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Salient Points of Hon'ble Union Home Minister & Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah's address at Public rallies in Mendhar, Surankot, Thanamandi, Rajouri and Akhnoor

**This election in Jammu and Kashmir is an election to end the rule of the three families
(Congress, JKNC, and PDP)**

**Modi Ji worked to eliminate terrorism from Jammu and Kashmir and provided laptops to the
youth instead of stones**

**These three families denied the rights of the people in Jammu and Kashmir and encouraged
terrorism in the region**

**Rahul Gandhi issues orders of terrorism from his 'Mohabbat ki Dukaan' and advocates for
talks with Pakistan**

The agenda of Pakistan, Congress, and the National Conference is the same

**The Modi government has buried terrorism so deep that even their next three generations
won't be able to revive it**

**In the 90s, there used to be firing in Jammu and Kashmir because the leaders here were afraid
of Pakistan. Now, it's Pakistan that fears Modi Ji**

**Omar Abdullah should listen carefully—the Modi government will not allow terrorism to
return to the beautiful hills of Jammu and Kashmir**

**Farooq Abdullah should be held accountable for spreading terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir
for 35 years and for giving weapons to the children of the region**

**The youth of Jammu and Kashmir, who once held guns for terrorism, will now hold them to
defend the country**

Hon'ble Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah addressed public rallies in Mendhar, Surankot, Thanamandi, Rajouri and Akhnoor in Jammu & Kashmir, on Saturday. Shri Shah criticized the three families (Mufti, Abdullah, and Nehru-Gandhi) for inciting violence in the

region and praised Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi Ji for establishing *Jamhuriat* (democracy) in Jammu & Kashmir. During the event, Jammu & Kashmir BJP Working President Shri Sat Sharma, Mendhar BJP Candidate Shri Murtaza Khan, Surankot BJP Candidate Shri Syed Mushtaq Ahmad Bukhari, Thanamandi BJP Candidate Shri Jenab Iqbal Malik, Rajouri BJP Candidate Shri Vibodh Kumar Gupta, Akhnour BJP Candidate Shri Mohan Lal, Chhamb BJP Candidate Shri Rajeev Sharma among other leaders were present.

Shri Shah stated that when he first became the Home Minister, the first delegation from the state was brought to him by Shri Murtaza Khan and Shri Syed Mushtaq Ahmad Bukhari to ensure reservation for the *Pahadis*. Addressing a rally in front of Gurjars, Bakarwals, and other backward caste communities in Mendhar was something never imagined, and it was a big opportunity. **From 1947 till today, the hills have been protected by the Gurjar, Bakarwals, and Pahadis.** People from various parts of the country, including Gujarat, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Bengal, and Bihar, believe that Gurjars, Bakarwals, and Pahadi communities play a vital role in ensuring the country's security and protecting its citizens. The entire nation is proud of these patriots. After 1947, in every war against Pakistan, they fought and safeguarded the nation. **In the 1990s, when terrorism entered Jammu & Kashmir under the rule of Farooq Abdullah, it was the Pahadi, Gurjar, and Bakarwal people who protected the population.** This election is crucial for the nation, as there were previously two flags and two constitutions. **Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee sacrificed his life to end this duality. He proclaimed that "Do Vidhan, Do Pradhan, Do Samvidhan" would not be acceptable in one country.** On August 5, 2019, Shri Narendra Modi Ji abrogated Article 370, making Jammu and Kashmir an integral part of India. This election is the first after the abrogation of Article 370 and the separate flag. It is also a historic election following the reservation granted to Dalits, Gurjars, and Bakarwals.

