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Amit Shah in J&K for 3 days from Sept 30; will visit Vaishno Devi, address 2 rallies

SRINAGAR: Union Home Minister Amit Shah will be on a three-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir from September 30 where he is planned to pay obeisance to the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine, address two rallies and review developmental activities, party leaders said on Saturday.

J-K BJP general secretary and former minister Sunil Sharma told a press conference here the visit should not be linked to vet-to-be announced assembly polls, even though a senior leader said on the condition of anonymity the "rallies will be the beginning of the BJP's election campaign".

Sharma told the media, "Election is the prerogative of the ECI (Election Commission of India) which is an autonomous institution and scheduling dates are up to them. The BJP is ready This (Shah's visit) is a rou-



along with others addressing a press conference at Srinagar.

Demographic changes along border areas worrisome: HM

KISHANGANJ (BIHAR): Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday said the demographic changes taking place along border areas are very worrisome and the security forces should stay alert, officials said.

He said this after reviewing the security situation along the international border in Kishanganj.

The home minister said the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi is making every effort for the security and development of the border areas. "But the demographic changes taking place along border areas are very worrisome and the security forces ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

polls is not right." He said Shah will arrive at

Jammu on September 30, address a rally in Rajouri

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(Jammu division) on October 1, and leave for Kashmir the same evening. He will address a rally in Baramulla town at 11 am on October 2. Shah will pay obeisance at the revered shrine of Mata Vaishno Devi on October 1 before addressing the rally, said the leader quoted above on the condition of anonymi-

Talking about the rallies, Sharma said there are many expectations and hopes of people across Kashmir from the BJP and the Central government.

"Every person has faith in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government. To give that belief a shape, to fulfil those expectations, and to assess the developmental activities of the UT's LG administration, the Union Minister will arrive in J-K on

September 30," he said. He said people from across Kashmir, especially north

Terror funding case: SIA files charge-sheet against

ex-minister Babu Sigh, 2 others

Kashmir, will attend ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Two non-local labourers shot at in Pulwama

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SRINAGAR: Two non-local labourers were shot at and injured in Pulwama district on Saturday, police said.

"#Terrorists fired upon & injured 2 outside labourers at Kharpora Ratnipora in #Pulwama," Kashmir Zone Police said in a tweet.

The police said the two were shifted to hospital where their condition is stated to be stable. They were identified as Shamshad and Faizan Qasri, residents of Batva Zila. Bihar, the police said.

Two J&K vouth detained near Indo-Pak border in Rajasthan

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAISALMER: Two youths from Jammu and Kashmir were apprehended from near the India-Pakistan international border in Rajasthan's Jaisalmer district, police said on Saturday.

The two were collecting donations in the prohibited area without permission, they said. After questioning, the youths were handed

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JMC Mayor, Dy Mayor resign; Chugh to announce new names today

Air surcharge 50 paisa for Leh

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JAMMU: In a sudden development, Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta and his deputy Purnima Sharma on Saturday submitted their resignations to focus on strengthening the BJP to have the "first Dogra chief minister" in the Union Territory.

The resignations came following a meeting of BJP corporators and senior leaders chaired by party's Jammu and Kashmir unit president Ravinder Raina here.

Gupta said they decided to resign keeping in mind the next Assembly elections and the target of 50-plus seats set by the party to have the "first Dogra chief minister" in J and K.

"BJP is the world's largest political party and has expanded to every nook and corner of J-K. Since the Assembly elections are taking place, we have set a target to form the next govern-

ment after the abrogation of Article 370 (in August

"Every BJP worker has to work hard to create history by having the first Dogra chief minister," he told reporters after putting up his The Assembly elections will

be held in Jammu and Kashmir after the final electoral roll is published, which is scheduled to take place on November 25. The erstwhile state has been with out an Assembly since 2018. The Centre had on August 5, 2019, ended Jammu and Kashmir's special status and downgraded it to a Union territory.

The opposition corporators termed the resignations of Gupta and Sharma as their "victory" and said their long pending demand was fulfilled.

"The entire opposition was demanding the resignation of the mayor and deputy mayor for the past several years

run the JMC smoothly," corporator Gaurav Gupta, a former member of the Congress

He said the BJP-led corporation failed to live up to the expectations of the people due to "inefficiency" of the mayor and his team.

"Both of them were facing strong resentment even from BJP corporators and their sudden resignation was the outcome of internal bickering within the party," he claimed.

Expressing similar views. independent corporators Sobat Ali and Amit Gupta demanded free and fair elections for the post of the mayor and the deputy mayor as per the rules.

