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JKPS Kunjwani organises visit to Bahu Aquarium

Delimitation Commission finalises order 47 seats for Kashmir, 43 for Jammu

NEW DELHI: Redrawing the electoral map of Jammu and Kashmir, a three-member Delimitation Commission on Thursday earmarked 47 assembly seats for Kashmir division and 43 for Jammu in its final order submitted just a day before its two-year tenure was to end.

A gazette notification was issued after the panel, headed by retired Supreme Court judge Ranjana Prakash Desai, signed the final order giving Jammu six additional seats and one more to

Before the restructuring, which takes the total number of assembly seats in the Union Territory to 90, Jammu had 37 assembly constituencies and Kashmir

The Commission, also comprising Chief Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra and Jammu and Kashmir Election

Members of J&K Delimitation Commission after signing final order for Delimitation of the Union Territory on Thursday.

>> 9 seats reserved for STs for first time, 7 for SCs; recommends additional seats for Kashmiri migrants, displaced persons from POJK

▶ All 5 parliamentary constituencies to have equal number of ACs

as ex-officio members, has recommended that the legislative assembly of the Union Territory have at least two members, one of them a woman, from the Kashmiri

They should be at par with nominated members of the Puducherry Assembly who have the right to vote, the Commission said in a stategiving the Displaced Persons from Pakistan occupied Kashmir Jammu and (POJK) some representation in the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, by way of nomination of representaof the Displaced Persons from Pakistan Occupied $_{
m Jammu}$ Kashmir.

The Commission, which was set up in March 2020 and entrusted with the work of delimiting assembly and parliamentary constituencies in the union territory on the basis of the 2011 Census, has also recommended to the government to consider giving displaced persons from Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir some representation in the assembly through nomination.

According to an official spokesperson, the Gazette notification for the same has also been published. As per the final Delimitation

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PM to address inaugural session of JITO Connect 2022' today

■ STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the inaugural ses-International Trade 'JITO Organisation's Connect 2022' on Friday via video conferencing, his office

The Jain International Trade Organisation (JITO) is a global organisation connecting Jains worldwide.

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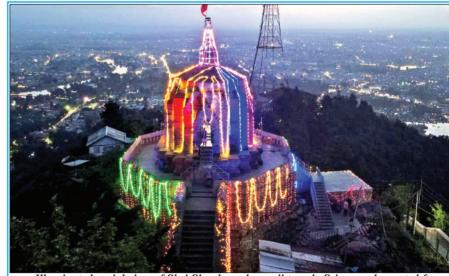
14 JKAS officers transferred

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government on Thursday transferred 14 JKAS officers.

According to the order issued by Manoj Kumar Principal Dwivedi, Secretary, General Administration Department (GAD), Khalid Majeed, JKAS, Special Secretary, School Education Department, has been transferred and posted as Director, Panchayati Raj

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Illuminated aerial view of Shri Shankaracharya ji temple Srinagar decorated for Shankaracharya Jayanti falling today.

Administrative Council overhauls JMC

Delegates powers to grant technical sanctions to CEs working on deputation to identified organizations; approves J&K Road Classification & Road Gazette-2022

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: To make the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) more efficient, effective and focused in its operations, the Administrative Council (AC) which met here under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, approved the proposal of Housing and Urban Development Department to reorganize the Corporation.

Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary and Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor attended the meeting.

The decision has been taken in consideration of the fact that JMC has grown from an initial number of 23 wards covering an area of 32 sq. km to 71 wards spread over 112 sq. km, without any corresponding increase in its

Nine SHOs among 12 Insps transferred

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Jammu, Chandan Kohli on Thursday transferred nine Station House

Police Station Aria as SHO Domana; Inspector Arti Thakur from DPL Jammu as SHO Women Cell; Inspector Pawan Kumar from DPL Jammu as SHO

Rajesh SHO R S Pura; Vikram Jhajjar Kotli; Keerti Peer Mitha; Tilak Raj Domana; Aarti Women Cell; Pawan Bishnah; Devinder Arnia Bislinah; Inspector Devinder

Officers (SHOs).

As per PHQ Inspector Rajesh Sharma has been transferred from DPL Jammu and posted as SHO RS Pura; Inspector Vikram Sharma from Police Station Cyber as SHO Jhajjar Kotli; Inspector Kirti Sharma from DPO Jammu as SHO Peer Mitha; Inspector Tilak Raj from

Four Traffic Inspectors transferred

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Superintendent of Police, Traffic NHW Ramban. Shabir Ahmad Malik on Thursday transferred four Inspectors.

