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'PM made Kashmir tourist hub from terror hub'

No talks with Pak, instead will talk to youth of J&K: Shah

Elections after final voter list, other preparations are completed

Fayaz Bukhari

SRINAGAR, Oct 5: Union Home Minister Amit Shah today ruled out holding any dialogue with Pakistan and

Addressing a huge rally which was attended by thousands of people in Baramulla, Shah asked whether terrorism has ever benefited anyone as the menace has claimed 42,000 lives since the

Pakistan here. I want to tell them today, bring the status about the number of villages in PoK that have been electrified. Electricity has reached every village in our Kashmir. Mufti and company, and Abdullah and sons ruled Kashmir for 70 years, but did not provide one lakh houses, but PM Modi, from 2014 till 2022, has given houses to one lakh

Gupkar Alliance laid red carpet for Pak terrorists

Minister said that he does not want to talk to the neighbouring country, and intends to talk to the youth of Jammu and Kashmir instead.

"Those who ruled for 70 years here suggest me to talk to Pakistan. I have a clear view, I do not want to talk to Pakistan, I want to talk to the Gujjars, Paharis and Bakerwals in

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Baramulla. I want to talk to the youth of J&K, which has spread terrorism, what good have they done to Kashmir?" he said adding that J&K has to join the race with other States which are moving ahead in the country.

The Home Minister said that announcement with regard to elections in J&K will be made once the final voter list and other preparations are completed. "We have started a political

process. I want to assure you that once the work of publishing

Pauses speech for 'Azaan', removes BP shield

Union Home Minister Amit Shah today briefly stopped his speech during a rally in Baramulla district as 'Azaan' or Muslim call to prayer was going on from a nearby mosque.

Five minutes into his about half-an-hour speech at Showkat Ali stadium in this North Kashmir district, the senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader paused and

(Contd on page 4 Col 3) electoral rolls by the Election Commission is completed, elections will be conducted with full



Farmers harvesting paddy crop on the outskirts of Srinagar.

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'They have to be dealt with fearlessly'

Certain forces fomenting terror, conflict, social unrest: Bhagwat

*** Population imbalance shouldn't be ignored**

Sanjeev Pargal

JAMMU, Oct 5: Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Dr Mohan Bhagwat said today that certain forces are broadcasting wrong and fake narratives for spreading misperceptions; engaging and encouraging criminal acts, fomenting terror, conflict and social unrest are their tactics.

He was addressing annual RSS Dussehra rally at Reshimbagh Ground at Nagpur. "Obstacles are being created by certain forces who are inimical to country's unity and progress. They broadcast wrong and fake narratives for misperceptions. Fomenting terror, conflict and social unrest are their tactics," Bhagwat said.

However, he didn't name the forces but indications were obvious. Asserting that these forces pit different sections of society against each other on the basis of sectional self interest and hatred, the RSS chief said they increase chasms and enmities.



RSS Sarsanghchalak Dr Mohan Bhagwat addressing during Vijayadashmi festival celebration in Nagpur on Wednesday.

(UNI) This has been their conduct in independent India.

Bhagwat asserted that we shouldn't fall in their machinations irrespective of their language, religion, region and policy. However, he said, they have to be dealt with fearlessly, relentlessly and be either protested or repelled.

"We should assist the Governments and administration's efforts to control and bring such forces to their heels. Only

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Home Minister Amit Shah addressing a massive rally at Showkat Ali Stadium in North Kashmir's Baramulla district on Wednesday.

asserted that Modi Government will wipe out terrorism from Jammu and Kashmir and make it the most peaceful place in the country.

1990s in Jammu and Kashmir. The HM said that there won't be any talks with Pakistan but only with the youth of J&K. "Some people talk about

people in J&K," Shah added. Taking a jibe at the National Conference and PDP presidents on their demands to talk to Pakistan, the Home

Lt Col killed in chopper crash

TAWANG/NEW DELHI, Oct 5:

A Lt Colonel from the Army's aviation wing was killed and his co-pilot sustained severe injuries when their Cheetah helicopter crashed in a forward area near Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh this morning, officials said.

The accident once again put the spotlight on the ageing and virtually obsolete fleets of Cheetah and Chetak helicopters which lack modern avionics and are in need of replacement. The deceased pilot has been identified as Lt Colonel

Arms smuggling module busted

CHANDIGARH, Oct 5:

Punjab Police today said they have arrested two members of a module that used drones for cross-border smuggling of arms and ammunition.

The arrested accused are Jaskaran Singh, an undertrial inmate, from Bhihiwind and Rattanbir Singh of Khemkaran in Tarn Taran district. Jaskaran is currently lodged at Sub Jail Goindwal Sahib while Rattanbir is out on bail.

Five China-made .30 bore pistol and five USA-made 9mm pistols along with eight spare

Shift Altaf Shah to AIIMS: HC

NEW DELHI, Oct 5:

The Delhi High Court has ordered the shifting of Kashmiri separatist Altaf Ahmad Shah, currently in jail and facing trial for an alleged terror funding case probed by the NIA, to AIIMS for appropriate treatment after he was stated to have been diagnosed with cancer.

