

Terror webs must find no safe haven in region: Shah to BIMSTEC countries



NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday called for stronger regional cooperation among BIMSTEC countries to combat terrorism, disrupt terrorist financing and organised crime, and ensure that terrorist networks do not find a haven in the region.

Addressing the first home ministers' meeting of BIMSTEC coun-

tries here, Shah said the trust underlying the partnership of the grouping is strengthened by the belief that each member country's security arrangements should contribute to the security of the other members.

Emphasising the importance of five key areas of cooperation - drug control, **►P11**

Brace for another "defeat" in 2029: Shah slams Rahul

NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday hit out at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi over the opposition protests against CEC Gyanesh Kumar and said they should be prepared once again for a "crushing defeat" in 2029 as people of the country are with the BJP, NDA and Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

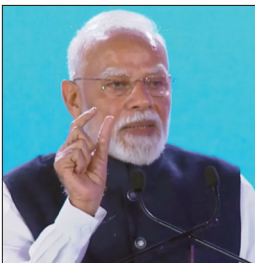
Shah also said the kind of "negative politics" the Congress has been engaged in will not benefit it as the opposition party needs to understand people and connect with the **►P11**

India grows with the world, not at anyone's cost: PM

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi said India's economic growth was anchored in strong fundamentals, financial resilience and a sustained reform drive, pitching the country as a global economic and technology power that seeks to help other nations prosper rather than grow at their expense.

"We do not grow at anyone's cost. We grow with the world, and for the world," he said on Tuesday, arguing that India's expanding economic and technological capabilities could help address global challenges at a time of geopolitical tensions, supply-chain disruptions and growing competition over strategic resources.

Addressing the Bloomberg New Economy



Forum here, Modi cited the 7.8 per cent economic growth recorded in the April-June quarter, foreign-exchange reserves exceeding USD 700 billion and reforms spanning taxation, insolvency and labour laws as evidence of India's resilience. "In a world filled with uncertainty, India offers the assurance of reliability and stability," he said.

The economic growth - fastest by any large economy - "is **►P11**

India rejects China's objection to naming 28 Ladakh locations

NEW DELHI: India on Tuesday rejected Beijing's objection to New Delhi announcing standard names of 28 places and features in Ladakh, asserting that the Union territory is an "integral and inalienable" part of the country.

Last week, the Union home ministry assigned the standard names to the places and geographical features in Ladakh, including certain key border friction points along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) such as Gogra and Hot Spring.

India's reaction came hours after China strongly opposed New Delhi assigning the standardised names.

"It is reiterated that the UT (Union Territory) of Ladakh is an integral and inalienable part of India. No amount of denial by the Chinese side can change this established fact," External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said.

He said the press release by the Ministry of Home Affairs dated Oc-



tober 2 that China referred to, is "self-explanatory".

"The announcement mentions that the 28 places/features located in the UT of Ladakh have been identified with standard place and feature names on the official map of Survey of India, and it has been done in consultation with the Union Territory of Ladakh and local stakeholders," Jaiswal said.

"Identifying these places formally on the Survey of India map of UT of Ladakh is aimed at facilitating their accurate recognition and better awareness among the public at large," he said. **►P11**

INBRIEF CJP leaders detained on entrance at Jantar Mantar

NEW DELHI: Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) leaders Saurav Das and Ashutosh Ranka were detained by police on Tuesday after they reached Jantar Mantar despite heavy barricading and a strong security presence, the CJP said.

In a post on X, CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke said other team members, including Ajinkya Shinde, had also been detained. "Cockroaches with the Tiranga sneaked into Jantar Mantar **►P11**

Omar reviews measures for annual Darbar Move

Winter Secretariat to function in Srg

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SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today reviewed arrangements for the Darbar Move Session 2026-27 at a high-level meeting, directing all concerned departments to ensure a smooth, secure and well-coordinated transition of offices from Srinagar to Jammu, along with adequate facilities for employees.

The meeting was at-



tended by Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Kumar Choudhary, Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary, Estates, Shaleen Kabra, Additional Chief Secretary, Power Development Department, Ashwini Kumar, Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister, Dheeraj Gupta,

Administrative Secretaries, Inspector General of Police, Traffic, J&K, Divisional Commissioners of Kashmir and Jammu, Deputy Commissioners of Srinagar and Jammu, Director Information and other senior officers. Jammu based officers attended the meeting via video conferencing.

At the outset, Commissioner Secretary, General Administration Department (GAD), M. Raju, gave a detailed presentation on transport and logistical arrangements for the Darbar Move convoy.

The Chief Minister directed the **►P11**

Woman's body recovered after 3 days search

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JAMMU: The body of a woman, who was swept away by floodwaters in the outskirts of Jammu city, was recovered on Tuesday after three consecutive days of search by the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and local police, officials said.

