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Union Home Minister Amit Shah meeting delegations of Sikhs and Gujjars at Raj Bhawan in Jammu on Monday.

Eager to have dialogue with people of J&K through different programmes: Shah

metres, eight bridges and 10 power distribution/transmission projects. He will lay foundation stone of 41 Water Supply Schemes under Jal Jeevan Mission, 128 roads with total length of 920.72 kilometres and 10 power distribution/transmission projects.

He will generate/distribution of Land Pass Book and launch 225 Citizens Centric Online Services, 1000 Cooperatives and 2nd edition of District Good Governance Index Financial Year 2021-22.

Shah will have a meeting with senior BJP leaders at 3.30 pm at Jammu Convention Centre here tomorrow. At the same venue, he will launch developmental projects at 4.30 pm.

The BJP leaders are expected to brief the Home Minister that announcement of ST status to Paharis will be a master-stroke and game-change in around dozen Assembly constituencies of the Union Territory including Poonch, Mendhar, Surankote, Kalakote, Nowshera, Rajouri, Thanna Mandi, Budhal and Sunderbani in Jammu region and Uri, Kamah, Gurez and Trehgam in Kashmir.

Besides, the Paharis have sizeable population in Pahalgam, Shopian, Kupwara, Lolab and Baramulla Assembly seats.

Having high hopes from Shah's rally in Rajouri tomorrow, the Paharis have started reaching Rajouri town from Rajouri and Poonch districts well ahead of the rally as they are anticipating announcement of ST status to them tomorrow.

On his arrival here at around 8 pm, the Union Home Minister was received at the Technical Airport by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Singh, Union MoS in PMO Dr Jitendra Singh, senior BJP leaders including Tarun Chug, Jugal Kishore Sharma, MP, Ravinder Raina, Kavinder Gupta, Dr Nirmal Singh, Devender Rana among others and top officers of civil and police administration.

Tomorrow morning on the occasion of Mahanavmi, Shah will perform darshan of Goddess Vaishno Devi at the holy cave shrine in Katra. He will be accompanied by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, who also happens to be the Chairman of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board.

From Katra, Shah will fly to Rajouri where he will address a mammoth public rally amid reports of very important announcements including the one pertaining to grant of ST status to Paharis.

Shah will leave for Srinagar at around 6 pm tomorrow.

He will address a mammoth public rally at Baramulla on October 5 and chair a high-level security review meeting with top officers of paramilitary forces, civil and police administration.

He will return to New Delhi in the evening of October 5.

Govt issues instructions for lodging, disposal of complaints against public servants in J&K

posal of anonymous and pseudonymous complaints in the departments and autonomous bodies etc have already been notified by the General Administration Department vide Circular No.29-GAD(Vig) dated July 31, 2014 which were reiterated vide Circular No.22-GAD(Vig) dated July 10, 2015.

These guidelines have been notified in consonance with those issued by the Department of Personnel and Training, Ministry of Personnel and Public Grievances and Pensions, Government of India and Central Vigilance Commission.

There are specific provisions in law to deal with fake, frivolous and motivated complaints. In cases where it is established that the complaints were lodged with a malafide intention or an ulterior motive to harass or harm an innocent Government servant, necessary action should be taken against such complaints as per law, the Government further said.

The persons making false complaints will be dealt under Section 182 of the Indian Penal Code and under Section 195(1)(a) of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 a person making a false complaint can be prosecuted on the basis of the complaint lodged with the court of competent jurisdiction by the public servant to whom the false complaint was made or by some other public servant to whom he is subordinate. Moreover, if a person making a false complaint is a public servant departmental action can also be considered as an alternative to prosecution.

As per the guidelines laid down by the General Administration Department regarding disposal of anonymous/pseudonymous complaints, no action is required to be taken on anonymous complaints irrespective of the nature of allegations and the complaints containing vague allegations could be filed without verification of identity of the complainant.

"If a complaint contains verifiable allegations, the administrative department may take cognizance of such complaint with the approval of the competent authority to be designated by the department", the guidelines said, adding "in such cases, the complainant will be first sent to the complainant for owning or disowning as the case may be. If no response is received from the complainant within 15 days of sending the complaint, a reminder will be sent".

After waiting for 15 days after sending the reminder, if still nothing is heard, the complaint may be filed as pseudonymous by the department/autonomous body, the guidelines further said.

