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Amid rising statehood demands , Shah announces five new districts for Ladakh

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday announced the formation of five new districts in Ladakh . These new districts are : Zaskar , Drass , Sham , Nubra and Changthang .

The formation of new districts is for “ bolstering governance in every nook and cranny “ , the home ministry said .

PM Narendra Modi said it was a step towards better governance and prosperity and districts would receive “ more focused attention, bringing services and opportunities closer to people .”

Ladakh currently has two districts : Leh and Kargil . These two districts have autonomous hill councils for more autonomy in local governance .

Kargil Democratic Authority (KDA) and Leh apex Body (LAB) , are the two influential civil society groups in the region , which are demanding full statehood for the state . The demand pertains to inclusion of sixth schedule , reservation for local population , 2 Lok Sabha seats and one Rajya Sabha seat for Ladakh .

LBA has announced a Padyatra to Delhi from september 1 - October 2 for demand .

Currently LAB and KDA are engaged in talks with the home ministry over their demands .



Ladakh's existing and new district headquarters

This map shows the locations of the district headquarters, including for the newly created districts of Zanskar, Drass, Sham, Nubra and Changthang

Boundaries of existing districts
■ Kargil ■ Leh



Fresh charges of harassment roil Kerala's film industry

More women have come forward and alleged sexual harassment charges against some senior Malayalam Film names .

Actor Muni Muneer alleged that some big names in the film industry subjected her to physical and verbal abuse . These include actor M Mukesh , actor and producer Maniyapalla Raju , and former General secretary Edavela Raju .

Actress Geeta Vijayan and Sri Devika has accused actor Thulsidas of knocking on her doors at night during shooting of a film .

BJP warns Kangana for comment on farmer's agitation

BJP on Monday distanced itself from a controversial comment by MP Kangana Ranaut over farmers' protest that led to scrapping of three farm laws . BJP said that she was not authorised to make comments on behalf of the Party . She has been directed not to make any such statements in future .

Ms Ranaut had the farmers protest was a build up to a “ Bangladesh like situation in India “ , and “ dead bodies were hanging and rapes were taking place “ at the protest site .

Opposition Parties and farmers groups were making an uproar against her comment .

Farmers' bodies claim that more than 700 people died in farmers' protests . They allege death to be because of the government's apathy .

Center yet to list violation of ground rules by Kuki Zo groups : KNO leader

Seilen Haokip , the spokesperson of Kuki Zo insurgent group , Kuki National Organization (KNO) on Monday in an interview with The Hindu said that the Union Home Ministry has not flagged insurgent group out of talk for peace in Manipur .

Manipur government , Union Home ministry and the insurgent groups had signed a Suspension of Operation (SoO) pact in 2008 , so that insurgent group be involved in talk and not violence .

Earlier this year , Manipur assembly passed a resolution abrogating SoO pact with insurgent groups blaming the groups of instigating violence . Insurgent groups involved under SoO were 25 in number led by KNO .

Mr Haokip said that their demand related to Manipur has changed . Before may , 2023 their demand was of an autonomous territorial council within Manipur . But now they are demanding a separate Administration (SA) for Kuki Zo tribe. He said that SA can be inform of UT or UT similar to Delhi .

INDIA reached a deal : 51 seats for NC ; friendly fight in five

After Hectic negotiation the National Conference (NC) and Congress on Monday finalised seat sharing formula for the Jammu and Kashmir .

Out of total 90 seats , 51 seats will be fought by National Conference (NC) , 32 by Congress , while friendly fight will take place at five seats .

One seat has been given to CPI (M) and Jammu and Kashmir Panthers party each .

Elections in J&K is scheduled between 18 September to 1 October .

Employees , pensioners in Punjab and Haryana dismiss UPS , call for implementation of OPS .

AAP government in Punjab had promised implementation of OPS in 2022 , but it is still to be implemented on ground . The groups demanding OPS has rejected UPS and is asking to implement OPS .

In Haryana , election is scheduled between 18 September to 1 October . Even here the employees groups protesting has asked for OPS rejecting UPS .

World : _____

At least 38 killed in 3 militant strikes in Balochistan province

Gunmen in Balochistan province of Pakistan have killed at least 38 people in three separate attacks . Pakistan military in retaliation has said that security forces killed at least 21 insurgents while 14 military personnel have been martyred .

Twenty three people were shot after being taken from buses , vehicles and trucks in Mushkil . In a separate attack gunmen killed at least nine people in Qalat district . While bodies of six were found in Bolan .

Balochistan is the largest province in Pakistan comprising about 44% of landmass and only 3.46% of population .

The province is rich with mineral resources such as Copper , Gold , Coal , and natural gas and continues to be one of the most backward regions of Pakistan . Several insurgents groups have emerged demanding more autonomy and some even demanding cessation from Pakistan .

They are in a fight with the Pakistani military .





Japan scrambles jet after Chinese aircraft 'violates' its airspace

Japan said that it scrambled fighter jets on Monday after a Chinese military aircraft "violated" the airspace.

Chinese Y 9 surveillance plane "violate Japanese airspace for around 2 minutes off the Danjo island in Nagasaki prefecture.", promoting Japan to deploy "fighter jets on an emergency basis", Japan defence ministry said.

This was the first such incident by a Chinese military aircraft.

The Japanese Foreign ministry summoned China's acting ambassador and "lodged a firm protest". No comment over this has come from Beijing.

Japan is an US ally. Because of increasing clout of China in the region, Japan has even started to ramp up its defence spending. It has also buried differences with South Korea to co-operate to counter China. It has also made security agreement with PHILippines.

In the recent past Japanese and Chinese vessels have been involved in tense incidents near Senkaku island in east China sea.

Senkaku island is an uninhabited island administered by Japan but is claimed by Taiwan and China.



India should extradite Hasina : BNP leader

Bangladesh National Party (BNP) general secretary Alamgir speaking with The Hindu on Monday said that, the Pakistan government said that looking at bad image of Sheikh Hasina in Bangladesh, India should extradite her.

He said that investment project run by India in Bangladesh will be protected but he flagged Adani electricity supply of not going well with current administration.

Adani sells all of electricity produced in Godda thermal power plant to Bangladesh. For this coal is imported from Australia. Bangladesh has said that the electricity charges under this is more than it should be.

Moscow targets Kiev's power grid yet again in 'vile' attack

Russian forces fired drones, missiles and hypersonic ballistic Kinzhal missiles at 15 Ukrainian regions.

The Russian missile targeted energy infrastructure. Ukraine said that the total number of missiles and drones were around 100 each.

Ukraine admitted that the attack caused a lot of damage to Ukrainian energy sector..





The spacewalk will be made for about 20 minutes , 700 km into space two days after the launch . This will be second farthest distance man has travelled . First being on moon under Apollo mission .

Astronauts in ISS do spacewalk occasionally , but it is at a distance of 408 km from earth . The four will be launched on Crew Dragon Vehicle . During the walk astronauts will also check newly furnished spacesuit by Space X .

Science

SpaceX to test new tech in risky private spacewalk

Two days later SpaceX will launch ‘ Polaris Down ‘ mission . In five day mission four astronauts will make spacewalk .



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