

If Punjab is secure, the nation is secure: Shah

AMRITSAR, JAN 30 /- /BJP national president Amit Shah today asked the electorate to vote for the SAD-BJP combine in Punjab for the third time, stating that the alliance's victory was necessary for the security of the country. "The election in Punjab is an election for the security of the nation. Being a bordering state, it is the responsibility of the electorate to choose a government which can ensure secure borders, communal harmony and peace. Punjab is the heart of India. If it is secure, the nation is secure," he said.

Shah was addressing an election rally here in support of BJP candidate in the Punjab Assembly elections. Launching an offensive against Congress and AAP, he said Captain Amarinder Singh and Arvind Kejriwal were "dreaming" of becoming the Chief Minister of Punjab. He said PPCC chief Amarinder Singh is referred to as "absent MP" as he never attended the Parliament nor visited Amritsar after being chosen as the MP from here. "Will you ever vote for a person who is an 'absent MP'? One who has been missing since becoming an MP? Well, even if he manages to become the CM, where will you go to find him?" He uses Captain in front of his name but he takes orders from Rahul Baba (Congress vice president Rahul Gandhi). India is moving towards Congress-free nation and I appeal you people to bar the entry of Congress in Punjab too," he said.

Similarly, he said, Kejriwal was dreaming of becoming the CM of every state he visits. "Some people are trying to do their best to defame Punjab. They are fooling people in order to seize power in Punjab. But I must say, the people know it all. The electorate of Delhi which is now voting for you (Kejriwal) is now looking for you with binoculars," the BJP chief said. "I ask the people of Punjab to call up your relatives in Delhi and get a reality check," he said. Holding that PM Modi-led Central government had ensured development of the state, Shah said, "PM Modi and Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley have a deep connection with Amritsar. Today, Amritsar has been declared a Heritage City and will soon become a Smart City."

Thousands of crores have been sanctioned by the Central government for Amritsar and it is visible in the development that has taken place here, he said. The senior BJP leader also had a word of praise for Punjab Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal. "There is nobody like CM Parkash Singh Badal. He is the epitome of sacrifice. He has dedicated his entire life for the betterment of Punjab. It hurts when people abuse him. Politics has hit a new low," he said.

Struggling for space, MNS warms up to Sena

MUMBAI, JAN 30 /- / Struggling for political space, the Raj Thackeray-led MNS has knocked at the doors of Shiv Sena for a tactical adjustment in the upcoming civic polls in Maharashtra, but any truck between the two is unlikely to fructify with the latter showing little interest in it. Terming it as a "political move", MNS sources said efforts are being made "to cosy up with Sena, which is gearing up to battle it out with the BJP after deciding against a pre-poll pact. But, the Sena has shown no serious interest in MNS proposal. "We are fully ready for the polls. Unfortunately, we have to battle the BJP. Uddhavji has made it clear that he will not seek anybody's support or alliance. If anybody wants to support us, we will consider it sympathetically."

However, seat-sharing or any tactical understanding is ruled out," Sena sources said. MNS sources, however, indicated that the party has not given up all hopes. Fueling speculations of a covert understanding in the form of seat

adjustment between the two parties, MNS's former legislator Bala Nandgoankar had gone to Sena chief's residence. "Though he could not meet Uddhav, he handed over a letter containing the party's proposal. Sena sources said the party chief has virtually spurned the overtures from the MNS. The Raj Thackeray-led MNS, an offshoot of Shiv Sena, which had bagged 111 seats in urban civic bodies in 2012, is now finding itself alone. According to political observers, MNS is suffering from some sort of "trust deficit" and "credibility crisis," a perception its leaders and functionaries refuse to share. Five years ago, the Maharashtra Navnirman Sena, riding on Raj's charisma and "anti north Indian immigrant" agenda, had bagged 28 seats in Mumbai corporation, seven in Thane, 29 in Pune, four in Pimpri-Chinchwad, two in Nagpur and one in Akola. In Nashik, it cornered 40 seats and stormed to power, and got its candidate elected as mayor with the NCP support. Raj had supported Sena in

