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LA adjourned amid ruckus over Art 370 resolution; BJP MLAs marshalled out

Six BJP legislators injured, one 'suffers fracture'

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Assembly was adjourned for the day on Thursday following a brawl between the BJP MLAs and Marshals, as the opposition members protested against a resolution for the restoration of the erstwhile state's special status for the second consecutive day.

The BJP claimed that six of its legislators were injured during the pandemonium.

While the opposition BJP said the resolution is "illegal" and demanded its withdrawal, the Speaker said he does not have such powers as anything passed by the House can only be undone by the House itself.

Amid high drama, the day also witnessed a group of MLAs, including those from the PDP and Peoples' Conference, submitting a fresh resolution demanding immediate restoration of Articles 370 and 35A of the Constitution in their original

As soon as the Assembly the well, snatched the banner



(L to R)BJP legislators marshalled out from J&K Assembly amid protest on Thursday. MLA Mohan Lal standing outside legislative assembly with fractured fingers.

met in the morning, pandemonium broke out as the BJP members protested against the resolution that was passed on Wednesday.

While Leader of Opposition Sunil Sharma (BJP) was speaking on the resolution, Awami Ittehad Party leader Sheikh Khursheed jumped into the well with a banner that read Articles 370 and 35A be restored.

This irked the BJP members, who also jumped into

Jammu Sandeep Mehta said

that the charge sheet was

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U/S 420 RPC of Police

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Jammu before the Court of

He said the fraudster

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duped complainant, namely

Mohd Sultan, son of Malli,

Thakrakote District Reasi

and duped the complainant

and 7 other persons of Rs.

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accused cheated the com-

law at Reasi.

resident of

from the Langate MLA and tore it into pieces.

There was a minor scuffle between the BJP MLAs and Khursheed. Finding the latter outnumbered, Peoples' Conference MLA Sajad Lone came to the rescue of the legislator from his neighbouring constituency.

Amid the din, Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather adjourned the House for 15 minutes.

After the House resumed its proceedings, the BJP continued its protest, even as the Speaker requested the opposition members to take their

As the protest continued, the Speaker said, "I am very closely watching the activities of some members. Do not force me to do what I do not want to do.'

Sharma, however, said "I want $_{
m the}$ National Conference's drama of special status to end", which infuriated the ruling party

The BJP MLAs raised slogans, such as "Balidan huye Mookerjee, woh Kashmir hamara hai", while the NC members shouted "Jis Kashmir ko khoon se seencha, woh Kashmir hama-

The BJP was referring to Syama Prasad Mookerjee, who founded the Bharatiya Jana Sangh that later became the Bharatiya Janata Party.

As the uproar continued, the Speaker issued directions that nothing should be recorded or reported.

He then directed marshalling out of the BJP members, who stormed the well, leading to a scuffle between them and the Marshals.

"They deserve it, throw them out," the Speaker said. While they were being evicted, the BJP MLAs came to blows with the Marshals. Three BJP MLAs were marshalled out of the House amid thumping of tables by

Kishtwar terror attack: Two VDG members martyred LG, CM, Chugh condemn attack

STATE TIMES NEWS

KISHTWAR: Two Village Defence Guards (VDGs) were martyred in a terror attack in kuntwara area of Kishtwar on late Thursday evening.

As per reports of Police Post Kuntwara, two VDG members (shepherds) namely Nazir Ahmed, son of Mohd Khalil, resident of Ohli Kuntwara and Kuldeep Kumar, son of Amar Chand, resident of Ohli Kuntwara were gone to Munzla Dhar (Adhwari) for grazing their cattle but didn't return to their homes late in the evening. Later there dead bodies were found in forest

Initially, these VDGs were reported missing amid apprehensions that they were abducted by terrorists. Police said, a massive joint search operation was launched by police and the Army in a dense forest area.

"We received information that my brother along with Ahmad was abducted. They were VDGs and have gone for grazing cattle as usual,"

Encounter breaks out Baramulla

SRINAGAR: An encounter broke out between terrorists and security forces in the Baramulla district of Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday, police said.

"Acting on a specific input regarding the presence of terror ists in Panipora Sopore area of Baramulla, a joint anti-terrorist operation was launched by police and security forces During the search operation, an exchange of fire took place, Kashmir Zone Police posted on X. The police said further details of the operation were awaited.

Prithvi told. Prithvi said his father Amar Chand died a week ago and the loss of his brother came as another big shock for the family.

Meanwhile, Tigers, an offshoot of Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) terror outfit, has claimed that they killed the VDGs.