Union Home Minister Shri Shah stated that with the conclusion of the first phase of elections, it is clear that the government of Farooq Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti will not be formed. **The youth have been kept 'Majboor' for many years, but under their government, the youth will be made 'Majboot'.** The INDI Alliance has wasted the last eight years for the youth and 35 years of development in Jammu & Kashmir. They have spent crores of rupees intended for the region's development and fighting terrorism. **The people should stop the NC-Congress from curbing their reservation. By implementing reservation in promotions, the region could have a Chief Secretary.**

Shri Shah appealed to voters to elect the BJP candidates, as it is the best way to connect the people with the BJP and Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi Ji. **The election is an opportunity to end the regime of three families (Abdullah, Mufti, and Nehru-Gandhi) in Jammu & Kashmir.** It is important to end this regime, as the three families have halted the *Jamhuriat* (Democracy) in the region. **If Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi Ji's government had not come in 2014, then panchayat, block, and district elections would not have taken place.** It has been 75 years since independence, yet the hilly regions of Poonch, Rajouri, and Doda have not seen significant development, for which the NC, Congress, and PDP are responsible, as they have hindered progress in this area.

Union Home Minister Shri Shah stated that Farooq Abdullah comes to the mountains to seek votes, but he must explain to the people of Jammu and Kashmir as Farooq Abdullah is accountable for the 30 years of terrorism that resulted in countless lost lives. During that time, **Jammu and Kashmir experienced 3,000 days of shutdowns, which stunted development and denied an entire generation of education.** Farooq Abdullah and his family hold that responsibility. **Rahul Gandhi speaks of a "Mohabbat ki Dukaan" while simultaneously calling for talks with a nation that supports terrorism, like Pakistan.** Recently, Pakistan's Defence Minister expressed alignment with the National Conference and Congress on their stance regarding the reinstatement of Article 370. **Just like Article 370, terrorism has now become a part of history and will not return.** Dialogue can only happen if Pakistan ceases its terrorist activities. Until then, there will be no discussions. Talks will only be held with the youth of Poonch and Rajouri. **The focus must be on moving beyond destructive agendas and bringing development to Jammu and Kashmir.**

Shri Shah asserted that **due to the efforts of Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi Ji and the BJP, more than 30,000 people of Jammu & Kashmir are contesting elections in different places and working to safeguard democracy.** The INDI Alliance has announced plans to reconsider the reservations implemented by the BJP. **The panchayat and block elections, which were the people's right, had been halted by the Farooq Abdullah, Mehbooba Mufti, and Congress governments. But the efforts of Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi Ji and the BJP made these elections possible in the region.**

Union Home Minister Shri Shah mentioned that **former Home Minister and Congress leader Sushil Kumar Shinde admitted he used to be afraid to go to Lal Chowk during Congress rule. Now, people can roam freely in Lal Chowk without any fear.** The major source of employment for the youth of Jammu & Kashmir is tourism. In 2023, the number of tourists visiting the region exceeded 2 crore, which is more than the total during all the years of Farooq Abdullah's rule. **The money that was meant to provide free food grains, water connectivity, and medical facilities in the region was siphoned away by the corruption of the Mufti, Abdullah, and Congress families.**

Shri Shah stated that **from the 90s to 2014, Jammu and Kashmir was under a reign of terror, leading to the deaths of 40,000 people. However, the three families have failed to stop terror and end stone-pelting in the region.** It was completely ended by the BJP and the stones in the hands of the youth were replaced by laptops. Omar Abdullah scares people that terrorism will return to the region, but the Central government, under the leadership of Hon'ble Shri Narendra Modi Ji, will not let terrorism enter the valley. Farooq Abdullah failed to curb terrorism in the region. **Whenever the region was under attack, Farooq Abdullah was in London enjoying his summer vacation.**

Union Home Minister Shri Shah highlighted that the BJP has worked to improve facilities in the region. **Under the leadership of PM Shri Narendra Modi Ji, every citizen received free healthcare coverage of up to ₹5 lakh and 5 kg of rice was provided free of charge to people across the country, something the previous government failed to achieve in 70 years of governance.** For senior citizens, the scheme has been increased from ₹5 lakh to ₹10 lakh in free healthcare. In a recent cabinet decision, Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi Ji approved the PM Gramin Sadak

Yojana, which previously connected villages with a population of over 500 to all-weather roads. Now, even villages with a population of just 50 will be connected to main roads. This will significantly benefit the hilly areas of Jammu and Kashmir.

