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Shah reviews security situation, development projects in J&K



Union Home Minister Amit Shah chairing meeting to review security situation in Jammu and Kashmir. LG Manoj Sinha is also seen.

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: In the wake of Taliban capturing power in Afghanistan, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday reviewed the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir, which has been witnessing prolonged Pakistan-sponsored terrorism, official sources said.

Shah's meeting with top functionaries of the central government and the Union Territory administration came two days after the Taliban announced its interim government in Afghanistan.

There have been reports that Pakistan-based terror groups Jaish-e-Mohammad and Lashkar-e-Taiba -- both

active in Jammu and Kashmir and involved in a large number of terror attacks in the past -- have shifted their bases to Afghanistan with a friendly Taliban regime in place.

The home minister reviewed the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir and steps being taken to check infiltration from across the border and maintain peace in the union territory, official sources said.

Sirajuddin Haqqani, the new acting interior minister of Afghanistan, is the head of the terror group Haqqani network, which was responsible for attacks on Indian assets, including the Indian embassy in Kabul, in the

past.

Taliban spokesperson Suhail Shaheen last week had said "As Muslims, we also have a right to raise our voice for Muslims in Kashmir, India or any other country".

A home ministry spokesperson said Shah held the meeting to review the security and development issues of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The home minister appreciated the initiatives on development taken by the Union territory administration to fulfill the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the spokesperson said.

Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Manoj Sinha, NSA Ajit Doval, Army Chief General M M Naravane, Union Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla, Director of Intelligence Bureau Arvinda Kumar, R&AW chief Samant Goel, BSF DG Pankaj Singh and CRPF chief Kuldip Singh attended the meeting.

The meeting is believed to have discussed about the political and security implications in the Kashmir valley following the death of headline Hurriyat Conference chairman Syed Ali Shah Geelani.

The group has already elected Masarat Alam Bhat, currently in jail, as its chairman.

Shah also reviewed various development initiatives being implemented in Jammu and Kashmir, including the Rs 80,000 crore package announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2015, sources said.

Shah had said in the past that all-round development and welfare of the people of the Union Territory are on top priority list of the Modi government.

J&K reports 170 more coronavirus cases

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir recorded 170 fresh cases of coronavirus on Thursday, taking the infected number of persons to 3,26,480 while no fresh death due to the virus was reported from the Union territory in the past 24 hours, officials said.

Of the fresh cases, 23 were from Jammu division and 147 from Kashmir division of the UT, the officials said.

They said Srinagar district recorded the highest number of 80 cases followed by 22 cases in Baramulla district.

There are 1,263 active cases in the UT as recoveries outnumbered fresh cases. The total number of

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Policeman shoots himself dead

STATE TIMES NEWS

REASI: A policeman allegedly shot himself dead with his service rifle in Reasi district on Thursday, officials said. Javed Dar, a Selection Grade Constable of the Indian Reserve Police (IRP), was a resident of Tral in south Kashmir.

The body would be handed over to the family after completing medico-legal formalities, they said.

HM terrorist arrested in Pulwama; arms, ammunition seized

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Security forces on Thursday arrested a Hizbul Mujahideen terrorist from Jammu and Kashmir's Pulwama district and seized arms and ammunition from him, police said.

On specific input regarding movement of terrorists, the police, the army and the Central Reserve Police Force launched a cordon and search operation in the Androosa Khrew area of Awantipora in the south Kashmir district, a police spokesman said.

"During the search operation, the joint forces observed some suspicious movement in an orchard area from where a

suspected person was trying to escape. But the person was tactfully apprehended by them," he said.

The spokesman said that the arrested person has been identified as Shahid Ahmed Khanday, a resident of Mandakpal in Khrew.

"During his personal search, incriminating material, including arms and ammunition, were recovered from his possession. As per police records, he is an active terrorist and affiliated with proscribed terror outfit Hizbul Mujahideen, the spokesman said. Police have registered a case and further investigation has been initiated, he added.

NC leader Trilochan Wazir found dead in Delhi flat; police lodge murder case

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU/NEW DELHI: Former member of the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Council and National Conference leader Trilochan Singh Wazir was found dead in a flat in West Delhi's Moti Nagar on Thursday morning, police said.

A case of murder was registered in this matter. The investigation has been transferred to the Delhi Police's Crime Branch while the force's Special Cell will assist them, officials said.

The partially decomposed body of 67-year-old Wazir



with the head wrapped in a plastic bag was found in a washroom of the flat which was taken on rent by his acquaintance Harpreet Singh (31), a native of Amritsar, police said.

According to them, Wazir arrived in Delhi on September 2 and was staying with Harpreet Singh and his friend Harmeet Singh at their rented flat in the Basai Darapur area.

Both Harpreet and

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Harmet are absconding and multiple teams have been formed to trace them. Their Call Detail Records are being analysed and raids are being conducted at their possible hideouts, police said.

When contacted, in-charge Crime Scene Management Division of Rohini's Forensic

Science Laboratory Sanjeev Gupta said a four member team visited the spot and collected crime exhibits.

