

Congress left no stone unturned to destroy Gujarat when in power: Amit Shah

AHMEDABAD, Sept 26:

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday alleged the Congress had left no stone unturned to destroy Gujarat when it was in power and also delayed the Sardar Sarovar dam project.

Shah said Prime Minister Narendra Modi became king Bhagirath when he was the chief minister of Gujarat, to ensure that the waters of the Narmada river reach the arid regions of Ahmedabad and Kutch districts.

Bhagirath is a legendary king, who as per mythology, brought the Ganga river to the earth from the heavens through severe penance.

"Foundation stone of the Narmada project was laid by former PM Jawaharlal Nehru when I was born (in 1964). But, the previous Congress governments did nothing since then. No work was done on the project till 2002. The project finally picked up pace when Narendra Modi became the chief minister in 2002. Thanks to him, parched regions of Ahmedabad and Kutch received Narmada waters," said Shah, who is on a two-day visit to Gujarat.

He was addressing a gathering in the Jodhpur area of Ahmedabad city after laying the foundation stone for a project of building 2,140 houses for the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) in the Sarkhej area of the city, which falls under his Gandhinagar Lok Sabha constituency.

Shah said in the past villages did not get electricity after 7 PM. But today rural areas have access to 24-hour electricity.

"The Congress had left no stone unturned to destroy Gujarat. But today, Gujarat is known for its model of development. Curfew hasn't been imposed in Gujarat for the last 20 years. Riots were common during the Congress rule. Today, no one even dares to engage in communal riots," said Shah.

The Assembly polls in Gujarat are due in December this year. The campaign for the elections is heating up with the entry of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) which has challenged the Bharatiya Janata Party, which has been in power in the state for the last 27 years.

Shah said the Indian economy was at the 11th spot when Modi became the prime minister (in

2014), but now it is the fifth largest economy in the world surpassing England thanks to the PM's leadership.

The senior BJP leader inaugurated a new office building of the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) and launched a beautification project for two lakes in Shilaj and Sarkhej areas that fall under the Gandhinagar constituency.

Earlier in the day, Shah addressed a farmers' conference at Bavla village in the Ahmedabad district.

Farmers from the Gandhinagar Lok Sabha constituency had organised the "Rin Sweekar Sammelan" (gratitude acceptance conference) to express gratitude for providing irrigation facilities in 164 villages situated near Nal Sarovar in Sanand taluka, a government release said.

"Today, I am very satisfied as an MP because 69,632 hectares of land in these 164 villages have started receiving Narmada water for irrigation. I want to thank PM Modi too because he made this possible. Now, farmers of this area can earn more by taking three yields in a year," Shah said in his address.

He urged farmers from Sanand to adopt natural farming so that farmers do not have to be dependent on urea. (PTI)

Employee suppressing or giving false information can be terminated from service: SC

NEW DELHI, Sept 26:

The Supreme Court Monday said that an employee can be terminated from the service for suppressing or giving false information concerning matters having a bearing on his fitness or suitability for the post.

The top court laid down broad principles of law to be taken into account especially in the case of recruitment in police forces, saying their ability to inspire public confidence is a bulwark to society's security.

The apex court said that even in a case where the employee has made a declaration truthfully and correctly of a concluded criminal case, the employer still has the right to consider the antecedents, and cannot be compelled to appoint the candidate.

It said that the purpose of requiring an employee to furnish information regarding prosecution/conviction, etc. in the verification form was to assess his character and antecedents for the purpose of employment and continuation in service.

The top court said that the suppression of material information and making a false statement in reply to the queries relating to prosecution and conviction

victim had a clear bearing on the character, conduct, and antecedents of the employee.

A bench of Justices Surya Kant and JB Pardiwala held that "If it is found that the employee had suppressed or given false information in regard to the matters having a bearing on his fitness or suitability to the post, he can be terminated from service."

It said the same guidelines would be applicable for terminating the service of the employee during the period of probation without holding any inquiry.

The top court dismissed two separate appeals of two CRPF personnel, who have suppressed material information and made a false statement with regard to the queries relating to the prosecution.

The top court also laid down broad principles of law which should be made applicable to the litigations of the present nature.

