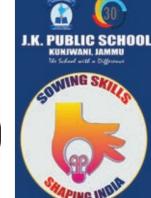


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Should Govt be run from jail...people to decide: Amit Shah

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday said the people of the country will have to decide whether it is appropriate for a minister, chief minister or the prime minister to run the government while in

Shah said this hours after he introduced in the Lok Sabha three Bills, which envisage the removal of the prime minister, chief ministers and ministers arrested on serious criminal charges for 30 days, drawing fierce protests from the Opposition.

The Home Minister said on one hand, Prime Minister Narendra Modi brought a constitutional amendment Bill to bring himself within the ambit of the law, and on the other hand, the entire Opposition, led by the Congress, has opposed it "to remain outside the law's ambit, run governments from iail and not relinquish their attachment to power".

"Now, the people of the



country will have to decide whether it is appropriate for a minister, chief minister or the prime minister to run the government while in jail." he said in a series of posts on X

Shah said seeing the Modi government's commitment against political corruption in the country and the public's outrage, he introduced a Constitutional Amendment Bill in Parliament with the consent of the Lok Sabha Speaker, which ensures that important constitutional posts such as the prime minister, chief minister and ministers at the Centre and in the states cannot run the government while in jail.

"The purpose of this Bill is to elevate the declining level of morality in public life and bring integrity to politics," he

The law that will come into existence through these three Bills is as follows: no person, while arrested and in jail, can govern as prime

Bills for removal of PM, CMs, Ministers arrested on criminal charges referred to JCP

NEW DELHI: Union Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday introduced three Bills in Lok Sabha for the removal of prime minister, chief ministers and ministers arrested on serious criminal charges for 30 days, drawing fierce protests from the opposition. The draft laws were referred to a Joint Committee of Parliament (JCP).

Amid repeated disruptions, Shah introduced the three Bills as a resolution was passed by a voice vote to refer the measures to a Joint Committee of Parliament comprising 21 members from Lok Sabha and 10 from Rajya Sabha.

The Committee has been mandated to submit its report to the House by the last day of the first week of the next session. The next session (Winter session) of the Parliament is likely to be convened in the third week of November

As soon as the Bills were tabled, the opposition members began protesting and trooped into the well, raising slogans. Some even tore copies of the Bills in front of Shah.

Opposition MPs, including AIMIM's Asaduddin Owaisi and Congress' Manish Tewari and K C Venugopal, spoke against the introduction, terming the proposed law against the Constitution and federalism, while Shah rejected criticism that the Bills were brought in haste.

The Home Minister also said that the Bills will be sent to he Joint Committee of Parliament where members of both Houses, including those from the opposition, would get an

opportunity to give their suggestions When Venugopal raised the issue of Shah's arrest while he

LS passes bill to ban online games

NEW DELHI: The Lok Sabha on Wednesday passed a bill to oan the operating, facilitating and advertising of online games played with money, as the government looks to check rising instances of addiction, money laundering and financia raud through such applications.

The Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Bill 2025, introduced this noon, was passed without a debate as opposition members raised slogans demanding a discussion on the special intensive revision of electoral rolls in Bihar b the Election Commission.

Once the legislation is passed by both Houses of Parliament offering or facilitating online money gaming will be punishable by imprisonment of up to 3 years and/or a fine of up to

In his opening remarks, Union minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said the government seeks to encourage e-sports and online ocial gaming and will set up an authority for the purpose.

He said online money gaming has become a matter of con ern as such platforms have led to addiction and have also een used for fraud and cheating.

The minister underlined that it has also led to financial loss

Urging opposition members to participate in the discussion on the bill, Speaker Om Birla said online money gaming has uined several families and damaged the future of youth.

