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[] Indian to land on Moon in 2040, <mark>JU</mark> announces Dr Jitendra

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Will Dr Farooq tell "Why with Art 35A there, still rights of even ST & Woman PRs of J&K were 'violated'

JKIIANS shine in 22nd J&K UT Athletics Championship, division level football competitions

Website: www.statetimes.in, Email: statetimes1@gmail.com **Amit Shah slams Congress** for tie-up with NC

'Cong risking India's unity for greed of power'

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on slammed Congress for its alliance with the National Conference for the Jammu and Kashmir assembly polls, accusing the party of repeatedly risking the country's unity and security in its greed for power.

The Congress has once again "exposed its ulterior motives by allying with the Abdullah family's National Conference," the BJP leader said on X and posted 10 questions for the national party and its leader Rahul Gandhi, while listing several of the manifesto promises of the regional party.
Shah asked, "Does the

Congress support the National Conference's promise of a separate flag for Jammu and Kashmir? Do Rahul Gandhi and the Congress party support the



JKNC's decision to restore Article 370 and 35A, and thereby pushing Jammu and Kashmir back into an era of unrest and terrorism?

The Union Home Minister asked whether the Congress supports promoting separatism again by engaging in dialogue with Pakistan instead of Kashmir's youth $_{
m the}$ National Conference's decision to start LoC trade with Pakistan, thereby nurturing terrorism and its ecosystem across the

His other queries fired to the Congress and Gandhi included whether the party supports reinstating relatives of those involved in terrorism and stone-pelting into government jobs, "thereby bringing back terrorism, extremism and the era of strikes".

The alliance has exposed the Congress party's antireservation stance, he said.

reservations for Dalits, Gujjars, Bakarwals and Pahadi communities, thereby inflicting injustice upon them? Does the Congress want 'Shankaracharya Hill' to be known as 'Takht-e-Suleiman', and 'Hari Hill' as 'Koh-e-Maran'," he sought to know.

promise to end

Shah asked whether the Congress supports the politics of pushing Jammu and Kashmir's economy back into corruption and handing it over to selected Pakistansupported families, and whether it endorses the National Conference's politics of "discrimination" between Jammu and the

"Do the Congress party and Rahul Gandhi support the JKNC's divisive politics of granting autonomy Kashmir?" he asked.

Pakistani intruder held along LoC

STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: A Pakistani intruder was apprehended along the Line of Control (LoC) after crossing into this side in Poonch district on Thursday evening, official sources said. He was picked up by the security forces in the area along the LoC close to Chakan Da Bagh. The intruder identified as Azhar is being questioned.

Search ops launched in **Kathua Border following**

suspected movement ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: The security forces launched a search operation in the border belt of Kathua district following a suspected movement in the area on Thursday night, officials said. Acting on information about the suspected movement of two persons, the security forces launched a cordon and search operation in Jandor belt of the district, they said. The entire area has been put under cordon and a search operation was going on when last reports came from the area, the officials said.

LG Sinha chairs 47th meeting of SASB



LG Manoj Sinha chairing 47th meeting of Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board at Srinagar

Amarnathji Shrine Board,

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj chaired the 47th Board meeting of Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board (SASB) at Raj Bhawan, on Friday.

The meeting was attended by members of the Shrine Board - D.C. Raina; Kailash Mehra Sadhu, K. N. Rai; Dr Shailesh Raina and Prof Vishwamurti Shastri.

The Board which met under the chairmanship of the Lt Governor, appreciated the Civil Administration, Jammu & Kashmir Police, Army, CAPFs, Disaster Forces, Shri

Health & sanitation workers. service providers and all the stakeholders for the successful conduct of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra. This year, more than 5.12 lakh pilgrims performed Darshan at the Holy Cave of Shri Amarnath ji. This is the highest Yatra figure in the last twelve years. The Board discussed various interventions and proposed measures to further improve the facilities and services for the devotees. The Board Members shared their valuable suggestions on the agenda points

put forth during the meeting.

agement, successful implementation of Aadhaar based registration and various pilgrim-centric endeavours of the Shrine Board and other line departments and agencies during this year's vatra. Chief Executive Officer, Shri Amarnathji Shrine entation on various ongoing works and other important factors related to the annual holy pilgrimage. Additional

They also hailed better queue

regulation and crowd man-

Board, gave a detailed pres-CEO SASB, senior officers of the UT Administration and Shrine Board also attended the meeting.

CEO exhorts J&K voters to leverage ECI Apps

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Urging the voters to leverage the technological features introduced by the Election Commission of India in the electoral process, Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) J&K, Pandurang K Pole on Friday exhorted the voters of Jammu and Kashmir to make use of the mobile voter friendly applications and ensure their active participation in the upcoming Assembly Election 2024.