Mayor election in Mumbai and expected the gesture to be reciprocated in Nashik. But his estranged cousin Uddhav did not yield. Party insiders say majority of the 111 corporators as well as former MLAs have switched sides either to Sena or BJP. "Prior to the 2014 Lok Sabha elections, Raj supported the candidature of Narendra Modi for Prime Ministership. If he wanted Modi to be PM, why did he field candidates against the Sena-BJP then," observers noted. Its detractors also charge that MNS had dropped mid-way several agitations that it launched, including the one against toll levy and Pakistani artists. In the 2014 state polls, the MNS's strength in the Legislative Assembly nosedived from 13 to one. However, there has been no course correction and workers and leaders who had stayed back were left to their fate," party sources said. Despite getting power in Nashik and a good number of corporators in other cities, the party has not been able to achieve much, observers say. In

municipal council and nagar panchayat polls held recently, the MNS could bag only seven seats as against 61 seats it secured five years ago. Recently, Raj Thackeray had said he was willing to go for a pre-poll alliance for the civic polls next month, but there were no takers. Refuting the negative perceptions, MNS vice president Vageesh Saraswat said his party will increase its tally in the urban civic bodies and Raj Thackeray is a charismatic leader who inspires Marathi youth. "We will replicate our Nashik development model elsewhere, if given a chance," he said. BJP leader Madhav Bhandari said Raj Thackeray's style of functioning does not create confidence in the society's mind and there is no chance of revival for the party. He said Raj has not been able to fulfil the expectations he aroused when he made a splash on the state's political scene, after breaking away from the Shiv Sena. Congress leader Ratnakar Mahajan said he could not see any possibility of MNS reviving by its espousal of "parochial and regional politics." (PTI)

BJP MLA Suresh Rana booked for hate speech

MUZAFFARNAGAR, JAN 30 /- / Controversial BJP MLA Suresh Rana was today booked by Uttar Pradesh Police on charges of inciting hatred after he said that curfew will be imposed in Kairana, Deoband and Moradabad if he is elected again in assembly polls next month. Rana, an accused in the 2013 Muzaffarnagar riots and the party candidate from Thana Bhawan seat in neighbouring Shamli district, had made the remarks at a gathering in his constituency on Saturday, evoking criticism from opposition parties. "If I emerge as the winner (in UP polls), curfew will be imposed in Kairana, Deoband and Moradabad," he said.

A case was registered against Rana under IPC Section 505 (Making a statement with intent to incite) and Section 125 (Promoting enmity between classes in connection with election) of The Representation of the People Act for his controversial remarks. Thana Bhawan circle officer Sunil Kumar Tyagi said. The officer said that it was found that the MLA's statement violated the model code of conduct for elections. Rana today tried to do some damage control claiming that his remarks were meant for goons who have spread terror in the state. "What I meant was many people have planned to leave western UP fearing the terrorist grip by goons and robbers. There is no city in that region where people have not planned to move out due to the fear of these goons," Rana said. When BJP forms government in UP, these goons who are part of the mafia, whose actions are feared and who forced citizens to leave the state to leave the state. The residents of UP won't leave due to the fear of these goons," he added. Kairana, Deoband and Moradabad last year BJP MP Hukam Singh alleged that there was exodus of Hindus and released a list of more than 100 names of Hindus who had reportedly fled the town following repeated extortion threats and violent attacks. Singh had alleged controversial remarks. Thana Bhawan circle officer Sunil Kumar Tyagi said. The officer said that it was found that the MLA's statement violated the model code of



A contingent of Kerala Police at the Martyrs Day at Palayam in Thiruvananthapuram on Monday.

2 Patel quota stir activists held for ruckus at Dy CM's function

AHMEDABAD, JAN 30 /- / Two persons associated with Patel quota agitation were arrested by Gandhinagar police for allegedly creating ruckus at a function attended by Gujarat's Deputy Chief Minister Nitin Patel. The Hardik Patel-led 'Patidar Anamat Andolan Samiti' (PAAS) has claimed responsibility behind the incident, saying they wanted to draw attention of Gujarat government on the issue of reservation for Patel community under OBC quota, a cause for which they were fighting since more than a year. According to police, a group of person at the venue started shouting slogans as soon as Patel started his address at a mass wedding ceremony of Kadva

