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Govt notifies draft..

& Kashmir has prepared draft rules in exercise of powers conferred by Section 109 of the said Act which have been published as required under section 112 of the said Act, for information of all persons likely to be affected thereby; and notice is hereby given that the said draft rules shall be taken into consideration after the expiry of a period of 15 (fifteen) days from the date of publication in Official Gazette. The draft rules are available on the official website of the Revenue Department (<https://jkrevenue.nic.in>).

Any objection or suggestion which may be received from any person with respect to the said draft rules within the period so specified shall be considered by the Government. Objections or suggestions, if any, may be sent to the Commissioner Secretary, Revenue Department, Civil Secretariat, Jammu /Srinagar on Mail ID: psjkrevenue17@gmail.com.

Narco-terror module...

LeT by distributing proceeds of narcotics sale to active terrorists and terror operatives of the outfit. "Security forces arrested four terrorist associates identified as Younis Manzoor, son of Manzoor Ahmed Waza and Mehboob Ahmed, son of Mohd Ramzan Sheikh, both residents of Wathoor Chadoora; Irshad Ahmad Ganie, son of Mohd Amin Ganie, resident of Arigam Khansahib and Muzaffar Ahmad, son of Ghulam Nabi Bhat, resident of Parnewa Khansahib," a police spokesman said.

Investigations also revealed that module has been working on the directions of terror operatives for collecting narcotics and subsequently distributing its proceeds among the terrorists, the spokesman said.

He said five vehicles viz, Wagon-R JK16A-5491, Alto-800 JK13G-2360, Alto-800 JK04G-0524, Tata Mobile JK12A-3618 and Yamaha Motorbike JK01AH-8994 were also been seized which had been purchased from the proceeds of narcotics sales with the intention of keeping the money/proceeds safe and were set to be sold on the directions of active terrorists or terror operatives as and when the money or payment was required by the terrorists.

Besides, incriminating material, explosive substance including three grenades, two AK-magazines and 65 rounds of AK-47 were recovered from their possession, the spokesman said. Accordingly, a case FIR number 116/ 2022 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Chadoora and further investigation is in progress.

J&K to host...

General Administration Department, Manoj Kumar Dwivedi said. The members of the committee include Commissioner Secretary (Transport), Administrative Secretary (Tourism), Administrative Secretary (Hospitality and Protocol) and Administrative Secretary (Culture). "Further, principal secretary to the government, housing and urban development department is also nominated as UT level nodal officer to coordinate the arrangements for G-20 meetings in the Union Territory of J&K," the order said.

Prime Minister Modi has been leading India's representation at G20 summits since 2014. India has been a member of the G20 since its inception in 1999.

According to the MEA, India will be part of the G20 Troika (preceding, current, and incoming G20 Presidencies) from December 1, 2021 till November 30, 2024.

G20 brings together 19 of the world's leading economies and the European Union, with its members accounting for more than 80 per cent of global GDP, 75 per cent of global trade and 60 percent of the global population, according to the MEA.

e G20 member nations are Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Germany, France, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States.

2002 Guj riots...

keep the pot boiling, obviously, for ulterior design , and said disgruntled officers of the Gujarat government need to be in the dock and proceeded with in accordance with law for creating a sensation by making false revelations.

Alleging a larger conspiracy behind the mass violence against Muslims, Zakia had challenged the Gujarat High Court's October 5, 2017 order rejecting her petition against the finding of the Supreme Court-appointed Special Investigation Team(SIT).

The bench, also comprising Justices Dinesh Maheshwari and C T Ravikumar, held that the material collected during the investigation does not give rise to strong or grave suspicion regarding hatching of larger criminal conspiracy at the highest level .

Ehsan Jafri, a former Congress MP, was among the 68 people killed at Ahmedabad's Gulberg Society during the violence on February 28, 2002, a day after the Godhra train burning that claimed 59 lives. The riots that the Godhra carnage triggered killed 1,044 people, mostly Muslims. The Central government had informed the Rajya Sabha in May 2005 that 254 Hindus and 790 Muslims were killed in the post-Godhra riots.

Suffice it to observe that there is no title of material, much less tangible material to support the plea of the appellant that the Godhra incident unfolded on February 27, 2002 and the events which followed, was a pre-planned event owing to the criminal conspiracy hatched at the highest level in the state, the bench said in its 452-page judgement, which included annexures.

Shortly after the verdict was pronounced, "Satyamev Jayate"(Truth alone triumphs) was the unanimous refrain of BJP leaders including union ministers Anurag Thakur and Smriti Irani and party spokesperson Sambit Patra.

"The cottage industry of Modi haters have got a befitting reply from the apex court," said former union minister Ravi Shankar Prasad at a news conference in Patna. "The Congress tried its level best to defame Modi ji."