"The ECI has launched several mobile apps, including cVIGIL, Know Your Candidate, Suvidha, Voter Helpline App, among others to ensure that the voting

Seven candidates file nominations in 5 assembly constituencies STATE TIMES NEWS

KULGAM/RAMBAN Following commencement of submission of nominations under phase-I of the General Elections to Legislative Assembly Jammu and Kashmir, a total of seven candidates filed their nominations on Friday in three Assembly Constituencies of 38-D.H.Pora, 39-Kulgam

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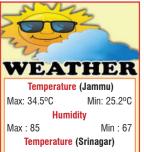
J&K Govt declares poll dates as paid holidays

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SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Friday declared public holidays on poll dates for three phases of the upcoming Assembly Elections-2024 in Constituencies.

As per a government order. issued by the GAD, the government has notified three days as holidays under section 135 B of the Representation of the People Act 1951. According to the GAD order, the paid

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experience for the electors all across the country is easy and smooth. In Jammu and Kashmir, over 88.03 Lakhs voters will be able to make the best use of these Apps,"

These Mobile Applications are available on both Android and iOS platforms. To prevent any form of violation during the Assembly Election 2024, the voters are urged to to use 'cVIGIL', an innovative mobile application for citizens to report MCC and Expenditure violations with time stamped, evidencebased proof through live

photo and video with

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In the wake of

upcoming Assembly elec-

tions, the sleuths of

Narcotics Control Bureau

(NCB) have arrested Neeraj

Bhatia, one of the owners of

Manufacturing firm Vidit

With this, the agency has

busted a notorious Inter-

State Codeine based Syrup

diversion racket operating in

Delhi, H.P and J&K since

last six to seven years. Till

now, seven persons have been

arrested in this case and

Healthcare, Himachal Pradesh. Syrup

the CEO said.

24 special polling stations established in Jammu, Udhampur, New Delhi for Kashmiri migrants relief camps in Jammu.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

 $\operatorname{JAMMU}:$ In a major decision to facilitate voting by Kashmiri migrants in forthcoming Jammu and Kashmir Assembly Election 2024, the Election Commission of India (ECI) has set up 24 special polling stations in Jammu, Udhampur and Delhi.

Like the recent Lok Sabha Election, the ECI has also decided to do away with the cumbersome procedure of filling Form-M for the displaced people from Kashmir valley who are residing in Jammu and Udhampur in ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 Assembly Election even as

NCB Jammu arrests manufacturer of

Codeine Syrup from Himachal Pradesh

around 34 Kg. of Codeine

based Syrup has been seized.

Case Crime (02/24) that the

NCB Jammu Zonal Unit has

arrested Neeraj Bhatia from

The Vidit Healthcare was

supplying Codeine based

Syrup to shell companies,

without proper document ver-

ification and their presence

on ground and violating pro-

Owner of these shell compa-

nies were having previous

questionable and dubious his-

tory. Despite this knowledge,

visions of NDPS Act.

This is follow-up action in

for the migrants residing outside Jammu Udhampur who will continue to submit Form-M have been authorized to self-attest the certificate appended with Form-M, thus removing the

Udhampur, and Delhi and who have opted to cast their votes in person through Electronic Voting Machines the J&K Assembly Election 2024 can do so at

No Form-M for migrants residing at Jammu, Udhampur

hassle of getting this certificate attested by the Gazetted Officer.

This was informed by the office of the Chief Electoral Officer, J&K UT in a statement issued on Friday.

"Kashmiri migrant voters, who are residing at various

Healthcare was in collusion

and conducting regular

transactions of Codeine

based Syrup with these shell

companies since seven years.

During investigation, it was

found that since January

2024, Vidit Healthcare had

COCREX Codeine based

syrup to a shell firm under

investigation and before that

also on an average he used to

supply 3 lakh bottles quarter-

ly that is 12 lakh bottles

annually to previous shell

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24 polling stations, including 19 in Jammu, 1 in Udhampur and 4 in Delhi, the statement said.

In Jammu, 19 polling stations have been set up at Government College for Women, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu; Indian Institute of

Gangster arrested with pistol, live cartridges

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: A gangster was arrested in Samba district and an illegal pistol and five live cartridges were recovered from his possession on Friday, officials here said.

The accused, Mohd Latief alias Latief Punjabi of Hoshiarpur in Punjab, was arrested during checking at Chak Dayala near Basantar bridge, the officials said.

According to the officials, Latief is named in multiple criminal cases of attempt to murder, theft, rioting, abetment and under Arms Act in Samba and Punjab.

"Team intercepted a man

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Management, Jammu Canal Road, Jammu; North Zonal Accountancy Institute, Muthi, Jammu; Directorate of Economics & Statistics, Janipur, Jammu; Migrant School Purkhoo, Jammu; Agriculture and Animal Husbandry Complex, Gole Puli Talab Tillo, Jammu; Govt Mixed Higher Secondary School, Muthi Roop (Lower Nagar), Jammu; Migrant School, Nagrota, Jammu; Government Higher Secondary School, (Migrants) Jagti, Jammu; Anuradha Higher Secondary

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CS Atal Dulloo chairing a meeting at Srinagar on Friday. ■ STATE TIMES NEWS exchange of ideas about the SRINAGAR: Chief best way for implementation Secretary, Atal Dulloo on Friday held a brainstorming

of recently approved Mission Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan session with the major stakeholders including those in

CS chairs session with stakeholders

over implementation of Mission YUVA

(YUVA) here in the UT. Besides the ACS. Forest: Commissioner Secretary

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Congress-NC alliance in J&K will collapse like house of cards: Chugh

Administration, Academics

and Industry to have

STATE TIMES NEWS CHANDIGARH:

National Congress alliance in Jammu and Kashmir will collapse like a house of cards and face a humiliating defeat in the assembly elections, BJP general secretary Tarun Chugh said on Friday.

