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Air surcharge 50 paisa for Leh

Regd. No. L-29/JK-346/22-24 AAP leader's brother among 4 dupes trader U G of Rs 27 lakh; two arrested, two absconding

Sports carnival 'Waliv Ginday' inaugurated at Migrant Camp Jagti

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LeT operative arrested in Baramulla; arms & ammunition recovered

Army won't let China change status quo along LAC 'unilaterally': Jaishankar

NEW DELHI: Indian Army will not let China change the status quo along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) "unilaterally" and its current deployment along the frontier was not seen before, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Monday, rejecting Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's criticism of the government's handling of the border row.

Jaishankar said the deployment of the Army was made on the orders of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Army did not go to the frontier region because Gandhi asked them for it.

"Today we have a deployment of the Indian Army on the China border that we have never had. It is done in order to counter Chinese deployment which was scaled up massively since 2020," Jaishankar said.

He was replying to a question during India Today's India-Japan conclave.

"If we were in denial then how is the Army out there? The Army did not go there because Rahul Gandhi asked them to go. Army went there because the prime minister of India ordered them to go," Jaishankar said, replying to Gandhi's allegations that the government was hiding the fact that China took Indian territory along the LAC.

The Indian and Chinese troops were engaged in a fresh clash in Yangtse area of Arunachal Pradesh's Tawang

sector on December 9.

The incident came amid the over 30-month border standoff in eastern Ladakh.

"People will say things; they may not be credible, they may sometimes contradict their own positions, their own behaviour. All that could happen. But the fact is what is finally the proof of the pudding. The proof of the pudding is that the Indian Army is deployed today to counter any attempt to unilaterally ter said it is the commitment of the Indian Army to not let China change the LAC unilaterally.

"I am saying that it is the obligation of the Indian state and that is the duty and commitment of the Indian military that we will not let any country, and in this case China, change the LAC unilaterally," Jaishankar said.

"I think it is fairly obvious and most people in the country see that. You can make your polemical points. I think people will treat it as politics," he added.

Asked about Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's criticism of the government for increasing trade volume with China notwithstanding the border row, he said that India continues to import from that country because there was no adequate focus on the manufacturing sector. Jaishankar said not

India-China border is not demarcated, issues will come up: Ladakh MP Namgyal state times news

NEW DELHI: The India-China border is not demarcated due to which there will always be problems in forward areas, BJP MP from Ladakh Jamyang Tsering Namgyal said on Monday.

"The border is not demarcated. As a result, some issues came up in the past and some are surfacing now. Unless demarcation takes place, some issues will come,' the Ladakh MP told reporters here.

He made the remarks while replying to a question on reports of China's PLA stopping Indian villagers from taking their livestock to forward areas of Ladakh for grazing.

who Namgyal, addressing a press conference, along with Union Minister of State for Finance Bhagwat Karad, said the government has $_{
m the}$ Vibrant Villages Programme under which development work has been carried out in

AC approves policy for sustainable collection, utilization of NTFP in J&K



LG Manoj Sinha chairing Administrative Council meeting in Jammu on Monday

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Administrative Council (AC) which met here on Monday under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, accorded administrative approval to the policy for sustainable collection and utilization of Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFP) in J&K.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K attended the meeting.

This policy is aimed at ensuring sustainable collection and utilization of NTFP, including medicinal plants, while providing livelihood support to the people residing in and around forests by promoting sustainable extraction, value addition and development of market linkages. The policy is in sync with the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, Biological Diversity Act,

This intervention of the Government will lead to dispensing of the existing practice of auction of non-timber forest produces and will permit local people to collect these resources from wild on sustainable basis so that they can share the benefits equitably amongst themselves.

This policy will result in enhancement of income of the local communities, value addition of these products besides Forest Department will also extend support for market linkages.

Jammu Admn retrieves 84 Kanals encroached land in Bain Bajalta



STATE TIMES NEWS

District Administration, Jammu on Monday conducted an eviction and demolition drive where 84 Kanals of land was retrieved from a Private Housing Society, J&K recently. It is pertinent Cooperative in

Heavy investments in J&K post-2019 a 'lie': Mehbooba

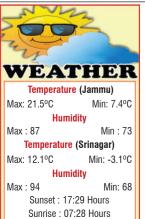
STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Monday said the claim made by the government about heavy investment flow into Jammu and Kashmir after the abrogation of Article 370 is a

"Despite GOIs tall claims of heavy investment flow into J&K post abrogation of Article 370, the figures presented by them in the Parliament prove otherwise. 840 crores in 2017-18 vis-avis 376 crores in 2021-22. A lie has no legs," Mehbooba Mufti tweeted.