Talking about his resignation, Chander Mohan Gupta said he has no greed for any post and would fulfill the assigned responsibilities anywhere in Jammu and Kashmir with "dedication and devotion".

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2,783 underground bunkers completed along LoC in Rajouri

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JAMMU: As many as 2,783 underground bunkers have been completed for the safety of civilians along the Line of Control (LoC) in Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Saturday. Development

District Commissioner, Rajouri, Vikas Kundal chaired a meeting of the officers concerned to review the progress on the border bunkers being constructed by the Public Works Department (PWD) and the Rural Development Department (RDD) in the an official spokesman said. He said the meeting was informed that

Two notorious drug peddlers detained in Udhampur STATE TIMES NEWS

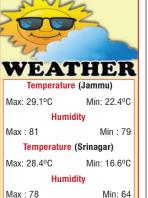
JAMMU: Two notorious drug peddlers were detained under the PIT NDPS Act in Udhampur district, police said on Saturday. Under the Prevention of

Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, a person can be put under preventive detention for a year without bail.

Dossiers of Umar Jaan and Mohd Hanief, both local residents, were prepared on the directions of Senior Superintendent of Police Vinod Kumar and sent for approval.

They were detained after obtaining formal orders from the competent authority, a police spokesperson said.

They are notorious drug peddlers and were supplying drugs to youths in the district, especially in Udhampur town, he said.



Sunset: 18:26 Hours

Sunrise: 06:22 Hours

the RDD has so far completed 1,528 bunkers, while 1,255 bunkers were complet-

Kundal asked the officers

to complete the work on all the slab-level bunkers in one week and all the other bunkers under execution in two weeks. He directed them to ensure that the bunkers are provided to all the border inhabitants so that their lives are saved from the cross-border shelling. The cross-border shelling has almost died down after India and Pakistan agreed to a ceasefire along the borders in Jammu and Kashmir since February 2021.

ed by the PWD.

JAMMU/SRINAGAR: The State Investigation Agency of Jammu and Kashmir Police on Saturday filed a charge sheet in a court in Jammu against former minister Jatinder Singh, alias Babu Singh, and two others in a terror-funding case. The agency also conducted

searches at multiple locations across Kashmir Valley as part of an investigation into financing of terrorist activities through proceeds of drug smuggling from Pakistan.

"SIA Kashmir continued its action against narcotics dealers by conducting searches at



multiple locations across the valley. The SIA conducted extensive searches at different locations in the districts of Srinagar, Budgam and Kupwara." spokesman said.

On the charge sheet, the agency said Singh, the chairman of Nature-Mankind Friendly Global Party, was arrested on April 9, ten days after he went underground following the arrest of his worker Mohammad Shareef Shah, a resident of south Kashmir's Kokernag, along with Rs 6.90 lakh hawala money in Jammu.

Shah had revealed that he was engaged by Singh, a resident of Kathua district, to collect the money, intended to be used for the anti-national activities, from Srinagar. A spokesperson of the SIA said the charge sheet against

J&K logs 16 new **COVID** cases

SRINAGAR: Jammu and

The death toll remained unchanged at 4,785.

were reported from the Jammu division and seven from the Kashmir Valley, the officials said.

disease, they said.

the former minister, Shah and Pakistan-based Hizbul Mujahideen terrorist Mohd Hussain Khateeb, hailing from Bhaderwah in Doda district, was filed in the court of the third additional session judge, Jammu. "Babu Singh was in touch

with the terrorists of proscribed Hizbul Mujahideen outfit and separatists of JKLF, an unlawful association. These inimical entities had sent this terror fund from Pakistan through their associates for Babu Singh's party. The vision of this party...was to make

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 Army capable of giving befitting

seasonal migration via Jammu-Srinagar NH ■ STATE TIMES NEWS said RAMBAN/JAMMU: The

Govt trucks to transport tribal families for

district authority in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban has banned foot movement of nomadic families with their livestock in an effort to ensure hassle-free vehicular traffic on the strategic 270km Jammu-Srinagar national highway, officials said on Saturday.

However, the authorities will make available 50 trucks to transport the tribal families returning to Jammu from the highland pastures of Kashmir, they said.

Quoting a recent order by Ramban District Magistrate Mussarat Islam, the officials

Sub-divisional Magistrate Banihal Zahir Abbas had been appointed as nodal officer to oversee the migration plan.

