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People of India appear divided in two UU categories, General & Reserved; is it fair?

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Haryana youth dies in car crash at Sidhra, girl injured

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Kalika Club Judda clinches Volleyball Championship trophy

Govt aims to create secure ecosystem for small, marginal farmers: LG

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday underscored that the Union Territory administration is making committed efforts to protect the interest of farmers, to bring prosperity to farm and to their homes, and to instil selfrespect in more than 13 lakh farmer families.

"Our aim is also to create a secure ecosystem for small and marginal farmers", the Lt Governor said after inaugurating UT level training and orientation program for effective implementation of 29 projects under holistic agriculture development today atConvention Centre.

He said new agri-business enterprises, youth engagement and providing them resources, opening up employment opportunities in agriculture and allied sectors are other important areas we



LG Manoj Sinha speaking after inaugurating UT level training & orientation programme for effective implementation of 29 projects under holistic Agriculture Development Plan.

south

are focusing on.

The Lt Governor said that four months long capacity building drive will ensure availability of quality human resources and provide necessary ground support for implementation of holistic agriculture development

"The new projects will drive sharp growth in agriculture and allied Sector, boost local economy and improve the productivity and resilience in the current system. I firmly believe, technology, innova-

tions will enable continuing

output growth without

adding much to input cost",

he added. The Lt Governor further said: "This is J&K's moment to shine and agriculture, allied sector will be the mainstay of the economy. The ambitious projects aim to make farming viable, steady

and sustainable with better input, extension support, risk mitigation and ensuring remunerative prices and market support".

The Lt Governor said that implementation of any scheme on the ground depends on four major factors - Mechanism, Resource, Coordination

Evaluation. And, it is these four aspects which translate the policy into an action programme.

The fifth factor is also necessary in the implementation of this ambitious project of the agriculture sector and that is Sensitivity. The farm has its own nature, it has its own language which the farmer understands very well. All stakeholders must extend support to farmers, he added.

The Lt Governor said the concept of climate-smartagriculture will give a new shape to the food

Three Naib Tehsildars transferred

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government on Friday transferred three Naib Tehsildars.

According to the order

issued by Pawan Kotwal, Administrative Officer with Financial Commissioner, Revenue, Bhupinder Singh, L/A

Naib Tehsildar Teryath, District Rajouri has been transferred and posted in office Commissioner Survey and

Land Records, J&K vice Manzoor Ahmad Wani, Naib Tehsildar, who has been attached in the office Financial Commissioner Revenue. J&K, till further orders.

Ajaz Hussain Mir, Naib Tehsildar Rambagh. District Srinagar has been transferred and posted in the office of Commissioner Survey and Land Records, J&K.

One post from the over all cadre strength of Naib Tehsildars is transferred to the office of CS&LR for drawal of salary.

Major reshuffle in J&K Police; 20 IPS among 74 officers transferred

Air surcharge 50 paisa for Leh

JAMMU: The Government on Friday transferred 20 IPS among 74 police officers in and Kashmir. According to an order issued by Raj Kumar Goyal, Financial Commissioner/ Additional Chief Secretary,

Jammu-Samba-Kathua Range, as DIG North Kashmir Range, Baramu∏a, vice Udavabhaskar Billa (AGMUT: 2008), IPS, who is relieved with immediate effect to join his new assignment at the Centre as Deputy Inspector General in

Headquarters; Kumar, IPS (AGMUT: Staff Officer to 2009), ADGP Railways, J&K, as DIG Home Guard, Jammu; Shakti Kumar Pathak, IPS (AGMUT: 2009), Director

Dass Director SKPA; Pathak DIG JSK Range; Vivek DIG North Kashmir; Patil DIG Traffic Jammu; Ajeet DIG SIA; Vikas DIG Prison; Javid DIG Crime; Haseeb DIG Railways; Virinder AIG Personnel; Manoj AIG (Tech); Abhishek AIG Welfare; Benam Tosh SSP Samba; Nagpure SSP Baramulla; SDS Jamwal SSP Kathua; Poswal SSP Kishtwar; Lakshay SP Bandipora; Rahul Addl SP Jammu Rural; Popsy Addl SP Reasi; Giri Addl SP Nowshera

Home Department, Garib Dass, IPS (AGMUT: 1997), Commissioner Civil Military Liaison, holding additional charge of Director SKPA. has been transferred and posted as Director SKPA, Udhampur; Vivek Gupta, IPS (AGMUT: 2007), DIG Traffic, Jammu, holding

Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), on deputation basis, for a period of 05 years with effect from the dale of assumption of charge of the post or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

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Special Security Force (SSF), J&K, as DIG Jammu-Samba-Kathua Range, Jammu; Rayees Mohammad Bhat, IPS (AGMUT: 2010), BaramuIIa, as I/c DIG South Kashmir Range, Anantnag; Shridhar Patil, IPS (AGMUT:2010).

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Minimum temp improves slightly in Kashmir

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SRINAGAR: There was some respite from the intense cold conditions in Kashmir as the minimum temperature improved slightly even as the Valley braces up for a possible wet weather spell for a few days from Saturday, officials said on Friday.