The former chief minister was reacting to the government's figures on year-wise investments in Jammu and Kashmir for the past five

Article 370, a temporary Constitution, gave special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir while Article 35-A

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Village Bain Bajalta, Tehsil The Private Jammu. Housing Society has previously also been involved in illegal encroachment of state land and the retrieval for that had also taken place

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JAMMU: A Division Bench

of Jammu & Kashmir and

Ladakah High Court com-

prising acting Chief Justice

Tashi Rabstan and Justice

Rajesh Sekri dismissed

Government's appeal against

order of the Central

Administrative Tribunal

whereby CAT stayed opera-

tion of impugned Govt.

Order No. 771-JK (HME)

of 2022 dated 31.10.2022 to

extentadjustment/posting of Dr

Narinder Singh Bhutyal as

Medical Superintendent

Division Bench after hear-

ing AAG Amit Gupta for UT

GMC, Jammu.

Strong security grid led to decline in terrorist infiltration from Pakistan: DGP

STATE TIMES NEWS KATHUA/JAMMU: Director General of Jammu and Kashmir Police Dilbag Singh Monday said due to a strong security grid there was a decline in infiltration of terrorists from Pakistan in 2022 compared to previous

Identification of properties raised in the name of terrorism or being used to fund terror activities is in progress and appropriate action such as seizure or in certain cases demolition of such structures is being taken as per law, the police chief said. Singh, who was in Kathua

to inaugurate a T20 cricket tournament being organized

DB dismisses Govt appeal against CAT's order

staying appointment of Supdt GMC Jammu

whereas senior Adv Abhinav

Sharma appearing for

respondent, observed that

the petitioners have filed the

petition seeking to quash/set

order

02.12.2022 passed by the

Tribunal (CAT), whereby the

Tribunal has stayed the oper-

ation of Government Order

No.771-JK(HME) of 2022

dated 31.10.2022 to the

extent of adjustment/posting

of respondent as Medical

Government Medical College,

observed that a perusal of

order dated 02.12.2022

revealed that the Tribunal

Superintendent

Jammu.

dated

Administrative

DB further

aside

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an event at Kathua on Monday. by the police, said terrorist

training camps are active in different areas on the other side of the border with

"The number of training amps goes up and down but

has not decided the main

petition, rather it has only

staved the operation of order

dated 31.10.2022 (supra) to

the extent of proforma

respondent till the next date

of listing. Therefore, instead

of filing present petition, the

petitioner-UT of J&K ought

to have waited till

13.03.2023, when it would

have the liberty to put forth

its arguments for final hear-

DB further observed that

since the Tribunal has simply

issued the interim order till

next date of listing which

cannot be construed to be the

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final wording in any sense.

ing of the matter.

such centres are never closed down completely. There might be no training centre opposite Kathua but these are present in other parts,"

the DGP said. The cricket to

Newly appointed DAP's Jammu Provincial Secretary resigns citing 'personal reasons'

STÂTE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: A days after being appointed as Jammu Provincial Secretary, Democratic Azad Party (DAP) leader Jai Singh on Monday submitted his resignation from the post, citing

"personal reasons". DAP chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad made various appointments in the party over the past two days nearly three months after its launch in Jammu.

"Due to my personal reasons, I am not in a position to carry forward political activities, so I hereby resign from the post of

being held to pay tributes to police personnel who laid down their lives fighting terrorism over the past three decades.

"Infiltration (of terrorists from Pakistan) has come down this year compared to previous vears because our border (security) grid is working very strongly. The anti-terror grid is also doing a commendable job and we will crush all the conspiracies being hatched from across the border," the police chief told reporters.

Asked about the recent demolition of Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammed commander Ashiq

Nine J&K students participate in Global Asteroid Search campaign as part of NASA project

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2002 and Forest Policy 2011.

JAMMU: In the first, nine students of a private school in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district participated in a global asteroid search campaign as part of NASA's citizen science project.

The campaign was organised by Delhi-based Homi Lab in association with the International Astronomical search collaboration (IASC) from October 21 to November 15, Homi Lab said in a press release here. A spokesperson of the lab

said this was the first time that a school from the Kathua district has participated in the NASA Campaign.

