

Out of the total 272 km USBRL project, 209 km was commissioned in phases with the first phase of the 118 km Qazigund-Baramulla section commissioned in October 2009 followed by 18 km Banihal-Qazigund in June 2013, 25 km Udhampur-Katra in July 2014 and 48.1 km long Banihal-Sangaldan stretch in February, this year.

With the commissioning of the 46 km Sangaldan-Reasi section, the work on only a 17 km stretch between Reasi and Katra remains pending which is likely to be completed

by the year's end to connect Kashmir with the rest of the country by train - a dream project on which the work started in 1997 and has missed several deadlines given geological, topographical, and meteorological challenges.

Official sources said the flagging of the first train between Sangaldan to Reasi is likely to be done on June 30, connecting the Reasi district in Jammu to Kashmir via railway line.

Last month, the General Manager of Northern Railway Shobhan Chaudhuri inspected the Chenab Bridge up to Sangaldan station via Motor Trolley, assessing the

track, Electrical and Mechanical system and signal telecom works in the Bakkal-Duggar-Sawalkote-Sangaldan section.

Chaudhuri also conducted balance activities for completing the work of Sawalkote yard, Tunnels T-42 and T-43 with engineers of Northern Railway, IROCON and Konkani Railway Corporation Limited (KRCL).

"The train service from #Ramban (Sangaldan) to #Reasi via the world's highest railway bridge built on river Chenab to begin soon. The #Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail

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## Col Manpreet Singh remembered fondly; son still sends voice messages



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ANANTNAG: In a heart-wrenching tale of love and loss, seven-year-old Kabir remains unaware of the harsh reality that his father will never return and the young boy relentlessly sends voice messages to Colonel Manpreet Singh's number,

pleading with him to come back.

"Papa bus ek baar aa jao, phir mission pe chale jana (Papa, please come back once, and then you can resume your duties)."

Some of these heartfelt messages are whispered in secrecy to avoid his mother's watchful gaze, as Kabir implores his father to make a video call.

Colonel Singh's final act of valour came during a joint operation on September 13 last year, when he along with other soldiers engaged in a fierce gun battle with terrorists in the forests surrounding Gadool village. Despite their courage, Colonel

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## Abducted teenager rescued from Katra, 1 held

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JAMMU: The police rescued a 17-year-old girl from Reasi here, after she was allegedly abducted, police said on Sunday.

The accused, Deepak, a resident of Resham Garh Colony in Jammu, was arrested, they said.

According to police, the victim's father, hailing from Gudwal village of Bishnah in Jammu, filed a complaint at the Vijaypur police station on Saturday.

In the complaint, he said that his daughter did not return home from school after she was dropped off by her brother.

Based on his complaint, a case was registered and special teams were formed to trace the girl.

The police conducted raids at different places and rescued her from the Katra area in Reasi, a police spokesperson said.

Further investigation is underway, he said.

**WEATHER**

**Temperature (Jammu)**  
Max: 43.7°C Min: 26.8°C

**Humidity**  
Max: 30 Min: 17

**Temperature (Srinagar)**  
Max: 32.2°C Min: 15.7°C

**Humidity**  
Max: 57 Min: 43

Sunset : 19:40 Hours  
Sunrise : 05:22 Hours

## Chamber deputation on flyover in Kunjwani-Narwal Sector meets Chugh Tarun Chugh takes up issue with Gadkari

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JAMMU: BJP National General Secretary and Incharge for Union Territories of J&K and Ladakh, Tarun Chugh on Sunday took up with Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways Nitin Gadkari the issue pertaining to construction of flyover in Kunjwani, Sainik Colony, Channi Himmat, Narwal sector of Jammu on the Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway

"The Expressway is a most welcome step to have seamless journey of spiritual bliss seekers to Shri Mata Vaishno Devi", Chugh told a deputation of Jammu of Commerce & Industry & Traders, who called on him today at the Party Office.

Chugh asked a BJP deputation led by former Dy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta and Vikram Randhawa Ex MLC to meet Gadkari



CCI deputation led by its President Arun Gupta calling on BJP National General Secretary and Incharge for UT of J&K and Ladakh, Tarun Chugh.

along with Chamber & Trade Leaders in Srinagar tomorrow.

In the presence of senior BJP leaders, including Kavinder Gupta, Pawan Gupta, Devender Rana, Priya Sethi, Rajeev Jasrotia, Vikram Randhawa and others, the Chamber deputation led by its President Arun Gupta appraised Traun Chugh that

the road from Kunjwani stretch onwards should be flyover based on pillars, as this sector is very thickly populated city area, comprising schools, hospitals, local markets, shops, malls, banquet halls, main-fruits mandi, main-vegetable mandi, Transport Nagar, ISBT bus stand and new railway station platforms

with entrance and exit axis. Therefore, the blind wall will spoil all the establishments and also create obstacles in free movement of people. This being the prime place and entrance point to the Jammu City can in no way be undermined, he added.

Jugal Kishore Sharma MP has also written to Nitin Gadkari, Minister for Road Transport & Highways, about this issue of public importance.

It may be recalled that a deputation of the prominent citizens of the affected areas besides those engaged in trade and commerce, led by senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana and comprising Sham Lal Langer BJP Traders Cell and Arun Gupta President Chamber of Commerce Jammu had called on the Union Minister Nitin Gadkari with this demand

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## No need to teach about riots, demolition in schools; no attempts to saffronise textbooks: NCERT Chief

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NEW DELHI: Rejecting accusations of saffronisation of school curriculum, NCERT's Director has said that references to Gujarat riots and Babri masjid demolition being tweaked in NCERT textbooks because teaching about riots "can create violent and depressed citizens."

In an interaction with PTI editors at the agency's headquarters here on Saturday, National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) director Dinesh Prasad Saklani said

the tweaks in textbooks are part of annual revision and should not be a subject of hue and cry.

Asked about references to Gujarat riots or Babri masjid demolition being tweaked in NCERT textbooks, Saklani said, "Why should we teach about riots in school textbooks? We want to create positive citizens not violent and depressed individuals".

"Should we teach our students in a manner that they become offensive, create hatred in society or become victim of hatred? Is that edu-

cation's purpose? Should we teach about riots to such young children ... when they grow up, they can learn about it but why school textbooks. Let them understand what happened and why it happened when they grow up. The hue and cry about the changes is irrelevant," he said.

The comments by Saklani come at a time when new textbooks have hit the market with several deletions and changes. The revised Class 12 political science

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**SCHOOL TOPPERS OF CLASS 10TH**

Mitali Bhardwaj 98.40%	Prisha Anand 98.20%	Prisha Jandyal 98.20%	Akshat Prashar 98%	Sahil Pal 98%	Bhumi Kumari 98%	Anjali Sharma 98%
Ankita Rajput 98%	Gourav Mehra 97.40%	Harshita Dogra 97.40%	Nishu Kumari 96.80%	Naina Devi 96.60%	Tanish Sharma 96%	Sugandh 96%

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90% & ABOVE : 21  
DISTINCTIONS : 69