Reacting to the killings, Lieutenant Governor Manoi Sinha said, "We are firmly resolved to destroying all terror outfits and avenging this barbaric act."

"No words are strong enough to condemn the heinous terrorist attack on VDG members in #Kishtwar. I convey my heartfelt condolences to the families of brave

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sons martyred in this cowardly attack. We are firmly resolved to destroy all terror outfits & avenge this barbarie act" LG posted on X.

JKNC President Dr Farooq Abdullah and VP & Chief Minister Omar Abdullah have also condemned the gruesome killing of two village defence guards in Kishtwar namely Nazir Ahmad and Kuldeep Kumar, in a forest area. They have said that such acts of barbaric violence remain a significant impediment in achieving long lasting peace in J&K. In this hour of grief, their thoughts and prayers are with the families of the

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CB Jammu files charge sheet in Rs 14 lakh fraud case

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a cheating case. Special Crime Wing of Crime Branch Jammu filed a charge sheet on Thursday Gulzar Ahmed Wani, son of Ramzan Ahmed Wani, resident of Kherwan Lassipora Wanpoh Distt. Anantnag duping eight persons of Rs. 14.40 lakh on pretext of providing jobs in different government depart-

The charge sheet against the accused was produced 14.40 lakh on pretext of probefore the Court of CJM viding job in different gov-Reasi for judicial determina-

Giving the details, SSP Special Crime wing, CB

Four Jr. Scale JKAS officers posted as Under Secys in CM's Secretariat STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government on Thursday transferred and posted four Jr. Scale JKAS officers as Under Secretaries in the Chief Minister's

According to the order issued by Sanjeev Verma, Commissioner/Secretary, General Administration

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Cop, two wives arrested with heroin

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police arrested a constable posted in the Crime Branch and his two wives during a raid on their house here on Thursday, and seized 33 grams of heroin and more than 2.5 lakh cash from their possession.

The raid, conducted at constable Parwaiz Khan's residence in Janipur, also led to the recovery of 22



Max: 83 Max: 23.4°C Min: 3.9°C

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STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The government will soon bring a national counter-terrorism policy and strategy to fight terrorism, terrorists and their ecosystem, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Thursday.

Addressing an anti-terrorism conference here, Shah also said that while law and order is a state subject and states have the geographical boundaries and constitutional limitations, terrorism doesn't and hence all security agencies -- central and states -- must work in close coordination, chalk out joint strate-

'Not empty-handed': CM vows development for Ganderbal

Launches Paribal-Takanwari Bridge Project

CM Omar Abdullah addressing gathering at Ganderbal on Thursday.

nificant step in enhancing

infrastructure and connectiv-

This 50-meter, single-span

steel-trussed girder bridge,

with a 7.5-meter-wide car-

riageway, is part of the

ity in Ganderbal.



Govt to bring national counter-terrorism

policy soon: Amit Shah

gies and share intelligence. He said the government

has come up with a vision on model anti-terrorism squad (ATS) and model special task force (STF) for the

which, if adopted, will work as a common structure and platform to deal with the menace of terrorism

"We need to work together to fight terrorism, terrorists and their ecosystem. And

Minor among 4 killed. 2 injured as vehicle falls in Mahore area

STATE TIMES NEWS

REASI/JAMMU: Four people, including a minor, died and two others were injured when a vehicle skidded off the road and rolled down into a gorge in Reasi district on

Thursday, officials said. An SUV skidded off the road, rolled down a hill, and plunged into a deep gorge in the Ganjote area of Mahore after the driver lost its control, they said.

Three people died on the spot, while three others sustained injuries and were rushed to a hospital, they said. After receiving first aid, the injured were referred

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that's why, we will soon bring a new national counter-terrorism policy and strategy in which you all will play a key role," he said at the conference being attended by chiefs of state police forces and other top security officials of states and the Centre.

The home minister said the new policy will help states and central agencies to work in close coordination to deal with terrorism.

On the model ATS and STF, he said the standard operating procedures (SOPs) $\,$ are being shared with the

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LUCKNOW: Uttar Pradesh Minister Adityanath on Thursday took a strong stance

370, 35A: Yogi Adityanath

against Congress and the National Conference, condemning their call to reinstate Articles 370 and 35A.

Laxman Mela Ground here Chhath Puja.