An official said the body was found wrapped with three to four layers of clothes while the head was covered

with a plastic bag.

Wazir's brother has claimed the NC leader, a resident of Jammu, was supposed to take a flight to Canada on September 2 to meet his family there. When there was no news of him for days, his family informed the

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Four Rohingyas apprehended at Lakhanpur Corridor

STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: Four Rohingyas have been apprehended by police in Kathua district on Thursday, officials said.

District Police Kathua under the overall supervision of SSP Kathua Sh. R C Kotwal apprehended the Rohingyas at Lakhanpur Corridor.

According to a police spokesperson, PSI Mohd. Yusuf Lone, Incharge Naka at Dispatch Point, Lakhanpur apprehended for Rohingyas for their illegal immigration. During questioning they disclosed their identity as Mohammed Salam, son of Mohammed Shafi; Omar Faruk, son of Mohammed Joli; his sister Hassina Begum and Mustkima, daughter

Rahul Gandhi arrives in Jammu; pays obeisance at Mata Vaishno Devi shrine



Congress leader and MP Rahul Gandhi with Head Pujaris at Mata Vaishno Devi Bhawan

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi who arrived in Jammu on Thursday paid obeisance at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Cave Shrine situated in Trikuta Hills of Katra town. Accompanied by senior Congress leaders, Gandhi reached Bhawan in the evening and paid obeisance at Cave Shrine. Rahul also met the head priest of the shrine and other members. Rahul Gandhi arrived in Jammu on Thursday

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Govt extends ITR filing deadline for individuals to Dec 31

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The government on Thursday extended the deadline till December 31 for filing of income tax returns by individuals for the financial year 2021, amid the coronavirus pandemic and technical glitches in the IT portal.

Earlier, the deadline was extended to September 30, 2021. Usually, the last date for filing the ITR (Income Tax Returns) for the individual taxpayers is July 31. "On consideration of

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Afghan territory must not be used to carry out terror attacks against other countries: BRICS

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The territory of Afghanistan must not be used to carry out terror attacks against other countries, the five-nation influential grouping BRICS said on Thursday and strongly called for combating terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, including the cross-border movement of terrorists.

The grouping held extensive deliberations on pressing issues including the situation in Afghanistan at a virtual

summit chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The summit, hosted by India, was attended by Russian President Vladimir Putin, Chinese President Xi Jinping, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa and Brazil's Jair Bolsonaro.

The BRICS (Brazil-Russia-India-China-South Africa) brings together five of the largest developing countries of the world, representing 41 per cent of the global population, 24 per cent of the global GDP and

16 per cent of the global trade.

In a declaration issued at the end of the summit, the grouping called for refraining from violence and settling the situation in Afghanistan by peaceful means.

"We call for refraining from violence and settling the situation by peaceful means. We stress the need to contribute to fostering an inclusive intra-Afghan dialogue so as to ensure stability, civil peace, law and order in

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J&K gets 17 DNB, 22 Diploma seats in GMCs, District Hospitals

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In yet another major milestone for the Health & Medical Department in J&K, National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences (NBEMS) on Thursday approved 39 more seats for Govt. Medical Colleges and District Hospitals of J&K.

Out of the 39 sanctioned seats, 17 seats are post MBBS DNB seats and 22 are post MBBS Diploma seats. With this, the total PG seats approval for J&K has risen to 124 (102 DNB and 22 Diploma) and this is over and above the DM/MCH and MD/MS courses already

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being run in Jammu & Kashmir.

District Hospital, Kulgam in a significant development gets accreditation in General Medicine and has been granted 2 seats for Diplomate of National Board (DNB) by National Board of Examination and has become 3rd District Hospital to start DNB Courses. With this, the total seats granted for District Hospitals of J&K are 10. Pertinent to mention that earlier DH Gandhi Nagar had got 6 seats in Anesthesia and Medicine and DH JLNM Srinagar had got 2 seats in Medicine. Mission Director, NHM,

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 32.3°C Min: 24.2°C

Humidity

Max : 83 Min : 82

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 29.0°C Min: 17.3°C

Humidity

Max : 77 Min: 51

Sunset : 18:47 Hours

Sunrise : 06:13 Hours

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Addressing the Capacity Building Programme for senior officers of Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service (JKAS), Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology, Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences, MoS PMO, Public Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh today said that only after the new constitutional arrangement came into existence and following the creation of Union



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh interacting with senior officers of JKAS cadre at New Delhi.

Territory, several governance reforms initiated by Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT) and union Ministry of Personnel have been introduced in Jammu & Kashmir, which was not so earlier.

In an interactive session

with senior officers of Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service (JKAS), who are currently undergoing a two-week Capacity Building Programme conducted by the National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG) under

the Union Ministry of Personnel, Dr Jitendra Singh said, it is only last year that the Prevention of Corruption Act of India with its amended form was introduced in Jammu & Kashmir; whereas in the past the then State of Jammu & Kashmir