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Strong message gone out to world

Those who mess with India's citizens will face consequences: Amit Shah

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAIPUR: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday said a strong message has gone out to the world that no one should mess with India's citizens, its borders or its defence forces, and those who do so will have to face consequences.

Referring to Operation Sindoor carried out to destroy terrorist camps in Pakistan after the Pahalgam terrorist attack, Shah said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has done the biggest job of securing the country. During Congress rule, the country had to face terror attacks almost every day. "When the Uri attack occurred, Modi took decisive action and a surgical strike was carried out. Following the Pulwama attack, an airstrike was done. And when an attack took place in Pahalgam, Operation Sindoor was launched, targeting terrorists within



Pakistan and eliminating them," he said. Shah, who is also minister for cooperation, was here to attend an event on the occasion of International Cooperatives Year-2025. "Modi's actions sent a strong message globally. Through them, Modi conveyed a powerful message to the world that India's citizens, armed forces, and borders should not be messed with. Anyone who dares to do so has to face consequences,"

he said. Modi, he added, has turned the vision of a prosperous, secure and developed India into reality. Under Modi's leadership, the country has become fourth largest economy in the world and 27 crore people were lifted above the poverty line, the Union minister told the gathering. Praising Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma, he said the BJP government in Rajasthan had done remark-

able work in a short period of time.

"Rajasthan was suffering due to paper leaks. By forming an SIT, the Bhajanlal government has sent a strong message to the paper leak mafia," he said.

Under Sharma's leadership, Rajasthan signed MoUs worth Rs 35 lakh crore during an investment summit and work has already commenced on MoUs worth Rs 3 lakh crore, Shah said.

The BJP government in the state decreased VAT on petrol and diesel and several other initiatives were taken, he went on to say. He also praised the state government for effectively implementing schemes and programmes of the central government.

Shah lauded the contributions made by the cooperative sector in the country's development over the last century and said that the next 100 years are the

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LG's Sainik Sahayta Kendra established for soldiers' grievance redressal

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir has accorded sanction for the establishment of the Lieutenant Governor's Sainik Sahayta Kendra (LGSSK), a dedicated institutional mechanism to assist and address civilian grievances of serving soldiers from the Indian

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PWD promotes 20 AEEs as Incharge XENS

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: In a significant administrative development, the Public Works (R&B) Department on Thursday ordered placement of 20 Assistant Executive Engineers and Incharge Assistant Executive Engineers (Mechanical) as Incharge Executive Engineers.

This long-pending placement has been made after considerable delay and was expedited due to the personal intervention of

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LG Manoj Sinha meeting PM Narendra Modi in New Delhi on Thursday.

LG Manoj Sinha meets Prime Minister

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha, met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi on Thursday to discuss several important matters related to the Union Territory.

The Lieutenant Governor briefed the Prime Minister on a range of critical issues, including the comprehensive arrangements put in place for the ongoing annual

Amarnath Yatra pilgrimage. He also updated the Prime Minister on the overall security situation, the status of ongoing infrastructure development projects, and other pressing matters concerning Jammu and Kashmir.

The Prime Minister's Office (PMO) India handle on X wrote "Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, Shri @manojsinha, met Prime Minister @narendramodi."

JMC shines in Swachh Survekshan 2024: Citizens urged to join hands for cleaner, greener city

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In a moment of pride for every resident of Jammu, the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) has achieved a significant milestone in cleanliness and sanitation by winning the Promising Swachh Sheher Award, earning the prestigious Garbage Free City (GFC) 3-Star Rating, securing ODF++ certification, and ranking 42nd among the top 100 cities in India (3-10 lakh population category) in the Swachh Survekshan 2024, conducted by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Government of

India. These achievements were announced during the Swachh Survekshan Award Ceremony held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, where the awards were presented by Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs, Manohar Lal, in the presence of senior dignitaries including Minister of State (MoHUA) Tokun Sahu, Secretary MoHUA Srinivas R. Katikithala, and Joint Secretary MoHUA Roopa Mishra.

On behalf of JMC, the award was received by Dr. Devansh Yadav,

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Kavinder reaches Leh, to take Oath as LG Ladakh today

CS, DGP extend warm welcome amidst traditional Ceremonial Greetings

STATE TIMES NEWS
LEH: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir, Kavinder Gupta, has arrived in Leh ahead of his swearing-in ceremony as the new Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Ladakh. He is scheduled to take the oath of office on July 18 at the Raj Bhawan, with elaborate administrative preparations already underway for the historic occasion.

