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and its proxy organisations for perpetrating unlawful activities, including supporting terrorist activities, sustained stone-pelting on Security Forces in Jammu and Kashmir.

The MCJ-K-B, by giving a clarion call to boycott elections on multiple occasions, has also attempted to subvert the will of people and democratic process in Jammu and Kashmir; the home ministry said.

SIA files charge...

Activities (Prevention) Act, they said here.

Lone, who hails from the Kashmir Valley, is an active terrorist of the LeT operating from Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, the officials said.

They said Khoja was arrested in September last year when he was transporting a consignment of heroin weighing 3.565 kg. The value of the seized narcotics was estimated to be more than Rs 25 crore, the officials added.

Khoja and Lone along with members of terrorist organisations had hatched a criminal conspiracy to raise funds by illegally smuggling and trafficking narcotics from across the border, the SIA said.

The proceeds from the sale of the drug were used to financially support terrorist acts and fund the terror ecosystem, the agency said.

In pursuance of the larger criminal conspiracy, Khoja and Lone, and their associates through conversations over encrypted messaging applications systematically planned spreading communal disharmony through terrorist acts targeted at minority communities in Kashmir; the SIA said.

"The terror funds were used for personal enrichment and for furtherance of terrorist acts, including setting ablaze government buildings, residential houses of minority communities and police personnel, and office of a political party, as directed by various terrorist organisations, active in Jammu and Kashmir," the agency said.

It said further investigation against other associates of those charge-sheeted in the case will continue.

INDIA bloc's manifesto...

sisters," he further said. Stating that people's support to BJP is growing continuously in Telangana, Modi said as the voting day nears there is a BJP wave in Telangana, while Congress and BRS will get cleaned up.

The whole country is saying -- more than 400 (seats for NDA) on June 4 (counting day), he further said.

Alleging that Congress has made Telangana its 'ATM state', he said the "looted money is going to Delhi".

Addressing a rally of the INDIA alliance at Mumbai's Shivaji Park after the conclusion of his Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Sunday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi won't be able to win the Lok Sabha elections without "EVMs, ED, CBI and Income Tax".

"Our fight against Modi is not on a personal level. Modi is a mask' who works for a Shakti' (power). He is a shallow man who doesn't have a 56-inch chest," Gandhi said.

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Army Commander visits...

"Lt Gen M V Suchindra Kumar, Army Commander Northern Command, visited formations deployed in super high altitude areas of Ladakh to review the



Lt Gen M V Suchindra Kumar, Army Northern Commander at Ladakh.

operational preparedness and border infrastructure development," the Northern Command said on X.

Lieutenant General Kumar assumed charge as the general officer commanding-in-chief of the Udhampur-based Northern Command of the Indian Army in February this year.

PMLA charges can't...

against M/s Bharat Papers Limited (hereinafter referred to as BPL) and its Directors including Anil Kumar Aggarwal were initiated as they alleged to have perpetrated bank loan fraud amounting to approx. Rs. 200 Cr with consortium of banks with lead bank as State Bank of India other banks being J & K Bank, PNB and Karur Vysya Bank.

The original project cost for BPL was estimated at Rs. 183.60 Cr. with total debt of Rs. 125.00 Cr. (75 Cr. availed from State Bank of India as Term Loan) in Dec, 2006. The balance Rs. 50.00 Cr. was availed from PNB and J&K Bank. The project was expected to commence commercial production w.e.f. April, 2008 but due to the delay in the implementation, there was cost-over-run of Rs.51.54 Cr. in the project which was funded by way of an additional term loan of Rs. 35.00 Cr. (20.00 Cr. availed from State Bank of India) and the balance amount b) way of equity infusion by both BBFIL and the promoters.

The commercial production was then re-scheduled to commence from July, 2009. However, in June 2009, Bharat Paper Ltd. again approached the State Bank of India. SCB, Miller Ganj, Ludhiana for a second re-structuring of Term I, Loans to better Align the repayment obligations with the stabilization of

production and estimated generation of cash Hows, which was approved on June 10, 2009. However, even after commencement of operation in FY 2009-10, the unit had tailed to honors its commitments for payment of interest & term loan instalments. Hence, the bank declared the said account NPA on September 30, 2010. Later, the account was declared fraud by the bank on July 1, 2019 and the same Mas reported to RBI on July 17, 2019.