It said that each case should be scrutinised thoroughly by the public employer concerned, through its designated officials, more so, in the case of recruitment for the police force, which is under a duty to maintain order, and tackle lawlessness, since their ability to inspire public confidence is a bulwark to society's security.

"The acquittal in a criminal case would not automatically entitle a candidate for appointment to the post. It would be still open to the employer to consider the antecedents and examine whether the candidate

concerned is suitable and fit for appointment to the post", it said and referred to various verdicts of the top court on the issue.

It added that the generalisations about the youth, career prospects, and age of the candidates leading to condonation of the offenders' conduct, should not enter the judicial verdict and should be avoided.

The bench added that the Court should inquire whether the Authority concerned whose action is being challenged acted mala fide and whether there is any element of bias in the decision of the Authority.

It said that whether the procedure of inquiry adopted by the Authority concerned was fair and reasonable should also be looked into.

The bench said that Article 136 of the Constitution empowers the Supreme Court to grant special leave in its discretion against any judgement, decree, determination, sentence, or order in any cause or matter passed or made by any court or tribunal except by any court or tribunal constituted by or under any law relating to the armed forces.

"Thus, the principles of law discernible are that unless, it is shown that exceptional and special circumstances exist; that substantial and grave injustice has been done and the case and question present features of sufficient gravity to warrant a review of the decision appealed against, this Court would not exercise its overriding powers under Article 136(1) of the Constitution", it said. (PTI)

RSS mission is to make India attain all-round dev: Mohan Bhagwat

SHILONG, Sept 26:

RSS Sarsanghchalak Mohan Bhagwat has said that the Sangh's mission is to make India attain all-round development.

Addressing a public meeting here on the first day of his two-day visit to the hill state, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief on Sunday said, "The Sangh's mission to make our society organised so that India attains all-round development. RSS teaches sacrifice for the country by giving up individual selfish ends."

He said inherent faith in age-old values based on spirituality is the binding force among people of the country.

"Indian and Hindu is a synonymous geo-cultural identity. We are all Hindus,"

Bhagwat said. He said Indians learnt the tradition of sacrifice from the country's ancient history.

"Our ancestors had visited various foreign lands and imparted the same values to Japan, Korea, Indonesia and many other countries," he said.

Bhagwat said that India had served humanity by sending vaccines to various countries during the COVID-19 pandemic and stood beside Sri Lanka during her economic crisis.

"When India becomes powerful, every citizen becomes powerful," he said. During his two-day visit to the northeastern state, Bhagwat will meet various RSS functionaries and leaders of social organisations. (PTI)



Former Deputy CM, Kavinder Gupta kick starting blacktopping of road in Sainik Colony on Monday.

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Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 26: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta today visited Ward No. 69 in Sainik Colony and kick-started the blacktopping work of road there, which was a long pending demand of the people of the area. Thereafter, the senior BJP functionary started lane and drain works at Ward No. 45 in Digiana locality.

Vinay Gupta BJP district president, Narinder Gupta Koki, Gurmeet Randhawa corporator Ward 69, Shalu Gupta, Bharat Bhushan, Mandal president, Satwari, Vinod Kumar and Sanjay Gupta accompanied the former Deputy Chief Minister.

Interacting with the people in these wards, Kavinder said that development works for over Rs 6 crore are in offing in the Gandhi Nagar constituency and soon the area will witness sea change as far as its development profile is concerned. He said that people are themselves witness to the way the development process has been taken up by the BJP leadership in the constituency. He said that the BJP Government is committed to fulfill its promises made during the campaign trial of the Lok Sabha elections and there is no promise with regard to J&K, which shall not be fulfilled as party leadership is on toes to dedicate everything promised to people in stipulated time.

At Ward No. 45, the senior BJP leader said that unfortunately corporator Raj Rani has left for heavenly abode but it is the promise of BJP to fulfill all her commitments made before the public. He said that this will be the true homage to the late colleague of BJP leaders, because she was the dedicated worker of the party.

Kavinder said that BJP leadership is looking after the wards so that people of Digiana area may not face any inconvenience with regard to development works after the passing away of the corporator.

IISM Gulmarg conducts Hot Air Ballooning at Jammu

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 26: Indian Institute of Skiing & Mountaineering (IISM) Gulmarg is conducting two 10-days Hot Air Ballooning courses at Jammu on the grounds of Government Science College to promote adventure tourism. Twenty-five students from all over the country are participating in each course.