The nodal officer will be assisted by the district's Assistant Regional Transport Officer Samrinder Singh and Manager, Road Corporation, Transport Rajesh, the district magistrate said in the order. Their mobile numbers been designated as helpline numbers.

The order bans foot movement of the nomadic families and their livestock on the highway, the district's only all-weather road

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Two-day regional conference on contemporary judicial developments begins in Srinagar



North Zone-I Regional Conference at Srinagar.

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SRINAGAR: Justice A.S. Oka, Judge Supreme Court of India on Saturday inaugurated Two-days North Zone-I Regional Conference

on "Contemporary Judicial Developments and strengthening Justice through Law and Technology" at SKICC here in presence of Justice Pankaj Mithal, Chief Justice

of High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. The Regional Conference is

being organized by National Judicial Academy, Bohpal and hosted by the High court of J&K and Ladakh and Jammu & Kashmir Judicial Academy.

Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey, Judge High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh Justice Sindhu Sharma, Judge High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh and Chairperson J&K Judicial Academy and Justice A.P. Sahi, Director National Judicial

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Kashmir on Saturday registered 16 fresh COVID-19 cases that pushed its tally to 4,79,062, officials said.

Of the fresh cases, nine

There are 168 active COVID-19 cases in the Union territory. A total of 4,74,109 people have recovered from the viral

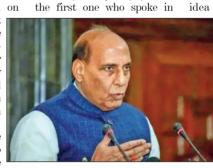
■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday asserted that the Indian Army has the capability to give a befitting reply to any power looking at the country with evil intentions and when it engages with China now, it does so on an equal footing.

Singh made remarks at an event to release a five-volume on Deendayal Upadhyay in the presence of Vice President Jagdeep

When China conducted the

first nuclear test in 1964, Deendayal Upadhyay was



favour of India conducting its nuclear test, Singh said. When India carried out its first nuclear tests in 1998 in Rajasthan under the leader-

reply to any power: Rajnath ship of then prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, the

idea was not to use the weapon against any country but to maintain a deterrent, he said.

> "Because of that deterrence, Indian Army today has full confidence of self-defence. Today 2022.India's

engages with China, it does so on an equal footing "If any power looks towards India with evil intention, Indian soldiers have

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NARCO-TERROR: SIA carries-out searches at multiple locations across Valley

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: State Investigation Agency (SIA) Kashmir on Saturday continued its action against narcotics dealers by conducting searches at multiple locations in the districts of Srinagar, Budgam and Kupwara.

The searches were part of an investigation against Narco-terrorists who are financing terror through smuggling hard drugs from Pakistan and selling it in J&K and in other parts of the country, an official handout Equipped with search war-

rants issued by the Court of

Special Judge, Designated

(TADA/POTA) Srinagar,

NIA

Act

ed in connection with investigation of case FIR No. 17/2022 u/s 8,21,29 NDPS 13,17,18,39, Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 121 and

120-B, 121, 121-A IPC of Police Station CI-SIA

Kashmir. This case was registered by

Police Station, CI-SIA(K),

Srinagar on receipt of reli-

able information that a

criminal conspiracy hatched with member(s) of proscribed terrorist organization(s) are involved in border smuggling of narcotic drugs / substance and the proceeds thereof are passed on to the terrorist organization(s) for furtherance of terrorist activities in J&K. During investigation, it surfaced that proscribed ter-

rorist organization(s) across the border in order to fuel the terrorist activities in Jammu and Kashmir are adopting various means and methods to provide logistic support to terrorist(s) and one of the

group of persons working as ways and means is to send OGW(s) for different proconsignments of heroin, scribed terrorist organizabrown sugar and other contion(s) under a well knit traband substances worth lakhs of rupees and smuggle the same to valley through their OGWs, conduit(s), supporter(s) and other terrorist sympathizers. These consignment of heroin, brown sugar and other narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances are being sold in markets or smuggled to other parts of the country for sale and proceeds of sale are being ploughed back or passed on to terrorist organization(s), terrorist(s),/secessionist(s), OGW(s) to further terrorist and unlawful activities. During the

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Two rusted mortar shells found along IB in Jammu, Samba



Security forces destroyed mortar shell at Samba.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Two mortar shells were found in the forward villages along International Border (IB) in Jammu and Samba districts of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Saturday. A live mortar shell was

noticed by villagers at Pragwal in Akhnoor sector

this morning, they said, adding the bomb disposal squad is working to defuse it. Another mortar shell was detected by the Border Security Force (BSF) during patrolling in Regal area of Samba district late on Thursday, they said,

on the outskirts of Jammu

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