He also claimed the alliance had been rejected time and again by the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

"Even in the last Lok Sabha elections, while the Congress failed to open its account in Jammu and Kashmir, the National Conference led by the



Abdullahs faced a crushing defeat," Chugh, the BJP's Jammu and Kashmir incharge, said in a statement in Chandigarh.

"In the past, the Abdullahs, Gandhis and the Muftis had which was outrightly rejected by the people in the DDC Council) elections. They formed the INDI block in the Lok Sabha elections, yet they bit the dust," he added.

Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and Congress president Malikarjun Kharge were in Jammu and Kashmir on a two-day visit on Wednesday and Thursday to hold consultations with party workers ahead of the assembly elec-

Ridiculing Gandhi's visit, during which he also

Whose confidence Rahul Gandhi spoke of; where was his own when he stayed mum on Art 370?



Yongress leaders and workers √may call Rahul Gandhi's twoday visit of J&K as a big success; they are entitled to do so. But they should also not laugh away the traits that he has in his bahaviour, demeaning Prime Minister of the country. Narendra Modi is Prime

Minister of the great Indian nation and he represents all Indians, including Rahul Gandhi. The added and the most shinning factor is that he is the Prime Minister for a third-term in row, the only parallel to that is Jawaharlal Nehru , great grandfather of the Congress leader, who chose to attack on confidence of the Prime Minister during his visit to Srinagar and

Rahul Gandhi is in habit of demeaning Prime Ministers. The visuals of his tearing papers of the Bill in full glare of cameras, when Dr Manmohan Singh was Prime Minister, are still fresh in public memory. Dr Singh was the Congress Prime Minister and if he had any issues with the PM that time, he could have discussed it with him as he had all the unconstitutional power vested in him, the government was being run from 10 Janpath.

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As Leader of Opposition, the office he has earned after his party scored 99 seats in the Lok Sabha elections 2024, Rahul needs to grow and understand his responsibility more than ever before. He should know that his words and actions are watched closely, and will

be commented upon. Just for the sake of crude humour and some laughter from his party workers, he mimicked the body language of the Prime Minister and

declared that "the Congress has

shaken the confidence of Narendra Modi." He should have known what his words are and to whom these are directed at. He was not targeting Modi as an individual, though the Indian culture and ethos teach us that there should be respect for each and every one in society, particularly when they are your political opponents. Modi is Prime Minister of India, the country which the world respects for its accomplishments in the field of science, technology space missions and its rapidly-growing economy. India is the fastest growing economy in the world, far ahead of the developed nations - USA and European coun-

It is for the Congress to ponder that what kind of leader Rahul Gandhi is, who doesn't know what to say from where. He should accept the reality of Modi's prestige and dignity as Prime Minister of the 1.40 billion people of the country. India is the most populous country in the world, and its people are respected all over the globe. A part of this respect has come to them ever since Modi became Prime Minister in 2014.

Rahul Gandhi should have taken two things in mind before saying what he Prime about

Minister and from where did he say that. First , no civilized leader can ever mimic the Prime Minister of the country. This was not a theatre where he was performing as an actor. He was addressing Congress workers in Srinagar and Jammu on Thursday. He repeated his words and act in Jammu after having done so in Srinagar, speaks of his obsession with his way of thinking about the individuals

Second thing which he should have been conscious of is that he was speaking from Jammu and Kashmir where international attention never goes away. This is

occupying the highest institutions in the country.

a place where inimical elements still exist, and Pakistan is always looking out for something anti-Modi. Rahu Gandhi by using a low-standard language and action against the Prime Minister has given a handle to such elements and countries

This also showed that he has respect for none. It was ironical that he was seeking respect for his party work ers in any alliance, though National Conference and Congress are working out the nitty gritty of their alliance at the moment, he should have been aware that respect begets respect. If you cannot honour and respect the PM, how could you expect respect from others. During the visit, Rahul Gandhi made a statemen at a so-called press conference, promising to work for restoration of statehood to J&K. Good enough. Where was his confidence when he declined to take any ques tions, what kind of press conference was this?

Had he spoken about his and his party's stand or Article 370 and his proposed alliance partner NC's intention to bring a resolution for the restoration of Article 370, he could have been termed as a leader who was self-confident. He knew that he cannot answer these crucial questions, he lacked the confidence. Whose confidence has been shaken. Rahul Gandhi.