As per order, Inspector Nishad Ahmed has been transferred from TPL and posted as DTI Chanderkote; Inspector Arun Kotwal from DTI Reasi to DTI Banihal; Inspector Kuldeep Chander from TPL to DTI Reasi: and Inspector Rajnish Slathia from TPL Udhampur.

Power crisis Railways cancels 42 passenger trains STATE TIMES NEWS

DELHI: The Railways has cancelled 42 passenger trains in order to prioritise coal rake movement across the country to deal with a shortage of the vital input at thermal power plants, the national

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Jhajjar Kotli as SHO Arnia; Inspector Zaheer Mushtaq from Police Station Peer as SHO Miran Mitha Sahib; Inspector Sikander Singh from DPL Jammu and posted as SHO Bagh-e-Bahu. In another order issued by ZPHQ, ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Singh from Police Station

It stated that the Central 265-feet-long oxygen pipes recovered from tunnel, terrorists'

STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: The Security Force (BSF) on Thursday said it has foiled the nefarious designs of Pakistan-based terrorists to disrupt the upcoming Amarnath yatra by detecting a cross-border tunnel along the International Border (IB) in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district.

During the ongoing antitunneling operation, BSF troops dugout and detected 265-feet-long oxygen pipes along the IB, officials said, adding alert has been sounded in the Jammu region following the discovery.





plan to disrupt Amarnath Yatra foiled: BSF

IG BSF, Jammu Frontier, D K Boora briefing media at Samba. There were inputs (of infil-

tration) during the prime minister's visit. There have always been attempts to engineer infiltration along the border. It was due to the

alertness of the BSF that this tunnel was uncovered,' Inspector General of BSF. Jammu Frontier, D K Boora told reporters here.

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SC to examine if pleas challenging validity of sedition law needed scrutiny by larger bench STATE TIMES NEWS 'Hanuman Chalisa' has to be

DELHI: Supreme Court on Thursday said it would hear arguments on May 10 on the legal question of whether the pleas challenging the colonial-era penal law on sedition be referred to a larger bench and granted time to the Centre to file its response.

A special bench comprising Chief Justice N V Ramana and Justices Surva Kant and Hima Kohli, meanwhile, was told by Attorney General K K Venugopal, who was assisting in his personal capacity, that the misuse of the provision as it happened against a Maharashtra MP for reciting

stopped by laying down guidelines. However, the top law officer said there was no need to

refer the five-judge bench verdict of the top court in the Kedar Nath case in 1962 to a bench of five or seven judges. A five-judge bench in the

Kedar Nath Singh case in 1962 had upheld the validity of the sedition law while attempting to restrict its scope for misuse. It had held that unless accompanied by incitement or a call for violence, the criticism of the government cannot be construed as a seditious

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Tremendous improvement in J&K security situation post-Aug 2019: Top Army commander

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Asserting that the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir has seen a tremendous improvement and stabilisation since August 2019, a top Army commander said the union territory is regaining its past glory and peace through sacrifices of the security forces and people.

He said security forces have eliminated 180 terrorists in 2021 and arrested 495overground workers (OGWs), thereby giving a telling blow to the terror network in Jammu and

As a result of extraordinary synergy, security forces and other organisations of the government, the situation in the hinterland of Jammu and Kashmir has seen a tremendous improvement and stabilisation since August 2019. There has been a considerable improvement in all the parameters of terrorism and violence, General Officer Commanding in Chief (GoC-In-C), Northern Command, Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi said in an interview to PTI here.

Giving further details about the ground situation in J and K. Lt Gen Dwivedi

said the (terror) recruitment has declined by 31 percent -from 192 in 2020 it has come down to 148 in 2021.

Terrorist-initiated incidents have gone down by 14 percent -- from 137 in 2020 to 119 in 2021. The agitational dynamics has also declined,

As a result of synchronised intelligence network and support from the people, security forces have eliminated 180 terrorists in 2021, of which 18 were foreign elements, the Army commander said.

belonged to

AC approves establishment of **Integrated Solid Waste Management** facility at Bandhu-Rakh **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Administrative Council (AC)

has accorded administrative approval for establishment of an integrated Solid Waste Management facility at Bandhu-Rakh. The AC accorded adminis-

trative approval for setting up 125 TPD Integrated Solid Waste Management (ISWM) facility for zone-III Jammu Municipal Corporation in the Bandhu-Rakh area on PPP mode for 20 years concession period at an estimated cost of Rs. 250.46 crore. Under the

Youth Clubs playing supportive role in J&K's development journey: LG

STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: Lieutenant

Governor, Manoi Sinha on Thursday termed the Youth Clubs as vital support in J&K's development journey, enabling youngsters in self-discovery and selfdevelopment.