Patidar community at Vihar village in Manasa taluka of Gandhinagar district last evening. "Based on a complaint filed by event organisers, we lodged a complaint against nine persons for creating ruckus. Later, during the night, we arrested two of them on charges of rioting," Manasa Police Inspector KH Suryavanshi said. The two arrested persons - Chandu Patel and Vinod Patel - were released on bail today. Apart from Nitin Patel, the organisers had also invited BJP MP from Mehsana, Jayshreebhai Patel, at the function, said the officer. "During Nitin Patel's speech, some of the persons started shouting slogans. The event started throwing water pouches indiscriminately on people at the venue. Those

who were arrested yesterday were granted bail by a local court today," said Suryavanshi. Gandhinagar PAAS convener Abhik Patel said, "Though we are agitating for getting reservation under OBC quota, this government is not listening to us. Thus we protest against BJP leaders whenever we get a chance. Yesterday, we shouted 'Jay Sardar - Jay Patidar' as soon as Patel started his speech." Meanwhile, Hardik Patel came to Manasa police station this morning to express solidarity with the two arrested PAAS activists. Though he insisted on meeting the duo, police asked him to meet them after they get bail. "Hardik did not create any trouble and left after we explained our stand," Suryavanshi said. (PTI)

Punjab 'Belan Brigade' to tackledrug menace in polls

CHANDIGARH, JAN 30 /- / With the drug menace emerging as a major issue in poll-bound Punjab, an NGO named "Belan Brigade" is aiming to the rolling this as a symbol in its fight against the social evil. "From today, we will carry a bus full of volunteers, who will travel the length and breadth of the state to raise awareness among the people in these elections against drug abuse," the NGO's chief Anita Sharma said today. She said the 'belan' (rolling pin) has always been part of every household and it is the symbol of a woman's strength. "It is one thing with which every woman starts her day. We want the 'belan' as a symbol to fight against the menace of drug abuse in Punjab," she added. Sharma said they want to fight against social evils that have affected several families across the state. The bus carrying the women volunteers was flagged off by the family members of drug abuse victims in Ludhiana, she said. The volunteers and supporters of the brigade carry rollings pins made of wood or metal to let their message reach every household. "The people should drive away those who distribute or who entice the voters with drugs and alcohol because they are the enemies not only of our democracy, but society as well as the humanity." Our NGO has been fighting against various social evils like crime against women including drug, rape and child abuse trafficking," Sharma said. The campaign against drugs and liquor abuse began during the 2014 Lok Sabha elections and its main focus is to make the public aware about the menace of drugs and its consequences on health. Since drug issue is at the centre-stage in this year's Punjab elections, we also want to do our bit to raise public awareness," she said. Punjab will go to polls on February 4. (PTI)

Police should be proactive in tackling cyber crime: Bombay HC

MUMBAI, JAN 30 /- / The Bombay High Court today said cyber crime and websites indulging in objectionable services are a problem for the society at large, and police should be proactive in addressing the issues and initiating action. A dividend benefit of Chief Justice Manjula Chellur and C S Kulkarni was hearing a PIL filed by city-resident Ali Ahmed Siddiqui seeking action against online websites that run sex rackets in the guise of escort services. The bench was today informed by public prosecutor Purnima Kantharia that the cyber-crime cell of city police has so far blocked over 200 such sites after a PIL filed by the high court. She said while it appreciates this, the police should be more proactive. "Cyber crime and such websites are a problem to the society at large. The police should not wait for some person to complain about the sites or for court pass directions. The police should be proactive," Chief Justice Chellur said. The court, while adjourning the petition for further hearing next month, said it wants the police to file monthly progress reports on the issue. (PTI)

Govt meet ministers from AP, Telanganato discuss pending issues

HYDRABAD, JAN 30 /- / Common Governor of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana E S L Narasimhan would meet some Ministers and officials from both states to discuss pending issues following state bifurcation in 2014. The meeting is understood to have been convened on February 1. Telangana would like to raise the division of High Court and others during the meeting, while Andhra Pradesh wants division of certain institutions under the 9th and 10th Schedules of Andhra Pradesh Re-organisation Act.

