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Will talk to youth of Kashmir; not Pakistan, Hurriyat or Jamaat: Amit Shah



STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Home Minister Amit Shah said on Wednesday that the Centre will not hold talks with the "Hurriyat, Jamiyat or Pakistan" and speak with the youth of Jammu and Kashmir instead.

Speaking during the no-confidence debate in Lok Sabha, Shah said Prime

HM appeals for peace in Manipur, says attempts to politicise issue shameful

NEW DELHI: Appealing with "folded hands" for an end to the three-month-long cycle of violence in Manipur, Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday urged warring Kuki and Meitei communities to hold talks, as Lok Sabha adopted a resolution calling for the restoration of peace in the northeastern state.

Intervening in the debate on the no-confidence motion after Rahul Gandhi and other opposition leaders slammed the government's handling of the Manipur situation, Shah urged them not to politicise the issue of ethnic violence in the state.

"I agree with the position that there is a cycle of violence in Manipur ... Nobody can support such incidents. Whatever happened is shameful, but to politicise those events is even more shameful," Shah said.

ensured its complete integration into the country," Shah said.

"An NGO inspired by them (Congress) held a meeting recently and released a report stating that the Centre should hold talks with the Hurriyat, Jamiyat and Pakistan. We will not speak to the Hurriyat, Jamiyat or Pakistan. If we hold discus-

Landslide blocks NH; Amarnath batch stopped in Jammu

STATE TIMES NEWS
BANIHAL: A massive landslide blocked the Jammu-Srinagar national highway in Ramban district early Wednesday following which no fresh batch of Amarnath pilgrims was allowed to leave from Jammu, officials said.

According to the traffic control room, the landslide hit the 270-km highway, the only all-weather road linking Kashmir with the rest of

MHA orders premature retirement of IPS officer Basant Rath

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on Wednesday approved premature retirement of suspended IPS officer Basant Rath. He was first suspended in July 2020 for what was described as "repeated instances of gross misconduct and misbehaviour".

"In exercise of the powers conferred under Rule 16(3)

LG reviews arrangements for 'Tiranga Yatra' in Srinagar



STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday chaired a high-level meeting with the senior officers of Civil Administration, Police and Security forces to review preparedness of Tiranga Yatra celebration.

The meeting was attended by Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; R K Goyal, Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department; Lt General Rajiv Ghai, GOC 15 Corps; Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; M.K Sinha, ADGP Hqrs; Vijay Kumar, ADGP Kashmir; Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir and other senior officers of Security Forces, Police and

DC Jammu inaugurates ODF Plus Model Panchayat Muthi Maira in Block Bhalwal Brahmana

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Avny Lavasa on Wednesday inaugurated ODF Plus Model Panchayat- Muthi Maira in Block Bhalwal Brahmana.

DDC Member, Bhushan, Paryal, BDC Chairperson Neha Rajput, Sarpanch Priya Sharma besides several officers were present on the occasion.

The Deputy Commissioner congratulated the residents of Muthi Maira on being declared as ODF Model Panchayat. She also felicitated 4 sanitation workers for their untiring services towards making the pan-

ADGP calls for offensive ops to minimise terror threats ahead of I-Day

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A senior police officer on Wednesday called for offensive operations to scuttle any possible terror attacks ahead of Independence Day.

Additional Director General of Police (Jammu Zone) Mukesh Singh called for high-level alertness, strengthening of the border security grid and intensified checking, especially around the venue of the Independence Day function on August 15, a police spokesperson said.

Representatives from the Army, Border Security Force



ADGP (Jammu Zone) Mukesh Singh chairing security review meeting on Wednesday.

BSF Chief visits border outposts in Akhnor sector

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: BSF Director-General Nitin Agrawal on Wednesday visited various border outposts in Jammu's Akhnor sector and exhorted the troops to maintain effective domination to successfully meet the challenges from across the frontier.

Agrawal was accompanied by the Border Security Force's (BSF) Special Director General (Western Command) PV Rama Sastry and Inspector General (Jammu Frontier) DK Boora.

He reviewed the border domination and security situation along

Soldier drowns while taking bath in canal in Kathua

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: An Army personnel drowned in a canal while taking a bath in Kathua district on Wednesday, police said.

Kalki Sharma (24), a resident of Barval village, was on leave, they said, adding he was posted in Srinagar.

Sharma went for a bath in the canal at nearby Magar Khand but got drowned, a police official said, adding a joint rescue team of the police and the State

Intruder nabbed near LoC in Poonch is Afghan national

STATE TIMES NEWS
MENDHAR: An intruder, who was arrested two days ago near the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district by the Army, is an Afghan national with a disability in left leg, officials said on Wednesday.