Further, the Assistant Director has been advised to draw advance center-wise roaster/requirement of different commodities as per the format and submit a copy of the same to the Directorate for prior approval before the issuance of ration among the consumers.

It has been underlined in the directions that the Assistant Director shall be personally responsible for the proper distribution of rations amongst the bonafide consumers as per the data generated under NFSA. "The Assistant Director will keep a strict vigil against pilferage and over-charging reported at any sale outlets."

The Assistant Director, Stores has been further asked to furnish the information regarding daily lifting and dispatches of food grains to the Directorate on the following day without any fail apart from the sale records which should be deposited in the respective piece checking section for inspection.

The un-lifted quantity, if that turned out to be, officials said, owing to failure by any district, the same will be correspondingly deducted from the next month's allocation. "The un-lifted quantity shall not be re-allocated during the next month," the instructions state.

The entire quantity, for a particular center out of the above allocation due for the month, the directions stated, shall be dumped in one go, as per FIFO methodology, while noting that the under-scaling of rations if any, shall be treated as misappropriation and embezzlement.

Police has registered a case in this connection at Police Station Udhampur.

68 passengers, mostly students. According to the eyewitness, driver could not control the heavily overloaded bus while negotiating a curve with the recent accident took place. Reports further said that insurance of the bus was also not renewed.

The 42-seater bus was carrying

Govt makes advance allotment of food grains to snow-bound Kashmir areas

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IAF inducts indigenously-built LCH, developed primarily for mountain warfare

In his address, Singh described induction of the indigenously-built LCH into the IAF as a "momentous occasion" for India's defence production.

"The IAF has been playing an important role in protecting India's sovereignty and I am confident that its overall capability will enhance further following induction of LCH," Singh said in his address.

"We have been focusing on boosting the country's defence production following certain developments... Security of the country has been our foremost priority and it will remain so," he said.

The Defence Minister also complimented the IAF for reposing confidence in indigenously developed platforms.

Air Chief Marshal Chaudhary said the capabilities of LCH is on a par with the helicopters of its class globally.

The helicopters were given a traditional water-canon salute that followed a multi-religious prayer ceremony.

The need for developing a light combat helicopter for mountain warfare was felt during the Kargil War in 1999.

"Subsequently, the IAF and HAL began exploring the possibility of developing the platform with a capacity to carry an adequate weapon load, sufficient fuel and still be capable of operating in the higher reaches of the Himalayan ranges," said an official.

By mid 2010, the prototype of LCH completed a major flight test and it was deemed to have fulfilled the desired parameters.

In February 2020, the LCH was declared ready for production.

In March, the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) approved the procurement of 15 indigenously developed Limited Series Production (LSP) LCH at a cost of Rs 3,887 crore.

The Defence Ministry had said 10 helicopters would be for the IAF and five will be for the Indian Army.

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Cong guidelines for Prez election

of departments, cells and all official spokespersons "shall not campaign for or against contesting candidates", it said.

"If they wish to support any candidate, they must first resign from their organisational post, after that they participate in the campaign process," it said.

The polling for the Congress presidential election will be held on October 17. The counting of votes will be taken up on October 19 and the results will be declared the same day.

More than 9,000 Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) delegates will vote in the poll.

The Congress asked all PCC presidents to extend courtesy to the candidates during their visits to the respective states.

The PCC presidents will provide and arrange a meeting hall, chairs and other public announcement equipment for the candidate who wishes to hold the meeting of PCC delegates, it said.

"However, no such meeting can be called by the PCC president in their personal capacity," it warned.

Organising the meeting is the task of the proposer or the supporters of the contesting candidates, it pointed out.

During the election, the Congress said, no candidate can use vehicles for bringing voters nor resort to any "undesired pamphleteering" or any other kind of publication propaganda.

"Controversers of these procedures shall render the candidatures election invalid and make them liable for disciplinary action," the party warned.

It said utmost care must be taken to ensure that there is no mala-fide campaign against any candidate.

"The same would bring disgrace to the party. The sensitivity of the election process must be upheld at any cost," it cautioned.

In a tweet, Tharoor said he welcomes the announcement by the party's chief election authority on the organisation's presidential election.

In another tweet, he said he has resigned as the chief of Professionals' Congress.

