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Jammu police cracks down on locals 'sheltering' Rohingyas; over 50 booked

Conspirators arrested for preparing fake Aadhaar, ration cards, domicile certificates of Rohingyas



Jammu Zone IGP Anand Jain flanked by SSP Vinod Kumar and others briefing media at DPL Jammu on Tuesday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Over 50, seven of them married couples, have been arrested and on Tuesday in a major police action against those harbouring Rohingyas migrants or facilitating their stay with illegal papers in Jammu.

"In a decisive move aimed at ensuring national security and safeguarding the interests of the residents of Jammu and Kashmir, the J&K Police have taken stringent action against individuals found to be providing shelter to Rohingyas in the

region," Inspector General of Police (IGP), Jammu, Anand Jain, told reporters on Tuesday evening. The arrests were made from Kishtwar, Ramban, Poonch and Rajouri districts, while 10 Rohingya and Bangladeshi nationals were

booked in Doda, Jain said. Seven FIRs were registered at different police stations in Jammu where the police parties swooped on the Rohingya slums at over two dozen places and carried out house-to-house searches. "Some locals have provided their plots of land to settle the outside immigrants. We are checking and identifying these facilitators, who are also availing the government benefits for them," IGP Jammu said.

Thorough investigations and intelligence reports, it has come to light that certain elements have been involved in facilitating the illegal settlement of Rohingyas, posing potential threats to the security and socio-economic fabric of the UT of J&K, he said adding that the presence of undocumented and

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PIL seeking eviction of Ex-Ministers, Ex-Legislators from Govt Accommodation

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In a major development, a Division Bench of High Court of J&K and Ladakh (Jammu Wing) comprising its Chief Justice N. Kotiswar Singh and Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi has directed Sr. AAG, S.S Nanda appearing for Estates Department, J&K Govt to file response to the averments made in a fresh application (CM No.7532/2023) filed by Advocate Sheikh Shakeel Ahmed for placing on record a Gift Deed of a residential house dated August 10, 1987 made in favour of Ex-Deputy C.M,

J&K Kavinder Gupta S/o Bindranan Gupta executed by one Yograj Singh S/o Waryam Singh R/o Sarwal, Jammu at present Janipur, Jammu which was registered by then Sub-Registrar City, Jammu on August 11, 1987. The Division Bench after hearing Advocate Sheikh Shakeel Ahmed with Advocates Rahul Raina, Suraj Singh, Supriya Chouhan, M. Zulkernain Choudhary, Syed Majid Shah and Advocate Adnan Mushtaq Jaral appearing for the petitioner in the much publicized PIL No.17/2020 further directed Sr. AAG S.S.

Nanda and Sr. AAG Monika Kohli appearing for the Govt. of J&K to ascertain the correctness of the persons, if necessary, namely Kavinder Gupta (Former Deputy CM J&K) and Yograj Singh in terms of order dated September 13, 2023. Vide order dated September 13, 2023 the Division Bench had directed Advocate S.S. Ahmed to furnish a list of those persons who possess houses in Jammu or in Kashmir as mentioned in the Annexure R-1 to the status report filed by Estates Department on

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J&K Govt officer gets 3 years in jail in disproportionate assets case

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A court here on Tuesday sentenced a government officer to three years in jail in a disproportionate assets case.

The officer was also asked to pay a fine of Rs 50 lakh by the special anti-corruption court, a spokesman of the Crime Branch of the Jammu and Kashmir Police said.

Nisar Khan, a Section Officer posted at the Jammu Deputy Commissioner's office, acquired assets disproportionate to his known sources of income by indulging in corrupt practices and by abusing his

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G.M. Khad - Govt orders delineation of land in Kathua, Samba

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Revenue Department on Tuesday issued directions for delineation of lands outside water course in the twin districts of Samba and Kathua. As per Govt Order No 207 JK Rev of 2023, delineation exercise has been carried out in 6 villages of the twin districts. It is pertinent to mention that Lieutenant

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Govt-Oppn standoff: 49 more Lok Sabha MPs suspended, total 141 now in Parliament

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: As many as 49 more opposition lawmakers were suspended from Lok Sabha on Tuesday for unruly behaviour, taking the total number of MPs facing action in both Houses of Parliament to 141 and prompting the INDIA coalition to announce nationwide anti-government protests on Friday.

While the opposition bloc

slammed as "undemocratic" the suspension of MPs for display of placards demanding a statement from Home Minister Amit Shah on the December 13 security breach in Parliament, the government justified the action as it accused the suspended MPs of insulting Lok Sabha Speaker, Rajya Sabha Chairman and the institution of Parliament.

A political row broke out as Trinamool Congress leader Kalyan Banerjee derisively mimicked Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar during the opposition's protest on the stairs of Parliament against the MPs' suspension, drawing strong condemnation from the ruling BJP.

Rahul Gandhi was seen making a video of the

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INDI Alliance's PM Face: From fire to fry fan, between devil and deep sea

■ RAJ DALUJA
JAMMU: The climax of the comedy circus called INDI Alliance turned tragic unexpectedly with Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge getting an 'uncomfortable tag' of the opposition amalgam's Prime Minister face against mighty Narendra Modi. The ironic phase of the fast developing events at the INDI Alliance's much talked about conclave in New Delhi was the name of Kharge being proposed by West Bengal Chief Minister Mamta Banerjee and seconded by Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal. The move comes after the meeting between the two chief ministers a day before.

