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'Modi removed Article in one stroke' Nehru's insertion of Art 370 caused Kashmir problem: Shah

GUJARAT, Oct 13: Union Home Minister Amit Shah today blamed India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru for the issues plaguing Kashmir and credited the Narendra Modi Government for solving them by removing Article 370. Speaking at an event to flag off the BJP's 'Gaurav Yatra' in poll-bound Gujarat, Shah also said the Congress used to taunt his party over the construction of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya but work on it was now in progress. "Due to the mistake of (first Prime Minister) Jawaharlal Nehru of inserting Article 370, Kashmir was in a mess. It could not be properly integrated with the country. Everybody wanted the removal of Article 370. Prime Minister Narendra Modi removed it in one stroke and completed the integration of Kashmir with the country," Shah said. Incidentally, Modi had also blamed Nehru for the issues plaguing Kashmir while addressing a gathering in Gujarat earlier this week.



Union Home Minister Amit Shah speaking at Gujarat Gaurav Yatra on Thursday.

Speaking on the Ram Temple in Uttar Pradesh's Ayodhya, Shah said the Congress used to mock the BJP with slogans like 'mandir wahi banayenge but tithi nahi batayenge (the temple will be built but can't say when)'. "But the dates were declared, the ground breaking ceremony was completed and a grand temple is coming up at the promised place," Shah pointed out. Hitting out further at the Congress, the senior BJP leader said curfews were a routine occurrence when the former ruled Gujarat, but the advent of the Modi dispensation in the

state has ensured "those days are gone now". "Out of 365 days, curfew would be in force in 200 days in parts of Gujarat when the Congress was ruling the State. They (Congress) thought they would benefit if people fought each other. Those days are gone now," he said. "After Narendra Modi came to power in Gujarat, curfew has not been imposed in the State for the last 20 years," he claimed. Shah, later in the day, will flag off two 'gaurav yatra's of the party from Unai in Navsari district. On Wednesday, BJP

Govt orders premature retirement of 36 cops Action taken under Art 226 (2)

Excelsior Correspondent SRINAGAR, Oct 13: In its endeavor to make Police department more efficient and transparent, the Government today prematurely retired 36 police personnel on charges of their involvement in corruption and criminal activities. These personnel conducted their duties in ways which were unbecoming of public servants & in violation of the established code of conduct. The exercise was conducted as part of regular process of scrutiny of records of officials, who cross benchmarks of age/service period in terms of Article 226(2) of J&K CSRs. These employees were found involved in illegal activities, remained unauthorizedly absent from duties for a considerable period, underperformed, penalized in departmental enquiries and some of them found involved in corruption cases, facing serious criminal charges, and had doubtful integrity. As per the recommendations of the Review Committee, the performance of these employees was found non-satisfactory and their continuation in the Government service was found against the public interest. During the recent past, as part of its zero tolerance policy towards



Women celebrating Karvachouth in Jammu on Thursday. —Excelsior/Rakesh

Justice Magrey sworn in as CJ of J&K, Ladakh HC

Excelsior Correspondent September 28, 2022. Kashmir Bank and SIDCO; Sheri-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences; Power Development Board and Jammu & Kashmir



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha administering oath to Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey as Chief Justice at Srinagar on Thursday. —Excelsior/Shakeel

Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey was appointed as Permanent Judge of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir. Earlier, he was enrolled as Advocate in the year 1984 and started practicing law in the District Courts, including Revenue Courts/Tribunals and simultaneously started conducting matters in the High Court. He served as Standing Counsel from 1986 onwards for the State Financial Corporation, Jammu &

SC delivers split verdict on Hijab row

NEW DELHI, Oct 13: The Supreme Court today delivered a split verdict on the

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Hijab ban in Karnataka's educational institutions, with one judge

(Contd on page 6 Col 3) SIA charge sheets CRPF official, journalist

Excelsior Correspondent SRINAGAR, Oct 13: The State Investigation Agency (SIA) today filed charge sheets in NIA courts against a CRPF official for being a militant handler and an ISI agent and a jour-

nalist. Excelsior had recently reported exclusively that the Advisory Board constituted by the Government has recommended 38 percent increase in minimum wages equivalent to the Dearness Allowance the