Upon his arrival in Leh, Kavinder Gupta was accorded a warm welcome by the Chief Secretary of Ladakh, Pawan Kotwal, DGP Dr. S.D. Singh Jamwal, and sen-



Designated LG Kavinder Gupta being given warm reception at Leh on Thursday.

ior officials of the Civil Administration. The reception reflected the significance of the occasion, with cultural displays and traditional ceremonial greetings underscor-

ing the deep respect and anticipation surrounding his appointment. Senior Party leaders from Ladakh UT were also present.

Meanwhile, hundreds of

supporters of Kavinder Gupta are also reaching Leh to participate in the oath-taking ceremony.

Kavinder Gupta, a seasoned politician known for his grounded approach and strong organizational skills, has previously served as the Speaker of the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly and Deputy CM in the erstwhile state. He is widely respected for his commitment to the grassroots and his efforts in strengthening democratic institutions in the region.

The preparations at Raj Bhawan, Ladakh, are in

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Shri Amarnathji Yatra crosses 2.50 lakh mark

Suspended for day from Pahalgam, Baltal

STATE TIMES NEWS
BAL TAL/PAHALGAM: 5,110 pilgrims have performed the holy Darshan of Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine till 2:00 PM on Thursday.

The cumulative number of yatris to have performed Darshans at the Holy Cave thus reached 2.51 lakh in first 15 days of Yatra since its commencement on 3rd July this year.

Pilgrims have been thronging the Shrine from all parts of the country and abroad since the beginning of the Yatra and have expressed great enthusiasm in undertaking this journey of faith

apart from appreciating the services and efficient management in conduct of the Yatra.

Meanwhile, the Yatra was suspended for Thursday from both Pahalgam and Baltal base camps. Heavy continuous rains over last two days have necessitated restoration work to be carried out on tracks along both the routes. Border Roads Organization has made heavy deployment of its men and machinery on the tracks to complete the work before Yatra can be released from the two base camps on

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India test-fires nuclear-capable Agni, Prithvi missiles

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: India on Thursday successfully test-fired nuclear-capable short range ballistic missiles Prithvi-II and Agni-I from an integrated test range off the Odisha coast, demonstrating its strategic deterrence capability.

The test-firing of the missiles, conducted by the elite Strategic Forces Command, validated all operational and technical parameters, according to the defence ministry.

On Wednesday, India successfully test-fired indigenously developed Akash Prime missile in Ladakh that has been customised to operate at an altitude above 4,500 metres.

The test-firing of the missiles came over two months after the May 7-10 military conflict between India and Pakistan.

The Prithvi-II missile has a range of around 350 kms and it is capable of

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J&K BJP announces list of office bearers

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In consultation with Jagat Prakash Nadda, BJP National President, Sat Sharma, BJP President, Jammu & Kashmir, has announced the names of office bearers for the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

Bharat Bhushan (Bodhi), Priya Sethi, Chowdhary Zulfkar Ali, Rajeev Charak, Rakesh Mahajan, Rekha Mahajan, Rashpal Verma and Dr. Shehbaz Ganai have been nominated as the BJP Vice-Presidents for Jammu & Kashmir.

Sanjita Dogra, Baldev Singh Billawaria, Anwar Khan, and Gopal Mahajan

have been nominated as the BJP General Secretaries for Jammu & Kashmir.

Arti Jasrotia, Mudasi Wani, Reema Padha, Dinesh Sharma, Manjeet Razdan, Arun Sharma, Arif Raja, and Pawan Sharma have been nominated as the BJP Secretaries for Jammu & Kashmir.

Prabhat Singh Jamwal has been nominated as the BJP Treasurer and Raman Suri has been nominated as Joint Treasurer for BJP Jammu & Kashmir.

Tilak Raj Gupta has been nominated as the BJP Office Secretary and Sheel Magotra has been nominated as Joint Office Secretary for Jammu

& Kashmir. Dr. Makson Tickoo has been nominated as the Social Media Convener and Sajjad Raina, and Naveen Sharma as the Social Media Co-Convenors for BJP Jammu & Kashmir.

Gaurav Bagotra has been nominated as the IT Convener and Ab. Majeed as the IT Co-Convener for BJP Jammu & Kashmir.

Adv. Sunil Sethi has been nominated as the Chief Spokesperson for BJP Jammu & Kashmir.

