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Amit Shah for greater synergy to dismantle terror networks, ecosystem



Home Minister Amit Shah chairing high-level meeting with various Heads of Security and Law Enforcement Agencies to review functioning of Multi Agency Centre of IB responsible for tackling security challenges in the country in New Delhi.

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday stressed on greater synergy among security and law enforcement agencies to dismantle terror networks and their supporting ecosystem to address the evolving security threat scenario of the country.

Chairing a high-level meeting, he directed heads of security agencies and other intelligence and law enforcement organisations to adopt the "whole-of-the government" approach towards national security.

The Home Minister also reviewed the functioning of the Intelligence Bureau's Multi Agency Centre (MAC) that is responsible for tackling the country's security challenges.

Shah stressed upon greater synergy between all agencies to dismantle terror networks and their supporting ecosystem to

technical and operational revamp to increase its reach and effectiveness, Shah said.

Earlier on Thursday, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday directed the agencies, police, and concerned departments under the Central and State governments to adopt "ruthless" approach towards the drug supply chain, emphasizing a commitment to prevent any drugs from entering the country and ensuring that India's borders are not used for drug trafficking, reports a national news agency.

Shah's directives came while chairing the 7th Apex Level Meeting of the Narco-Coordination Center (NCORD) here in the national capital in the presence of chiefs of various central and state agencies belonging to police, Narcotics Control Bureau, National Investigation Agency as well as Central Armed Police Forces.

344 kg of poppy plants recovered in Udhampur, 1 held

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: An alleged drug peddler was arrested in Udhampur district with 344 kg of poppy plants on Friday, officials said.

A police team, after a tip off, intercepted an oil tanker for checking on the highway at Chenani, they said, adding that 23 bags, filled with poppy plants weighing 344 kgs and 100 gms,

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UIDAI asks 10 yr old Adhaar holders to revalidate address

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The UIDAI has advised all the residents who have got their Adhaar 10 years before to revalidate their address.

In this connection, all the Deputy Commissioners of Jammu and Kashmir have been asked to make the residents of J&K aware about the update of addresses with the help of any supporting documents. They

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DG Akashwani, CE BEACON meet LG



LG Manoj Sinha meeting Brig. Saket Singh, Chief Engineer, Project BEACON at Srinagar on Friday.

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Maushumi Chakravarty, Director General, Akashwani called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan on Friday.

Meanwhile, Brig. Saket Singh, Chief Engineer, Project BEACON, accompanied by Brig. Chirag Ghura, also met the Lieutenant Governor.

Subsequently, a delegation of J&K Khadi Gram Udyog Federation and Mushtaq Ali Ahmad Khan, Director, Kashmir World Film Festival called on the Lt Governor.

India reaffirms close bonds of friendship with Bhutan during FS Misri's first visit abroad

STATE TIMES NEWS
THIMPHU: India on Friday reaffirmed the close bonds of friendship it shares with Bhutan and promised a firm commitment to further strengthen the bilateral relations according to the priorities of the Bhutanese government and its people.

The sentiment of solidarity in the cause of Bhutan's development was conveyed by Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri to Prime Minister of Bhutan Lyonchhen Dasho Tshering Tobgay here.

"Foreign Secretary @VikramMisri called on @PMBhutan Lyonchhen Dasho Tshering Tobgay. FS reaffirmed the close bonds of friendship India shares with Bhutan & India's firm commitment to further strengthen India Bhutan ties as per the priorities of the Royal Govt & people of Bhutan," the Indian Mission in Bhutan posted on X along with the photos of the meeting.

Prime Minister Tobgay said that the "close" bilateral bond "rooted in mutual trust and benefit" must continue to flourish.

Earlier, Misri reached here on a two-day official visit to co-chair the India-Bhutan Development Cooperation

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Ex IAS officer fined Rs 1 lakh for filing 'frivolous' plea against J&K LG

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Central Administrative Tribunal's Jammu Bench has imposed a fine of Rs 1 lakh on a former IAS officer for filing a "mischievous and frivolous" plea against the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir and other senior bureaucrats.

The Tribunal's judicial member Rajinder Dogra, in the July 16 order, said the application filed by a former IAS officer Kumar Ranchhodbhai Parmar about his service was just to "harass" the Lt Governor Manoj Sinha and other

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Live grenade on terrace of Govt building sparks fear in Poonch, defused

STATE TIMES NEWS
POONCH/JAMMU: Bomb disposal squads have defused a live grenade found on the rooftop of a government building in Poonch district, officials said on Friday.

