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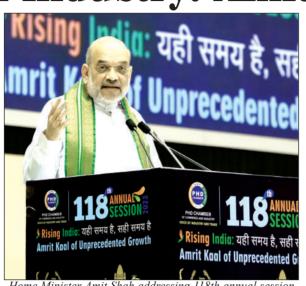
# Time to change size, scale of **Indian industry: Amit Shah**

DELHI: Minister Amit Shah said on Friday that the time has come to change both the size and scale of the Indian industry and the need of the hour is companies should go multinational.

Addressing the 118th annual session of the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI), he said the network of small industries along with big industries will have to be strengthened, and the chamber will have to come forward strongly to provide guidance and infrastructure in this.

The chamber will have to create an ecosystem so that youths, women and MSMEs can get maximum benefits from the policies of the government, he said.

Shah said the PHDCCI has a decisive role in taking the country's industries to new heights in the Amrit Kaal of the next 25 years, i.e., the



Home Minister Amit Shah addressing 118th annual session of PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry on 'Rising India at in New Delhi on Friday.

period between the 75th anniversary of Independence

He said the biggest achievement in these 75 years has been that India as a country has succeeded in deepening

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the roots of democracy, adding the country has shown the world that governance in terms of policy is a continuous process.

Shah said that according to the principle of "Vasudhaiva

Kutumbakam", India is leading the world in solving global problems across all sec-

Now the world is looking towards India in all areas including fight against terrorism, solar alliance, green energy etc. and many of our initiatives are guiding the world today, he said.

Shah said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has worked with a vision to lay a strong foundation for India in all areas affecting the world economy for the coming 25

"The time has come to change both the size and scale of the Indian industry, and the Chamber of Commerce should think in the direction of this initiative. Our companies will have to work towards becoming multinational, and now the need of the hour is for Indian companies to become multinational," he said.

### **BJP CEC meeting** postponed

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: The BJP on Friday said the two-day meeting of its Central Election Committee (CEC), which was originally scheduled to be held over two days, on September 30 and October 1, will now be held on a single day on October 1.

At the meeting, the BJP is likely to take key decisions pertaining to the upcoming state assembly elections in five states.

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### Two mortar shells found along IB

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

KATHUA: Two old mortar shells were found in a farm along the International Border (IB) in Kathua district on Friday, officials said. A farmer found the two live mortar shells while ploughing his farm in Patti Meru hamlet along the IB in Hiranagar sector, they said.

The farmer informed the police and BSF, who swung into action and recovered the two shells, they said. The mortrar shells were safely defused.

# Over 1000 public services made online in J&K: LG

Air surcharge 50 paisa for Leh

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday said that more than 1000 public services have been made online and many linked with auto escalation mode and financial penalty for delay of services in Jammu and Kashmir.

Interacting with a delegation of Joint Committee of Child Women and Development, Uttar Pradesh, led by its Chairperson Neelima Katiyar, which called on him here, the Lt Governor shared a number of developmental steps taken in Jammu Kashmir for bringing transparency, accountability and responsibility in the governance system.

Discussion was also held on the unprecedented transformation in Jammu Kashmir over the last four years in the areas of women empowerment, Tourism Sector, economy, education, peace and prosperity and cleaning of



Dal Lake. The members of Joint Committee apprised the Lt Governor about the visits and activities of the panel during their study tour. They shared their views on the ongoing development scenario and the improved Socio-economic Jammuconditions in Kashmir.

Meanwhile, Junaid Azim Mattu, Mayor, Srinagar Municipal Corporation called on Lieutenant Governor and discussed various developmental issues, promotion of sports and welfare of the people, especially the members of marginalised communities in Srinagar. Dr. Beena Budki, President Hindi Kashmiri Sangam (HKS) also called on the Lt Governor and apprised about the activities of the organisation including promotion of culture and literature. She also presented her book 'Kokh ki Peeda' and Urdu translation of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore Ji's

### 28 police officers from J&K inducted in IPS; allotted AGMUT cadre

JAMMU: As many as 28 officers from Jammu & Kashmir have been inducted in the prestigious Indian Police Service

Union Home Ministry on Friday issued a notification regarding appointment of 28 local officers in IPS. These officers have allotted AGMUT

Those inducted include Maqsood-ul-Zaman, Mubassir Latifi Ameer, Shiv Kumar, Rashmi Wazir, Rajeshwar Singh in Select list 2015: Sandeep Wazir, Anita Sharma, Sameer

gets President's assent

Droupadi Murmu has given

her assent to the women's

reservation bill which seeks

to provide 33 per cent reser-

vation to women in the Lok

Sabha and state assemblies.

