



Union Home Minister Amit Shah handing over a letter of job to the kin of martyrs in Srinagar on Tuesday. Shah gave appointment letters to four family members of martyrs today.

LG greets people on Dussehra

Excelsior Correspondent
SRINAGAR, Oct 4: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has extended his greetings on the eve of Dussehra.

In a message, the Lt Governor said, "On the auspicious occasion of Dussehra, I extend my warm greetings and best wishes to all. Dussehra symbolises the victory of good over evil and that of righteousness over unrighteousness. It is

To empower women, admin to set up 'Mahila Shakti Kendra' in Baramulla

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SRINAGAR, Oct 4: Authorities in Baramulla have kick-started the process of setting up the District Hub for Empowerment of Women also

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known as Mahila Shakti Kendra aimed at empowering rural women with various opportunities apart from providing women an interface for availing the benefits of various schemes.

Officials said that these centers are functioning in various other districts already and these centers are meant to provide one-stop convergent support services for empowering rural women with opportunities for skill development, employment, digital literacy, health, and nutrition.

In this regard, the district administration has invited applications to fill 4 posts which include Specialist in Financial Literacy years of experience, Accounts Assistant, and two other posts for which the necessary process has been started.

As per the officials, the Mahila Shakti Kendra Scheme will provide an interface for rural women to approach the Government for availing their entitlements and for empowering them through awareness generation, training, and capacity building.

It is to be noted here that the MSK in the district is going to act as a link between local Administration, Government, and the Ministry of Women and Child Development for implementing Women Centric Schemes and programs of the Government.

District Hub for Empowerment of Women under MSK is envisaged to work at various levels while the

HM must apologize for betraying people's mandate in J&K: Wani

*** Restore statehood to J&K, hold polls: Bhalla**

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 4: The Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC), president Vikar Rasool Wani has demanded that Home Minister Amit Shah during his ongoing 3-day J&K visit must tender apology to the people of UT for having betrayed them.

Addressing a press conference here today Wani, who was flanked by Raman Bhalla, working president said that BJP betrayed the people of J&K by scrapping Art 370 from the Constitution through unconstitutional means. He said that it is an irony of the people of erstwhile J&K State that BJP divided the state into two UTs. He said that in the history of India, not a single state has been converted into UT while the UTs have been conferred State status. He said that the Home Minister must apologize to the people of J&K, restore statehood and hold elections to Jammu and Kashmir Assembly at the earliest.

Referring to Amit Shah's speech on August 5, 2019, on the floor of Parliament, he said "The Home Minister had termed the abrogation of Art 370 as new beginning in the Jammu and Kashmir saying that its abrogation would help in quick eradication of terrorism. However, it is quite unfortunate that terrorism still continues across the UT so much so that today with Home Minister being in the J&K UT a



JKPCC president, Vikar Rasool Wani, flanked by others addressing press conference in Jammu on Tuesday.

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Director General of Police (DG Prisons) namely- HK Lohia has been killed. "If DG level officer is not safe in J&K then how can the common people of J&K be safe," PCC chief remarked.

Challenging the Govt's claims of decimating terrorism,

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JKPCC Chief asserted that since August 5, 2019, as per Police data about 350 terror incidents have been reported in J&K including the brutal target killings of Rahul Pandit, Rajni Bala, Constable Ali Mohammad Ganai and many others. Questioning the Home Minister he said, "Where is the peace that was promised to be brought back by the Home Minister by eradicating terrorism?"

Bhalla said that the present Government has miserably failed to do justice with the youth of Jammu and Kashmir. He said that the future of J&K youth are dark under the BJP Government. Everyday there is new scam and the recruitment of Government jobs are being cancelled by the J&K Government without any thinking about the disastrous effects on the youth of the state.

He emphasized that Govt must announce employment package for youth who have been the victim of recruitment scam in J&K. The Government should also provide remaining package of Rs 25 lakh to refugees. He also demanded restoration of statehood and early conduct of elections in J&K.

Govt approves amendments in FM Radio Phase-III Policy Guidelines

Excelsior Correspondent

NEW DELHI, Oct 4: The Government has approved the amendments of certain provisions contained in the Policy Guidelines on Expansion of FM Radio Broadcasting Services through Private Agencies (Phase-III) referred as Private FM Phase-III Policy Guidelines. The decision was taken in the last Cabinet meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

In this direction, Government has decided to remove the 3-year window period for restructuring of FM radio permissions within the

same management group during the license period of 15 years. Government has also accepted the long pending demand of the radio industry to remove the 15% National cap on channel holding. Further with the simplification of financial eligibility norms in FM radio policy, an applicant company can now participate in bidding for 'C' and 'D' category cities with a net worth of just Rs.1 crore in place of Rs.1.5 crore earlier.

These three amendments together will help private FM radio industry to fully leverage the economics of scale and pave the way for further

expansion of FM radio and entertainment to Tier-III cities in the country. This will not only create new employment opportunities but also ensure that music and entertainment over the FTA (Free To Air) radio media is available to the common man in the remotest corners of the country.

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HM visit a litmus test for BJP in J&K: AAP

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JAMMU, Oct 4: Aam Aadmi Party's state spokesperson Pratap Jamwal said that the ongoing three days visit of Union Home Minister Amit Shah in Jammu and Kashmir is a litmus test for Bharatiya Janata Party and this



AAP leader Pratap Jamwal addressing media at Jammu on Tuesday.

visit will show us the seriousness within the Party towards the issues of Union Territory.

It was stated by him during a press conference at its Party office, wherein he mentioned the visit of Union Home Minister as an important one in the political and social circles of Jammu and Kashmir.

Pratap said that this visit will show how serious Bharatiya Janata Party is towards the plight of Kashmiri Pandits. "Kashmiri Pandits are living a life of exile in their own nation and like other parties BJP is also using their plight to gain vote bank," he said.

Jammu and Kashmir are in dilapidated condition.

"On one hand BJP is using the plight of KPs to gain publicity but on ground nothing is being done for KPs who are living a life full of hardships in accommodations like in Jagti migrant camp," he added.

"Many Kashmiri Pandits have been killed in broad daylight in recent days and family members of these martyrs even took BJP leaders with hard hands after which no BJP leader bothers to visit their houses and it is interesting to see whether Home Minister will visit their houses or not," Pratap Jamwal said.

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