That FIR bearing number RC0042020A0001 dated 12.02.2020 was registered by ACB, CBI Jammu under Sections 5(1)(d) r/w 5(2) of J&K PC Act. Samvat. 2006 (Pari-Materia to Section 13(l)(d) r/w 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act 1988) and Sections 120-B and 420 of J&K RPC (Pari-Materia to Sections 120-B and 420 of the Indian Penal Code 1860) against M/s Bharat Paper Ltd. Vill. Logate Kathua, its MD Rajinder Kumar; Parveen Kumar (Director), Baljinder Singh (Director), Anil Kumar (Director) and others unknown.

As per the FIR, it was alleged that the accused persons have perpetrated bank loan fraud amounting to approx. Rs. 200 Cr with consortium of banks with lead bank as State Bank of India other banks being J&K Bank, PNB and Karur Vysya Bank. The said FIR was registered on the basis of complaint reference letter No. SAMB Ldh/T-2/2052 dated 11.02.2020 filed by Shri. Jagdish Lal, the then Deputy General Manager, Stressed Asset Management Branch, State Bank of India, Ludhiana, Punjab before ACB CBI Jammu for the offence of criminal conspiracy, cheating, Criminal Breach of trust and Criminal Misconduct.

On the basis of the afore-stated FIR, Investigation under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA) was initiated by this Directorate after recording of an ECIR bearing No. ECIR/JMSZO/02/2023 dated March 31, 2023. Justice Sanjay Dhar after hearing both the sides observed that in the instant case, the Case Diary that has been produced by the DSGI would reveal that the grounds of arrest have been furnished to the petitioner immediately after his arrest. However, a perusal of the impugned Order of Remand passed by the Special Judge, PMLA reveals that it is nowhere recorded in the said order as to whether or not the grounds of arrest have been furnished to the petitioner. The Special Judge has simply recorded that she has carefully perused the Case Diary and entire material on record and because investigation of the case is at initial stage and the accused is involved in a serious non bailable and economic offence, as such, he is remanded to custody of the Enforcement Directorate. The Judge has not even recorded a finding as to whether or not she has perused the grounds of arrest so as to ascertain whether the ED had recorded reasons to believe that the petitioner was guilty of an offence under PMLA and whether or not there was proper compliance with the mandate of Section 19 of the PMLA. In view of this, Court is of prima facie view that the impugned order dated 07.02.2024 passed by the Special Judge, PMLA smacks of non application of mind. For all what has been discussed hereinbefore, the petitioner has been able to carve out a case for grant of interim relief. Accordingly, the petitioner is directed to be released from custody in the subject ECIR, provided he fulfils the following conditions that he shall furnish bail bond with two sureties in the amount of 1 Rs. 1.00 lac each to the satisfaction of the Special Judge designated under PMLA, Jammu. He shall cooperate with the respondent during investigation of the case and he shall not hamper or tamper with the evidence. He shall deposit his passport with Assistant Director, Enforcement Directorate Jammu and shall undertake that he shall not leave the limits of the country without prior permission of the Special Judge.

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merely announcing the date, time, place and other particulars of an election meeting or routine instructions to election agents or workers.

Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of sub-section (1) of sub-section (2) shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to two thousand rupees, or with both. It is, therefore, enjoyed upon all the printers and publishers to indicate clearly in the print line the names and addresses of printer and publisher of any election pamphlet or posters or such other material printed by them. Besides, all printing presses have to send the copies or the printed material (along with three extra copies of each such printed material) and the declaration obtained from the publisher as required under section 127-A (2) within three days of its printing. Also, any violation of the provisions of section 127-A (2) and the above directions of the Commission would be viewed seriously and stern action, which may in appropriate cases include even revocation of license of printing press under relevant laws of the state, would be taken.

Before undertaking the printing of any election pamphlets or poster etc, printer shall obtain from the publisher a declaration in terms of section 127-A(2) in the proforma prescribed by the Commission in Appendix IX-A hereto, this declaration shall be fully signed by the publisher and attested by two persons to whom the publisher is personally known. It should also be authenticated by the printer when it is forwarded to the Chief Electoral Officer or District Magistrate, as the case may be. Likewise, the printer shall furnish four (4) copies of the printed material, along with declaration of the publisher; within three (3) days of the printing thereof, along with such printed material and the declaration. The printer shall also furnish the information regarding the number of copies of documents printed and the price charged for such printing job, in the proforma prescribed by the Commission in Appendix-B hereto. Such information shall be furnished by the printer; not collectively but separately, in respect of each election pamphlet poster etc., printed by him within three days of printing of each such document.

NexGen Energia to...

direct and indirect employment to about 1 lakh people and we aim to launch NGE's most affordable electric two-wheeler on April 15 next month for just Rs 36,900 from our Noida unit," Dwivedi said.

