Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah presents the President's Colour to Arunachal Pradesh Police in Itanagar

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Arunachal Pradesh Police becomes 17th police force in the country to receive the President's Colour

On the internal security front, Arunachal Pradesh Police is doing commendable work in curbing insurgency, organised crime, drug trafficking and rising cybercrime

We will make the entire country, including Arunachal Pradesh, which is situated at the gateway to Death Triangle, drug-free

Arunachal Pradesh must act as a sentinel for the nation and ensure that not even a single gram of drugs is allowed to reach any part of India from its territory

Siang Upper Multipurpose Project (SUMP) is a project of national importance and is extremely significant for the development of Arunachal Pradesh, the country's energy security and strategic interests

On this project, the government is engaging in positive and constructive discussions with the people of the region, the way forward will be found through dialogue

Govt. will find a way forward by ensuring that Arunachal Pradesh's

traditions, culture and religion remain completely unharmed, while offering a highly attractive rehabilitation package

When history of country's development is written, period after 2014 will be recorded as the golden era of development in Northeast

Modi govt. has brought airport and railway connectivity to various parts of Northeast, reducing not only geographical distance between Northeast and Delhi but also emotional gap between them

Modi govt. has increased expenditure on development in Northeast by more than four times compared to period from 2004 to 2014

There is now not a single India-born terrorist left in Kashmir Valley, this milestone has been achieved through sustained valour, dedication and sacrifice of our security forces and agencies

In 1990s, terrorism was at its peak, and there were doubts about how long we would be able to hold on to Kashmir, Chief Minister had left for England, but our security forces, through their valour, ensured that Kashmir remained integrated with the rest of the country

I want to tell those who question the connection between Article 370 and terrorism that, following the abrogation of Article 370, the feeling of separatism among Kashmiri youth has diminished, and today, there is not a single Kashmiri youth involved in terrorism in Kashmir Valley

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Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah today presented the President’s Colour to Arunachal Pradesh Police in Itanagar, the capital of Arunachal Pradesh. On this occasion, Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh Shri Pema Khandu, Union Minister Shri Kiren Rijiju, Union Home Secretary Shri Govind Mohan, Director, Intelligence Bureau (IB) Dr. Mahesh Dixit, Chief Secretary of the State Shri Manish Gupta and Director General of Police Shri Rajesh Kumar, among several other dignitaries, were present.



Addressing the President's Colour presentation ceremony, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah said that being honoured with the President's Colour is a matter of immense pride not only for the Arunachal Pradesh Police but also for the people of the state. Such a moment comes only once in the lifetime of a state. He said that Arunachal Pradesh, the Land of the Rising Sun, is situated in a region of immense strategic importance. Its security, peace, prosperity and development are of great significance for the entire country. Shri Shah said that the President's Colour is a testament to courage, discipline and professional excellence. This honour is conferred upon a police force in recognition of its service marked by valour, dedication and sacrifice over a period of more than 15 years. He said that the Arunachal Pradesh Police has become 17th police force in the country to receive this prestigious honour, which is a matter of pride for all of us.

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah said that there was a time when Arunachal Pradesh did not have its own police force, and the Assam Rifles was responsible for maintaining security in the region. He said that in 1971, when the region was known as the North-East Frontier Agency (NEFA), the Arunachal Pradesh Police was established under the leadership of senior police officer L.B. Sewa. Paying tribute to L.B. Sewa, Shri Shah said that he attained martyrdom in 1974 while fighting armed militants in Mizoram. He said that wherever Sewa Ji may be today, he would feel immense satisfaction on seeing that the seed he had sown has grown into a mighty banyan tree in the form of the Arunachal Pradesh Police. Today, with strength of more than 16,000 personnel, the police force has been honoured with the President's Colour. Shri Shah said that the Arunachal Pradesh Police, spread across four ranges and 29 police districts, is of immense importance to the country. It comprises two battalions of the Arunachal Armed Police and five Indian Reserve Battalions.



Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah said that Arunachal Pradesh is a very peaceful state, home to people engaged in agriculture, business, education and leading a religious way of life. However, it is situated along the longest international border in the North-Eastern region of the country. He said that Arunachal Pradesh shares an international border stretching 1,863 kilometres, including 1,226 kilometres with China, 520 kilometres with Myanmar and 217 kilometres with Bhutan. This makes the security and peace of Arunachal Pradesh extremely important not only for the state but also for the entire country. Shri Shah said that Arunachal Pradesh is, in a way, situated at the gateway to the Death Triangle, through which narcotics are smuggled into different parts of the country. He said that Arunachal Pradesh is a strategically important state from the perspective of preventing drug trafficking. He said that on the internal security front, the Arunachal Pradesh Police is doing commendable work in tackling insurgency, organised crime, drug trafficking and the growing menace of cybercrime. He expressed confidence that, following the conferment of the President's Colour, the Arunachal Pradesh Police would discharge these responsibilities with even greater enthusiasm and dedication.



Shri Amit Shah said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, a new era of development has begun across the entire North-Eastern region, including Arunachal Pradesh. He said that it is quite amusing when opposition party leaders ask us in Parliament what the Modi government has done for the North-East. He said that whenever the history of the country's development is written, the period after 2014 will be recorded as the golden era of development in the North-Eastern region. Shri Shah said that by providing airport and railway connectivity at various locations across the North-East, the Modi government has sought to reduce not only the geographical distance between the North-East and New Delhi but also the emotional distance between them. He said that the development of the North-Eastern region, which is larger in geographical area than Uttar Pradesh and shares borders with several countries, is the responsibility of the entire nation. He emphasised that this is the firm belief of the government.



Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah said that during the ten years from 2004 to 2014, the government of the opposition party spent ₹33,530 crore on the North-Eastern region, whereas the Modi government undertook development works worth ₹1,49,646 crore in the region between 2014 and 2026, representing an increase of more than four times. He said that an 18-fold increase in the Devolution Fund and a 1.5-fold increase in Grant-in-Aid demonstrate that the Modi government views the development of the North-East not merely as a slogan but as a reality. He added that substantial work has been undertaken in the region through budgetary allocations.



Shri Amit Shah said that the 12-kilometre-long Sela Tunnel, the world's longest bi-lane tunnel, has been constructed in Arunachal Pradesh at an altitude of 13,000 feet at a cost of ₹825 crore. In 2018, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the Bogibeel Bridge, connecting Pasighat/Dhemaji in Arunachal Pradesh with Dibrugarh in Assam. It is the country's longest rail-cum-road bridge. He said that Glaw Lake in Arunachal Pradesh was declared India's 101st Ramsar site, becoming the first Ramsar site in the state. The state's first authorised commercial coal mine was inaugurated at Namchik-Namphuk. The 1,500-kilometre-long Arunachal Frontier Highway, costing ₹44,000 crore, was approved to connect all border areas from east to west. Shri Shah said that the foundation stone was laid for the 2,880 MW Dibang Hydropower Project, costing ₹32,000 crore. Eight packages of National Highway projects worth ₹6,600 crore were launched, and plans for a 2,000-kilometre-long Frontier Highway and another road along the McMahon Line were approved. He said that the Nechiphu Tunnel was also constructed on the 300-kilometre-

long Balipara-Charduar-Tawang road, which provides connectivity to West Kameng and Tawang districts. Shri Shah said that the annual railway budget for the North-Eastern region, which stood at ₹2,100 crore in 2014, has been increased to ₹11,486 crore in 2026–27. He said that, keeping security considerations in mind and with the objective of promoting tourism as well as trade and industry in the state, the Donyi Polo Airport was commissioned at a cost of ₹650 crore. A new greenfield airport has been constructed at Hollongi, while the airport at Tezu has been developed and made operational. He said that several power projects would enable Arunachal Pradesh to become a revenue-surplus state in a very short period. Shri Shah further said that nearly 23,000 farmers are benefiting from the PM-KISAN scheme. Tap water connections have been provided to 2,30,000 households, while 1,90,000 Ayushman cards are providing families with access to medical treatment worth up to ₹5 lakh. A total of 8,32,000 people are being provided 5 kg of foodgrains per person per month, and Ujjwala gas cylinders have been provided to 56,000 households. Housing has also been provided to 12,000 beneficiaries.



Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the Government of India has introduced new criminal laws. By repealing the old laws enacted by the British, these new criminal laws of India have been passed by the Indian Parliament, elected by the people of India. This marks the dawn of a new era of peace and justice in the country. He said that these new criminal laws provide extensive legal support for the use of technology. They have been framed by placing citizens at the centre and keeping their safety and security in mind. Shri Shah said that under these new criminal laws, every FIR registered after 2027 will be adjudicated within three years, including at the Supreme Court level, ensuring that no one has to face delays in getting justice.



Shri Amit Shah said that the Union Ministry of Home Affairs has set a target of making the country drug-free. He said that we will make Arunachal Pradesh, situated at the gateway to the Golden Triangle, drug-free. He also called upon Arunachal Pradesh to act as the sentinel of India and ensure that not even a single gram of drugs enters the country through the state. He said that this responsibility rests with the Arunachal Pradesh Police. Shri Shah said that together, we will not only make Arunachal Pradesh drug-free but also ensure that not even a single gram of drugs from the state reaches any part of India.

Appealing to the people of the Siang region on the issue of the Siang Upper Multipurpose Project (SUMP), Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah said that it is a national project of immense importance for the development of Arunachal Pradesh, the country's energy security, the state's budget and revenue, as well as its strategic interests. He assured the people that the government would engage in positive and constructive discussions with them and take them fully into confidence. He said that the way forward would be found only through dialogue. Shri Shah said that the government respects the culture of the local people and would move forward without compromising it. He assured that the government would offer the most attractive rehabilitation package in India while ensuring that the traditions, culture and religion of the region are not harmed in any way. He said that local people should discuss the matter with the state government, and that discussions should also be held with the Ministry of Home Affairs through the state government. Shri Shah said that this project, which is important for the future of Arunachal Pradesh and its youth, would be taken forward only through positive dialogue and an effective rehabilitation package. He reiterated that the people would be taken into confidence at every stage.

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah said that recently, in an encounter in Pulwama, Kashmir, the Kashmir Police eliminated the last known active Kashmiri terrorist belonging to Lashkar-e-Taiba. He said that not a single local terrorist now remains in the Kashmir Valley, and all those who remain are foreign terrorists. He said that this is a major milestone achieved after 35 years of struggle through the sustained valour,

dedication and sacrifice of our security forces and intelligence agencies. Shri Shah said that during 1990s, there were concerns about how long Kashmir could be kept under control, as terrorism was at its peak. At that time, the valour of our security forces kept Kashmir integrated with the country. When Article 370 was abrogated in 2019, the entire Opposition had united to question what Article 370 had to do with terrorism. He said that today, it is a matter of pride that following the abrogation of Article 370, the sense of separatism among the youth of Kashmir has come to an end. As a result, there is not a single Kashmiri youth involved in terrorism in the Kashmir Valley today. Shri Shah said that this is not merely the end of the life of one terrorist; it marks the beginning of the end of the ideology of separatism in the Valley. He expressed confidence that just as development began in the Kashmir Valley under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in 2014, the coming period would be very promising for the Valley.

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