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Modi Govt stands firmly with J&K people: Amit Shah



Home Minister Amit Shah flanked by LG Manoj Sinha inspecting rain, flood and landslide affected areas of Jammu on Monday. (Pics by Ashok Anand)

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Union Home Minister and Cooperation Minister, Amit Shah, on Monday visited Jammu and inspected the rain, flood, and landslide affected areas of Jammu division and took stock of the damages caused by the natural calamity.

The Union Home Minister also met the flood-affected people in Mangu Chak vil-

lage, Jammu.

He inspected the Tawi Bridge at Bikram Chowk, the Shiv Temple, and homes damaged by floods in Jammu.

After the visit, Union Home Minister chaired a high-level meeting to review the latest situation.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, senior offi-

cers of the Central and UT Government attended the meeting.

The Union Home Minister expressed grief over the loss of lives in the recent incidents, saying in this hour of crisis, from the very first day, Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has spoken to the Lieutenant Governor and Chief Minister of the UT and the Government of India has

put in all its strength in the rescue efforts.

Shah said that the Union Territory and all agencies together have significantly reduced potential damage, and through coordinated efforts, we have successfully saved many lives.

Amit Shah said that a critical analysis of all Early Warning Apps (EWAs), their accuracy, and their reach to

the grassroots level is necessary. He emphasized that improving our systems through critical analysis is the only way to move toward a zero-casualty approach. He highlighted the need for a critical review of the GLOF Early Warning System.

The Union Home Minister said that the Meteorological Department and NDMA should jointly study the rela-

tionship between the tendencies leading to cloudbursts and moisture content in clouds, identify causes, and establish an early warning system. He stressed that the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) must take steps in this direction by leveraging data analytics and AI. He also mentioned that the Food Corporation of India

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- ▶ Providing immediate relief, financial assistance, technical support to facilitate safety, rehabilitation, reconstruction"
- ▶ Inspects rain, flood, and landslide-affected areas of Jammu Div to take stock of the damages caused by natural disaster
- ▶ Meets flood-affected people of Chak Mangu village; inspects bridge, Shiv Mandir, houses damaged by floods in Jammu
- ▶ Expresses grief over loss of lives in recent natural disaster incidents
- ▶ Says, Meteorological Dept, NDMA should study causes of cloudbursts using data analytics; AI Survey teams from MHA will assess damage, and further assistance will be provided
- ▶ J&K administration and all agencies together minimized potential damage, and with coordinated efforts, we were able to save many lives, however, there is still a need to further strengthen the system
- ▶ Emphasizes need for critical review of GLOF (Glacial Lake Outburst Flood) Early Warning System

Mata Vaishnodevi Yatra remains suspended for 7th day amid heavy rains in Katra

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Amid heavy rain-fall in Katra town on Monday, the pilgrimage to Mata Vaishno Devi shrine remained suspended for the seventh consecutive day in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district since a landslide on a yatra route claimed 34 lives last Tuesday.

The Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board said it has cancelled all bookings, including helicopters and accommodations, with a 100 per cent refund until the yatra is resumed.

"Yatra has remained suspended for the past one week. Bad weather condi-

tions still persist, so the decision to continue the suspension of yatra has been taken keeping in view the safety of pilgrims," an official said.

Heavy rains began in Katra and the Trikuta hills, the abode of the Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine, on Monday.

Helicopter services from Katra to Bhawan, ropeway rides from Bhawan to Bhairon Ghati, hotel accommodations, and other yatra-related bookings have all been cancelled, officials said.

"All bookings stand cancelled with 100 percent refund until the yatra is suspended. Send

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PM, HM ensure all help to affected families to reconstruct their lives: LG

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha earlier on Monday, accompanied Union Home Minister Amit Shah to survey the rain and flood affected areas of Jammu. Lieutenant Governor in a statement said: "My heart goes out to the families of those who have lost their loved ones and those who have suffered loss of property in this massive natural calamity. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah have assured that every possible effort will be made to provide immediate relief to the families, restoration of buildings, roads and other infrastructure and all the help will be extended to affected families to reconstruct their lives.

Army, Air Force, NDRF, NHAI, CAPF's, SDRF, J&K Police and UT Administration have deployed all possible



LG Manoj Sinha accompanying Home Minister Amit Shah to survey flood affected areas of Jammu.

resources for rescue and relief efforts and providing aid and assistance to those who have been evacuated to safe locations. Due to unusual climatic occurrences, district-

level officers remain alert and must keep watch on the situation round the clock. I urge people to take all precautions and stay in a safe place".

500 houses suffer damage in heavy rains, flash floods in Doda

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: As many as 500 houses have suffered damage due to heavy rains and flash floods in Doda district, with relief and rehabilitation operations underway in the affected areas to restore essential supplies and road networks.

"A total of 50 houses have been fully damaged, 100 houses severely damaged, and 350 residential buildings partially damaged. Fourteen animals have lost their lives, and five human lives were lost," Deputy Commissioner Doda Harvinder Singh said on Monday.

Singh, who is overseeing the relief and rescue operations in the flood-hit areas of the district, said, "We have credited Rs 4 lakh compensation to each of the affected families."

He said that the heavy rains that occurred from August 25 to 27 in Doda resulted in major losses and damages.