The NexGen Energia chairman said last week he met with Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari at his Delhi office where the company presented its proposals on sustainable energy solutions like increasing the use of CBG and India-made EVs.

The company has a range of EVs two-wheelers and three-wheelers which is ready for launch. It will eventually start production of electric buses, trucks and cars in the future, it said.

LG meets family members of missing Seaman



LG Manoj Sinha meeting family members of Seaman Sahil Verma.

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JAMMU: Family members of the missing Seaman from Jammu Sahil Verma, called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, on Monday at

Raj Bhawan. The Lt Governor assured every possible support from the administration to the family to ensure the safe return of Sahil Verma. The Seaman

hailing from Jammu's Ghou Manhasan area went missing on 27th February from Indian Naval Ship. Senior Advocate Abhinav Sharma was also present.

Rise of China, unsettled borders will be most formidable challenge for India: CDS

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PUNE: Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan on Monday said the unsettled borders with China and the rise of that country will remain the most formidable challenge for India and its armed forces in the foreseeable future.

Speaking at the 3rd Strategic and Security Dialogue on the Rise of China and its implications for the world, General Chauhan emphasised the need for astute handling of the PLA (People's Liberation Army) at all friction points concerning the disputed borders.

General Chauhan said India has disputed borders with neighbours and these conflicts have led to the emergence of terms like the Line of Actual Control, Line of Control, and Actual Ground Position Line.

"The unsettled borders with China and the rise of China will remain the most formidable challenge that India and the Indian armed forces will face in the foreseeable future," the Chief of Defence Staff said.

He said the armed forces need to maintain the legitimacy of India's claims during peacetime on these disputed borders, which will require "very astute handling of the

PLA at all the friction points, calibrated firmness, and both sides to operate within the ambit of agreed rules of engagement".

The top commander further said that like all disputed borders, there will be a tendency by the adversary to create new facts or markers, toponymy (the study of place names), cartographic aggression, or to create a new narrative.

"This again will have to be countered collectively by all of us at all levels, which includes academicians, thinkers, and strategists," the Chief of Defence Staff said.

General Chauhan referred to External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's statement wherein he had said that there is more to the Sino-India relations than the border disputes.

"Similarly, in an increasingly inter-connected world, Sino-India relations cannot be viewed in a binary kind of perspective. The rise of China affects other nations as well, and we must look at like-minded nations for an equitable balance while remaining cognisant of the fact that one must be prepared to fight its own battle," the Chief of Defence Staff said. Speaking about the challenges related to technolo-

gy, General Chauhan said as technology emerges as the new currency of power; there is a tendency of nations to deny competitors.

"Technology denial regimes existed in the past, but what we are witnessing now is a race to retain technological edge. India cannot afford the emergence of a major technological gap between us and our immediate adversaries, and that would be fatal for us," the Chief of Defence Staff said.

He said this "battle of increasing technological gap" has to be fought not only by soldiers but also by academics, scientists, and everyone as a nation together.

General Chauhan also spoke about the challenge of rising fragility and the outcome of political, social, and economic stability in the immediate neighbourhood.

"India seems to be the only island of stability in a sea of turmoil and turbulence. Political, social, and economic instability in countries in our immediate neighbourhood make them vulnerable to foreign influence," he said.

General Chauhan further said adversaries in the past have taken advantage of this situation, thereby increasing India's vulnerability and security problems, which is a major security challenge.

DEO Samba chairs meeting with Political Parties ahead of Lok Sabha Elections 2024

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SAMBHA: District Election Officer, Samba, Abhishek Sharma convened a crucial meeting with representatives from various political parties in preparation for the forthcoming Lok Sabha Elections in 2024.

The primary objective of the meeting was to emphasize on the significance of upholding the highest ethical standards as outlined in the Model Code of Conduct and other relevant guidelines established by the Election Commission of India (ECI). Key discussions during the

session included issues such as adherence to MCC provisions, obtaining permissions for media advertisements and campaign logistics, as well as initiating candidate bank accounts in accordance with stipulated timelines.

The meeting served as a platform to sensitize political parties about the imperative nature of maintaining integrity, fairness, and transparency throughout the electoral process. It emphasized the collective commitment of all stakeholders towards fostering an environment characterized by

ethical conduct and accountability.

The DEO reiterated the pivotal role of political parties in upholding the democratic ethos of the nation and urged cooperation and adherence to the guidelines set forth by the ECI.