Ruksana Kouser, wife of Mohd Kaleem, was swept away by a strong current in the **►P11**

AK-47 rifle, 6 grenades seized from terror hideout in Poonch

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JAMMU: A possible terrorist hideout inside a natural cave in Surankote area of Poonch district was busted on Tuesday, leading to the recovery of an automatic rifle, six hand grenades, and ammunition, officials said.

The arms cache was unearthed during a joint operation by Army and police at Satharban forest following reports of suspicious movement in the area, officials said.

They said an AK-47 rifle, a magazine, 30 rounds, six hand grenades **►P11**



12-year-old girl among 2 dead, 7 hurt in accidents

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JAMMU: Two people, including a 12-year-old girl, were killed and seven others injured in three separate road accidents in the Rajouri, Ramban and Doda districts of Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday, officials said.

The girl, Afiya Kousar, was travelling with her father, Abdul Fareed, and grandfather, Makhna, in a car from their native Bhangai village in Thanamandi to Rajdhani when the **►P11**

Minga Sherpa takes charge as DC Jammu

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JAMMU: Minga Sherpa, today assumed office as Deputy Commissioner, Jammu.

Soon after joining, the Deputy Commissioner took a round of the DC Office complex and inspected the functioning of different sections. He took stock of the working environment and stressed punctuality, discipline and responsiveness in public dealing.

He later held an interaction with the officers of the district administration and took a review of the overall administrative set up. He discussed key sectors and the ongoing developmental and public service delivery activities in the district. He



directed the officers to work in coordination to ensure effective and timely delivery of services to the people.

Every citizen must share responsibility for preserving Himalayas: Dr Jitendra

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JAMMU: Preserving the Himalayas and the Himalayan ecosystem is a national responsibility because every citizen has a stake in protecting this vital natural resource, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences, Dr. Jitendra Singh, said on Tuesday. He emphasised that the responsibility for safeguarding the Himalayan region extends beyond the government and scientific community to every citizen.

The special session, held at the Shalimar Convention Centre of Sher-e-Kashmir University of



Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir (SKUAST-K), was part of the 13th All India Sustainable Mountain Development Summit, being held from

October 12 to 14 under the theme "Contouring Sustainable Himalayan Landscapes for Inclusive Viksit Bharat". The summit is jointly organised by SKUAST-K and the Integrated Mountain Initiative (IMI), with deliberations centred on sustainable mountain development and the draft Jammu & Kashmir Sustainable Mountain Development Policy 2026.

Those present included Secretary, Science and Technology, Babila Rakwal, Vice-Chancellor of SKUAST-K Prof. Nazir A. Ganai, and representatives of academia and the mountain development community. Addressing the special session, **►P11**

Murugan resigns, fuelling Cabinet reshuffle 'buzz'

NEW DELHI: Union Minister of State L Murugan on Tuesday resigned from the Modi government and said he wanted to return to Tamil Nadu to strengthen the BJP in the state, raising speculation about an imminent reshuffle in the Council of Ministers.

This was the third resignation of a Minister of State (MoS) from the Council of Ministers after George Kurian and Ravneet Singh Bittu, who quit in June and July respectively after they were not nominated for Rajya Sabha **►P11**

ISI-backed arms, explosive module busted in Amritsar

CHANDIGARH: Punjab Police on Tuesday said an alleged arms and explosives supply module backed by Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) has been busted in Amritsar, claiming that the action has foiled a conspiracy to attack police establishments in the region.

Punjab Director General of Police (DGP) Gaurav Yadav said police arrested six persons in connection with two interlinked cases, thus also cracking a May 2026 improvised explosive device (IED) blast case near the Khasa Army Cantonment.

A hand grenade, a 9mm pistol and five live cartridges were recovered from the accused.

Those arrested in connection with the conspiracy to attack police establishments have been identified

as Navdeep Singh, Samuel alias Samu and Sandeep Singh alias Tiddi -- residents of Moga district, the DGP said.

The three operatives arrested for allegedly executing the Khasa cantonment blast have been identified as Ramandeep Singh, Jajpreet Singh, and Arshdeep Singh alias Kekra, all residents of Attari in Amritsar.

DGP Yadav said preliminary investigation has revealed alleged links of the module with foreign-based smugglers and ISI operatives, with further investigation underway to uncover the complete network and establish backward and forward linkages.

Sharing operational details, Inspector General of Police (IGP), Border Range, Gurpreet Singh Bhullar said acting on inputs shared by central agencies regarding

operatives linked to cross-border handlers hatching a conspiracy to attack police buildings, Amritsar Rural Police intercepted Navdeep Singh along with his associates Samuel alias Samu and Sandeep Singh alias Tiddi.

During a search, a hand grenade and a 9mm pistol, along with five live cartridges, were recovered from their possession.

In this regard, an FIR under the provisions of the Explosive Substances Act and the Arms Act was registered at Gharinda police station on October 11.

The IGP said the crackdown has also led to the cracking of the Khasa cantonment IED blast case that took place on the night of May 5.

The blast had occurred near the cantonment's boundary wall. No injuries had been reported **►P11**

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