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BJP goes full throttle in Pir Panchal: Six rallies by Shah, Rajnath in 2 days

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The BJP is trying to make inroads into the Congress-NC alliance and PDP bastion of the Pir Panchal region with its star campaigners set to address several mega rallies in the second phase of the polls on September 25.

For the past six decades, the Pir Panchal region has remained a stronghold of the Congress-National Conference (NC) alliance, which has bagged five seats over five to eight times.

The region, comprising the twin border districts of Rajouri and Poonch along the Line of Control and sharing borders with south Kashmir, had largely favoured the PDP, Congress and NC in the 2014 state elections, with these parties securing five out of seven assembly seats.

The BJP had only won two Hindu-dominated constituencies -- Nowshera and



Amit Shah arrives in Jammu

JAMMU: Union Home Minister Amit Shah arrived in Jammu on Friday night ahead of the hectic day-long campaigning on Saturday during which he will address five public rallies in three districts of Jammu and Kashmir.

Shah arrived here from Delhi and drove straight to the State Guest house, a senior BJP leader said.

Shah will fly to Poonch early tomorrow morning and address the first of four rallies in Mendhar followed by Surankote in Poonch district, he added. Shah is scheduled to address rallies in Thanamandi and Rajouri followed by Akhnour in Jammu.

He is also expected to hold a rally in the Nowshera constituency in support of Jammu and Kashmir BJP president Ravinder Raina on Sunday.

Kalakote, including Union Home Minister Amit Shah and several top BJP leaders,

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, will address mega rallies to boost the party's prospects in the region.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is also expected to join canvassing on the last day of the campaigning in the twin border districts.

Jammu and Kashmir BJP media centre in-charge Arun Gupta said the party plans to hold six mega rallies in the next two days, led by Shah and Singh, along with other top leaders.

"We are going all out to win voters in Rajouri and Poonch. Our star campaigners, Amit Shah Ji and Rajnath Singh Ji, will be holding eight rallies on Saturday and Sunday," Gupta told PTL.

Shah will fly to Rajouri early on Saturday and address rallies in Mendhar, Surankote (Poonch district), Rajouri and Thanamandi (Rajouri district), along

DC Reasi suspends five employees for unauthorised absence

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Five employees have been suspended for failing to report for election duty. An inquiry has been ordered to address the matter.

The officials were deployed for Home voting on September 17, and failed to report in their respective place of posting. District Election Officer

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J&K secures 3rd rank in FSI 2023-24

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir has attained third rank among the States/UTs in Food Safety Index (FSI) 2023-24, being conferred by FSSAI to the states / UTs every year.

The award was presented by Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare, J P Nadda, in presence of Pralhad Joshi, Union Minister for

Three BSF personnel dead, 32 injured as bus carrying troops falls into gorge

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
BUDGAM: At least three BSF troopers were killed and 32 others injured when a bus carrying the forces' personnel for election duty fell into a gorge in Jammu and Kashmir's Budgam district on Friday, officials said.

The bus was hired to carry BSF jawans for duty in the second phase of polling in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly polls. The second phase of polling will be held on September 25.

Around 35 jawans were injured in the accident and they were rushed to a hospital, officials said, adding that three of the injured troopers succumbed to injuries.

The other were being treated and their condition was stated to be stable, they added.


Meanwhile, Jammu and Kashmir police chief R R Swain expressed deep

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J&K gets highest achiever award in overall Renewable Energy Capacity among UTs

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The Union Ministry for New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), has recognized Jammu and Kashmir with highest achiever award in Hydro Power Capacity and overall Renewable Energy Capacity besides the third highest achiever certificate in Solar Power Capacity among the UTs in its contribution towards India achieving the milestone of 200 GW of Non-Fossil Power Capacity.