Youth Clubs provide an opportunity for the young generation to contribute to society and achieve self-growth, the Lt Governor said. "Young people are our

greatest hope through Youth Clubs, they are not only generating



ment but also uniting young

awareness about various men and women of the UT of



ment schemes of the govern-

Jammu & Kashmir to pursue their dreams. As energetic and vibrant partners of Panchayats and

district administration, these clubs are ensuring governance effectively reaches to the grass root," the Lt Governor observed. "Youth's commitment

to social service, national integration provides the foundation of developed J&K. These Clubs are unique not only by virtue of their composition but also in providing

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Kashmir-based politicians flay Delimitation Commission report; NC, PC indulge in blame game

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The National Conference on Thursday said it was studying the impact of the Delimitation Commission report on individual assembly segments in Jammu and Kashmir but claimed the BJP and its proxies will be punished by the voters whenever elections are held in the union territory.

However, the People's Conference led by Sajad Gani Lone, which is seen as an ally of the BJP, accused the National Conference of providing sanctity to the delimitation exercise after its MPs participated in the deliberations of the commis-

"No amount of gerrymandering will change the ground reality which is that whenever elections are held the voter will punish the BJP & its proxies for what they have done to J&K over the last 4 years," the National Conference tweeted.

However, the People's Conference said the delimitation report is a repeat of the past and accused the NC of providing sanctity to the delimitation exercise

"Same traditional entities are calling the shots behind the scenes. Kashmir has been discriminated against as in the past. No change. Only degree of disempowerment is greater." the party said in a statement posted on Twitter. Over the last six decades, Kashmir's share of assembly

seats in the J-K assembly

increased from 43 to 47, while Jammu's share rose from 30 to 43. Who is responsible for systematic disempowerment Kashmiris from 1947, it asked.

"Those who aided and abetted in the journey from Jammu's 30 to 37 are the ones who aided and abetted from 37 to 43 "Wish Kashmiri parties had

stayed away and not diluted the stigma associated with a people-less process. Hope Kashmiris will remember the parties who associated themselves with delimitation process which was in essential a tool for disempowerment will always be in wonderment. How could a party which associated itself with

the delimitation process be so audacious. They actually had the nerve of submitting one memorandum in Kashmir and a separate memorandum in Jammu. Ironically the memorandums were contradictory," the People's Conference said 'The Jammu one seemed to

have been copy-pasted from the Hindutva brigade, it The party said it will go for

an RTI and seek the video recordings of the meetings. "How those who started

beating their chests outside the meeting halls were bending their back backwards to appease and please the members of the delimitation commission. Financial scams indulged in - during the last

decades cannot be squared off by covertly facilitating disempowerment of the Kashmiris.

"How stupid we were. We couldn't see through the game plan. The raids. The EDs. It was all a game. A trade-off. They away bartered Kashmiris. The barterers are the same. When will this

change," it said. The party said it does not claim that the outcome of the exercise would have been any different if there was no participation of the National Conference. "But the process would not enjoy the sanctity that they enjoy now

PDP president Mehbooba Director Mufti rejected the

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Big terror plot busted, 4 terrorists nabbed in Karnal

STATE TIMES NEWS

CHANDIGARH: Foiling a major terror plot, four suspected Pakistan-linked terrorists on their way to Telangana to deliver explosives were nabbed in Harvana's Karnal on Thursday and arms, ammunition and IEDs were recovered from their vehicle, sen-

ior police officials said. They were allegedly in touch with a Pakistan-based man who is involved in terror activities and who used to send locations through an app to them to deliver exploand Superintendent of Police of Karnal Ganga Ram Punia told reporters.

General

Haryana Police P K Agrawal said the four were arrested in

early morning by police forces of Haryana and Punjab based on intelligence inputs of central agencies.

a joint operation carried out

"In an intelligence-led operation, Punjab Police and Harvana Police arrested four persons today at Karnal with the recovery of 3 IEDs weighing 2.5 kg each and one pistol. Further investigation is on," the Punjab Police said in a tweet. The four -- all residents of

Punjab -- were nabbed near Bastara toll plaza after four vehicles of Haryana Police intercepted them, Inspector General of Police of Karnal Range Satender Kumar Gupta said.

"Three containers each weighing 2.5 kg suspected

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