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Hizbul OGW charge-sheeted in terrorism conspiracy case

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Monday filed the first supplementary charge sheet against an Over Ground Worker (OGW) of the proscribed Hizb-ul-Mujahideen terrorist outfit in the Jammu and Kashmir terrorism conspiracy case. The charge sheet against Mohd Rafi Najar, a resident of Sopore and close associate of Hizbul Mujahideen terrorist Intiyaz Kundoo alias "Fayaz", under various sections of the IPC

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700-year-old temple undergoes restoration in Srinagar

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir administration has taken up the restoration work of the 700-year-old Mangleshwar Bhairav Temple, which was severely damaged by floods in 2014, located in the heart of Srinagar city, officials said here. The work was started in June 2022 and is expected to be completed next month, they said, adding that the estimated cost of the project is Rs 1.62 core. "The temple is around 700 years old. Everyone knows about its significance. It developed some cracks in the floods of September 2014. So, last year, we took

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 22.1°C Min: 13.1°C

Humidity
Max: 70 Min: 67

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 16.1°C Min: 5.6°C

Humidity
Max: 76 Min: 46

Sunset : 18:43 Hours
Sunrise : 06:35 Hours

LG directs JKRLM to launch VSY for empowerment of women entrepreneurs



LG Manoj Sinha speaking at a function organized in connection with International Day of Forests in Jammu on Tuesday.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday directed the J&K Rural Livelihoods Mission (JKRLM) to launch Van Sakhi Yojana (VSY) in coordination with Forest Department for the socio-economic empowerment of the women entrepreneurs associated with the sector. Speaking at a function held to commemorate International Day of Forests, organized by Department of

Forest, Ecology & Environment at Convention Centre, Sinha also asked the Forests Department and other stakeholders to ensure that policy on 'Sustainable Utilization of Non-timber Forest Produce in J&K' is fully operationalized on ground to maximize its benefits to the people, especially women and tribal communities. The Lt Governor called upon the people for sustainable management of forests

and the judicious use of resources to combat climate change and to ensure well-being of all. "Healthy Forests is the key to Healthy living of people and it should be our topmost priority to safeguard these precious natural resources. Every element produced by nature nourishes us. Since time immemorial, the health and well-being of humans, animals and environment around us are interlinked",

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J&K people have right over all its resources, including land, sand stones: Azad

STATE TIMES NEWS
BANIHAL: Asserting that people of Jammu and Kashmir have the right over all its resources, former Chief Minister and chairman Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) Ghulam Nabi Azad on Tuesday said that government should ensure that locals should be given first preference as they have claim by being natives. "Our sand, stones, minerals are not given to us but contractors from outside are preferred which deprives our people of rights over sand, stones and minerals", Azad said addressing a massive



DPAP Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad addressing public meeting at Banihal on Tuesday.

gathering of people from all villages here. By empowering people of JK, Centre would be strong enough to deal with China

and Pakistan as these neighbouring countries attempt to destabilise the country. "For last 35 years, people of

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Bharat-the biggest democracy despite several active political parties: Chugh

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: "Bharat is the biggest democracy in the world in spite of its several political parties, excelling China who had earlier supremacy with only one party," said Tarun Chugh, BJP National General Secretary in a statement issued in Monday. The BJP is the biggest party in country with J P Nadda as its President and dynamic and world-level leader Narendra Modi marching the country ahead with a pledge of 'Sabka

Saath, Sabka Vikas'. The Government's war is against poverty and is doing its best



to uplift poor and destitute, said BJP National General Secretary, adding that the party is receiving continuous blessings of crores of people due its motto 'Sewa Hi

Sangathan Hai'. Hitting out at Delhi Chief Minister, Arvind Kejriwal, Chugh said that his so called developments are only in the advertisements which is far from the truth. He should know that the budget is the tax-payer's money which cannot be misused on publicity adding that its return has to reach every tax payer. "Agencies are doing their work and dealing with the liquor mafia which swindled huge amount of public money," he asserted.

DG CRPF visits south Kashmir, reviews operational preparedness



CRPF Director General Sujoy Lal Thaoson during visit to South Kashmir on Tuesday.

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: CRPF Director General Sujoy Lal Thaoson visited South Kashmir on Tuesday to review the operational preparedness of the force, officials said.

"Thaoson along with Inspector General Kashmir Ops Sector M S Bhatia visited South Kashmir to review the operational preparedness and deployment of troops," a

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LG greets people on Navratras

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has extended his greetings on the beginning of auspicious days of Navratri. In a message, the Lt Governor said: On the auspicious occasion of Navratri, I extend warm greetings to all the citizens, especially Kashmiri Pandit brothers and sisters, who are celebrating Navreh. Navratri symbolises the spiritual joy and the triumph of good over evil. It

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Policeman sacked for unauthorised absence from service

STATE TIMES NEWS
SAMBA: A policeman was dismissed from service for alleged unauthorised absence of over two years in Samba district, police said. Selection Grade Constable (Sg/Ct) Varinder Pal Singh is the second policeman removed from service on account of prolonged

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Magnificent view of illuminated Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Bhawan on Navratra Celebrations. (More pics & news on pg-3)

LS passes budget for J&K UT amid ruckus over JPC demand

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Lok Sabha on Tuesday passed a Rs 1.185 lakh crore budget for the financial year 2023-24 for the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, amid ruckus by the Opposition over a demand for a Joint Parliamentary Committee probe into the Adani issue. As soon as the House met

again at 2 pm after an adjournment, Rajindra Agrawal, who was chairing the proceedings, asked BJP's Jugal Kishore Sharma to initiate the discussion on the budget for the Union Territory, which is under central rule at present. Sharma spoke for a minute after which the process to pass the budget was initiated.

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ed. The budget for Jammu and Kashmir was passed by a voice vote amid din.

Minister of State in the Finance Ministry, Pankaj Chaudhary, moved the proposals related to the Union Territory's budget on behalf of Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. The bill, which was introduced on

Strong tremors jolt J&K, Delhi, parts of north India

Earthquake of magnitude 6.6 rocks Hindukush region in Afghanistan

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A strong earthquake of magnitude 6.6 on the Richter scale occurred on Tuesday night in Jammu and Kashmir, triggering panic among the people who rushed outside their homes. The high-intensity earthquake occurred 22:10:27IST. The earthquake was at the latitude 36.09 degrees north and longitude 71.35 degrees east, a meteorological department official here told The epicenter was Hindu Kush Region, he said. There was no immediate

Doctors deliver baby amid tremors in Anantnag hospital

report of any damage in the earthquake which caused panic among the people who rushed out of their houses. Meanwhile, doctors at a hospital in Anantnag district kept their nerve to deliver a baby through a lower-segment cesarean section while an earthquake shook the Valley on Tuesday. "Emergency LSCS (lower-segment cesarean section) was going on at SDH (Sub District

Hospital) Bijbehara, Anantnag, during which strong tremors of earthquake were felt. "Kudos to staff of SDH Bijbehara who conducted the LSCS smoothly and thank god everything is alright," according to a tweet from the the district's chief medical officer. The tweet included a video that showed how the staff focused on the job while everything around them was shaking.



NIA makes first arrest in NGO terror funding case; Kashmiri journalist arrested



Arrested Kashmiri journalist Irfan Mehraj.

arrested by NIA on specific inputs. "Mehraj was a close associate of (human rights activist) Khurram Parvez and was working with his organisation, Jammu and Kashmir Coalition of Civil Societies (JKCCS)," he said.

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