Pratap Singh, Bharti, Sharma. Rashi Alyssa Sardhalia, Samar Singh Bhadwal, Pratap Mehul Sharma, Mrigan Vaishisth and Kamouli Pranaya Mahajan from Spring Dales English School Kathua participated in the Asteroid Search Kalam

Campaign. "As part of NASA's citizen science project that is conducted by Hardin Simmons University, USA, under this programme, IASC and Homi Lab deployed a unique platform that gave selected participants a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to discover real near-Earth objects and Main Belt asteroids. Outreach

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wield the 'danda' will stop

wielding them,

India's develop-

ment model is not

about developing

itself and letting

other countries

fight with each other, the RSS

chief said. "India's

development

Bhagwat said.

India's development will be based on vision, aspirations of people: Bhagwat

STATE TIMES NEWS MUMBAI: RSS chief Mohan

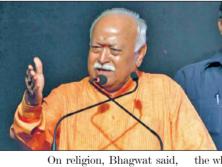
Bhagwat has said India's development will be based on the vision and aspirations of its "If India does it by

looking at America and China, it won't be India's development. This may be development, but then India will become like China and America," he said.

"India`s development will happen based on its vision, the conditions and aspirations of its people, culture and our country's outlook

towards the world," Bhagwat said at an event in Mumbai

on Sunday.



On religion, Bhagwat said, "A religion which makes man prosperous but destroys

nature is not religion." we won't wield the 'danda'

"If India becomes strong,

means progress of the whole world," he added. "As India is becoming strong and prosperous, Indians all over the world are

holding their heads ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Admn proposes 'Shukpa', 'Tsersnon' as State Tree, Flower of Ladakh

STATE TIMES NEWS

LEH/JAMMU: The Ladakh administration has proposed Bhoti 'Shukpa' and Bhoti 'Tsersnon' as the state tree and state flower of the union territory of Ladakh, officials

The proposed state tree and state flower for the union territory of Ladakh are placed in the public domain for suggestions and comments from experts and the general public by the committee constituted for the purpose, Chairperson State tree and flower committee, Dr Padma Gurmet

tions, the experts suggested Juniperus polycarpos

(Shukpa) as the state tree and Meconopsis aculeata (Tsersnon) as the state flower of Ladakh, Dr Gurmet said.

Before submitting the final proposal for approval, the panel has sought views and suggestions of the general public and experts before January 7 next year, Chairperson said.

Shukpa is from the cupressaceae family and is commonly known as "Himalayan pencil cedar", officials said. The plant is locally known as 'Shukpa' in Buddhist communities and 'Chilgi' among

the Brokpa tribes of Ladakh. The tree, which is confined to dry tracts of western

the terrorists' bullet, and at times due to the mistakes of the forces, innocent people

Chowdhury demands debate on J&K situation in LS

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Monday demanded a debate on the situation in Jammu and Kashmir in the Lok Sabha, saying innocent citizens were losing their lives in the valley. Raising the matter as the House took up "issues of urgent public importance", Chowdhury said, "Innocent civilians are losing lives in Jammu and Kashmir, and it is not stopping." "At times by

are losing their lives. "They had said in the House that after abrogation of Article 370, we will capture PoK, and Aksai Chin. But today, Pandits are being forced out of the valley, lists are being made by terrorists to eliminate Pandits,' Chowdhury said.

"We want a detailed discussion in Lok Sabha on the situation in Jammu and Kashmir," the Congress leader said. He also mentioned a recent incident from Jammu's Rajouri town, where two civilians were shot dead and a third was injured on Friday morning near the gate of an Army facility. "Innocent people have lost their lives in Rajouri due to the Army's mistake, the government should at least give a statement," Chowdhury added

FSL holds workshop on 'Forensic **Evidence & Criminal Justice'** during the last three



STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Directorate of Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL), Jammu and Kashmir conducted a one-day workshop on 'Forensic Evidence and Criminal Justice' at FSL Srinagar. The event was

participants during workshop in Jammu. inaugurated online by the Additional Chief Secretary/ Financial Commissioner, Home Department, J&K, R K Goyal, who was the chief guest. In his remarks, the Chief Guest appreciated the efforts made by the FSL

UAPA cases. Around 40 officers from J&K Police of the ranks of SDPOs and Investigating Officers, Forensic Medicine Specialists from GMC and Chief Srinagar. Prosecuting Officers participated in the workshop. The Experts/ Scientists from the FSL, J&K delivered lectures and made presentations on the topics of 'Forensic Documents examination and its legal implications' by Dr Nida Hassan, 'Digital Forensic

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After the detailed delibera-

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