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## Shah reviews J&K situation with LG, top brass of Admn

# Govt to come out with Policy to protect small land holders after nod from MHA

Sanjeev Pargal

JAMMU, Feb 13: Union Home Minister Amit Shah today reviewed development work in both Central and UT sectors, security scenario and ongoing drive against encroachments in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir with Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and top civil and police officers of the UT and the MHA.

The review meeting lasted about an hour in New Delhi.

Besides the Lieutenant Governor, Union Home Secretary AK Bhalla, Chief Secretary Dr Arun Mehta and other senior officers of civil and police administration also attended the meeting among oth-

## \*HM briefed on CSSs, KPs accommodation, Online schemes

Official sources told the Excelsior that a Policy to protect small land holders from anti-encroachment drive was extensively deliberated at the meeting. The Policy has reportedly been given the shape and could be out very shortly, they said.

The Jammu and Kashmir administration had drafted the Policy and it was discussed at today's meeting with the Union Home Minister. The Policy is now almost approved and will be out very soon after being given the final touch based on consensus reached at the meeting.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has repeatedly assured the people that small land holders will be spared from the anti-encroachment drive. The Policy has been drafted keeping this aspect in account, sources pointed out.

"The Jammu and Kashmir administration gave detailed briefing to the Union Home Minister on encouraging results achieved during ongoing anti-encroachment drive in which land running into several thousands of kanals has been evicted from the possession of influential persons."

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## Redrawing Assembly, Parl seats SC dismisses plea against constitution of Delimitation Commission in J&K

NEW DELHI, Feb 13:

The Supreme Court today dismissed a plea challenging the Government's decision to constitute the Delimitation Commission for redrawing the Legislative Assembly and Lok Sabha constituencies in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

A bench of Justices S K Kaul and A S Oka delivered the verdict on a plea filed by two Kashmir residents.

While pronouncing the verdict, Justice Oka said nothing in this judgement shall be construed as giving an imprimatur to the exercise of power under clauses one and three of Article 370 of the Constitution.

The bench observed that issue of validity of the exercise

of power relating to Article 370 is subject matter of petitions pending before the Apex Court. The top court is seized of petitions challenging the consti-

the Central Government had revoked the special status of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Apex Court had on December 1 last year reserved its verdict on the plea challenging the Government's decision to constitute the Delimitation Commission.

During the hearing on December 1 last year, the Centre had told the top court that the Delimitation Commission formed to redraw the Legislative Assembly and Lok Sabha constituencies in Jammu and Kashmir was empowered to do so.

Seeking dismissal of the plea, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, had argued that the

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## Srinagar records -4°C

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Feb 13: The minimum temperatures plunged across Kashmir today with Srinagar recording minus 4.0 degree Celsius and Jammu and Kashmir Disaster Management Authority (JKDMA) issued an avalanche warning for hills of Kashmir.

The JKDMA, issued a 'Low Level' warning above 2400 to

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## Drone crashes in Leh, flights suspended for 3 hrs

NEW DELHI, Feb 13:

An Indian surveillance drone crashed in Leh in the UT of Ladakh, where the militaries of India and China have been engaged in a standoff position since May 2020.

Following the crash, all civil flights were suspended for

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## Funding to be streamlined for meeting targets Projects to be completed in current financial year to get 100 pc funds

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 13: The Jammu and Kashmir administration has called for streamlining timely release of funds to ensure that set targets are achieved without any difficulty. Further, it has asked for release of 100 percent funds to the projects which are expected to be completed in the current financial year.

The Administration, as per

an official document, said the departments should do due diligence while preparing action plan so that no additionality is demanded during the course of year except extreme and justified cases.

"In respect of seasonal activities which can be executed/implemented during the particular season only, the funds shall be released in time so that expenditure is booked as per timely requirements," the officials said.

With a view to bring more clarity in the Capex budget formulation, the administration has called for shifting to scheme based budgeting and also issued

directions to complete the process of formulation of Capex budget for the year 2023-24 before ending March this year.

On prioritization of works, the administration has directed for achieving maximum physical and financial progress under Capex budget and asked the departments to prioritize works which are to be taken up in the next financial year and include them in plan which can be completed in a time found manner in the next financial year, they said.

The administration directed that with a view to monitor implementation of Capex budget, all Administrative

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## Juvenile among 2 JeM associates held

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Feb 13: Security forces today arrested

\*Watch video on [www.excelsiornews.com](http://www.excelsiornews.com)

two Jash-e-Mohammad militant associates including a juvenile

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## CAT vacates stay on JAs posts

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Feb 13: The Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) today vacated the stay on selection of about 1700 Junior Assistant posts advertised by the Services Selection Board.

The CAT has held that the

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