According to a law ministry

notification issued on Friday,

the president gave her assent

Now, it will be officially

known as the Constitution

According to its provision

"It shall come into force on

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in the Official Gazette.

During a special session of

Parliament earlier this

month, Prime Minister

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The law will take some time before being implemented as

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STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: President

# Farmers' stir: Passengers stranded at Jammu, Katra stations as 7 trains cancelled, 13 diverted put on duty round the clock

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: A large number of passengers, many of them pilgrims, were stranded at Jammu and Katra railway stations on Friday as seven trains were cancelled and 13 diverted due to a "rail roko" agitation by farmers in different parts of Punjab.

Members of several farmers' bodies began their threeday agitation on Thursday to press their demands such as a financial package for losses caused by recent floods, legal guarantee to minimum support price (MSP) and debt

As part of the protest,



farmers squatted on train tracks in many places, including Moga, Hoshiarpur, Gurdaspur, Jalandhar, Tarn Taran, Sangrur, Patiala, Ferozepur, Bathinda and

"Due to this agitation, some trains have been affected but 60 to 70 per cent of trains are being run through diverted routes. Officials have been

### to monitor train traffic and ensure minimum inconvenience to passengers," senior railway official Prateek Shrivastav told PTI. Railway officials said 13

trains have so far been diverted and seven cancelled due to the agitation. Shrivastav said the agitation has directly affected

Ambala and Firozpur railway divisions 'The trains have been diverted from here via the Nakodar area (in Punjab).

Major affected area is

Jalandhar. Two special ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

## **BJP Disciplinary Committee issues** notices to 8 party rebels in Kashmir

### STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: The Bharativa

Janata Party (BJP) Disciplinary Committee has issued notices to 8 party members in Kashmir, which include GM Mir, Dr. Ali Mohd Mir, Altaf Thakur, Asif Masoodi, Arif Raja, Anwar Khan, Manzoor Bhat, and Bilal Parray.

These notices were issued from the party headquarters. The notice states that dur-

ing an inquiry into indiscipline against Sofi Yusuf, Vice President of the Jammu and Kashmir Bharatiya Janata Party, the Disciplinary Committee discovered seri-

of indiscipline against each of the individuals mentioned. It is alleged that their activities have been prejudicial to the maintenance of discipline within the party, leading to a sense of mistrust within the party leadership.

In light of their positions within the party and their past contributions, the Disciplinary Committee has given these members an opportunity to submit an unconditional apology for their conduct and a commitment not to engage in such activities in the future. Failure to do so may result in the initiation of regular

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## India-Canada issue discussed with Blinken, both sides came out 'better informed': Jaishankar

Bhat,

WASHINGTON: External Minister Affairs Jaishankar on Friday said that the Canadian allegations with regard to the death of a Khalistani separatist was discussed during his meeting with the Secretary of State Tony Blinken a day earlier and noted that the two delegations came out "better informed" after the meeting.

"Yes, I did," Jaishankar said in response to a question during his appearance at the prestigious Hudson Institute think-tank when asked if the



came up during his meeting with Blinken at the Foggy Bottom headquarters of the

State Department. The US side shared its assessments on this whole

the Americans a summary of India's concerns. "I think hopefully we both came out better informed," Jaishankar

Tensions flared between India and Canada following Trudeau's explosive allegations of the "potential" involvement of Indian agents in the killing of Khalistani extremist Hardeep Singh Nijjar on his country's soil on June 18 in British Columbia. India had designated Nijjar as a terrorist in 2020.

India angrily rejected the allegations as "absurd" and "motivated" and expelled

## stay overnight in Ladakh's high-altitude Hanle village

LEH: The Union Ministry of Home Affairs has now allowed foreign tourists to stay overnight in Hanle, a remote high-altitude village in Ladakh's Changthang plateau, an official said on

Hanle, known for India's first dark sky reserve, offers excellent stargazing conditions due to its secluded location, high altitude and minimal light pollution.