Srinagar recorded a low of minus 5.5 degrees Celsius on Thursday night against the season's lowest of minus 6.4 degrees the night before, the officials said.

Qazigund, the gateway to the Valley, registered a minimum of minus 5.8 degrees Celsius, while Kupwara, a frontier district, recorded a minimum of minus 5.6

Govt declares LeT man from J&K as individual terrorist;

bans PAFF, a proxy of JeM

NEW DELHI: The Centre

Friday banned the People's

Anti-Fascist Front (PAFF).

a proxy outfit of the terror

group Jaish-e-Mohammed,

for its involvement in terror

acts in Jammu and Kashmir

The Union Home Ministry

also designated Arbaz

Ahmad Mir, a Lashkar-e-

Taiba member, as an individ-

ual terrorist under the strin-

anti-terror

In a notification, the Union

Home Ministry said the PAFF has been regularly issuing threats to security

forces, political leaders and civilians working in Jammu

and Kashmir from other

The PAFF, along with other

organisations, is involved in pro-actively conspiring both

physically and in social

media to undertake violent

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terrorist acts in Jammu

(Prevention) Act, 1967.

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Unlawful

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minus 4.3 degrees, the officials said. The tourist resort town of

Pahalgam in Anantnag district, which also serves as a base camp for the annual Amarnath Yatra, registered a low of minus 8.6 degrees Celsius -- up from minus 9.2 degrees

Kashmir recorded a low of

The minimum temperature in Gulmarg, the famous ski resort town in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, recorded a temperature of minus 5 degrees Celsius, the officials said.

The Met office has said the weather was likely to remain cloudy but mainly dry

DELHI:

Supreme Court said on

Friday it is a "matter of

concern" that the gov-

ernment is sending

back the names reiter-

ated by the Collegium

for judgeship in consti-

tutional courts despite

there being nothing in

the present scenario to

post reiteration.

prevent the appointment

A bench of Justices S K

Kaul and A S Oka observed

17 J&K leaders desert Azad, return to Congress fold



Leaders from J&K rejoining Congress at New Delhi in presence of AICC General Secretary K C Venugopal.

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI/SRINAGAR: Seventeen leaders of the newly formed Democratic Party (DAP) in Jammu and Kashmir, including former deputy chief minister Tara Chand and exchief Peerzada

Govt sending back names reiterated

by Collegium matter of concern: SC

that nothing prevents the

legislature from bringing in a

better system for appoint-

ment of judges to constitu-

tional courts but till the time

the law holds it must be

Friday deserted former Congress veteran Ghulam Nabi Azad and returned to the Congress fold.

The leaders were welcomed back by the Congress which said they had gone on "leave

Prashant

Bhushan, appearing

for one of the petition-

ers, said even the

names reiterated by

the Collegium have

been sent back by the

"That is a matter of

concern. We have

already flagged it in

the last order," said the

bench, which was hearing a

matter related to the

implemented.

Advocate

Mohammad Sayeed, on

AICC general secretary K C Venugopal said it was a happy day for the party as they were returning back to their home ahead of the Bharat Jodo Yatra which will enter Jammu and Kashmir after two weeks.

"The Bharat Jodo Yatra has become a big moment in the country and that is why all these leaders have decided to come back to the Congress fold," he told reporters in Delhi.

"This is only a beginning and when the Yatra is entering Jammu and Kashmir, all people with Congress ideology and who want a united India will join the party. I think, they had gone on a

Tehsildar suspended for non-compliance of orders

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Government has suspended Tehsildar Bijbehara over non-compliance of orders, while addicommissioner Kashmir has been appointed as enquiry officer to enquire the matter. According to an order, Tehsildar Bijbehara Ghulam Rasool Bhat has been suspended over noncompliance of orders conveyed to him. "Pending enquiry into the complaint

lodged by Ghulam Rasool

(Chairman Augaf

Not a setback for DAP: Azad on party leaders rejoining Cong Prominent Cong leader Dr Khanday from Banihal with hundreds join DAP



DAP Chief Ghulam Nabi Azad welcoming new entrants in party.

SRINAGAR: The leaders from Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) returning to the Congress fold was not a setback for the newly formed party, its chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad said on Friday, and wished his old colleagues well. Seventeen leaders of the DPAP, including Ex-Deputy Chief Minister Tara Chand and ex-PCC

estimated to slip to 7 pc in 2022-23: Govt data STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: The Indian economy is estimated to grow at 7 per cent in the 2022-23 fiscal, down from 8.7 per cent a year ago,

India's GDP growth

ance of mining and manufacturing sectors. As per the first advance estimates of national income released by the National Statistical Office (NSO) on Friday, the manufacturing sector output is estimated to decelerate to 1.6 per cent in the current fiscal from 9.9

mainly due poor perform-

per cent in 2021-22. Similarly, mining sector growth is estimated at 2.4 per cent in the current fiscal as against 11.5 per cent

Anti-terror operation enters Day 5

We will soon neutralise terrorists involved in Dangri attacks: SSP Rajouri

STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: An anti-terror operation here entered its fifth consecutive day in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district on Friday.