Among the attendees were distinguished officials including SSP Vinay Sharma, ADC Suresh Sharma, GM DIC Gurpreet Singh, Deputy DEO Harvinder Singh, DIO Ashiq Raffiq Malik, and representatives from various political parties.

Revival of Wool and Cottage Industry: Training cum field demonstration programme held

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BASOHLI: The Faculty of Veterinary Sciences and Animal Husbandry (FVSC & AH), SKUAST Jammu, under able guidance of Vice Chancellor Dr B. N. Tripathi and Dean FVSc and A.H Dr Rajesh Katoch organized a comprehensive one-day training cum field demonstration program aimed at revitalizing the wool and cottage-based industry in Basohli. The event, held under the auspices of the HADP project on wool and pelt, brought together artisans, experts, stakeholders, and enthusiasts from the wool and pelt industry for revival of wool and cottage-based industry of wool and pelt.

The training program encompassed various facets of wool processing and value addition, shedding light on modern methodologies and traditional practices that can enhance the productivity and quality of wool and pelt products of Basohli area. In this project two wool based ITKs products have been identified for promotion among Basohli artisans namely woolen stole

and Duggar vasket/tweet. Participants were engaged in hands-on training by Rajinder Kumar (Master Trainer) and Mr Aryan Shahid (Project Assistant), where they learned practical skills and techniques directly applicable to their work in wool and cottage-based industries. Through interactive sessions, they explored avenues for improving the product quality, enhancing product diversification, and adopting eco-friendly practices.

Dr Rajinder Bhardwaj Principal Investigator of the project expressed his enthusiasm for the initiative, stating, The revival of the wool and cottage industry holds immense potential for socio-economic development in the region. This collaborative effort aims to empower local communities, preserve traditional crafts, and foster sustainable livelihoods. The program also served as a platform for networking and fostering partnerships among stakeholders, including artisans, entrepreneurs, government agencies, and research

institutions, to collectively drive the growth of the wool processing industry in Basohli.

"We are committed to providing continuous support and resources to empower local communities and facilitate the growth of small-scale industries," remarked Dr Rajinder Bhardwaj, PI of the HADP project on revival of wool and cottage-based industry.

Dr Mandeep Singh Azad, CO-PI of the project welcomed the artisans and gave the overall views of the training cum field demonstration programme. He emphasized the importance of the adoption of modern technological interventions and equipment/tools for improving the quality of wool-based products and also highlighted the importance of finishing, sorting and grading in the development of good quality woolen articles. The importance of the revival of the wool based products and other aspects such as common facility centres, cooperative societies and the role of marketing and designing was

also emphasized.

During the programme the newly formed societies namely Indu woolen stole cooperative society and Momin duggarvasket/tweet cooperative society were also provided all the major equipment's and tools required for production of wool products. Both the cooperative societies were made functional for the preparation and promotion of wool stole and Duggarvasket in the area. The programme was also attended by Dr Pratibha, VAS sheep husbandry department, Basohli. She encouraged the artisans for reviving the wool based products. She mentioned that the success of this training cum field demonstration program underscores the collective determination to revive and sustain the rich heritage of wool and cottage-based industries in Basohli, ushering in a new era of prosperity and resilience. Sh Sham Lal, Mr Rahul and Mr Zakir known artisans of the area were also felicitated in the programme for their continuous effort to promote woolen based products of Basohli.

Dr K C Sharma presents paper in International Conference

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UDHAMPUR: Dr K C Sharma Chief Consultant Surgeon from Udhampur presented papers on Innovations of a rural



surgeon along with "India's five gifts to the world" at 24th National conference along with International participants held under the geniuses of 24th annual conference "Association of rural surgeons of India" held at Moulana Azad Medical College New Delhi from 15th to 17th March 2024.

His presentation brought a lot of laurels from the attending delegates and honoured to rural surgeons of J & K. He has also been nominated as chairman Antia-funeth innovation award committee. Dr Subash Abrol surgeon from Jammu also created an impact with his discussion and presentation.

Team Jagti seeks equal opportunities for Kashmiri displaced Hindus

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a collective voice, Team Jagti, represented by Sunil Pandita, Convenor; highlights a crucial concern regarding the implementation of resettlement and rehabilitation policies for Kashmiri Displaced Hindus. Team Jagti urged the Government of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory to conduct a comprehensive review of all attachments and postings of PM Package employees outside the Valley. Team Jagti members urged the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory and the Chief Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory to personally intervene in this matter to equalise the status at par with the recruitment policy devised for PM Package employees.