He reminded the opposition that several MPs had in the past demanded a ban on such money gaming sites, but the protests continued. Amid the din, the bill was passed by

The House was then adjourned for the day amid sloganeer ag by the opposition. The bill CONTO ON PAGE 9 ng by the opposition. The bill

ACB files charge-sheet against 14 accused in illegal building permission case

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Anti Corruption (ACB) Wednesday filed charge-sheet against 14 accused, including SMC and Revenue officials, in illegal building permission case.

produced "ACB Chargesheet in case FIR No. 04/2019 for the commission of offences under Section 5(1)(d) read with 5(2) of Prevention Corruption Act. Svt. 2006, 120-B RPC at Police Station ACB Srinagar Kashmir before the Court of Special Anti-Corruption Judge

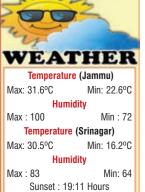
guidelines for schools amid bad weather STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: To ensure the safety of students, teachers, and visitors during adverse weather, the Directorate of School Education (DSE) Jammu has issued SOPs for all educational institutions.

Schools have been asked to regularly inspect buildings, walls, roofs, and electrical systems, and ensure students stay away from open grounds, trees, and electric poles during storms, heavy rains, or lightning. Institutions near rivers,

streams, or ponds must remain extra cautious and keep safe evacuation routes ready in coordination with local authorities. Principals will be personally responsible for implementing safety measures, with mandatory safety committees in each school.

Students will also be trained on weather-related safety practices. Director Naseem Javed Choudhary has instructed strict compliance with these SOPs to prevent any untoward incidents



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persons including 11 officers/officials of the Srinagar Municipal Committee (SMC), one Revenue official, and two private beneficiaries in connection with abuse of official position, criminal conspiracy, and conferring undue benefit to private individuals," an ACB official

The instant case was registered following allegations that officers of SMC, in connivance with Revenue authorities, facilitated illegal construction on State land at Barthana. Qamarwari (Khasra No. 90), the official said adding that the

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CM calls for increasing coverage under social inclusion schemes



CM Omar Abdullah chairing a meeting at Srinagar on Wednesday.

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Wednesday chaired a highlevel meeting to review the progress of financial inclusion schemes, social security coverage, district capex and progress of Constituency Development Fund (CDF) works programme. Chief

The meeting was attended by the Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, Additional Chief Secretary

Minister also reviewed the GST collection - tax and non-tax revenue for the current financial year.

to the CM Dheeraj Gupta, all Administrative Secretaries, Deputy Commissioners of all districts, and other concerned, both in person and through

Principal Secretary Finance, Santosh D. Vaidya, gave a detailed presentation on the financial and social inclusion schemes, revenue generation trends and district-wise progress under capex and CDF works

The Chief Minister noted tardy pace in uploading & tendering of works and issued directions to all departments and districts to focus on revenue realization & social inclusion schemes and monitor progress on a monthly basis rather than leaving corrective measures to the last quarter of the financial year.

Departments must not wait for February and March to chase revenue ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

CBI arrests 6 J&K policemen on SC order for cop's custodial torture STATE TIMES NEWS (CBI) to register an FIR SRINAGAR: The CBI on

Wednesday arrested six policemen, including at least two officers, following orders from the Supreme Court last month in connection with the alleged custodial torture of a cop, officials said here on Wednesday.

The arrested cops included a deputy superintendent of police and an inspector, the officials said here. They said two civilians have also been arrested. Further details were awaited, the officials said.

The Supreme Court on July 21 directed the Central over the "brutal and inhuman custodial torture" of a police constable in Jammu and Kashmir and ordered the Union Territory (UT) administration to pay him Rs 50 lakh compensation.

A bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta said the injuries caused to the constable during his illegal detention, particularly the "complete mutilation of genitalia, use of pepper/chilly powder and electric shocks on his genitalia", were grave reminders of the inhuman torture meted out to him.

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1993 Murder case: Court sentences life imprisonment to Hizb terrorist

STATE TIMES NEWS

BANDIPORA: In a landjudgment, Additional Sessions Judge, Susheel Singh, at Bandipora sentenced Hizbul Mujahideen terrorist Abdul Wahid Mir, son of Mohammad Abdullah Mir, resident of Onagam, Bandipora, to life imprisonment for his involvement in a brutal murder registered under FIR No. 170/1993 at Police Station Bandipora.

The court also convicted Mir under Section 201 RPC, awarding three years rigorimprisonment, under Section 7/27 Arms Act, sentencing him to seven years rigorous imprisonment. All sentences are ordered to run concurrently. and the period already spent in custody has been set off under Section 428 CrPC.

