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tomorrow. He assured the

talented youth that their

empowerment is amongst

foremost priorities of the

sheltering terrorists.

Won't spare terrorists, those aiding-abetting them in targeting our people: LG



LG Manoj Sinha interacting with youth at Baramulla on Tuesday

- >> LG interacts with Youth at Baramulla; reiterates Government's commitment towards empowerment, welfare of J&K youth
- >> Says our youth as fearless force of creativity and torch-bearers of positive change are building bright, vibrant J&K
- >> Govt determined to provide necessary opportunities, facilities to unlock the potential of the Youth for better tomorrow
- People must stand up against perpetrators of terror. Security forces, administration, people should work together to wipe out terrorism
- Calls upon youth to work with team spirit while following ideals and values of founding fathers of country for peace and progress of J&K
- Glad to see Save Youth Save Future foundation working tirelessly for Youth empowerment. Under leadership of Hon'ble PM, efforts made to fulfil hopes, aspirations, dreams of youth of Jammu Kashmir

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Tuesday asserted that terror-BARAMULLA: Lieutenant ists and those aiding and Governor Manoj Sinha on abetting them in targeting our people will not be spared. "We will bring them to justice. People must stand up

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government

Embezzlement of Mid-Day Meals Funds: ACB

SRINAGAR: On the second day of ongoing Assembly Session of the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly, Chief Minister

In his obituary address.

"His life is a great lesson, and we should all learn from it," Omar Abdullah said.

"From his humble begin-

Following Vajpayee Ji's path could have prevented today's difficult times: Omar

Omar Abdullah on Tuesday paid rich tributes to a number of distinguished former leaders, including former President of India Pranab Mukherjee, former Prime Atal Minister Behari Vajpayee, and various members of the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly and Council.

the Chief Minister reflected on each leader's legacy and contributions to India and the region.

While delivering his tribute to former President Pranab Mukheriee. $_{
m the}$ Minister, who is also Leader the House, lauded Mukherjee's dedication and principles throughout his political career.

nings as a Deputy Minister



CM Omar Abdullah during obituary address in Legislative Assembly on Tuesday.

'Personal loss to me': CM's emotional tribute to Rana

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly on Tuesday paid an emotional tribute to his dear friend and former colleague, Devender Singh Rana, who recently passed away after winning elections on a BJP ticket.

Speaking during obituary references in the assembly, Abdullah said, "There are 57 obituary references today, but I must take a moment to speak about one person who has been a close associate -- Devender Singh Rana. He spent nearly two decades of my 26 years in politics by my side. Amidst the solemn tributes, Abdullah's voice was filled with

emotions as he recounted their journey together. "I became the President of the National Conference, and

Devender was my media advisor. When **CONTD ON PAGE 9**

to becoming the President of India, he shouldered immense responsibilities with

ratio of 90:10 as Central

Share and State Share," offi-

"The probe conducted also

reveal that during the year

2017, to 2019, an amount of

Rs 73,66,335 was allotted by

the Govt through Chief

Education Officer Kupwara

integrity and hard work. Pranab Mukherjee had no godfather and no shortcuts:

ity at every level. As President, he Rashtrapati Bhawan above politics, using it only to serve the country's betterment," he said in his obituary reference speech.

In his tribute to former Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee, Abdullah shared personal insights from his time working alongside him as a Minister of State.

"I had the privilege of working closely with Vajpayee ji for three years. His dedication to stabilizing Jammu and Kashmir was unwavering," Omar Abdullah noted.

Whenever we remember Vajpayee ji in the context of Jammu and Kashmir, it's clear he always worked tirelessly to improve the situation here. Despite the challenges of violence, tension, and the complex relationship between India and Pakistan, he made sincere efforts to

foster peace," he maintained. The chief minister recollected the famous cross border bus service between

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After disengagement, India-China await de-escalation: Jaishankar

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Tuesday said the agreement on disengagement Indian and Chinese troops in eastern Ladakh will be implemented in the coming days everybody's satisfaction.'

Jaishankar was speaking at the inaugural session of a think tank here in conversation with Justin Bassi, the executive director of the Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI) when he

550 indigenous Asmi machine pistols inducted into Army's **Northern Command**

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: The Indian Army

has inducted 550 indigenously developed 'Asmi' machine pistols into the Northern Command which oversees operations in the Union Territories of Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir.