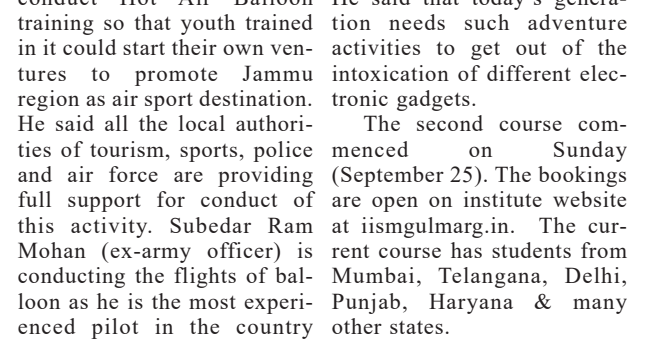
Ex Director of IISM Gulmarg Col J S Dhillon, who is supervising its field activities, said that since the tourism flow to Jammu is shrinking due to rail link going to Katra and Udhampur, there is a need to develop some good attractions for the tourists in Jammu.

He said keeping this in view, Union Ministry of Tourism has taken this initiative to conduct Hot Air Balloon training so that youth trained in it could start their own ventures to promote Jammu region as air sport destination. He said all the local authorities of tourism, sports, police and air force are providing full support for conduct of this activity. Subedar Ram Mohan (ex-army officer) is conducting the flights of balloon as he is the most experienced pilot in the country

gave away certificates of success to students of first batch. He said that today's generation needs such adventure activities to get out of the intoxication of different electronic gadgets.

The second course commenced on Sunday (September 25). The bookings are open on institute website at iismgulmarg.in. The current course has students from Mumbai, Telangana, Delhi, Punjab, Haryana & many other states.

Officials of IISM Gulmarg during conduct of Hot Air Ballooning on the grounds of Government Science College, Jammu.



SSP Samba, Dr Abhishek Mahajan posing for a photograph with retired police personnel along with other police officers of the district after a meeting at Samba on Monday.

SSP Samba holds meeting with retired police personnel

Excelsior Correspondent

SAMBA, Sept. 26: In order to review the welfare measures and to redress the grievances of retired police personnel, SSP Samba, Dr. Abhishek Mahajan, today held a meeting with J&K Retired Police (Non-Gazetted) and Ors Welfare Forum at District Police Lines, (DPL) Samba.

The objective of the meeting was to acquaint with the problems being faced by the retired police personnel and its possible remedial measures. In the meeting, SSP Samba was accompanied by Additional SP Samba, Surinder Choudhary, DySP DAR, Samba, SDPO Vijaypur, SHOs and other police officers. More than 150 retired police personnel from district Samba participated in the meeting.

At the outset of the meeting, Retired Police Welfare Forum appreciated Samba police for organizing the meeting to enquire about their well beings and to let them know about the welfare



Army providing training to Women Agniveer aspirants at Mendhar in district Poonch.

Army organises training for Agniveer aspirants

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POONCH, Sept 26: Indian Army organised training of "Agniveer" aspirants at Mendhar in District Poonch (J&K).

The event was also aimed at educating and encouraging women for the Agniveer entry. Female NCC cadets attended the event and even participated in Chinups and Tug of War.

About 200 Agniveers participated in the event. All the mandatory physical tests required for recruitment including 1600 mt run, push ups, Chinups were con-

ducted. A lecture on women entry in Agniveer was also conducted at the event.

A large number of aspirants turned out for the event as the dates for the rally have come close. The youth attending the rally expressed their gratitude to Indian Army for providing them the facilities and resources for training as this challenge was conducted on request of the aspirants after previous rally of Sep 15, 2022 at Mendhar.

Recruitment rallies for Jammu province are scheduled to start on Oct 7, 2022.

After a long interaction session, lunch was hosted by District Police Samba for all the participants present on the occasion.

Training workshop on Disaster Risk Reduction begins at KU

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Sept 26: Vice-Chancellor, University of Kashmir, Prof Nilofer Khan on Monday inaugurated a five-day training workshop on 'Engaging Youth & Adolescents in Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change'.

