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Amit Shah introduces three key Bills amid opposition protest

Referred to Joint Committee of Parliament

New Delhi (UNI) Amid massive ruckus by the Opposition members, Union Home Minister Amit Shah today introduced three Bills — The Constitution (One Hundred & Thirtieth Amendment) Bill, 2025, The Government of Union Territories (Amendment) Bill, 2025 and The Jammu & Kashmir Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2025 in the Lok Sabha.

The three bills were referred to the Joint Committee of the Parliament.

The Constitution (130th Amendment) Bill, 2025, seeks to remove a Central or State Minister who is facing allegations of corruption or serious offences and has been detained for at least 30 days while holding office.

Shah said the Bills will be referred to a Joint Committee of the Houses consisting of 21 Members of this House to be nominated by the Lok Sabha Speaker and 10 Members of Rajya Sabha to be nominated by the Deputy Chairman.

The Committee shall make a report and submit to this House by the last day of the first week of the next session (winter session), the Home Minister said.

Amid loud protests and sloganeering by the Opposition members against the 130th Amendment bill, Speaker Om Birla said, "You can protest but your way of protesting is not right. Change your method of protest."

When the House reconvened at 3 pm, marshals were seen in the House, following the unruly behaviour of the Opposition MPs. The Speaker then adjourned the House till 5 pm.

The Speaker called the Home Minister to move the three Bills. As he tabled the Bills, the Opposition started creating a ruckus.

Congress member Manish Tiwari while opposing the bill said, "The bill is



squarely destructive of the basic structure of the Constitution. This bill makes an investigating officer the boss of the Prime Minister of India."

"This bill opens the door for political misuse by instrumentalities of the state, whose arbitrary conduct has been repeatedly frowned upon by the Supreme Court," he added.

He further said that the bill distorts Parliamentary democracy, which is part of the basic structure, by displacing the will of the people through mere custody bereft of a judicial determination.

He demanded the Bills be withdrawn.

Moreover, AIMIM member Asaduddin Owaisi while opposing the bills said that it violates the principle of separation of powers and weakens the right to choose a government.

He said, "It gives executive agencies a free hand to become judge and executioner on the basis of trivial allegations and suspicions. This government is bent on turning the country into a police state."

Shah slams Congress for opposing Constitution 130th Amendment Bill

Union Home Minister Amit Shah today slammed the Congress-led Opposition for protesting against the Constitution 130th Amendment Bill, saying their opposition stems from their desire to remain "outside the ambit of law" and to continue "running governments from jail".

In a social media post, Shah recalled the historical context, citing how former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi had introduced the Constitutional Amendment No 39, which granted immunity to the Prime Minister from legal action.

"On one hand, Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji has introduced a constitutional amendment to bring himself within the ambit of the law, and on the other hand, the entire opposition, led by Congress, has opposed it in order to stay outside the scope of the law, run governments from jail, and not relinquish their attachment to power," Shah said.

Lok Sabha passes bill to drive responsible tech and healthy gaming

Amid ruckus, the Lok Sabha today passed a bill that seeks to encourage innovation in gaming and safeguarding society from the potential harm of technology misuse. The Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Bill, 2025, was cleared by the Lower House by voice vote. While introducing the bill, Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw highlighted India's commitment towards digital innovation over the past 11 years. He also named some forerunner schemes including 'Digital India' and 'Startup India.' The minister said the government wants to promote two segments of online gaming, which are 'e-sports' and 'online social games', but he criticised the third segment, which is 'Online money gaming', by stating it causes serious consequences among youths, including financial losses or even suicides.



Delhi CM Rekha Gupta allegedly attacked during Jan Sunvai

New Delhi: A mishap took place during the Jan Sunvaai at Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta's residence in Civil Lines on Wednesday, Delhi BJP said.

Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva condemned the "attack" on Delhi CM Rekha Gupta as the police inquiry into the matter is underway, the statement further mentioned.

"A mishap happened during Jan Sunvai at CM Residence, Civil Lines. Delhi BJP President Virendra Sachdeva strongly condemns the attack on CM Rekha Gupta during the weekly Jan Sunvai. Police inquiry to reveal details", Delhi BJP said in a statement.