Security forces will soon neutralise the terrorists involved in twin terror attacks in which 6 people, including two children, were killed and 15 others were injured in Dhangri village, SP Rajouri Mohd Aslam



SSP Rajouri Mohd Aslam addressing media on Friday.

The operation is being conducted jointly by the army, Jammu and Kashmir police and Central Reserve Police

Force (CRPF), he said. Security forces continued the operation in more

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Sanction for prosecution awaited since 12 yrs against Collector, XEn PWD Accused fraudulently made payments of Rs 1 Crore to non-entitled 8 beneficiaries in 2010, FIR registered in 2011

JAMMU: The tale of withholding sanction for prosecution against the tainted government officials is becoming bigger with plethora of cases surfacing with all the concerned sitting over the files or dilly dallying the issues, advertently or inadvertently. In a glaring example of the governmental

apathy, sanction to prosecute a Collector, Public Works Department (PWD) Executive Engineer (XEn) and two other officers is still awaited after 12 years. The accused were booked by the then State Vigilance Organisation (SVO) for fraudulently making payments in 2010 to nonentitled eight beneficiaries to the tune of Rs one crore towards undue compensation in respect of non existing shops in a building marked as 99/2A located at Badu Bagh,

Khanyar, Srinagar. FIR 25/2011 was registered with the then State Vigilance Organisation (SVO) now Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) against Mukatar-ul-Aziz Zargar, son of Abdul; Aziz Zargar, resident of Kathi Darwaz Srinagar, the then Collector Syed Meerka Shah Road Srinarar, now retired;

Krishna Sadhu, son of Triloki Nath Sadhu, resident of Sector-1 Durga Nagar, Jammu, the then Executive Engineer, R&B construction Division No 3, Ganderbal, now retired and Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din Bhat, son of Ghulam Ahmad Bhat, resident of Alochi Bagh, Srinagar, the then Land Acquisition Clerk in the office of R&B Superintending Engineer, Srinagar, still in service, posted at R&B City Roads Division, Srinagar. This is not an isolated case wherein the

government delayed the prosecution sanction due to one reason or another. There are 35 FIRs, registered in the past 10 years by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), waiting for the government sanc-

STATE TIMES its edition dated January 5, 2023, exclusively reported one of the case awaiting prosecution sanction under caption "Booked by SVO in 2013, sanction for prosecution against 10 PDD

engineers still pending....Accused XEn, 2 AEEs, 2 JEs promoted in past 10 years." It has been learnt that the High Court vide order dated April 21, 2017 passed in 561-A No 76/2017 MP (Cr) No 1/2017 Bashir Ahmed Mir Vs State and others had stayed the proceedings in the FIR.

The SVO was then advised to file urgency memo for early disposal of the case vide letter dated September 12, 2017. The ACB vide letter No VO-FIR-25/2011-K-786 dated January 1, 2018 had maintained

that the Stay order so passed is still continuing and the CMP No

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2/2017 has been filed for vacation of stay order dated April 21, 2017, which is pending consideration.

In its latest communication dated April 25, 2019, ACB intimated that case was listed on various dates, lastly on April 9,

2019 but was adjourned as not reached. The GAD vide letter No GAD (Legal) F-425/2017/963 dated August 26,2019 sought latest status of the case, which is

still awaited from the ACB. The case was again examined by the GAD

and a request was made to the ACB vide letter No GAD (ViG) 25-SP/2016 dated March 16, 2020 to adhere to the Supreme Court Judgment passed in the case "Asian Resurfacing of Road Agency Vs CBI" and get the interim order dated April 21, 2017 vacated/modified and file urgency memo. Also reminder was issued to ACB on August 18, 2020 for filing the Action Taken report (ATR).

According to sources, the accused Mukhtaer-ul-Aziz has already retired on March 31, 2018 while the accused T K Sadhu superannuated on January 31, 2013. The co accused Ghulam Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat is still in service and presently posted at R&B City Roads Division Srinagar.

The matter was taken up with the PWD vide OM dated November, 26, 2020 for providing up-to-date status/details of accused public servants in pursuance of the letter no VO-FIR-25/2011-K-15448 dated October 9, 2020 from ACB. The PWD vide OM No PWD/HRM/30/2020-FIR dated January 11, 2021 furnished the requisite information and case was submitted accordingly. The case was examined in con sultation with the Secretary, Law Department, GAD, in reference to the response of PWD as well as Circular No 7-JK(LD) of 2020 dated December 25 2020 (Guidelines in prolonged stay orders) in context to the Supreme Court judgements dated March 18, 2018 and October 15, 2020 whereby it has been made clear that any stay granted by courts has a valid ity of six months only and the same automatically expire at the end of six months unless explicitly extended by afresh order.

It was conveyed to the GAD (Legal) section that the said circular instructions of LJ&PA regarding validity of stay orders have been stayed by the High Court of

Accordingly, on further examination, the ACB was requested vide letter No GAD-VIG-SP/59/2021 dated August 12, 2021 to file urgency memo before the court for modification/vacation of stay orders dated April 21, 2017 for taking the case to its logical conclusion. In present case, the response is awaited from ACB, sources

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