The recovery of the bomb triggered panic and fear among residents of the government quarters from where it was recovered.

Some children found the hand grenade while playing on the terrace of a government quarter building in the vicinity of Raja Sukhdev District hospital on Thursday evening and raised an alarm, prompting the police to rush to the spot,

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Abdullahs, Muftis, Gandhis should be banished in coming elections: Chugh

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh, who is also the party incharge for Jammu and Kashmir, on Friday called upon the people of the Union Territory to throw out Abdullahs, Muftis and Gandhian families lock, stock and barrel out of the J&K politics.

Addressing a gathering, Chugh said the three families have completely destroyed the culture and economy of Jammu and Kashmir to promote their vested political interests. They converted J&K into a terrorist capital of the country with the active help of forces across the border. Abdullahs swear by Pakistan almost every other day whereas Mufti has been also championing the cause of Pakistan frequently instead of talking about growth and development of J&K, he added.

"In the coming elections all the three parties-Congress, National Conference and Peoples Democratic Party- must be shown the door and banished from the J&K politics for running down the fortunes of the people and exploiting them all these years on behalf of Pakistan forces.

Chugh said the Modi government has given a new vision to the youth and women in J&K, who now want to work for their growth and fulfil their dreams.

He said from terror to tourism, J&K has seen a big shift in its culture under the Modi government.

"There are Pakistan-sponsored forces which are still trying to disturb peace in J&K, but they would be dealt with sternly in days to come and their nefarious designs would be decisively defeated," he added.

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Protest in Baramulla over drinking water; PSOs of BJP leaders injured in clash

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: A clash broke out between police and some people who were protesting against the shortage of drinking water in Baramulla district on Friday, officials said.

The personal security officers of BJP leaders were also injured when protesters resorted to stone pelting.

The protest was held on the Srinagar-Baramulla highway in Mirkund locality of Pattan, they said.

According to authorities, a mob "attacked" BJP's Kashmir media in-charge Sajid Yousuf Shah and the party's social media in-charge Sahil Bashir Bhat, who were passing through the area in their car.

The BJP said the vehicle was damaged and the PSOs of the two leaders were "seriously injured" in the attack and they were rushed to hospital.

CS reviews progress on JK Samadhan

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on Friday reviewed progress on JK Samadhan initiative, a key good governance project launched by the UT administration in partnership with the Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-informatics (BISAG-N).

The review meeting focused on assessing the current status and future steps of the initiative.

The meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary for Forest Ecology and Environment, Commissioner Secretary IT, Secretary Public Grievances



Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo chairing a meeting at Srinagar.

and members of BISAG-N earned officials. During team, among other con-

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PM regularly reviewing security situation in Jammu region: Dr Jitendra

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Amid a rise in terror incidents in the Jammu region over the past few weeks, Union Minister Jitendra Singh Friday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi is regularly reviewing the security situation and a new strategy has been adopted to neutralise terrorists.

Singh said Village Defence Guards (VDGs), which have played a crucial role in counter-terrorism efforts, will be revived in the region.

The heightened terrorism in the region over the past one-and-a-half months has left 24 people, including 10 security personnel, dead and 56 injured. The Doda district reported three terror incidents in the past as many days in which four army personnel, including a Captain, were martyred.

"Some incidents that took place (in Doda district) recently, the government has taken serious action (to



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh interacting with local citizens and PRIs in the far-flung hilly area of Kishtwar on Friday.

address terrorism). The prime minister himself is regularly reviewing the situation, apart from armed forces and paramilitary forces," Singh told reporters on the sidelines of an event in Kishtwar.

A new strategy to combat terrorists

Another batch of pilgrims leaves for Shri Amarnathji Shrine

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A fresh batch of 4,821 pilgrims left a base camp here for the Amarnath shrine in south Kashmir Himalayas early Friday, officials said.

The 22nd batch of pilgrims, which included 3,259 men, 1,482 women and eight children, left the Bhagwati Nagar base camp in a convoy of 150 vehicles escorted by the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) at 3.05 am, they said.

While 3,090 pilgrims will be reaching Pahalgam to undertake the yatra from the traditional 48-km route in Anantnag district, 1,701 have opted for the shorter but steeper 14-km Baltal route in Ganderbal district.

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Max: 36.5°C Min: 25.6°C

Humidity
Max: 69 Min: 53

Temperature (Srinagar)
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Humidity
Max: 73 Min: 49

Sunset : 19:37 Hours
Sunrise : 05:35 Hours