Tarun Chugh for exposing **II** anti-national rhetoric in JK

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Seventh incarnation of Goddess Durga i

Maa 'Kaalratri'. Her body is jet black

with spread hair and glittering like

lightening beads around her neck.

She has three eyes round like

universe and flames coming out

of nostrils. Her ride is on Donkey

Out of four hands, two right arms are in blessing mode while one left

hand has iron Kantha and other Kharag. Though Maa Kaalratri

appears very hard and tough, she is always 'Shubh' for her worshippers

She destroys the enemies, bad souls

and hurdles of Grahas. Mantra to be recited nine times of Maa Kaalratri is :

'Om Aing Hareeng Hung

Hung Bhagwati Kaalratri

Mam Shatrun Stambhay

Stambhay Swaha"

ॐ ऐं हीं हुं हुं भगवती

कालरात्रि मम शत्रून

स्तम्भय स्तम्भय स्वाहा

Ramzan Mubarak

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J&K Police releases

video of 'The Untold

Kashmir Files'

SRINAGAR: Following the

roaring success of 'The

Kashmir Files', a film based

on the exodus of Kashmiri Pandits in 1990s, the

Jammu and Kashmir Police

released a short video high-

lighting that all Kashmiris

irrespective of their faith suf-

The 57-second video is

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titled 'The Untold Kashmir

Two JKAS officers

transferred

JAMMU: The government on

Thursday transfers two

JKAS officers. According to

the order issued by Manoj K.

Dwivedi, Principal Secretary,

orders of adjustment in the

Department, has been posted as Under Secretary, Higher Education Department. As

per another order, Raj Kumar

Katoch, JKAS, awaiting

orders of adjustment in the

Department, has been posted

as Member, J&K Special

Tribunal (Jammu Bench).

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fered due to militancy.

Files'. The clip contains

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J&K Sub-Junior team bags 4 medals in Wushu

ED questions Omar Abdullah in J&K Bank case

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The ED questioned NC leader Omar Abdullah on Thursday in connection with the purchase of a building by J&K Bank some 12 years ago when he was Jammu and Kashmir chief minister, a move the party termed a "political exercise" ahead of the Assembly elections in the union territory.

After spending more than five hours at the ED office here in response to summons sent last week, Abdullah told reporters that he had not been accused of anything and that he had "answered them as much as I could". He would further help them "if they need me", he added.

According to officials, the case pertains to the purchase of a building by the J&K Bank, in which the government has 68 per cent equity, at Bandra Kurla in 2010. A property measuring around 65,000 square feet was acquired at a cost of Rs 172

Sources said the board of directors of the bank had set up a two-member committee headed by its chairman

Haseeb Drabu which recom-

mended the purchase of the property, in which another leading bank was also interested. The purchase was approved by the bank board, and the Chief Minister had no say in the matter, the sources added.

While Abdullah refused to divulge details about his questioning Enforcement Directorate (ED),National Conference (NC) slammed

cation" and "fishing expedition" ahead of the Assembly elections expected to be held later this year in Jammu and Kashmir.

"There was a time when elections were announced by the Election Commission, but now, it seems that elections are announced by the ED," the party alleged in a statement, which also said that the ED's action was another case of misuse of investigative agencies by the central government.

According to the sources. Abdullah maintained during the questioning that as chief minister, he had no role in the purchase of the building. The bank was subject to the supervision of the RBI.

To media reports that Abdullah was staying in New Delhi at a property associated with former director of the bank Nikhil Garware, NC sources said that the party had rented out a flat in the national capital for use ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Six JSD AEEs placed as XEns, adjusted

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government on Thursday placed and adjusted Incharge Assistant Executive (AEEs) Engineers Incharge Executive Engineers (XEns) of Jal Shakti Department.

"Sanction is accorded to the placement of the Six Incharge Assistant Engineers as Executive Incharge Executive Engineers in their own

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Four SED employees relieved

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government on Thursday relieved four employees of Jammu and Kashmir School Education Department (SED).

"It is ordered that the four staff members attached in Education School Department. Secretariat shall be deemed to have been relieved from School Education Department with the directions to report their

J&K to adopt uniform academic calendar from current year

All colleges to obtain NAAC accreditation, NEP to be implemented fully



Chief Secretary, Arun K Mehta chairing a meeting at Srinagar on Thursday.