This is the first batch of the 100 per cent Indianmade weapon intended to equip Special Forces for close-quarter battles and specialised operations in India's Northern Theatre.

"In a significant boost to the nation's Atmanirbharta initiative, the Indian Army inducted 550 'Asmi' machine pistols into the Northern Command," PRO Defence Jammu announced on X.

Providing further details, the Army shared the pictures of weapon and its developer It said the weapon was developed by Colonel



Max: 30.4°C

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was asked a question about the India-China relationship after the seeming break-



through. India on October 21 announced it had reached an agreement with China on patrolling along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh, ending the over four-year-long

STATE TIMES NEWS

Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on

Tuesday impressed upon the

Health & Medical Education

(H&ME) Department to

make strenuous efforts to

clear all the backlog cases of

Ayushman Bharat, providing

free health coverage to the

population, before the end of

Medical Colleges; ĈEO State

Health Agency (SHA); DG

Budget and other concerned

H&ME,

by Director

Principles of

besides

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December here.

attended

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The meeting,

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 CS for clearing backlog of Ayushman

registers FIR against Ex-Incharge, others

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Tuesday registered a case against Abdul Rashid Dar, the then Incharge Mid-Day Meal (MDM), Zone Mawar, Langate for misappropriation and embezzlement of MDM funds.

"A preliminary enquiry was conducted by J&K ACB to look into the allegation that accused public servant namely Abdul Rashid Dar, the then Mid-day-Meal incharge at ZEO office Mawar, son of Abdul Gani, resident of Shanoo, Langate District

Bharat cases till December

Also directed for empanelling new hospitals

Outstation officers partici-

pated in the meeting through

Dulloo took this occasion to

Department to work out an

video conferencing.

emphasise

Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo chairing a meeting at Srinagar.

Kupwara in league with officers/officials of the Zone illegally and fraudulently credited Lakhs of rupees meant for MDM to his own account in J&K Bank Qalamabad and misappropriated same etc," ACB official said.

Official added that the probe conducted has revealed that National Programme of Nutritional Support to Education (popularly known as Mid Day Meal Scheme) was launched across country and in the J&K State in September 2004 with an objective to give a hoost to Universalization of Primary

enrollment, retention and attendance.

"The programme has been universalized in J&K & at gross root level, the scheme is being implemented under the supervision of PRIs, School Management Committees & Village Education Committees. The food grains are lifted from the FCI by the Directors of Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution Department on behalf of the Education

Department. Necessary expenses on account of implementation of the Midday Meal Scheme were being

met out of the funds in the Army to hold 13-day

in Poonch

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: The army is conducting a recruitment drive in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district from November 8 to 20 to fill over 350 vacancies in the Territorial Army, a defence

recruitment rally

spokesman said on Tuesday. recruitment rally being held at Advance Landing Ground in Surankote area will provide a platform for local youths to ioin the army and serve their nation while supporting their community, the spokesman said.

He said the event aims to fill 307 vacancies for

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cial said

vide different orders to then ZEO's of Education Zone Mawar Langate under Mid-Day Meal scheme," official said adding that on receipt of funds the then MDM incharge Zone Mawar Abdul Rashid Dar dishonestly and fraudulently managed to transfer an excess

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Terrorist killed, 2 security personnel injured in Bandipora encounter



SRINAGAR: An unidentified terrorist was killed while two security personnel were injured in an encounter in Jammu and Kashmir's Randinora district Tuesday, police said.

ty forces launched a cordonand-search operation in the Choontpathri forest area of Bandipora based on information about the presence of

ultras there. He said a gru out as the terrorists

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J&K admin gears up to update electoral roll for panchayat polls

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JAMMU: To initiate the process for the panchayat polls, the Jammu and Kashmir administration has begun preparations to update the electoral roll starting November 11, following a directive from the State Election Commission (SEC) to publish the revised list by January 6 next year.

The SEC recently directed for a special revision of the electoral roll in view of the panchayat polls. Deputy commissioners in

all 20 districts of Jammu and Kashmir have started the revision process after the SEC issued the official noti-

fication last week, officials said.