"The entire administration went from home to home,

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Reviews security situation in J&K

HM reiterates Govt's zero tolerance against terror



Home Minister Amit Shah flanked by LG Manoj Sinha and CM Omar Abdullah chairing a meeting in Jammu on Monday.

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JAMMU: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday reviewed the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir and reiterated

Centre's zero-tolerance policy against terrorism. He instructed all security agencies to remain alert and operate in a coordinated manner to eliminate terrorism in the

Union territory. The home minister was chairing a meeting at Raj Bhavan here, which was attended by Lieutenant Governor

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Schools in Jammu Division to remain closed today

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In the wake of heavy rains forecast, authorities in Jammu on Monday extended the closure of all government and private schools by another day, while the University of Jammu also postponed all examinations till September 4.

In a forecast issued this evening, the local meteorological office predicted moderate to heavy rainfall in most parts of Jammu division on September 2 and 3.

"There is a possibility of heavy to very heavy rainfall over Kathua, Jammu, Udhampur and Reasi

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Chugh slams Rahul Gandhi for cosying up with Bangladesh infiltrators

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DELHI/ PATNA: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Monday tore into the Rahul Gandhi-led padyatra in Bihar, saying that the photo-op padyatra with certain factions of INDI in fold is nothing but a campaign to protect the Bangladeshi infiltrators.

In a statement, Chugh questioned the morality of Rahul Gandhi, who occupies a constitutional position of being an LoP, to promote an

anti-national narrative to safeguard the interests of illegal infiltrators.



Landing the exercise being done by the Election Commission of India to filter the infiltrators out of the voting list, Chugh said the entire INDI group is bent

upon building an anti-national narrative to play cheap politics of votes.

Chugh took strong exception to the remarks made by Rahul Gandhi to run down the pious image of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mother, which, he said, not only brought shame to the nation but also disgrace to the constitutional office that Rahul Gandhi occupies in the Lok Sabha.

Chugh said all throughout there has been a calculated exercise by Rahul Gandhi to build bonds with

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Fighting terrorism duty towards humanity: Modi at SCO summit



PM Narendra Modi addressing the SCO Summit in Tianjin, China on Monday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

TIANJIN: The Pahalgam terror attack was not only an assault on India's conscience, but it was an open challenge to every nation that believes in humanity, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Monday, strongly pitching for shunning "double standards" in combating terrorism.

In the presence of Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Chinese President Xi Jinping and many other global leaders, Modi told the annual summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) that fighting terrorism is a responsibility "towards humanity".

In an unambiguous mes-

sage to Pakistan and those supporting it, the prime minister said: "It is natural to ask -- can the open support for terrorism by certain countries ever be acceptable to us?"

Modi, in an apparent reference to China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), said connectivity projects that

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"India-Russia ties pillar of regional, global stability"

TIANJIN: India and Russia stood "shoulder-to-shoulder" even in most difficult situations and their ties are crucial for global peace and stability, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said during a meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin on Monday, amid a major downturn in New Delhi's ties with the US.

Modi and Putin met on the sidelines of the annual summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) with a focus on expanding bilateral cooperation in economic, financial, and energy sectors.

In his televised remarks, Modi also said that 140 crore Indians are "eagerly waiting" to welcome the Russian leader in India in December.

"This is a reflection of the depth and scope of our Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership. India and Russia have always stood shoulder-to-shoulder even in the most difficult situations," he said.

"Our close cooperation is important not only for the people of both countries, but also for global peace, stability, and prosperity," Modi said.

Before the official talks, the two leaders held informal conversation as they travelled to the venue of their bilateral meeting in the same car after concluding engagements at the SCO summit. The Russian president

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CICE Jammu files charge-sheet against three accused in Crypto Investment Fraud Case

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Police Station CICE Jammu has filed a charge-sheet before the competent court against three individuals involved in a cheating and fraud case related to a crypto investment scam.

The case was initiated following a written complaint received from one Riaz Ahmed Zargar, who alleged that he, along with his brother Imtyaz Ahmed Zargar and other relatives, had been duped of Rs. 6 lakhs 30,000 by accused persons namely Bhagwati Sharana Dewidi, son of Parasnath Diwedi, resident of H. No.10/4/13A Alamgunj Katra, Ayodhya;

Syed Riaz Ahmed, son of Mubarak Shah, resident of near Jamia Masjid Doda City and Avtar Singh

Khalsa, son of Amar Singh Khalsa, resident of H. No. 9 Lane No. 1 Govind Nagar; Digiana, Jammu, an official said.

The accused had allegedly lured the victims under the false pretext of high returns through investments in crypto coins, official added. Upon receipt of the complaint, official said, a preliminary enquiry was conducted by CICE Jammu which revealed substantial evidence pointing towards the involvement of the accused in fraudulent activities.

Consequently, a formal case was registered under FIR No. 14/2023 under relevant sections of the Ranbir Penal Code (RPC), including Section 420 (Cheating) and 120-B (Criminal

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Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 30.6°C Min: 21.7°C

Humidity
Max: 95 Min: 91

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 28.6°C Min: 17.5°C

Humidity
Max: 83 Min: 63

Sunset : 18:56 Hours
Sunrise : 06:05 Hours