"The Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India has granted permission for the night stays of foreign tourists in Hanle. This

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## PM changed J&K from 'terror capital' to tourism hub: Tarun Chugh

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: BJP's national general secretary Tarun Chugh said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has transformed  $_{
m Jammu}$ Kashmir, which was once known as the "capital of terrorism", into a hub of tourism and development.

During the three decades of rule by parties associated with the families of Muftis, Abdullahs, and Gandhis. Jammu and Kashmir was known as the "terrorist capital of India", he alleged.

Hitting out at the "three dynastic rulers", Chugh said, "Jammu and Kashmir wit-



nessed the largest migration in the history of the country, mass massacres of Hindus, months-long curfews, and now, these parties are alleging that the BJP is responsible for terrorism in the

"Prime Minister Modi has transformed Jammu and Kashmir into a hub of tourism and development. Since the BJP came

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# At least 56 people killed in two suicide blasts in Balochistan

KARACHI/PESHAWAR: A powerful suicide blast ripped mosque in restive Balochistan province on Friday, killing at least 52 people and injuring over 50 others who were preparing to celebrate Prophet Muhammad's birthday, police Hours later, another blast

at a mosque in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Hangu city killed at least four people and injured 12 others.

At Mastung, the explosion occurred near Madina Mosque on Al Falah Road in the Mastung district when people had gathered in large numbers to mark Eid Miladun Nabi, City Station House Officer Mohammad

Javed Lehri said. "The explosion was a sui-



The bomber blast'. exploded himself next to the Deputy Superintendent of Police's (DSP) car," Lehri

Bordering Afghanistan and Balochistan is Pakistan's largest province and has frequently been hit by terror groups including Tehrik-e Taliban Pakistan (TTP) or the Pakistani Taliban, and the Islamic State group.

Mastung's DSP Nawaz Gishkori, who was on duty

for the rally, was found dead

among others

Lehri said the wounded were shifted to a medical facility even as an emergency has been imposed in the hospitals.District Health Officer Rashid Muhammad Saeed said the situation at the hospitals across the town was chaotic as relatives and friends of those killed and

injured were making it difficult for the doctors and nurses to perform their duties.

"Around 20 of the patients who were in critical condition have been moved to Quetta for treatment," he said.

The TTP has denied

involvement in Friday's blast, saving in a statement that such an attack was against its policies. The group also condemned the attack in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, stating that "mosques, schools, and public gatherings are not part of our targets".

Balochistan interim Information Minister Jan Achakzai said rescue teams have been dispatched to Mastung. "The enemy wants to

destroy religious tolerance

and peace in Balochistan ..., Achakzai said. Caretaker Chief Minister Ali Mardan Domki has directed authorities to arrest those responsible for the

Meanwhile, in the unruly Pakhtunkhwa Khyber province few hours later, at least four people died and 12 others were injured in the suicide blast that ripped through a mosque during the Juma prayers close to the Doaba police station in Hangu district.

There were 30 to 40 worshippers in the mosque at the time of the blast.

According to police, five terrorists had entered the Daoba police station but were immediately engaged by the law enforcement forces in a firing. While one terrorist was killed in the firing, the other blew himself near the mosque building causing

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## Not advisable to tinker with existing age of consent under POCSO Act: Law Commission to Govt

### STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Law Commission has advised the government not to tinker with the existing age of consent under the POCSO Act and suggested introducing guided judicial discretion in the matter of sentencing in cases involving tacit approval of children in the 16-18 age

The current age of consent in India is 18 years.

The Law Commission has submitted its report on the age of consent under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act to the Law Ministry in which it has suggested that amendments are needed in the legislation to remedy the situation in cases involving tacit approval, though not consent in law, on the part of

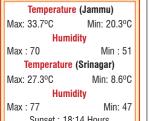
children aged between 16

and 18. The panel, headed by former chief justice of the Karnataka High Court Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi, said it had considered all the views and suggestions given in connection with cases involving those between the

age of 16 and 18. The panel said reducing the age of consent will have direct and negative bearing on the fight against child marriage and child trafficking and also advised courts to tread with caution even in cases where it is observed that adolescent love cannot be controlled and criminal intention may be missing.

The law panel report said that after a careful review of existing child

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