Delhi Congress chief Devender Yadav also condemned the alleged attack on Delhi CM Rekha Gupta, terming the incident "unfortunate".

He said that the Chief Minister leads the entire Delhi. Yadav also questioned the security of the Delhi CM, stating that if she is not safe in the state, then who else is?

"This is very unfortunate. CM leads the entire Delhi, and I think that the more such incidents are condemned, the less it is. But this incident also exposes women's safety. If the CM of Delhi is not safe, how can a common man or common woman be safe?", Devender Yadav told.

On Tuesday, CM Gupta visited the residential area at Yamuna Bazaar, where water from the overflowing Yamuna River has entered and assured that there is no flood-like situation in Delhi and the water level will drop within one to two days.

Accused taken into police custody

New Delhi: In the matter of the attack on Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Wednesday, a case has been registered u/s 109(1) Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) (Attempt to murder, Imprisonment for 10 years and fine) at Civil Lines police station. The accused has been taken into police custody. The Intelligence Bureau (IB) and the Special Cell team are interrogating the accused, who has been identified as Rajesh. According to the Delhi police, Rajesh came to Delhi for the first time from Rajkot by train yesterday morning, and he stayed at Gujarati Bhavan in Civil Lines. The Delhi police claim that Rajesh was talking to his friend in Gujarat on the phone, informing him that he had reached CM House in Shalimar Bagh. Police will seek the remand of the accused Rajesh. Further investigation is going on from all possible angles. Meanwhile, following the attack on Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, CCTV footage obtained from the Chief Minister's residence in Shalimar Bagh revealed that the attacker was planning the attack for the past 24 hours, Delhi CMO said on Wednesday.



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1,648 km of Indo-Bangladesh border fenced in West Bengal, Rajya Sabha told

New Delhi: A total of 1,647.696 km of the Indo-Bangladesh border in West Bengal has been fenced, the Rajya Sabha was informed today. In a written reply, Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai stated that out of the total 2,216.7 km border length in West Bengal, fencing has been completed along 1,647.696 km. He noted that 569.004 km still remains to be fenced and equipped with other border infrastructure. Of this, 112.780 km has been deemed non-feasible, while 456.224 km is feasible for fencing.

Five of family electrocuted in Jalgaon, one child survives

Jalgaon: In a shocking incident, five members of the same family were found dead in a farm near Khedi village in Erandol taluka, Jalgaon, Maharashtra, today. The incident has caused panic not only in the village but also in the surrounding areas. Police investigation has revealed that all five died due to electrocution. The deceased include two women (aged 40), one man (aged 45), an 8-year-old girl, and a 6-year-old boy. In a miraculous turn, a 3-year-old girl from the family survived the accident.

New Vande Bharat rail will run soon between Bikaner-Delhi

Jaipur: The fast and prestigious Vande Bharat rail service between Bikaner and Delhi is expected to start its run soon, posted Bikaner MP and Union Minister of State (MoS) for Law and Justice Arjun Ram Meghwal on his X handle today. "The Railways Minister Ashwani Vaishnav has conveyed to me the Railways decision of approving the proposal of the new train," Meghwal said.

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NDA's Vice Presidential candidate CP Radhakrishnan files nomination in presence of PM Modi



New Delhi (UNI)

National democratic Alliance's (NDA) vice presidential candidate CP Radhakrishnan today filed his nomination for the elections here.

He filed his nomination in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BJP president and Union minister JP Nadda, Union ministers Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh, Nitin Gadkari, Kiren Rijiju, Lalan Singh and other leaders of the NDA.

CP Radhakrishnan was unanimously nominated as the NDA's vice presidential candidate.

The NDA Parliamentary Party leaders in a meeting had unanimously authorised the Prime Minister and BJP president to take the final decision on the party's candidate for the Vice President of India.

Yesterday, the INDIA bloc unanimously fielded former Supreme Court judge B Sudershan Reddy as a consensus candidate for the vice presidential election.

