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## Amit Shah urges agencies to use AI for checking cyber crimes



Home Minister Amit Shah addressing at the launch of major initiatives for prevention of cyber crime at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah Tuesday urged cyber security agencies to use Artificial Intelligence (AI) to identify the modus operandi of criminals duping people of their hard-earned money, spreading fake news and abusing women and children online.

India hosts around 46 per cent or almost half of global digital transactions, making

the job of these agencies "challenging", he said while delivering a keynote speech during the first foundation day celebrations of the I4C or Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre here. The I4C, established in 2018, is a department under the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). It is tasked with establishing a national-level coordination centre to address all cybercrime-related

issues in the country. During the event, Shah launched four platforms of the I4C -- cyber fraud mitigation centre (CFMC), the 'Samanvaya' platform, a cyber commandos programme and a suspect registry. "I would urge you to use Artificial Intelligence to identify the MO (modus operandi) deployed (by criminals)...this will help

(you) to find new ways to fight cybercrimes," the home minister said.

He urged the cyber security agencies to shun the age-old protocol of "need to know" and adopt the "duty to share" approach to take forward this fight.

He cited some figures to show how Internet and cyber penetration has increased in the country.

"We have 95 crore Internet users in the country as of March 31 as compared to 25 crore during the same time period in 2014," Shah said, adding that in 2014, as many as 600 panchayats were linked to the Internet but this has reached 2.13 lakh now.

Seven-lakh km of optical fibre cable has been laid, data download speed has increased, the cost has decreased and the Internet consumption has risen 78 per cent over a period of time, he said.

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## Four CRPF personnel injured in road accident

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATHUA: Four CRPF personnel were injured on Tuesday when their vehicle turned turtle in Kathua district, officials said.

The CRPF personnel were part of a party headed to Billawar to provide security to Union Minister Jitendra Singh, who was scheduled to arrive by a helicopter to address an election rally in support of BJP candidate Satish Sharma there, they said.

The officials said that a vehicle, carrying the CRPF personnel, turned turtle after one of its front tyres burst near Billawar, resulting in injuries to four jawans.

The jawans were subsequently taken to the community health centre, Billawar, for treatment, they said.

Meanwhile, an Army personnel lost his life when his motorcycle met with an accident near Banvat village in Poonch district this morning.

## Borders fully secure; will not allow terrorists to disturb assembly polls in J&K: BSF

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BHADERWAH/JAMMU: Counter-infiltration measures have been put in place along the borders to ensure that terrorists don't infiltrate and disturb the assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir, a top BSF officer said on Tuesday. Inspector General of Border Security Force (BSF), Jammu frontier, D K Boora was speaking to reporters in Bhaderwah area of Doda district which along with six other districts covering a total of 24 assembly segments in south Kashmir and Chenab valley region of Jammu is going to polls in the first phase on September 18.

"The borders are completely secure as the BSF in coordination with sister agencies, including police, have taken all necessary counter-infiltration measures. I want to assure everyone that no such activity (infiltration of ter-



IG BSF Jammu frontier, D K Boora speaking to reporters at Bhadarwah on Tuesday.

rorists from across the border) will be allowed during the election process," the BSF officer said.

He said the BSF is capable of dealing with any situation and will play its role in ensuring the conduct of free and fair elections.

"The BSF is an able force and you will find our troops deployed more in difficult terrain as they are capable of dealing with any type of situation and do their job bravely. The BSF is deployed here

(in Chenab valley) for safe conduct of the elections," Boora said.

Referring to recent terror incidents in Doda and Kishtwar districts, the BSF officer said the commanders on the ground are aware of some incidents and are conducting their activities in a tactical way to sanitise the whole area, and "I am hopeful that no untoward incident will happen during elections". Earlier, the BSF

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## JKCA case: ED plea in Srinagar court seeking addition of fresh charges against Farooq

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR/NEW DELHI: The Enforcement Directorate has filed an application before a court in Srinagar seeking addition of two fresh criminal charges against former chief minister Farooq Abdullah and others in the JKCA money laundering case that was quashed by the Jammu and Kashmir High Court last month.