38 pc hike taken into account Govt notifies revised minimum wages for all categories

Sanjeev Pargal JAMMU, Oct 13: The Labour and Employment Department of the UT Government today notified revised minimum rates of wages in respect of scheduled appointments including unskilled, semi-skilled, skilled, highly skilled and Administrative/Ministerial. A notification to this effect was issued today by Commissioner/Secretary to Government Sarita Chauhan. Excelsior had recently reported exclusively that the Advisory Board constituted by the Government has recommended 38 percent increase in minimum wages equivalent to the Dearness Allowance the

Category of Employment	Minimum Daily Wages (in Rs.)
Unskilled	311
Semi-skilled	400
Skilled	483
Highly Skilled	552
Administrative/Ministerial	449

J&K to make significant value addition in India's future economy: Dr Jitendra Nishikant Khajuria

JAMMU, Oct 13: Describing modern day farming as AgriTech StartUp and farmers as AgriTech Entrepreneurs, Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh today predicted that Jammu and Kashmir among other Himalayan States would make significant value addition in future Indian economy from the resources which have not been explored so far in agriculture sector in northern belt and sea wealth on the shores in southern region. "In the next 25 years of AmritKal, Jammu & Kashmir among several hill territories in the Himalayan States are going to



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh visiting the stalls of handicraft and agricultural products at international conference at SKUAST-Jammu on Thursday.

make a significant value addition to build India's future economy because these are the territories whose resources have remained under-utilized in the past. With Prime Minister Narendra Modi giving a focussed attention to these

JERC gives nod to 17.29% hike in power tariff, projects revenue target of Rs 4116 cr in J&K

Gopal Sharma JAMMU, Oct 13: The Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (JERC) for the UT of Jammu and Kashmir and UT of Ladakh has accorded nod to 17.29% increase in the 'average power tariff' in the Jammu and Kashmir, projecting revised revenue target of Rs 4116.39 crore in the Union Territory. The new power tariff which has been revised after 2016-17, will be effective from October 1st, 2022 in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. For various categories right from BPL to the domestic, commercial and heavy Industry, different revised rates have been approved by the Commission. An order issued by the Commission here stated that the

SC to hear petitions challenging J&K Delimitation report on Nov 16

NEW DELHI, Oct 13: The Supreme Court today agreed to hear the petitions challenging the Delimitation exercise in Jammu and Kashmir pursuant to the notifications of 2020, 2021 and 2022, on November 16. Before a Bench of Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and Abhay Shreenivas Oka, the Advocate appearing for the petitioner submitted that he's challenging the number of seats and division and readjustment in Jammu & Kashmir. According to the petitioners, the impugned Delimitation notification, which directed the process of Delimitation to be carried out in UT of J&K to be done on the basis of the 2011

Director FSL appointed as Inquiry Officer

Mohinder Verma JAMMU, Oct 13: Home Department has ordered in-depth enquiry as per J&K Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules against the Prosecuting Officer Waseem Qureshi, who was arrested with narcotics by the Rajouri Police in the month of May 2020 and was subsequently placed under suspension. "In terms of Rule 33 of J&K Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1956, Mohammad Shahid Saleem, Director Forensic Science Laboratory is hereby appointed as Inquiry Officer to conduct an in-depth enquiry into the charges framed against Waseem Qureshi, Prosecuting Officer (under sus-

Home Deptt orders in-depth enquiry against Prosecuting Officer arrested with narcotics

Qureshi, he would be deemed to have been placed under suspension with effect from the date when he was taken into custody by the police. Qureshi, who was posted as Assistant Public Prosecutor in the court of Judicial Magistrate Ukhral in Ramban, was arrested and booked under the Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act. "Before initiating action against Waseem Qureshi, it is imperative to follow the procedure prescribed under J&K Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1956", official sources said while disclosing that under Rule 33 of these Rules a procedure has been laid down before issuance of order of dismissal, removal or reduction in (Contd on page 6 Col 3)

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