District panchayat election officers (DPEOs) have instructed officials to carry out the roll updates with key stages that include adding new eligible voters, updating the existing voter information and removing ineligible

Officials have been directed to ensure accuracy and efficiency during the verification process and conduct outreach efforts to inform the citizens of their right to participate in the democratic process. The administration has emphasised

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Speaker asks MLAs to

switch off cellphones during House proceedings STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Assembly Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather on Tuesday asked all the MLAs to keep their mobile phones switched off during House proceedings to uphold the sanctity of the legislature.

The speaker's direction came after some MLAs were seen filming the House proceedings with their mobile phones on the second day of the session, the first of the newly-elected Jammu and Kashmir Assembly.

"Some members were seen doing videography. It is requested that you switch

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PDP pulled fast one on Article 370 by overlooking stark realities



JAMMU: PDP tried to pull a fast one when its Pulwama MLA Waheed Parra attempted to introduce a resolution on the first day of the Assembly session, opposing the revocation of Article 370 and demanding that the repealed constitutional provisions be restored in their origi-

nal form. That is to say, the party wanted clock to be the State of Jammu and Kashmir was split into two Union Territories of Ladakh and J&K itself. Ladakh got what it wanted and J&K's status was demoted to UT with a promise that it would get its statehood back at an appropriate time.

reversed to August 4, 2019, as the Article 370 -35 A were revoked on August 5, 2019. On the same day, There was a larger game plan at play in this resolu-

tion - it was to put National Conference in dock . NC

had fought Assembly elections with a promise to work

for the restoration of the Article 370 and to begin with

it talked of bringing resolution in the first session of

the Assembly seeking its restoration. In the election

time heat , many things are said, which the promoters $\,$ of the slogans know cannot be fulfilled, but the parties attempt to tap public sentiment

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action plan to reimburse the

authentic cases especially

those of private hospitals to

enable them to offer seamless

services to public. He

enjoined upon the

House constituted after historic

elections, detailing its future plans

PDP took advantage of this. It held NC accountable to its election-time promise. It knew that the NC, which is now the ruling party of the UT, could not open its session with the resolution as it wanted the focus to stay on Lieutenant Governor's address to the

and commitments made to the people in their manifesto. Particularly, it wanted the statehood issue to be in closer focus . That was adequately reflected in the LG's speech.

For PDP, the statehood was never an issue as it believed that the restoration of Article 370 would automatically bring back the state and that too in its original form, that's Ladakh region included. And it also knew that Article 370 restoration is a delusion. but there was no harm in using these illusions to pin down its rivals. National Conference is the only reason that made the PDP to take birth in 1999. There is a long history to its pre-birth story, but it is known

to all that the PDP had only one ideology - to oppose National Conference and its dynastic politics.

Waheed Parra sprang a surprise . He attempted to introduce the resolution immediately after NC veteran Abdul Rahim Rather was elected as Speaker of the new and first Assembly of the UT of J&K. The business of the day had no time slot for private members' resolution nor was there any zero-hour. But the poli-

ANALYSIS tics is never guided by the rule book. Its existence lies in breaking the established

In line with this norm-breaking introduction of resolution, PDP was aware of the immediate consequences - NC would try to wriggle out of the situation by taking one or the other plea; BJP benches would raise a lot of din and noise over it, the house would witness ruckus and cameras would capture the whole scene. PDP wanted its agenda to be set like this making itself heard and seen as champion of the restoration of Article 370 in much brighter spotlight than National Conference.

After having made its point, and achieved what it

wanted to do on the first day of the session, a question must be asked to the PDP leadership, what next What is the blueprint? Is decrying NC and arousing sentiments a way out for the people who are desper ately looking for resolution of their basic issues relat ed to connectivity, water, electricity, easy access to education and health care centers

It fell on BJP legislature party leader Sunil Sharma to remind both PDP and NC of a stark reality that at this stage the UT Assembly cannot do anything about Article 370 - its restoration, as the Parliament alone is to do something and Parliament has already given its approval to the abrogation of the constitutional provi sion. In reality, he also reminded the NC that its res olution on the restoration of statehood though had the basis of the promises made by the BJP leadership, i too required the approval of Parliament.

Having said this, a question arises why PDP is mak ing itself look like a culprit in engineering waste of the precious time of the Assembly, which has come after a long wait of more than six years. Rabble-rousing will yield nothing except return of some dark shadows of the past. Act responsibly.