Official sources said the agency recently submitted its plea before the court of Principal District and Sessions Judge praying for addition of IPC sections 411 (dishonestly receiving stolen property) and 424 (dishonest

or fraudulent removal or concealment of property) in the case related to alleged financial irregularities in the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA). The move by the federal agency comes after the Jammu and Kashmir High Court quashed its case and charge sheet against Abdullah and some others on August 14 saying the offence of money laundering was not made out.

The high court, however, allowed the ED to "canvass" its case before a local court seeking addition of fresh IPC sections and if it

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## J&K Assembly elections: 2350 permission given to political parties, candidates

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Upholding the democratic principles of free, fair and transparent in Jammu and Kashmir, 73.94 per cent permission requests from the political parties and contesting candidates have been accepted since the electoral process commenced in the Union Territory, the office of the Chief Electoral Officer, J&K said on Tuesday.

A total of 3178 cases of permission requests were received for General Elections to Legislative Assembly in Jammu and Kashmir by various compe-

tent authorities, an official statement said, adding that out of these, 2350 permission requests which were completed in all respects were accepted by the Competent Authorities.

Further, 336 requests which were lacking in fulfillment of requisite formalities were rejected, while 241 requests are still under process at the level of various competent authorities to issue the permissions.

"As many as 158 requests are still pending at various levels for want of NOCs etc, while 93 requests were cancelled on the basis of insuffi-

cient/incomplete formalities submitted by the applicants in spite of ample time given to them to submit the same," it said.

Detailing the permissions, the statement said that 217 applications were accepted for door to door canvassing, 28 for Helicopter and Helipad, 33 for Loudspeaker permit, 54 for opening of Temporary Party Office, 20 for pamphlet distribution, 1 for permission of video van (DEO Level), 437 for permission to hold meeting and Loud Speaker, 278 for permission to hold meeting without Loud Speaker, 111 for

Permit for Street Corner Meeting and Loud Speaker, 66 for permit to take out procession and loud speaker, 304 for rally, 88 for displaying banner and flags, 73 for displaying Poster, Hoarding and Unipole, 79 for Vehicle Permit, 32 for Vehicle Permit (Intra District), and 426 for vehicle with loudspeaker permit.

Additionally, 21 permissions were given for one vehicle for complete assembly area for the candidate, 11 seeking one vehicle for complete assembly area for the candidate election agent,

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## IGP chairs security, election review meeting

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Kashmir Inspector General of Police V K Birdi on Tuesday directed security forces to take proactive measures and maintain close vigil on anti-national elements ahead of the first phase of the assembly polls on September 18 to ensure smooth and peaceful elections in the Valley. The police chief of Kashmir chaired a security and election review meeting during the day at the Range Police Headquarters in south Kashmir's Anantnag, a spokesperson said.

It was attended by senior officers of the police, Army,

CRPF, BSF and ITBP. The overall security arrangements put in place in the South Kashmir Range for the upcoming elections were reviewed in the meeting, he said.

In the four districts of south Kashmir -- Anantnag, Kulgam, Pulwama, and Shopian -- 16 assembly segments will go to polls in the first phase of the three-phase election. A total of 24 seats in Jammu and Kashmir are going to polls in this phase -- 16 in the Valley and eight in the Jammu region.

Special focus was laid on the security of polling

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## Delhi court grants interim bail to Er Rashid in terror funding case

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: A Delhi court on Tuesday granted interim bail till October 2 to Lok Sabha MP from Kashmir Engineer Rashid in a terror funding case to enable him to campaign in the upcoming state assembly elections.

Sheikh Abdul Rashid, popularly known as Engineer Rashid, defeated former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls in Baramulla.

Elections are scheduled to be held for the 90-member legislative assembly of the union territory in three phases from September 18 to October 1. The results will be declared on October 8.

Additional Sessions Judge Chander Jit Singh granted the relief to Rashid on a personal bond of Rs 2 lakh and one surety of the like amount.