The award was conferred by the MNRE, during the three day 4th Global Renewable Energy Investment Meet and Expo (RE-INVEST) organized at Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar, Gujarat. Commissioner



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BJP won't allow reservation to be withdrawn even after ten births: Chugh

"J&K has taken to new path of dev, progress"

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Friday called upon the people to stand for a stronger Jammu and Kashmir with focus on peace and prosperity.

"Today, there is a need to look at Jammu and Kashmir as an integral part of India, and our commitment to uphold the peace and prosperity of the region stands firm", he said, adding that there is a need to realize Jammu and Kashmir development in all spheres, improv-



BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh addressing a public rally at Rajouri on Friday.

ing the lives of all citizens.

He added, "The developments taking place in Jammu and Kashmir so far are witness to its journey on the path of development under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister

Narendra Modi. People of Jammu and Kashmir need to stand united to voice for

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J&K was dubbed as disputed because of NC: Reddy

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Union minister G Kishan Reddy blamed the National Conference on Friday for the imposition of Article 370 of the Constitution in Jammu and Kashmir earlier and alleged that the region was labelled as "disputed" because of the regional party.

He also accused the NC of playing a key role in the widespread corruption and rise of cross-border terrorism that India is combating currently.


"Because of the NC, Jammu and Kashmir was

termed disputed. It was the NC that brought Article 370 into existence and enforced it

ongoing Assembly polls in the Union Territory.

Describing Article 370 as the root cause of various issues in Jammu and Kashmir, the Union minister said, "Article 370 deprived people of their rights and perpetuated a dynastic rule in the region."

On August 5, 2019, the BJP-led Centre abrogated the provisions of Article 370, which had bestowed special rights on Jammu and Kashmir, and bifurcated the erstwhile



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- » 51 new degree colleges were built

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- » 100 Ayushman Arogya Mandirs will be established, expanding access to healthcare services
- » Sri Maharaja Hari Singh Bima Yojana will be introduced to offer free personal accident insurance to citizens
- » 1,000 new medical seats will be introduced in medical colleges
- » 10 new Government Degree Colleges will be established

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Press the Lotus button, Make BJP win and Save Jammu

Join the grand BJP rallies led by Hon'ble Home Affairs and Cooperative Minister, Shri Amit Shah Ji, at Mendhar, Surankote, Thanamandi, Rajouri, and Akhnour on 21st September 2024, and at Nowshera on 22nd September 2024.

Congress run by 'tukde tukde' gang, urban Naxals: Modi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
WARDHA: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said the "ghost of hatred" has entered the Congress and dubbed it as the "most corrupt" party which he alleged was being run by the "tukde tukde" gang or divisive elements and urban Naxals.

Further targeting the main opposition party, Modi maintained the 138-year-old outfit has come to hate even Ganapati puja, remarks coming days after he offered prayers to Lord Ganesh's idol at Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud's New Delhi home, drawing criticism from political opponents.

"The Congress which you see today is not the party with which a great man like Mahatma Gandhi was associated," the PM noted,



addressing a public meeting at Wardha in Maharashtra organised on completion of one year of the launch of Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma Yojana.

"The ghost of hatred has entered the Congress. In today's Congress the soul of patriotism has breathed its last," the BJP stalwart asserted.

Modi also spoke of "anti-

India agendas" of Congress leaders in their speeches abroad, without naming that party's MP Rahul Gandhi, who is facing flak from the ruling dispensation for his remarks in the US on scrapping the reservation system and on the Sikh community.

"If there is a corrupt party it is the Congress and the most corrupt family

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Crackdown against illegal mining in Jammu; DMO Jammu seizes sand dumps

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In continuation to its efforts to curb illegal mining, the Geology and Mining Department team, led by District Mineral Officer, Jammu on Friday carried out series of raids against unauthorized excavation and mineral dumping in the district.

The DMO and his team conducted raids at several locations including river beds along Nandwal village and its surrounding areas. Huge dumps of sand were seized which were ready for the illegal transportation.

All the material of minor minerals was confiscated, DMO Jammu said, adding "Offenders have been instructed to avoid indulging in the illegal