The air-pollution struck 'foggy Delhi' of Arvind Kejriwal's woke up with the speculations of Nitish Kumar, Sharad Pawar and Mamata Banerjee being projected as the INDI Alliance's PM face but as the day progressed, the 'axe' fell on Kharge. It is like being between the devil and deep sea for the veteran Congress leader; a strong loyalist of Gandhis, whose siblings Rahul and Priyanka nowhere in the scene. Imagine the 'Dharam Sankat' for Kharge to be a reason of annoyance for the Gandhi duo. Much stinging is the fact that

nobody realized the worth of the fourth-generation of the Nehru-Gandhi clan even to be considered for the slot. This must have sent shock waves among the Congressmen from Delhi to every State and Union Territory capitals across the country. Some must be raging with anger at how the Gandhis were ignored. For poor Kharge it is 'Na Ugalne Se Bane, Na Nigalne Se.' in local parlance. Accepting the tag of the PM Face would mean for Kharge annoying Gandhis and rejecting it tantamount throttling the already shrunk poll prospectus of the opposition amalgam before Modi juggernaut in 2024.

Mamata Banerjee and Arvind Kejriwal have played really very smart. Both the Chief Ministers are already on record having stated that they won't part with any seat for the Congress or the INDI Alliance either in TMC's West Bengal or AAP's Delhi and Punjab. Is it a move to break the Congress? Even a fresher in political science can understand well that Mamta-Kejri wants to supplement the BJP's efforts of Congress Mukh Bharat. The Akhilesh-Congress cold-war is no more a secret. Nitish Kumar's ambitions for the top executive slot of the country stand shat-

tered. Maharashtra strongman Sharad Pawar is feeling isolated from day-one, especially after nephew Ajit Pawar jumped ship to take side with the BJP.

On a personal note for poor Kharge, he is the 'compromise' person to face failures. Rising as the Congress President owes courtesy to Ashok Gehlot's refusal to take up the job. Emerging as a dark horse for INDI Alliance is the outcome of the partners in showing down the Gandhis and breaking the Congress. He could not conceal his helplessness and said, "This is too premature". But there are no takers, not even the Gandhis who must be fuming. After all important political allies have come up with the proposal.

The other small timers like NC, PDP, DMK, Shiv Sena Udhav Thackeray Group are of no consequence. They are just a bunch of clowns of the circus, meant to serve as cheerleaders.

They have the value of spoiling whatsoever little chance the opposition in INDI Alliance Avtaar has. Communists have already denounced Kharge for the top post.

In this scheme of things, will Narendra Modi have the last laugh to score a hat-trick?

High Court closed for winter vacation from Jan 1, 2024

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and will remain closed for the winter vacation with effect from the 1st of January, 2024 to 27th of January, 2024 (both days inclusive). The period commencing from 1st January to 6th of January, 2024 is 'No Work Period' for the High Court.

Chief Justice of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court N. Kotiswar Singh nominated Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal as Vacation Judge for Jammu wing from January 8, 2024 to 17th of January, 2024, Justice Rajesh Sekhri as Vacation Judge for Jammu wing from January 18, 2024 to

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Will intensify anti-terror ops in Kashmir if required: IG CRPF

'People deserve credit for decline in terrorism in valley'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Inspector General of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Ajay Kumar Yadav on Tuesday said the current situation in Kashmir Valley is peaceful and if need be, his force will intensify anti-terror operations.

In an exclusive interview with PTI video, Yadav said the overall situation is under control.

"The current situation in Srinagar and Kashmir is excellent and in the coming times, it is going to improve further," Yadav said.

However, he quickly added that his force will intensify the anti-terror operations in



the Valley if required.

"But as of now, the situation is very peaceful. We hope that the situation remains the same in the time to come," Yadav said.

The IG CRPF said "all the strategies that are required to be adopted, including association with the public,

support of youth and the people around, is what we aspire for and which we are doing right now".

Replying to a question on the presence of CRPF's women personnel in the Valley, Yadav said that the women force is engaged in airport security duties besides participating in the cordon search operation with the teams.

"We have the women personnel deployed in the Valley. They are at the airport, they're with the cordon search operation teams, and they're given all the opportunities and the platforms to work. They are doing

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Chugh warns Mehbooba for inciting people against SC verdict

'Is she playing in hands of anti-national forces?'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh, who is also the Party Incharge for J&K and Ladakh, on Tuesday, warned former Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti for inciting the public sentiments against the Supreme Court verdict on abrogation of Article 370.

"Abdullah, Mufti and Gandhi Nehru families should stop provoking people on the historic decision of the Supreme Court on Article 370", he said in a statement.

Strongly condemning her statement saying that the Supreme Court verdict



was 'not God's verdict', Chugh said Mehbooba was indirectly trying to incite

people of J&K against the Constitutional institutions.

Chugh questioned if she was doing it at the behest of the Pakistan ISI forces. He said it is time for her to start talking about Indian nationalism instead of looking across the borders to her mentors to mislead the people of J&K.

Chugh said Prime Minister Narendra Modi's policies and programmes have started a new chapter in J&K following which terrorism has been stamped out to give way to tourism. People are looking for their growth and prosperity and are not prepared

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