Abdul Wahid, in his early 20's, was earlier believed to be a resident of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) who had inadvertently

WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 34.2°C Min: 25.5°C

Humidity
Max: 77 Min: 69

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 32.6°C Min: 18.6°C

Humidity
Max: 71 Min: 42

Sunset: 19:19 Hours
Sunrise: 05:43 Hours

People pin hopes on DPAP for shaping their destiny: Azad

STATE TIMES NEWS
DODA: Democratic Progressive Azad Party chairman and former Chief Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad on Wednesday said that his aim of returning to Jammu Kashmir was to remove the miseries of people and build the Union Territory as one of the top economies of the world.

He said that most of the economic potential of UT is untapped and majority of its regions are unexplored given the tough and varied geographical terrain.

"If the resources and the potential of only Doda dis-



DPAP Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad addressing gathering at Doda on Wednesday.

trict is untapped and explored, it will create immense jobs for the local youth. Bhaderwah is known as mini Kashmir and I promise you if elected to power, it

Two JeM among three terror associates arrested

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Two terrorist associates of the terror outfit Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) were arrested here on Wednesday and two grenades recovered from their possession, police said.

"Two terror associates of JeM namely Arshad Mushtaq S/o Mushtaq Mangroo of Badibagh Pulwama & Suhail Majeed Mir S/o Abdul Majeed Mir of Machpuma Pulwama arrested by Srinagar Police," police said in a tweet.

Two grenades were recovered from them, police said, adding a case under various sections of the

Spread love, it is the only way forward for country's development: Farooq

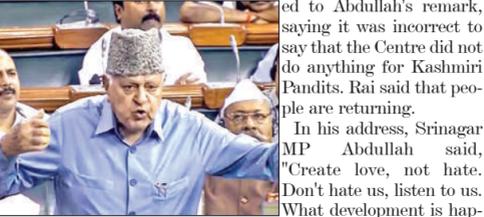
STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: National Conference leader Farooq Abdullah on Wednesday asked the Narendra Modi government to spread "love", and not "hate", as it is the only way forward for the development of the country.

Speaking during the discussion on the no-confidence motion, Abdullah said, "We tried to bring Kashmiri Pandits back home. Jammu and Kashmir is a part of India. Do not call us Pakistanis. Did you know how many of my ministers were killed so that we could

be a part of India?"

He said the prime minister does not represent only "one colour" but the whole country.

He asked how many Kashmiri Pandits have gone back to Kashmir valley in the last 10 years. "None," he



Article 370 not repository of untrammelled power but medium through which Constitution applied to J&K: SC told

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Article 370, which bestowed special status on the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, was not a repository of untrammelled power but a medium through which the Constitution would apply to the state, the Supreme Court was told on Wednesday.

A five-judge constitution bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud was told by senior advocate Gopal Subramaniam, appearing for petitioner Muzaffar Iqbal Khan, that the Jammu and Kashmir constituent assembly did not want to abrogate Article 370 and instead permitted its continuance.

Khan has challenged the two constitutional orders of



Call it J&K Constitution but in essence what was adopted was an Indian constitution with certain exceptions, modifications: Justice Khanna

The Centre issued on August 5, 2019 and August 6, 2019, by which Article 370 was abrogated.

"Even though the word 'temporary' appears in the

apply with these modifications. The constitution of Jammu and Kashmir and Indian Constitution were speaking to each other through Article 370," Subramaniam said.

He told the bench also comprising justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Sanjiv Khanna, BR Gavai and Surya Kant that Article 370 was not a repository of untrammelled power but a medium through which the Constitution would apply to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir.

Subramaniam, who commenced his arguments on the fourth day of hearing on a batch of petitions challenging abrogation of Article 370, said, "It is respectfully

CJ visits 'Palaash', 'Pareesha' Child Care institutions at Nishat Srinagar

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Chief Justice (CJ), High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Justice N. Kotiswar Singh visited "Palaash" (Children Home for Boys) and "Pareesha" (Children Home for Girls) at Nishat here on Wednesday evening and took stock of facilities being provided for the well-being of children.

During the visit, the Chief Justice also held one to one interaction with the inmates of these institutions.

The interaction between the Chief Justice and the children mirrored his commitment to fostering a society that nurtures and empowers its younger generation. The Chief Justice on the occasion engaged deeply with



Chief Justice Justice N. Kotiswar Singh during visit to 'Palaash', 'Pareesha' Child Care institutions at Nishat on Wednesday.

the children which reflected his genuine interest in their well-being, aspirations, and dreams.

During the interaction, the children of both 'Palaash' and 'Pareesha' expressed satisfaction about the facilities and amenities that are being provided to them.

Reflecting on the visit, the Chief Justice said, "These homes are nurturing grounds for the future torchbearers of our Nation." He added that the children's performances today exude resilience and hope, reminding us of the profound responsibility