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Chairs pre-budget consultation

Omar calls for performance driven, people first budget

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: For the second consecutive day, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Wednesday held pre-budget consultations with several key departments to assess priorities, sectoral needs and development imperatives for the upcoming Budget Session of the Jammu & Kashmir Legislative Assembly, scheduled to begin on February 2.

The Chief Minister, who also holds the portfolio of Finance Minister, chaired extensive deliberations with the departments of Social Welfare, Health & Medical Education, School Education, Higher Education, Public Works (Roads & Buildings), Mining, Industries & Commerce and Labour.

The meetings were attended by Deputy Chief

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Probe ordered into student's suicide in Doda; teacher suspended

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A government teacher was suspended, and an inquiry was ordered after a student allegedly died by suicide in Doda district, officials said on Wednesday.

Saba Banoo (19), a student of Government Degree College, Doda, allegedly jumped into Chenab river at Pul Doda on January 16, after being scolded by her teachers for possessing a mobile phone during a test, as claimed by her family.

The body of the girl remains unrecovered despite efforts by police, local volunteers and SDRF personnel.

Following the alleged sui-

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JDA wins 30 years old legal dispute; Rs 18.12 Cr bank guarantee released

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Government has directed a time-bound inquiry into allegations levelled against three employees of the Designs, Inspections and Control Department, J&K, Jammu.

"Sanction is accorded to the appointment of Rajesh Kumar Gupta, Engineer-in-Chief, as the Inquiry Officer to conduct a comprehensive and time-bound inquiry into the allegations leveled against Pankaj Gupta (Junior Assistant), Kewal Krishan (Senior Assistant), and Ashok Raina (Senior Assistant) of the Designs, Inspections & Control Department, J&K, Jammu, and to submit a detailed report along with specific recommendations within a period of 15 days," read an order issued by Anil Kumar Singh, Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary), Public Works (R and B) Department. "Further, Kuldeep Kumar,

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VIVEK SHARMA

JAMMU: The long arc of Kashmir terrorism has not only consumed armed terrorists but has also drawn educated women into separatist ecosystems, leaving behind shattered careers, broken families and enduring security concerns.

A stark illustration is the case of notorious Jihadi Farooq Ahmed Dar, notorious as Bitta Karate, and his wife Assabah Arzoomand Khan, a former Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service (JKAS) officer, whose dismissal from service marked one of the rare instances of direct State action against a middle rung bureaucrat for alleged links to separatist networks.

Bitta Karate, once a feared operative of the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF), is currently lodged in Tihar Jail, Delhi, in connection with a terror-funding case

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