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir will fully implement the National Education Policy (NEP) from the current academic session. It will also move to a uniform academic calendar which in turn will be synchronized the national academic calendar. In addition, the four year undergraduate programme as per UGC guidelines would be introduced in colleges of J&K from the current academic session.

agreed to in a meeting chaired on Thursday by Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, to review and discuss modalities for implementation of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in Jammu and Kashmir. The meeting also decided that the centralized admission test CUET would be mandatory for all admissions in J&K from the next academic session. IN addition, all higher education institutions would move

The meeting had a thorough exchange of ideas on steps to be taken for implementation of this ambitious nationwide policy in J&K. The meeting was attended

greater autonomy.

by Principal Secretary, Higher Education, Rohit Kansal, Principal Secretary, School Education, Sh. B. K. Singh, Vice Chancellors of various universities of the UT and other senior officers of Higher Education and School Education

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Labourer from Punjab shot at by terrorists in Pulwama, injured

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Terrorists shot at and injured a labourer hailing from neighbouring Punjab in Pulwama district on Thursday, officials said

Sonu Sharma, the helper of a poultry-carrying vehicle, was shot in the right leg by terrorists, the officials said. They said Sharma was

rushed to a hospital here

where his condition was stated to be stable. Police has registered a case in this regard under relevant sections of law. Investigation

is in progress and officers

continue to work to ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

LeT terrorist associate arrested in Baramulla

SRINAGAR: Police along with security forces on Thursday arrested a terrorist associate linked with proscribed terror outfit LeT in Baramulla. Incriminating materials including ammunition have been recovered from his possession

Acting on specific input, a special joint motor vehicle checking point (MVCP) was established by Baramulla Police, 29RR and 2ndBn SSB at Dolipora Morh. During checking, a suspicious person upon

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TRF terror recruitment case: NIA conducts searches in Kashmir **STATE TIMES NEWS** 'Abu Saad' of Nawab Shah motivating the youth to Gul, along with his associ-

SRINAGAR: The National Investigation Agency conducted searches at nearly a dozen places linked to The Resistance Front (TRF) terror group in Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday, days after its announced cash rewards of Rs 10 lakh each on information leading to the arrest of its four cadres. The searches were carried

out at multiple locations in Baramulla, Srinagar, Pulwama, Budgam and Kulgam districts in connection with a case related to radicalising, recruiting and

effect violent activities by TRF commander Sajad others, Gul and spokesperson of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) said. The spokesperson said

the locations searched included the house of active terrorist Basit Ahmad Dar, against whom the NIA had recently announced reward of Rs 10 lakh. Besides Dar of Redwani

Payeen in Kulgam, the declared reward was against Gul of Srinagar and two Pakistani nationals -- Saleem Rehmani alias

in Sindh and Saifullah Sajid Jatt of Shangamanga in Kasur. The four terrorists are

wanted by the NIA in con-

nection with the case registered last vear under various sections of the Indian Penal Code and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. The NIA said the search-

es were carried out at six locations in Srinagar, two in Baramulla, one each in Awantipora (Pulwama). Budgam and Kulgam dis-

The spokesperson said

ate commanders of LeT based in Pakistan, has been individuals recruiting (Over Ground Workers) to do reconnaissance of predetermined targets, coordinating and transporting weapons to support LeT and TRF.

During the searches, the spokesperson said, various incriminating materials such as digital devices, SIM digital storage devices and documents were seized.

The NIA said investigation into the case was underway.

182 KP families handed over plots in Haryana after three-decade wait STATE TIMES NEWS

CHANDIGARH: The threedecade-long wait of the Kashmiri Pandit families, who between 1991 and 1993 purchased land in Haryana's Jhajjar, ended on Thursday with the Chief Minister announcing 'Vachanpurti' scheme to allot plots to 182 families, according to a gov-

ernment statement. Making this announcement during a programme held here on Thursday, Manohar Lal Khattar physically handed over the allotment letters of the land in Sector 2. Bahadurgarh, to some of the 182 families who were

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Petition regarding dearth of staff in High Court: DB directs RG to convene meeting of Govt officials, representatives of staff

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: In a petition filed

by Joginder Singh, Bench Secretary of High Court regarding dearth of staff at various levels in High Court and District Courts, pay anomaly in respect of officers and staff and promotional avenues to Law Graduate Readers of High Court, a Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir High Court comprising Chief Justice Pankaj Mithal and Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi after hearing Senior Adv Sunil Sethi for petitioner whereas AAG Amit Gupta for UT and Senior Adv A V Gupta for

High Court, directed the Registrar General to convene a meeting of representatives of the staff and Government officials so that all issues may be ironed up.