"For those asking: I have already submitted my letter of resignation as head of @ProfCong to the Congress President last month," he said. (PTI)

HC seeks personal appearance of DSEK

tions on the issue. Court directed him to ensure that the engagement order of the petitioner-Javed Ahmad Batoo is modified in terms of the judgment.

The Division Bench of Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey and Justice M Akram Chowdhary made it clear that in case the judgment is not complied with then the Director, School Education Kashmir, Srinagar, shall appear in person before the court on the next date of hearing.

The DB in its judgment has recorded that a small issue hinging upon the determination of question that as to whether the engagement in Upgraded Primary School, Hussaini Abad, was to be made on the basis of revenue village or habitation, as contemplated and envisaged by Government order of 2009, has remained unsolved during all these years despite the fact that three different committees constituted under the orders of this court have undertaken the exercise.

Court on closure of the ReT scheme clarified that it cannot be said that the matters which are subjudice

4 Members recalled from SSB

Services Selection Board, Amit Vermani, Joint Director, Industries and Commerce, Jammu, was also transferred and posted as Member, J&K Services Selection Board.

Reyaz Ahmad Malik, Joint Director, Hospitality and Protocol, Kashmir has transferred and posted as Controller of Examinations in the J&K Services Selection Board and Atul Kumar, Joint Director, Youth Services and Sports, Jammu was transferred and posted as Member, J&K Services Selection Board.

DG Prisons Lohia murdered in a house at Udheywalla

Rajouri, who runs an NGO where the murder took place.

Lohia remained on Central deputation for quite a long period but returned to Jammu and Kashmir this year in February in the rank of Additional Director General of Police and was posted as Commandant General in Home Guards/Civil Defence/State Disaster Response Force (SDRF).

He was later promoted as Director General of Police and was posted as DG Prisons in August.

He was 1992 batch IPS officer.

CEC launches voter awareness radio series

Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar and Election Commissioner Anup Chandra Pandey on Monday launched a voter awareness radio series in collaboration with All India Radio.

While complimenting actor Pankaj Tripathi, also EC's state icon, for his association with the poll panel in creating awareness among voters, CEC Kumar announced that Tripathi would henceforth be the National Icon for Election Commission keeping in view his commitment to the cause and wide appeal across the country.

Fifty-two episodes, each 15 minutes long, will be broadcast every Friday on Vividh Bharati stations and various radio stations of the All India Radio.

The first episode of 'Matdata Junction' will be aired on October 7.

Kumar said the programme will be a strong platform to connect with voters across the country.

The programme, as a combination of information and entertainment, would specifically help address urban apathy and inform the audience about the election process.

Pandey stressed on voter awareness to ensure better turnout in future polls. (PTI)

Bypolls for 7 seats on Nov 3

The Mokama seat fell vacant after the sitting MLA was disqualified upon conviction in a case.

The Adampur Assembly byelection was necessitated following the resignation of Kuldeep Bishnoi as a Congress MLA. (PTI)

IAF scrambles fighter jets after bomb scare

NEW DELHI, Oct 3: Later, Iranian news agency IRNA, quoting a statement from Mahan Air, reported that the flight landed safely.

The news agency said the statement was released in reaction to the news regarding the bomb threat.

"As soon as the pilot was alerted about the possibility of a bomb attack, he informed the control tower and requested an emergency landing in India," it said and added that such reports seem to be aimed at disturbing security and mental peace.

Meanwhile, a senior Delhi Police officer said they received a call about the bomb scare on an Iran-China flight from the Air Traffic Control but soon they were informed by the ATC that the flight was not landing in Delhi.

The IAF also said that all actions were taken by the force as per the laid down procedure, jointly with the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) and Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS).

It is learnt that the ATC at Delhi airport remained in contact with the IAF when the aircraft was in Indian airspace.

People familiar with the development said the Delhi ATC received inputs from the Lahore ATC that there was a bomb threat on the Mahan Air flight. Subsequently, the Delhi ATC informed the pilots but they decided to fly on. (PTI)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate AIIMS, Bilaspur, and participate in the famous Kullu Dussehra celebrations during his visit to Himachal Pradesh on Wednesday.

He will inaugurate and lay foundation stone for development projects worth over Rs 3,650 crore and also address a public meeting in the poll-bound state, an official statement said.

It said Modi's vision and commitment to strengthening health services across the country is being showcased again with the inauguration of AIIMS, Bilaspur.