The prosecution, represented by the Assistant Public Prosecutor (APP) for the UT of Jammu and Kashmir, argued that the offences were heinous, involving coldblooded murder, use of prohibited arms, and destruction of evidence. The crime, the APP stated, fell within the rarest of rare category, warranting capital punishneed for justice for the victim's family. Defending the convict,

LADC submitted that Mir, presently lodged in District Jail Agra, is of poor family background, had already spent long periods in custody since 2016, and had family obligations. The LADC urged the court to consider mitigating circumstances such as the convict's age, the possibility of reform, and lack of prior conviction in heinous offences. Abdul Wahid Mir also appeared through virtual mode from Agra Jail, reiterating

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ACB registers DE case against AHD official India will respond with full force whenever against AHD official

STATE TIMES NEWS

Jammu and Kashmir Anti-Corruption (ACB) Wednesday registered a Disproportionate Assets (DA) case against an employee of the Animal Husbandry Department (AHD)

"Anti Corruption Bureau registered a disproportionate assets (DA) case against Mushtaq Ahmad Dar, an employee of the Animal Husbandry Department, son of Ghulam Ahmad Dar, resident of Gassu Batapora Hazratbal, Srinagar for amassing moveable/immoveable

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terrorism threatens its citizens: Govt **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: Anticipating future warfare scenarios through "predictive technologies" and creating precise, targeted systems for counteraction are among the threefold goals when it comes to India's futuristic defence programme, Sudarshan Chakra Mission, the government said on Wednesday.

In a broad synopsis of the country's security scenario, the Press Information Bureau (PIB) on Wednesday shared some data and a summary of various defencerelated developments in the past 11 years, titled

'Transformation of India's Defence and Internal Security Posture'.

"Unlike in the past, India under the present government has become a global force to reckon with, a nation that speaks on issues from a position of strength," it says. The government said India

has adopted a "firm and clear approach towards cross-border terrorism", adding that the pattern of action over the last decade reflects this poli-

The most recent and defining operation came in May 2025 with Operation Sindoor. In response to the killing of civilians in Pahalgam, "India gave its armed forces full freedom of

action", the synopsis says. Using drones and precision munitions, they struck nine terrorist camps in Pakistan Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir. More than 100 terrorists were eliminated, including individuals linked to the IC814 hijacking and Pulwama attack. Pakistan attempted retaliatory strikes through drones and missiles, but Indian counter-drone systems neutralised them, it adds. In his 79th Independence

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Our priority should be to invest in human capital, innovation, research: LG

STATE TIMES NEWS

GANDERBAL: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesdav inaugurated the Administrative Block and Amphitheatre at Central University of Kashmir, Tulmulla Campus, Ganderbal.

In his address, the Lieutenant Governor spoke about the need for vital contribution by academicians and students as India is poised for significant growth over the next two decades with the ultimate objective of Viksit Bharat@ 2047.

"Our growth model should focus on creating human capital that can contribute significantly to economic

The Lieutenant Governor highlighted the importance of providing an engaging learning environment, foster critical thinking and life skills, problem solving and innovation among students



Central University of Kashmir on Wednesday. "We must get rid of 'Sab Chalta hai Attitude' and make revolutionary changes in the old curriculum of Colleges and Universities to transform India into a knowledge econo-

investment in human capital, innova-

tion and research.

Adequate attention must be given to interdisciplinary courses. Apart from developing creativity, innovation, thinking, skills, the interdisciplinary courses also help in making the students aware of their social and my. Our topmost priority should be moral responsibilities," Lieutenant ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

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Expanded search underway to trace missing persons in Chashoti



STATE TIMES NEWS

CHASHOTI: The expanded search operation continued in this cloudburst-hit village in Kishtwar district on the seventh day on Wednesday, officials said, as Principal Secretary, Home, Chandraker Bharti, chaired a meeting of various agencies after assessing the ground

situation. The senior official is the first of the 10 IAS and IPS officers who have been directed by the Lieutenant Governor to visit the disaster-hit area over eight days to supervise relief and rescue operations. The death toll in the natu-

ral calamity that struck

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