Shri Shah mentioned that **under the leadership of Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi Ji, Gurjars, Bakarwal, Pahadis, and OBCs were granted reservations.** Farooq Abdullah has kept Gurjars, Bakarwals, and Pahadi communities away from development. When the BJP granted reservations to the Pahadi community, Farooq Abdullah responded that Gurjars' reservations would be taken away. When the reservation bill was presented in the Lok Sabha, the National Conference and their former judge MP opposed the bill, leading to its delay for over 6 months. However, the party still granted reservations despite the opposition. **Earlier, Gurjars, Bakarwal, and Pahadis sought smaller jobs like peon, but today, the youth are aspiring to become IAS and IPS officers and are getting posted across the country.** They are getting admission to MBBS and Engineering.

Union Home Minister Shri Shah highlighted that the rights given to the OBC category by the Constitution of India were being obstructed by Farooq Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti. Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji has implemented reservations. **The INDI alliance has mentioned in their manifesto that they will reconsider reservations. No matter how hard Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah try, the BJP will not allow reservations to be removed.** NC's agenda includes a proposal to rename *Shankaracharya Hill* as *Takht-e-Suleman* and to change *Hari Hill* to *Kooh-e-Maran*. **If Rahul Gandhi seeks the votes of Jammu and Kashmir, he must clarify whether he supports the NC's agenda.** However, he remains silent on the matter. **Congress party consistently supports corrupt individuals.** Congress candidate from Akhnoor has faced CBI raids and has been implicated in paper leak scandals.

Shri Shah announced that the BJP will open the winter camp at the collector DDO office this winter. **Under Shri Narendra Modi Ji's government, efforts will be made to ensure access to drinking water, hospitals, and schools up to higher secondary levels in Mendhar.** While the INDI alliance has claimed they will abolish reservations, the **Bharatiya Janata Party is committed to providing reservations for Gurjars, Bakarwals, and Pahadis in promotions.** The National Conference's flag is red, with one leader noting that it symbolizes the terrorism faced in Jammu and Kashmir. Terrorism brings no benefit to anyone. What do these individuals hope to achieve by placing guns in children's hands? We do not want weapons in the hands of children. **Bharatiya Janata Party will also create opportunities for the Pahadi brothers by recruiting them into the army, police, and CRPF.**

Union Home Minister Shri Shah announced that the **BJP will set up recruitment camps for specialized security forces along the border to encourage as many Pahadi youth as possible to join the army and security services.** Additionally, the BJP has established a new hospital and an OPD block in Mendhar, with surgical services now available at the Sub-District Hospital. A new conference hall has also been constructed at the Dak bungalow in Mendhar. Furthermore, solar energy streetlights have been installed in many areas of Mendhar, and the **BJP plans to build bunkers in the region for protection against gunfire.** In the 90s, there was significant gunfire, but that situation has changed. Back then, Jammu and Kashmir's *Aakas* were afraid of Pakistan,

whereas now, **Pakistan fears Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi Ji. Pakistan no longer has the audacity to engage in gunfire, and if they do, India will retaliate with bombs.**

Shri Shah mentioned that the Centre has extended National Highway 144A from Jammu to Poonch to improve the livelihoods of the people. **New roads have been constructed and the highway from Surankot to Bakhliyz will connect to Pir Ki Gali, boosting tourism.** The Centre has also constructed a new degree college and a stadium in Surankot, which will create new opportunities for the region. **BJP will make Jammu & Kashmir so secure that there will be no need for bunkers, and Pakistan will not dare to incite violence in the region.** The road from Shahadara Shareef to Badi Beg has been constructed, along with the road from Mangota to Darhal, and from High School Rajdhani to Dishamoda. Additionally, work has been completed on the paved road from Gali to Shahadara Shareef, all under the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi Ji. Villages like Soni, Sanukot, Naki, and Dandwal have all been connected with proper road infrastructure. A new footpath has been constructed in Thanamandi, along with the establishment of a new district hospital in the area.