After hearing, DB observed that certain grievances of the staff of High Court have been raised in this writ petition including hike in salary and increase in the working strength. The argument is that the Government is not taking any positive action in this direction. AAG Amit Gupta informed the court that respondents have held meetings and that probably issue regarding sanctioning

of higher working strength may be resolved within a period of six weeks. On this Senior Adv Sunil Sethi submitted that if considered feasible, he may look into the matter as Amicus and may brief the court on the next date. In the meantime, it would be appropriate if Registrar General convenes a mooting of the representatives of the staff and Government officials and it may be possible that all issues may be ironed up. DB after hearing both the sides directed that petition be listed on May 24, 2022 and CONTD ON PAGE 9

Two hurt in 'accidental fire' in Handwara

STATE TIMES NEWS

people were injured in an accidental discharge of weapons" by Army personnel during an altercation with worshippers outside mosque Handwara area on Thursday, officials said here.

A defence spokesperson said two civilians were injured in an "accidental discharge of weapons" during a scuffle between the

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SRINAGAR: At least two

The altercation broke out between the worshippers, who were coming out of a mosque in Handwara town of Kupwara district, and the Army personnel, who were recording videos, they said.

BSF recovers arms, ammunition near IB in Jammu; troops on alert

Bangladeshi national arrested in Samba Distt

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU:

Security Force Thursday recovered a cache of arms and ammunition during a special search operation (SSO) along the International Border (IB) in Jammu, officials said.

They said the SSO was launched as there were intelligence inputs about Pakistan-based terrorists attempting to smuggle weapons into the Indian territory. The troops were on high

alert following the adverse inputs and were regularly patrolling the areas near the



Arms and ammunition seized by security forces at Akhnoor

three-tier border fencing along the IB, they said. The SSO was launched on

the zero-line ahead of the

fence along the IB in sub-sec-

tor Parewal of Akhnoor dur-

ing which a bag full of weapons and ammunition was recovered, they said The recoveries include one

AK-47 rifle, 20 rounds ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

LG urges sports federations, bodies in J&K to draw sports development plan for Divyangjan

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoi Sinha on Thursday urged the sports federations and all other sports bodies in Jammu and Kashmir to draw up a strategic sports development plan for the Divyangjan.

"All schools and panchayats have been mandated to create sports infrastructure facilities to popularize a robust sports culture among the masses, especially among children and the youth, the Lt Governor said at a function while participating in the National Health Festival for Divvangian, organized by Special Olympics Bharat J&K, to honour speciallyabled sportspersons at the

Jammu University



organized on World Health Day in connection with "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' in 75 cities of India marking the 75 years of independence, by Special Olympics Bharat,

a sports organization accredited with International Federation of Sports. The Lt Governor saluted

the dedication and spirit of the special athletes. He observed that a good begin-

ning has been made in the UT through a new Sports Policy, which focuses on sporting facilities and welfare of specially-abled. Terming them as true role

models for the younger gen-

eration, the Lt Governor said specially-abled sportspersons have kindled hopes by their remarkable performance in International The Lt Governor observed

that under the leadership of the PM Narendra Modi, Divyangjan have been granted their due rights to live a dignified and virtuous life.

Before 2015, all the laws in our country were aimed at somehow connecting the specially-abled people with the programs of social welfare. A new social consciousness emerged after 2015 wherein focus shifted to bestowing Divyangjan their due rights and not just benefits under social welfare

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Recovery of IED from Bhatindi: NIA files

supplementary charge-sheet against two accused

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: The National

Investigation Agency (NIA) has filed a supplementary charge-sheet against two accused in connection with recovery of an IED from Bhatindi, Jammu.

As per an official spokesperson, the NIA filed supplementary charge-sheet against two accused namely Favaz Ahmed Khan, son of Mohammad Afzal Khan, resident of village Panzat, Wampoora, Anantnag and Tawseef Ahmed Wani, son of Late Mohd Maqbool Wani, resident of Village Bangdara, Reshipora, Tehsil Kreeri, Baramaula under section 120B of Indian Penal Code and sections 13, 18, 38 & 39 of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 in

RC = 04/2021/NIA/JMU in NIA Special Court Jammu. The case was initially registered as FIR No. 234/ 2021 at Police Station Bahu Fort, Jammu and later taken over by NIA on July 19, 2021, he

added. The official further said that case pertains to recovery of an IED from accused Nadeem-Ul-Haq Bhatindi, Jammu, who on behest of Pakistan-based handlers of TRF, a frontal organization of LeT, had attempted to execute an IED explosion in Jammu. Investigation has unearthed a larger conspiracy hatched by Pakistani handlers of TRF, involved in recruitment and planning to activate a significant number of

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