SC denies bail to Asaram in sexual assault cases

NEW DELHI, JAN 30 /- / Self-styled godman Asaram, facing prosecution in sexual assault cases lodged in Rajasthan, today failed to get relief from the Supreme Court which rejected his pleas seeking regular and interim bail on medical grounds. A bench comprising Chief Justice S Khehar and Justice N V Ramana also rejected his interim bail plea on health grounds in another sexual

offence case registered in Gujarat, saying the petition was "devoid of any merit". The apex court also observed that Asaram had placed a "fictitious document" to persuade the court to grant him bail and ordered registration of an FIR against those responsible for preparing and filing the alleged fake papers. "The instant act of placing fictitious document through his 'parokar' (confidante) constitutes a serious offence and it can't be left off merely by tendering an apology. We direct registration of an FIR based on the letter dated November 8, 2016 and also the affidavit filed in compliance of the order dated December 6, 2016," the bench said. "We direct the concerned investigating officer to complete the investigation thereof at the earliest and, in case an offence is

made out, initiate criminal prosecution in accordance with the law against all the concerned parties," it said while rejecting the regular bail plea of Asaram. The apex court, while dismissing the regular bail plea, noted that trial in the matter was unnecessarily prolonged and the prosecution witnesses were being attacked, which has led to the death of two witnesses. (PTI)

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Patil quota stir enters second day, remains peaceful

CHANDIGARH, JAN 30 /- / The members of Jat community in Haryana today continued their agitation in 18 districts of the state seeking reservation in government jobs and other demands. Amid elaborate security arrangements, the Jats held dharnas at several locations, which remained peaceful, officials said.

"The dharnas remained peaceful in 18 districts," All India Jat Aaraksham Sangharsh Samiti (AIJASS) president Yashpal Malik told PTI over phone, adding from February 3 the Jats will hold dharnas in Delhi in support of those agitating in Haryana. "On February 3, we will begin with a dharna at Narela and then on the following days dharnas will be held in 18 districts of Delhi every day," he said. The call for the fresh stir has been given by some Jat outfits, especially those owing allegiance to AIJASS. Since yesterday, the mem-

bers of Jat community have been staging peaceful dharnas at Ramayana village near Hisar-Bhivani railway track, Jollith village on Sonpat-Gohana road, Jassia village on Rohtak highway, Rasalwala Chowk in Jhajjar, Umtrakheri village near Panipat-Shamli road, Bala village near Assandh road in Karnal and at some other places. From tomorrow, the agitation will begin in a couple of more districts, Malik said. Internet services have been suspended in the vicinity of dharna sites to check spread of rumours. Authorities have imposed prohibitory orders under Section 144 of CrP in some areas of sensitive districts, banning gathering of five or more people. Paramilitary forces are out in sensitive areas while heavy police force has been deployed to maintain strict vigilance. The central forces have conducted flag marches in some sensitive areas,

officials said. During a similar stir a year ago, there were 30 deaths and widespread destruction of property. This time, Haryana has been put on maximum alert, officials said. All the Deputy Commissioners and Superintendents of Police have been directed to ensure that highways and railway tracks are not obstructed and no damage is caused to property, they said. "The state government has warned agitators against taking law in their hands. People can protest peacefully, but if anyone takes law in one's hands, then strict action will be taken," a senior official said here. Rapid Action Force has been deployed at Munak canal in Sonapat district to ensure uninterrupted water supply to the national canal. The agitators had damaged the canal during last year's stir. Meanwhile, in Hisar, the dharna by Jats near Ramayana village was addressed by various leaders of the

community on the second day of the agitation amid elaborate security arrangements. Ram Bhagat Malik, spokesperson of AIJASS, claimed that the dharna would continue in a peaceful manner. While addressing a gathering, the leaders said those Jat or Knap leaders who betrayed the community by siding with the government this time also, will have to face the consequences. The community will teach them a lesson. They have been trying to weaken the agitation." Notably, Rohtak and some of its neighbouring districts, including Sonapat and Jhajjar had been worst-hit by the violence which broke out during last year's Jat stir. Apart from the quota demand, the agitators are demanding release of arrested Jat youths from jails, withdrawal of cases registered during last year's agitation and grant of government jobs to the kin of youths killed and those injured during last year's stir.

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