Union Home Minister Shri Shah announced that the BJP has presented its *Sankalp Patra* in Mendhar. **Bharatiya Janata Party will provide an annual cheque of ₹18,000 to the eldest woman in each household, which will be deposited directly into the beneficiary's bank account.** During Eid and Muharram, two gas cylinders will be given free of charge. Currently, farmers in Jammu and Kashmir receive ₹6,000 annually; following Shri Murtaza Khan's victory, this amount will be raised to ₹10,000. The electricity bill for agriculture will be reduced by 50%, and the BJP will offer free electricity for up to 500 units. **An international airport and a metro system will be launched in Jammu, a riverfront will be developed along the Tavi, and a new tourist destination similar to Pahalgam will be established in the hilly areas of Mendhar, Poonch, and Rajouri to boost tourism.** A separate lake will be created for the Ranjeet Sagar Dam.

Shri Shah stated that the BJP has established **AIIMS in Jammu with an investment of ₹6,000 crore**, along with **9 government medical colleges**, 5 nursing colleges, and a cancer institute. Additionally, 5 new colleges have been created, 24 new buildings constructed, and 69 colleges recognized under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji. ₹69,000 crore hydro project has been approved, and work is currently underway. **The BJP has announced its commitment to rebuilding 100 temples destroyed by terrorists each year.** Congress party has shown itself to be anti-Dalit, having taken years to honor Dr. B.R. Ambedkar with the Bharat Ratna and neglecting to recognize his contributions. In contrast, **the BJP has established five significant sites related to Dr Ambedkar, designating them as Panch Maha Teerth to pay tribute to him.**

Union Home Minister Shri Shah highlighted that **₹1,300 crore investment has been approved for the Jammu-Akhnoor four-lane project**, and under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, ₹120 crore has been invested. The road has been widened from the RCC bridge to Nirdosh Chowk, and the construction of the Golden Arch Road has shortened the distance between Poonch and Akhnoor. A pedestrian path has been created on *Hari Mandir Marg*, and a sub-district hospital has been established in Akhnoor. In addition, a government nursing college has been built, and the Navodaya Vidyalaya has been inaugurated. Approval has also been granted for the development of industrial infrastructure in Singool village, and the BJP has initiated the

construction of an Indoor Stadium in Akhnoor. Bharatiya Janata Party has installed 10 MAV transformers and completed work on 250 transformers in rural areas. Additionally, the **BJP is committed to the rehabilitation of Kashmiri Pandits.**

Shri Shah announced that soon **a train will operate from Poonch-Rajouri to Delhi, making travel more accessible.** The travel time between Rajouri and Kalakot has been reduced to 1-2 hours. Additionally, the **Bela and Abdullah bridges have been constructed,** and a Nursing School has also been established in the region. A medical college has been established, which will greatly benefit the region. The Budhal area is set to emerge as a significant tourist destination.

Union Home Minister Shri Shah remarked that the **Congress has been unfair to the Jammu region for 70 years. BJP promises to promote global tourism in Mendhar, Poonch, and Rajouri region.** 20% quota will be designated for *Agniveers*, and the BJP aims to create 500,000 government jobs in Jammu and Kashmir. In remote areas like Mendhar, students studying up to higher secondary and SSC will be provided with laptops and tablets to support online learning from home. College students will receive ₹3,000 as a travel allowance. Additionally, a training center for IAS and IPS will be established in Poonch-Rajouri, where students will receive ₹10,000 for their training. **An Ayush Herbal Park will be developed in Kishtwar, an IT hub in Jammu, a pharmaceutical hub in Udhampur, and tourism will be enhanced by establishing attractions similar to Pahalgam.** In the entire hilly region, under the Atatl Awas Yojana, 5 *marlas* of land will be provided free of cost to the poor. Reservations for SC/ST will be extended to include promotions as well. Soon, a member of the Pahadi community will be appointed as Chief Secretary and DGP of Jammu and Kashmir; this will happen very soon.

Hon'ble Union Home Minister Shri Shah highlighted that **under the mantra of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas," Shri Narendra Modi Ji has launched a nationwide initiative focused on inclusive development for all. People's one vote will empower the youth, safeguard women, and provide reservation benefits to Dalits, SCs, STs, and OBCs, making it crucial for the future of both Kashmir and India.** Shri Shah encouraged the people to vote for BJP candidates by selecting the 'Lotus' symbol and granting Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji the chance to enhance the development of Jammu and Kashmir.