But Tanvir Jafri, son of Ehsan Jafri, said he was disappointed. "I am disappointed with the court verdict. Since I am out of the country, I will give a detailed statement after studying the judgement," he told PTL. According to Tanvir's lawyer, he was in Mecca for Haj pilgrimage, while Zakia lives in the US with her daughter.

Arjun Modhwadia, a senior Congress leader from Gujarat, said there was no option other than to accept the verdict.The apex court said there must be credible evidence regarding the state-sponsored breakdown of law and order situation and conspiracy cannot be readily inferred merely based on inaction or failure of the state administration.

Intriguingly, the present proceedings have been pursued for last 16 years (from submission of complaint dated June 8, 2006 running into 67 pages and then by filing protest petition dated April 15, 2013 running into 514 pages) including with the audacity to question the integrity of every functionary involved in the process of exposing the devious stratagem adopted (to borrow the submission of learned counsel for the SIT), to keep the pot boiling, obviously, for ulterior design, it said.

As a matter of fact, all those involved in such abuse of process, need to be in the dock and proceeded with in accordance with law." The apex court appreciated the SIT for its indefatigable work in challenging circumstances and said it has come

out with flying colours unscathed . The top court said no fault can be found with the SIT's approach and its February 8, 2012 final report is backed by firm logic, expositing analytical mind and dealing with all aspects objectively for discarding the allegations regarding larger criminal conspiracy

We do not countenance the submission of the appellant regarding infraction of rule of law in the matter of investigation and the approach of the magistrate and the high court in dealing with the final report, the bench said as it upheld the decision of a magistrate in accepting the final report submitted by the SIT and rejecting the protest petition filed by Zakia Jafri. The court also said it finds force in the argument of the State that the testimony of Sanjiv Bhatt (then IPS officer), Haren Pandya (former Gujarat home minister), and R B Sreekumar (now retired IPS officer) was only to sensationalise and politicise the matters in issue, "although, replete with falsehood." Pandya was shot dead on March 26, 2003, near Law Garden in Ahmedabad during a morning walk.

The apex court said Bhatt and Pandya falsely claimed themselves to be eye-witnesses of the meeting in which utterances were allegedly made by the then chief minister and the SIT has negated their claim.

At the end of the day, it appears to us that a coalesced effort of the disgruntled officials of the State of Gujarat along with others was to create a sensation by making revelations which were false to their own knowledge.

The falsity of their claims had been fully exposed by the SIT after a thorough investigation."

The court noted that the SIT had formed its opinion after considering all the material collated during the investigation and the question of further probe would have arisen only on the availability of new material/information in connection with the allegation of larger conspiracy at the highest level, which is not forthcoming in this case.

As aforementioned, the SIT has gone by the logic of falsity of the information or material and including the same remaining uncorroborated.

In that, the materials collected during the investigation do not give rise to strong or grave suspicion regarding hatching of larger criminal conspiracy at the highest level for causing mass violence across the state against the minority community and more so, indicating involvement of the named offenders and their meeting of minds at some level in that regard."

The bench said the magistrate after applying his mind independently to the final report and the material appended chose to accept it as it is without issuing any other direction to the SIT.

Corruption charges framed...

Rs 1,83,953/- showing fake measurements in M Book thereby causing wrongful loss to the State exchequer and corresponding wrongful gain to the accused persons.

During investigation of the case the documentary evidence was collected and statements of witnesses were also recorded and various new facts were found and finally the offences U/S 5 (1) (d) r/w 5 (2) J&K PC Act 2006 and section 419,420,465,467,468,471, 120-RPC against Sita Ram the then BDO Bishnah (now retired), Subash Chander the then VLW BDO Office Bishnah, Sushil Magotra the then JE posted in BDO office Bishnah, Satish Kumar Langer the then AEE posted in the Sub-Division of RDD Bishnah, Jatinder Singh the then AEE posted in the Sub Division of Rural Development Department Bishnah, Keval Krishan the then Sr. Assistant/Account Assistant posted in Block Development Office Bishnah (now retired) and Devinder Kumar the then Block Development Officer Bishnah (now SDM) Chenani Udhampur were substantiated during investigation of the instant case.

