

Assam Assembly passes UCC Bill

GUWAHATI: The Assam Assembly on Wednesday passed the UCC Bill that seeks to put in place a common legal framework to govern marriage, divorce, succession and live-in relationships irrespective of religion, even as the opposition demanded that it be sent to a select committee.

With the passage of the proposed legislation, Assam became the third state, after Uttarakhand and Gujarat, to pass a Uniform Civil Code Bill. Goa also has one common civil law, which continued from its erstwhile Portuguese colonial period.

After a day-long discussion on the 'The Uniform Civil Code, Assam, 2026 Bill', Speaker Ranjeet Kumar Dass asked Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma to move it for passage.

Dass rejected the opposition's demand that the Bill be sent to a select committee for wider consultation. ► P11

Demolish all illegal structures within 15-km of IB: Amit Shah

Illegal migration affecting interior areas: MHA



NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah has directed the authorities to strictly enforce a 'zero tolerance' policy against illegal constructions within 15 km of the country's borders and demolish all such structures that have come up over the years.

The Ministry of Home Affairs has assigned enhanced responsibility to the district magistrates to ensure legal and financial compliance of banking transactions in the border areas by all banks, verify big business establishments, examine their

ganagar and Phalodi – were present at the meeting.

In a statement, the home ministry said the border districts have been directed to carry out an in-depth study of the sources, patterns and networks behind crimes and the drug menace, and to develop lasting solutions so that these problems do not resurface.

Shah stressed formulating a 360-degree security cover for every border district involving citizens, state machinery and security agencies.

The home minister called for strict enforcement of the zero tolerance policy against illegal constructions, particularly within 0 to 15 km of the internal borders, and to demolish all such structures, officials said.

He underscored the importance of a coordinated approach to border management involving the BSF, CBDT, NCB and the state machinery to address ► P11

Two panels formed to probe FRA violations, says Minister

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Forest Minister Javed Rana on Wednesday reached out to people affected by the recent anti-encroachment drive in forest areas on the outskirts of Jammu city and said two separate inquiry committees have been constituted to probe alleged violations of the Forest Rights Act (FRA).

Police and forest department teams on Tuesday carried out a major anti-encroachment drive in the Raika Bandi forest belt in the lower Shivalk range on the outskirts of Jammu city, demolishing more than 30

India warns Pak at UN on cross-border terror

UNITED NATIONS: Pakistan will have to accept that there are "consequences" to its sponsorship of cross-border terrorism, India told a UN meeting, underscoring that it has "every right" to defend itself from such terror attacks perpetrated by its neighbour.

"I am compelled to respond to baseless and unwarranted remarks made by Pakistan today. India would like to set the facts straight," India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Harish Parvathaneni said at a UN Security Council meeting on Tuesday.

"Independent India began its life battling with cross-border aggression by

Pakistan, which coveted Indian territories that had become a part of India as a result of their complete, legal and irrevocable accession," Parvathaneni said.

Parvathaneni's strong response against Pakistan came during the Security Council debate on 'Upholding the purposes and principles of the UN Charter and strengthening the UN-centred international system', chaired by China, under its presidency of the 15-nation UN body for the month of May.

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi presided over the opening session of the debate.

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The EARTH NEWS joins the campaign launched by Honourable Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Ji to eradicate drug menace from union territory of J&K.

LG orders intensified crackdown on narco-terror ecosystem across J&K



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KASHMIR: The Lieutenant Governor was chairing a high-level meeting with the senior officials at Lok Bhavan Srinagar.

The meeting was attended by Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Nalin Prabhat, DGP; Shailendra Kumar, Additional Chief Secretary,

Lieutenant Governor; Ram Niwas Sharma, Commissioner/Secretary, School Education Department; M Raju, Commissioner Secretary, Health & Medical Education; Vikramjit Singh, Commissioner Secretary Industries & Commerce and other senior officials.