Shah, the son-in-law of late Hurriyat leader SAS Geelani, told the court he was receiving treatment for certain serious ailments at Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital (RML) but it was recently revealed he was

Mosque blast in Kabul kills 2

KABUL, Oct 5:

A suicide bomber struck at the center of Taliban power today, setting off a blast at a Government Ministry building in the Afghan capital of Kabul. At least two people were killed, hospital officials said.

The afternoon explosion went off inside the mosque of Afghanistan's Interior Ministry, which is responsible for security and law enforcement in the country.

The Interior Ministry is in the Afghan capital, on the main road next to Kabul International

HM lays foundation stone, inaugurates projects worth Rs 1939 cr

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Oct 5: Union Home Minister Amit Shah today laid foundation stone and inaugurated various projects worth Rs 1939.42 crore from Rajbawan Auditorium Srinagar and Baramulla.

Under the projects of the Jal

Shakti Department, Shah laid the foundation stone for the construction of hydraulic gates at the entry and exit points of Hokersar Wetland of the flood spill channel. The project is worth Rs 28.45 crore.

He also laid the foundation stone of 15 Water Supply Schemes in Kashmir division



Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurating and laying foundation stone of development projects on Wednesday.

under the Jal Jeevan Mission worth Rs 107.45 crore.

He inaugurated the Water Supply Scheme, Brinty, Batpora and Water Supply Scheme, Regional Shangu (NRDWP) at an estimated cost of Rs 7.45

crore and Rs. 13.02 crore respectively. He also inaugurated the Urban Development projects in the Kashmir division worth Rs 18.53 crore.

The other projects inaugu-

rated include 74 roads with a length of 434.37 km worth Rs 442.58 crore, seven bridges worth Rs 23.40 crore, and one building worth Rs 4.97 crore.

He also laid the foundation stone for 94 roads with a length of 580.92 km worth Rs 511.66 crore.

Under the Power Development Department, the Minister also dedicated 20 projects worth Rs 200.14 crore besides laying the foundation stone of seven projects worth Rs 367.67 crore.

Providing a boost to the health-care system, the Union Home Minister inaugurated IPD Block, SDH, Bijbehara at an estimated cost of Rs 14.47 crore, inaugurated OPD-cum-Administration Block

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Reviews security situation with top brass

Pro-actively conduct coordinated counter-terror operations: Shah

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Oct 5: Union Home Minister Amit Shah this morning reviewed the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir during his three-day

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visit to the Union Territory. Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, Director Intelligence Bureau, Director Generals of various Central Armed Police Forces, Police and Army officials were present in the meeting.

The Home Minister asked security forces and the police to pro-actively conduct coordinated counter-terrorism operations. Shah appreciated the efforts



Union Home Minister Amit Shah chairs a security review meeting in Srinagar on Wednesday.

of the security agencies and J&K administration for keeping the streets free from violence and significantly restoring the rule of law.

He reviewed the working of the Security Grid and progress made on various items of the security agenda in previous

meetings to reduce the incidents of terrorism and strangelohd of the separatist networks over the system.

The Minister exhorted the security forces and the police to continue with the coordinated efforts through meticulous and

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4 militants killed in twin encounters in Shopian

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Oct 5: Security forces today killed four militants in twin encounters in Shopian district of South Kashmir while one person died after a policeman's rifle went-off accidentally in Haal area of Pulwama.

Security forces including Police, 44 RR of Army and CRPF last evening launched a cordon and search operation in

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village Drach Keegam area of Shopian following an input regarding presence of militants in the area.

As a search party proceeded towards the suspected spot, the hiding militants fired indiscriminately upon the search party. The joint party retaliated effec-



Security forces near the site of an encounter at Drach Keegam in Shopian district on Wednesday.

tively leading to an encounter.

Three local militants of Jem were killed and their bodies were recovered from the site of encounter. They have been iden-

Kareemabad Pulwama. As per police records, all the militants were categorized and were involved in several militancy related cases including attacks on police, security forces and civilians.

"Hanan Bin Yaqoob and Jamsheed were involved in recent killing of SPO Javed Dar on 02/10/2022 at Pinglana area of Pulwama. They were also involved in killing of an outside labourer from West Bengal in Gadoora. Besides, Jamsheed was involved in Ratnipora attack where he shot and injured two outside labourers," police records suggest.

Meanwhile, today morning on a specific input regarding presence of a militant at Moolu area of Shopian, police along with 44 RR of Army and CRPF

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DG Prisons cremated amid emotional scenes

No terror angle emerges during probe in Lohia's murder: Police

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 5: Director General (Prisons) Hemant K Lohia was cremated with full state honours here this afternoon, two days after he was murdered by a domestic help, in a sombre ceremony attend-

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ed by family members, senior officials and colleagues. Lohia, a 1992-batch IPS officer, was found dead with his throat slit at his friend's house at Udhewalla on the outskirts of Jammu late Monday night.

Jammu Zone Additional Director General of Police Mukesh Singh said no terror



A view of funeral procession of DGP Hemant Lohia.

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angle has emerged during the investigation of the case. The accused, 23-year-old Yasir Lohar domestic help at the house, was arrested from a field

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For the occasion, elaborate security arrangements were made by the Police administration with heavy deployment of cops around the celebration sites for avoiding any untoward incident.

In Jammu, the traditional Dussehra celebrations began with taking out a religious pro-



Effigy of Demon King Ravana on fire as mark of victory over evil on the occasion of Dussehra at Jammu on Wednesday.

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