Dr. Pardeep Mahotra has been nominated as the Media Convener BJP Jammu Kashmir and Adv.

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Prabhakar posted as Dy Controller, Legal Metrology, Consumer Protection, Jammu

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The government transferred and posted Manoj Prabhakar as Deputy Controller, Legal Metrology, Consumer Protection, Jammu.

According to the order issued by Saurabh Bhagat, Commissioner/Secretary, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department, Manoj Prabhakar, Deputy Controller, Legal Metrology, SS LAB, Srinagar, has been transferred and posted as Deputy Controller, Legal Metrology, Consumer Protection, Jammu and will also look after the charge of Deputy Controller, Enforcement, Jammu, till further orders.

DGP reviews security along LoC, emphasises tech-enabled surveillance

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police (DGP) Nalin Prabhat on Thursday visited forward areas along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and emphasised the importance of inter-agency synergy, real-time intelligence sharing, and technology-enabled surveillance along the borderline.

The DGP visited the Buchohemandi area in the Akhnour sector, a strategically important area along the LoC, a police spokesperson said.

The DGP, who was accom-



DGP Nalin Prabhat during visit to a forward area along LoC.

panied by IGP Jammu Zone Bhim Sen Tuti and senior officers of the police and Army deployed in the sector, was briefed by Army authorities on the border security

grid, with specific focus on vulnerabilities, surveillance infrastructure, police-Army coordination, and preparedness of ground

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Omar lauds progress at AIIMS Jammu, commends quality of health-care delivery

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Thursday visited AIIMS Jammu to review its functioning and expressed satisfaction over the remarkable progress made by the institution in a short span of time. He was accompanied by Advisor to the Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani.

The Chief Minister was received by Executive Director and CEO of AIIMS Jammu, Prof. Dr. Shakti Kumar Gupta.

Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar and Deputy Commissioner Samba, Rajesh Sharma were also present.

Also present on the occasion were Director IIM Jammu, Prof. B.S. Sahay; Dean Research and Head of Hospital Management, Lt. Gen. Dr. Sunil Kant, SM, VSM.

While addressing a gathering of



CM Omar Abdullah during visit to AIIMS Jammu on Thursday.

AIIMS management, students and medical staff, the Chief Minister lauded the efforts that have shaped AIIMS Jammu into a state-of-the-art healthcare and academic institution.

"The successful establishment and

functioning of AIIMS is a testament to the power of will and vision. The dream of the Hon'ble Prime Minister has truly taken shape here," the Chief Minister said, adding, "World-class efforts

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'Strict action in doctor's assault case directed'

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Asserting that doctors must never bear the brunt of violence, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Thursday said that strict action has been directed in the recent case of assault of a female doctor at a government hospital in Jammu.

Irate over the death of a patient at the Government Medical College (GMC) Jammu, his attendants allegedly assaulted a female doctor on Wednesday, triggering protests and a strike by junior doctors. The Doctors Association Jammu (DAJ) on Thursday sought security cover at medical facilities for doctors, alleging a rise in such assaults and manhandling. "Strict action has been directed in the recent case. I have asked for a case to be

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EOW carries out searches in Srinagar, Budgam in case against revenue officials, others

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The Economic Offences Wing carried out searches at multiple locations in Jammu and Kashmir's Srinagar and Budgam districts on Thursday in connection with a case against seven people, including two revenue department officials, for alleged corruption and cheating.

"Search warrants have been obtained from a court and searches are underway at seven locations in Srinagar and Budgam districts," a spokesperson of the EOW, which was earlier known as the Crime Branch of the Jammu and Kashmir Police, said.

Giving details of the case, he said seven people, including then Balahama tehsildar Nusrat Aziz Lone and patwari Ashiq Ali were booked earlier this year for "fraudulently" making insertions in revenue records to benefit a private person.

The case against them was lodged following a written complaint, wherein it was alleged that the complainant had purchased a piece of land at Balhama from Mohammed Shafi Lone alias Shafi Cheeni and prepared three sale deeds.

The complainant had paid an amount of Rs 88.4 lakh to Shafi Cheeni and also given two kanals of land situated at Gooripora Rawalpora to the accused in exchange

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Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 35.0°C Min: 26.0°C

Humidity
Max: 82 Min: 79

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 28.1°C Min: 19.0°C

Humidity
Max: 96 Min: 94

Sunset : 19:39 Hours
Sunrise : 05:34 Hours