The Lieutenant Governor took appraisal of the progress of the ongoing Nasha Mukta Jammu Kashmir Abhiyan and emphasized the need for a stronger anti-drug mechanism.

He directed the Director General of Police to further strengthen the Anti-Narcotics Task Force by deploying additional manpower.

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Peddler arrested with contraband

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SHOPIAN: Continuing its sustained efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from society, J&K Police arrested a drug peddler in Shopian and recovered Heroin-like substance from his possession.

A police party from Police Station Shopian during a routine Naka checking at Shopian intercepted & apprehended a suspicious person. Upon search, 9 grams of heroin like substance was recovered from his ► P11

27 illicit liquor bottles seized

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PULWAMA: In a significant action against illegal liquor trade, J&K Police in Pulwama recovered an illicit liquor consignment during patrolling at Khamri and arrests the accused person involved in the commission of crime.

A Police party of Police Station Rajpora during patrolling at Khamri, intercepted a suspicious person carrying two bags. He has been identified as Jiten Barman son of Nil Kumar Barman resident of Paschim Kathalbari, Silbarihat District Jalpaiguri, West Bengal, presently working in a ply factory at Lassipora.

During search, 27 bottles of illicit liquor was recovered from his possession. ► P11

J&K celebrates Eid-ul-Adha with prayers for global peace



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JAMMU: Amid tight security arrangements, Eid-ul-Adha was celebrated across Jammu

and Kashmir on Wednesday, with large congregations of Muslims offering prayers at mosques and Eidgahs.

Eid-ul-Adha, which commemorates the devotion and sacrifice of Prophet Ibrahim, was observed with religious spirit across the Union Territory.

The largest congregation was witnessed at the Eidgah on Residency Road in Jammu, followed by significant gatherings at Mecca Masjid Bathindi and Jamia Masjid Talab Khatikan. Devotees in large numbers participated in special prayers held early in the morning.

Following the Eid prayers, worshippers performed the traditional ritual sacrifice of animals, including sheep, goats, and cattle, symbolising faith, devotion, and ► P11

Eid prayers disallowed at Jama Masjid

SRINAGAR: Authorities on Wednesday refused to allow Eid prayers at the Eidgah and the historic Jama Masjid in the old city here for the eighth consecutive year, besides placing Mirwaiz Umar Farooq under house arrest.

"For the eighth consecutive year, Muslims of Kashmir have been denied the right to offer Eid prayers at the historic Eidgah/Jama Masjid, and I have been placed under house arrest," the Mirwaiz took to X.

He said Muslims of Kashmir are greeted by barricades and restrictions on Eid.

"On the revered and celebratory occasion of Eid, Muslims of Kashmir are ► P11

Sri Ganganagar sizzles at 48.2°C

NEW DELHI: Northern India continued to sizzle under blistering heat on Wednesday, with Rajasthan's Sri Ganganagar recording the highest temperature in the country at 48.2 degrees Celsius, according to the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD).

The IMD classifies a heatwave in the plains if the maximum temperature exceeds 45 degrees, while temperatures above 47 degrees are categorised as a severe heatwave.

Sri Ganganagar's recorded temperature was 5.5 notches above normal, while several other regions in the desert state witnessed mercury hovering around

46-47 degrees Celsius.

Pilani was the second hottest place in the state at 47 degrees Celsius, followed by Bikaner at 46.6 degrees, Chiru and Jaisalmer at 46.4 degrees each, Phalodi at 46.2 degrees, and Kota at 45.4 degrees.

In Uttar Pradesh, Banda district emerged as the hottest place in the state at 47.8 degrees Celsius, followed by Prayagraj at 46.4 degrees, Jhansi at 46 degrees, Orai at 45.6 degrees, Kanpur (IAF) at 45.2 degrees and Deomali at 45.1 degrees.

Temperatures in neighbouring Delhi, Haryana and Chandigarh also hovered between 45 and 46 ► P11

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