Modi will also witness the Rath Yatra at the International Kullu Dussehra, state CM Jai Ram Thakur

PM to inaugurate AIIMS Bilaspur, attend Kullu Dussehra celebrations

NEW DELHI/SHIMLA, Oct 3: told media on Monday.

He said that Modi's consent to be a witness to the Rath Yatra shows his affection and connect with Himachal and its people.

Thakur on Monday took stock of the preparations at Rath Maidan in Dhalpur in Kullu district which will be visited by the PM.

Modi had laid the newly-built hospital's foundation stone in October 2017 and it has been established under the Centre's Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Yojana, the statement said.

AIIMS, Bilaspur, constructed at a cost of more than Rs 1,470 crore, is a state-of-the-art hospital with 18 speciality and 17 super-specialty departments, 18 modular operation theatres and 750 beds, including 64 ICU beds. (PTI)

Office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Mech. Division North Jammu

NOTICE INVITING TENDER e-NIT No. 168 of 2022-23

For and on behalf of Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Jammu, Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Mech. Division North Jammu, invites tenders by e-tendering mode from the reputed/registered firms for the below mentioned work:-

S. No.	Name of work	Cost of document/ tender fee (in Rs.)	Earnest money	Validity of Rates	Bid validity
1.	Providing of labour for desilting of Intakes, branch/ bush cutting of transformers yards and cleaning of CPS, HT House and Intakes at Sitlee.	200/-	Rs. 15,000/-	365 days	365 days

Position of AAA: Approved under ARD for the year 2022-23
Date of Publishing : 28-09-2022 05.00 pm.

1. Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 28-09-2022 (05.00 pm).
2. The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 28-09-2022 (05.00 pm) to 12-10-2022 (04.00 pm).
3. The complete bidding process will be online <http://jktenders.gov.in>.
4. The Technical bids received shall be opened online on 13-10-2022 (04.00 pm) or any other subsequent date in the office of Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Mech. Division North Jammu.
5. The Financial bid of the bidders shall be opened online after scrutinizing the technical bid in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Mech. Division North Jammu in presence of the bidders who wish to attend. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
6. Cost of bidding document in shape of e-challan/single window challan of JMC pledged to Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Mech. Division North Jammu/tender fee receipt through online payment through the JMC link <http://www.jmcjammu.org/online-payment.html>

DIP/J-9574/22
Date : 03-10-2022

Sd/-
 Executive Engineer
 Jal Shakti Mech. Division North Jammu

Department of Wildlife Protection J&K Government OFFICE OF THE WILDLIFE WARDEN KATHUA

E-TENDERING e-Tender Notice: e-NIT No. - 27/WLW/K of 2022-23 Dated: 30-09-2022

For and on behalf of the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of UT of Jammu & Kashmir, e-tenders are invited from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K State Govt. /Central Govt. Organizations for the following works:

Name of work	Adv. Cost (₹. in lacs)	Earnest Money (3% of the total estimated cost)	Class of Contractor	Cost of Tender Document	Time of completion	Receiving /Opening Authority
Chain Link fencing in encroachment sensitive area of Jasrota Wildlife Sanctuary Part-V adjoining fringe village Danoh, Dhamal of Jasrota Wildlife Sanctuary in Wildlife Division Kathua Under CAMPA 2022-23.	50.00 lacs	Rs. 1,50,000/-	Class "A, B"	1000/-	90 days	Tender Opening Committee

(B.O.-NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities, (B.O.Q), set of Terms & Conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental Website: - <http://jktenders.gov.in>)

Position of AA/TS: Accorded
Position of Funds: 50% Available.

Publishing Date	30-09-2022
Download Start Date	30-09-2022
Bid Submission Start Date	30-09-2022
Bid submission End Date (online)	19-10-2022 up to 04:00 PM
Date of opening of Technical Bid	20-10-2022 at 11:30 AM (In the Office of Regional Wildlife Warden Jammu, Manda Hills Jammu)
Date of opening of Financial Bid (online)	20-10-2022 at 11:30 AM (In the Office of Regional Wildlife Warden Jammu, Manda Hills Jammu)

Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website: - <https://jktenders.gov.in>. Bid documents contain qualifying criteria for bidder, specifications, bill of quantities, conditions and other details.

DIP/J-9573/22
Dated: 3-10-2022

Sd/-
 Vijay Kumar, SFS
 Wildlife Warden Kathua