The workshop has been organised jointly by the varsity's Department of Social Work (DoSW), National Service Scheme (NSS) and National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

In her presidential address, Prof Nilofer said that no research will be able to bring any change if it doesn't reach the society. She said science needs to be linked to society in all respects to develop impactful policies and programmes related to disaster management and climate change mitigation. She also called for engaging school children in disaster management programmes for greater awareness in the society.

Vice-Chancellor of Islamic University Awantipora, Prof Shakil A Romshoo, who was a guest of honour, delivered the keynote address, listing therein a host of emerging concerns vis-à-vis climate change.

Calling for developing the "culture of disaster preparedness" among people across the

Indian Himalayan Region, Prof Romshoo said youth can drive a big change by raising awareness on creating a "disaster-conscious society".

He said 1.4 billion people get water from the Himalayas which is host to more than 18,000 glaciers and this calls upon the Himalayan States to create a consortium on climate change to formulate better policies on mitigation and also to seek adequate funding for the same.

Registrar, Dr Nisar Ahmad Mir and Dean Research Prof Irshad A Nawchoo spoke about the importance of the workshop theme and University's initiatives in this regard.

The workshop is being attended by more than 60 participants from higher education, school education, NCC, NSS, civil society and NGOs.

Dr Balu I and Ranjan Kumar, both faculty at NIDM, talked about different aspects of the workshop, which, they said, has been designed to meet the pressing need to engage youth in disaster management programmes in line with the NIDM mandate.

Dr Shazia Manzoor, Head DoSW, highlighted the objectives of the programme, while Dr Mussavir Ahmad, Programme Coordinator NSS KU, spoke about the NSS collaboration in the current workshop. Dr Javid Rashid conducted proceedings of the inaugural session.

Modi Govt committed to women's empowerment: Yudhvir Sethi

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 26: Yudhvir Sethi, vice president, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu and Kashmir has asserted that Prime Minister, Narendra Modi led Government stands fully committed to women

empowerment by providing them equal opportunities in every sector including trade, commerce and industries.

He stated this, while addressing a gathering after inaugurating 'Vishu Cosmetics Store' during an impressive function at Kali Janni here today. Prominent among others present on the occasion were renowned singer Sonali Dogra, Choreographer, Akash Dogra, vice president, Jammu East, Mandal Arun Sethi, president, OBC East Mandal, Tarun Tak, president Shopkeeper Welfare Association, Ajay Saini, Jammu Caterers owner, Ramesh Kumar (Shuna): president Social Welfare Committee, Jawahar Nagar Ward No.16 Rajan, Lucky Anand, Ankrit, Varun Tak, Rajinder Kumar and Deepak Bhardwaj.

Yudhvir Sethi complimented the owner of the business venture Ranjana for starting her own income generating unit that will not only ensure handsome income to her but

also provide jobs to needy youth when unemployment has been a measure issue in the society. He said that she deserves all the kudos to become job provider instead of job seeker thus partnering proactively in the development of this Union Territory besides,

contributing not only her own economic welfare but also contributing little bit to the economy of the Union Territory.

Yudhvir Sethi said that unemployment is a significant issue faced by the youth today despite Government's best efforts in the direction of resolving the same. However, given the totality of circumstances along with the multiple schemes launched by the Prime Minister, Modi led Government at the Centre especially for women, it is the women who must come forward to avail the benefits of such schemes aimed at making them job providers instead of wasting their time in job seeking. He said that the Union Government is committed to address the concerns of women on priority.

Absconder arrested after 5 yrs

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 26: RS Pura Police arrested an absconder, who was evading his arrest from the past five years.

As per police sources, on reliable information a team from Police Station RS Pura led by SHO Inspector Pawan Kumar under the supervision of SDPO RS Pura Surinder Singh conducted raid and apprehended an absconder, who was at large since 2017.

The accused was identified as Sunil Kumar, son of Ram Lal of Mokhey Tehsil RS Pura District Jammu.

He was wanted in a case registered under FIR Number 111/2009 under sections 307 and 34 IPC and 3/25 and 4/25 Arms Act with Police Station RS Pura.

It is pertinent to mention here that arrest warrant under section 512 CrPC was also issued against the said absconder by Court of 1st Additional Sessions Judge Jammu.

Further investigation into the case is going on.

Compensate people whose cows died of LSD: NAUP

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