"I am granting interim bail till October 2. He will have to surrender on October 3," the judge said. The judge also imposed various

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## BJP launches 'Har Ghar BJP' Campaign to strengthen grassroots outreach ahead of J&K assembly elections

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh, who is also the Prabhari for J&K and Ladakh on Tuesday outlined the objectives of the "Har Ghar BJP" Campaign, an initiative aims to bolster the BJP's grassroots presence in preparation for the upcoming assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir. Starting from September 10, the campaign focuses on connecting with the public to raise awareness about the party's programs and achievements.

Tarun Chugh and G.



BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh Tarun Chugh and Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy launching "Har Ghar BJP" Campaign at Srinagar on Tuesday.

Kishan Reddy, Union Minister and J&K Assembly election Incharge, launched "Har Ghar BJP" Campaign

in Jammu & Kashmir.

Tarun Chugh started the 'Har Ghar BJP' campaign

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## Omar's sons join road show for Ajay Sadhotra

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: After sharing political stage with their father Omar Abdullah on several occasions in the recent past, Zahir and Zamir - the fourth generation Abdullahs - on Tuesday joined a road show of NC candidate Ajay Kumar Sadhotra here.

Sadhotra, 68, a former minister and a two-time MLA, organised the road show from Paloura to Janipur ahead of submitting his nomination papers to the returning officer for Jammu North assembly seat which along with 39 assembly constituencies is going to polls in the third and final phase on



Omar Abdullah's sons Zahir and Zamir along with NC candidate Ajay Kumar Sadhotra before road show in Jammu on Tuesday.

October 1.

The BJP has fielded former minister Sham Lal Sharma from Jammu North. Sharma joined the BJP in March 2019 after resigning from the Congress.

Omar Abdullah's sons, sitting atop a decorated vehicle alongside Sadhotra wearing garlands, were seen waving to the crowds and shaking hands with them as several thousand National

Conference (NC) workers and supporters chanted slogans during the road show, covering a distance of nearly one kilometre.

Congress leaders including former minister and party candidate from Marh constituency Mula Ram and Udhay Bhanu Chib accompanied the procession.

On Monday, Zahir and Zamir, who are both lawyers, attended a party function at the NC headquarters here to welcome dozens of youngsters into the party fold, marking their participation in political activities in the Jammu region. Though Omar's sons avoided

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## Modi stresses need to identify, remove obstacles in research ecosystem

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday stressed the need to identify and remove obstacles in the research ecosystem and focus on localised solution to global problems, as he chaired the first governing body meeting of the newly formed Anusandhan National Research Foundation.

Modi also talked about developing a dashboard where information related to research and development happening in the country could be easily tracked.

The meeting focussed on discussions about India's science and technology landscape and redesigning of research and development

programmes, a statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said.

During the meeting, Modi said a new beginning had been made with the first meeting of the governing body of Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF).

He stressed on the need to identify and remove obstacles in the country's research ecosystem.

Modi also talked about setting big targets, focusing on attaining them and conducting pathbreaking research. He said research should focus on finding new solu-

tions to existing problems. He emphasised that problems might be global in nature but their solutions



must be localised in accordance with Indian needs, according to the statement. The prime minister also discussed the need for upgradation and standardisation of institutions and suggested preparing a list of domain

experts on the basis of their expertise.

He stressed on the need for scientific monitoring of utilisation of resources for research and innovation.

Asserting that this was an ambitious beginning, he said the country's scientific community should have faith that there would be no dearth of resources for their endeavours.

Discussing the positive impacts of Atal Tinkering Labs, the prime minister suggested that grading of these labs could be done.

He also discussed research in various areas such as looking for new solutions to the

environment change, battery ingredients for electric vehicles, lab grown diamonds, among others.

During the meeting, the governing body decided to launch a programme in the hub-and-spoke mode by pairing universities where research was at a nascent stage with top-tier established institutions in mentorship mode.

The governing body also discussed several areas of strategic interventions of ANRF that include global positioning of India in key sectors, aligning research and development with national priorities, promoting inclusive growth, capacity building, driving

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**WEATHER**  
Temperature (Jammu)  
Max: 33.0°C Min: 25.8°C  
Humidity  
Max: 81 Min: 64  
Temperature (Srinagar)  
Max: 31.1°C Min: 16.5°C  
Humidity  
Max: 67 Min: 51  
Sunset : 18:43 Hours  
Sunrise : 06:11 Hours