Referring to a recent proposal in the Jammu and

these articles, he claimed the Congress and its allies aim to drag the country and the val-

Kashmir Assembly to restore



The chief minister was addressing an event organized by the All India Bhojpuri Samaj at on the auspicious occasion of



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"They are unwilling to see ammu and Kashmir's opment and the promising

BJP won't allow murder of democracy in J&K: Chugh

NC-Cong trying to bring terrorism back terrorism in J&K in the

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Thursday warned the National Conference government

against murdering the mandate of democracy by resorting to disruptive and violent means. Reacting strongly to the BJP members being

marshalled out of the Assembly while they were trying to voice dissent against the resolution on Article 370, Chugh said it was a blatant attempt to sti-

fle the voice of the people. In a statement, Chugh took strong exception to the fact

that Khursheed Ahmad Sheikh, an Awami Ittehad

Party MLA representing the Langate constituency., was

allowed to carry a banner

inside the Assembly with a

message endorsing the NC

government resolution and

said there seemed to be an

undercover attempt to revive

entire matter and

said that it seemed that the NC and the Congress had joined hands to disrupt the democratic mandate in J&K and to get terrorism back in the Union Territory.

name of Article 370.

Chugh questioned the

silence of the Congress on the

He said Chief Minister is making a crass attempt to subvert the democratic institutions just to catch media eyes to more importantly to please his

master across the border. ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

After milestone elections, a roadblock resolution on restoration of special status



STATE TIMES NEWS

Minister Omar Abdullah on

Thursday laid the foundation

stone for the Paribal-

Nallah Sindh, marking a sig-

Bridge over

GANDERBAL:

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m he}$ politics of resolutions on the restoration of special status and other privileges that were scrapped in August 2019 doesn't bode well for the future of Jammu and Kashmir, as those who moved the resolutions know that these have no political and legal value in the

given situation. The resolution moved by Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Kumar Choudhary of National Conference served no purpose even after it was passed by a voice vote in the Assembly other than it became part of the record of the proceedings of the first session of the House that came into being as a milestone defining polls.

A stark reality is that abrogation of Article 370

and 35A that granted special status and unique

symbols of parallel sovereignty and privileges to

Jammu and Kashmir until August 4, 2019, is a set-

tled thing. The Parliament that represents will of the

people of the whole of the country approved it on

Chief

August 5 and 6, 2019. On December 11, 2023, the constitution bench of the Supreme Court upheld the legal and constitutional validity of the revocation of Article 370 and 35A. Thereafter, there is no scope left for the issue to be reopened. Despite the fact that the contents of the resolution , as its wording suggests , is very, very soft and is not

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all about rejection of the August 5, **NEWS ANALYSIS** 2019 decisions, the nation is not reading it that way. It simply asks for the restoration of the special status in consonance with the national unity and legitimate aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir through

initiation of dialogue with the elected representa-

tives. It is a self-deception. The nation celebrated the abrogation of Article 370 and 35A because that established that entire nation is one; there is no incongruity or ambiguity on the issue. Kashmir had its own perception based on misperception that the Article 370 that was envisaged after Pakistani invasion of Jammu and Kashmir in 1947 is protectorate of its identity, and privileges. It

was a twin peril - the people in the Valley were forced to think that they were different and superior in terms of their rights and privileges than the countrymen. It was a dichotomy- the state used to get all its funding and development from the country but that only encouraged fissiparous tendencies. Delhi realized it too late in decades. By that time a lot of damage had been done.

Second, the nation also discovered that the Modi government had done something that country had been waiting for since day one. The two symbols of sovereignty could not have been tolerated in a nation. When Narendra Modi came to power in 2014, he was expected to undo the constitutional incongruities,

and that's what he did on August 5-6, 2019. National Conference may take a plea that it acted in accordance with the mandate that it received from its constituents as Omar Abdullah had led the campaign for the restoration of special status under Article 370 and the statehood in its original form .That being that. The NC Vice President closer to the

last phase of voting had admitted that it was fool hardy to accept that the government that abrogated the special status would restore it ever. When this reality was known to him and the party, it was pointless to bring a resolution that had no way forward. If NC understands the politics of the day, it has harmed the interests of its people by tabling a resolution that the nation sees as an assault on the idea of one nation, one constitution. Indeed, the draft of the res olution, insists up dialogue with the elected representatives to draw mechanisms for the restoration of the special status. But it has foreclosed the doors for dia logue with the passage of the resolution that has not gone well with the people of Jammu as there is a big risk involved; it may encourage the elements crying for a separate statehood for Jammu, and leave Kashmir to its fate as UT.

A better path could have been to take all the elected representatives on board - from PDP to BJP - to work out unanimity on early restoration of the state hood with some guarantees on the protection of land and job rights. The opportunity has been lost.