The vice presidential election is scheduled for September 9, following the resignation of Jagdeep Dhankhar on July 21 due to health-related reasons.

Ten-point Consensus arrived at India-China SR talks on Border Question

New Delhi (UNI)

India and China arrived a 10-point consensus including on border management mechanisms at diplomatic and military levels, trans-border rivers cooperation and sharing of hydrological information during emergency situations at the 24th Round of Talks Between the Special Representatives (SRs) of the two countries on the Boundary Question.

Releasing the details of the 10-point Consensus today the Chinese Foreign Ministry said the two countries agreed to give full play to the role of the China-India Expert Level Mechanism on Trans-border Rivers and keep communication on the renewal of relevant MoUs.

The Chinese side agreed to share



hydrological information during emergency situations based on humanitarian considerations.

It was also agreed to re-open the three traditional border trading markets—Renqinggang-Changgu, Pulan-Gunji and Jiuba-Namgya.

The 24th Round of Talks on the Border Question was co-chaired by National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval and China's Foreign Minister

Ch. Sambhajinagar (UNI)

At least 11 people have died in rain-related incidents across the Marathwada region since August 14, with Nanded district bearing the brunt of the devastation, as flash floods claimed seven lives there alone.

The torrential rains have wreaked havoc on agricultural lands, damaging over 5.5 lakh hectares of kharif crops across 17 districts in Maharashtra. The Marathwada and Vidarbha regions have suffered the maximum impact. Nanded district has reported the highest crop damage with 2,59,789 hectares of agricultural land affected, followed by Hingoli with 56,806 hectares and Parbhani with 21,092 hectares.

Apart from the seven fatalities in Nanded, Hingoli and Beed districts have reported two deaths each. The deluge has also resulted in the death of 500 cattle, while 601 houses and sheds have collapsed. Over 1,100 people have been evacuated to safer locations, and 300 have been rescued from flood-hit areas in Nanded alone.

The agricultural sector has suffered severe losses, with soybean and cotton crops being the worst affected. Other damaged crops include jowar, bajra, urad, maize, moong, tur, sugarcane, fruits, and vegetables. A total of 1,154 villages across Marathwada have been impacted by

Wang Yi here yesterday. The 25th Round of SR Talks will be held in China in 2026.

"Under the strategic guidance of the leaders of the two countries and in a positive and constructive spirit, the two sides had a candid and in-depth exchange of views on the China-India boundary question, and reached ten points of consensus," the Chinese Foreign Ministry said.

The two sides reiterated the importance of maintaining peace and tranquility in the border areas, emphasized handling the issue properly through friendly consultations, to promote overall development of the China-India bilateral relationship.

They agreed on the need to take a political perspective of the overall bi-

lateral relationship while seeking a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable framework for settlement of the boundary question in accordance with the Agreement on Political Parameters and Guiding Principles for Settlement of the China-India Boundary Question signed in 2005.

It was also agreed to set up an Expert Group, under the Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination on the China-India border affairs (WMCC) framework, to explore Early Harvest of boundary delimitation on appropriate Sectors.

A Working Group, under the WMCC framework, would be set up to advance effective border management to maintain peace and tranquility in border areas.



the unprecedented rainfall.

Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has directed district collectors to conduct panchnama surveys for damage assessment and provide compensation according to National Disaster Relief Fund norms. The Army has been deployed in severely affected areas, particularly in the Nanded district, to assist in rescue and relief operations.

Security beefed up at Jammu Tawi Railway Station after BSF catches pigeon with chit threatening blast

Jammu: Security was beefed up at Jammu Tawi Railway Station after alert troops of the Border Security Force (BSF) caught a pigeon along the International Border in Ranbir Pura Sector here with a chit threatening an IED blast in the coming days. The BSF troops, as per sources, on August 18 caught a pigeon with a chit tied to its claw carrying a message to blow up the Jammu Tawi Railway Station. "The BSF troops noticed the pigeon flying close to a forward post along the border, and they caught him," sources said, adding that the chit carried messages in Urdu and English.