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Additional Sessions Judge Anticorruption Jammu Ritesh Dubey observed that the offence of embezzlement does not fall in section 5(1)(d), and relevant clause is (c). The same is not tenable at this stage. The prosecution allegations are two fold. One comprises the facts constituting the alleged misappropriation of amount for the works allegedly executed by the complainant, and the other constituting the alleged criminal misconduct in allotment, execution, supervision and clearance of bills by different accused. So, prima facie the prosecution is right in alleging the offence under section 5(1)(d) and not the one under section 5(1)(c) PC Act. Though the framing of charge is not a mere formality yet the law is also settled that a detailed and meticulous examination of material is not required to be done. The law is also well settled that the charge may be framed even on the basis of suspicion. I am conscious of the law that such a suspicion has to be based on the material available on the file. In the present case, the possible material required to establish some conspiracy between the co-accused, has to be considered in the totality of allegations and circumstances involved herein. But the totality of said allegations and circumstances do not convince me to the satisfaction that the charge is groundless.

With these observations, Court is convinced that there is sufficient material to proceed against the accused and the above referred submissions of counsels for accused are not sufficient to lead this Court to hold that there is no sufficient ground for proceeding against the accused in this case. The respective roles played by different accused for the purpose of various acts and omissions involved herein, are also not beyond suspicion which is based on the material tendered by the prosecution. As such, I am convinced that the material collected by the investigating agency during investigation, sufficiently establishes the offences under sections 5(1)(d) r/w 5(2) J&K PC Act Svt 2006, 419/420/ 465/467/468/471/120-B RPC prima facie against the accused persons the Sita Ram the then BDO Bishnah (now retired), Sushil Magotra the then JE posted in BDO office Bishnah, Satish Kumar Langer then AEE posted in the Sub-Division of RDD Bishnah, Jatinder Singh the then AEE posted in the Sub Division of Rural Development Department Bishnah, Kewal Krishan the then Sr. Assistant/Account Assistant posted in Block Development Office Bishnah (now retired) and Devinder Kumar the then Block Development Officer Bishnah.

ACB produces chargesheet...

Chander Gupta, son of Devi Chand Gupta, resident of H. No. 110, Phase-II, Housing Colony, Udhampur; Bansil Lal, son of Tara Chand Gupta, resident of Housing Colony, Udhampur; the then TSO Majouri and Gopal Krishan, son of Vishnoo Bhagat, resident of Paba Gali, Chabutra Bazar, Udhampur the then Storekeeper."

"During investigation it has been proved that the accused public servants namely Subash Chander Gupta the then TSO, FCS&CA Department Majouri, Krishan Kumar then Assistant Director FCS&CA Department Udhampur, Tarseem Raj Padha (Now expired) the then AD FCS&CA and Gopal Krishan (now expired) the then Storekeeper FCS&CA Department by abuse of their official positions in conspired manner, fraudulently and dishonestly have misappropriated an amount of Rs. 1,01,92,828 on account of incidental charges from

January 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008 for their ulterior motives resulting into wrongful loss to the state exchequer." spokesperson said adding that as per investigation conducted, the offence u/s 5(1) (c), 5 (1) (d) r/w 5 (2) of JK PC Act Svt. 2006 and section 467, 468, 471, 201 & 120-B/RPC have been proved against the aforesaid officials and after completing investigation of the instant case today the charge sheet on the instant case has been produced against the above mentioned officials in the Court.

"The Court has fixed next date of hearing on July 29, 2022," the spokesperson added.

NIA carries out...

registered suo motu by the NIA on June 21 and further investigation continues.

The 43-day-long pilgrimage to the cave shrine of Amarnath is scheduled to start on June 30.

Bribery Case: Court...

alleged receipt of bribe money. The applicant has been in custody for eight days. And, thus the IO has got sufficient time to conduct the investigation by keeping her in custody. The accused is also not shown to be a habitual criminal. I have further kept into consideration that the offences under sections 7 PC Act and 120-B IPC do not carry the punishment of death sentence or life imprisonment, and is punishable with imprisonment which may extend to seven years. I have further kept into consideration that the applicant Jyoti is a woman, and also the submission that both the parents of their young children are in custody in this case.

With these observations, Court is convinced that the applicant Jyoti Devi need not be kept in custody for an uncertain period pending trial as no useful purpose is likely to be served by keeping her in custody. So, the applicant is admitted to interim bail till next date subject to the conditions : that the applicant/accused shall furnish a personal and a surety bond to the amount of Rupees thirty thousand each failing which he shall remain in judicial custody. She is not required for some other offence; she shall not leave the territorial jurisdiction of Jammu Province without the prior permission of this/trial Court and she shall remain under obligation not to tamper with the prosecution evidence, to cooperate with IO for the purpose of present FIR, and to remain present before him as and when required for the purpose of present case.

J&K logs 54...

cases of mucormycosis (black fungus) have been reported in the union territory so far, they added. Meanwhile, Ladakh has recorded five fresh COVID cases that took the infection tally to 28,339 during the past 24 hours, officials said. Five more patients were cured and discharged from hospitals, taking the overall recoveries to 28,074, they said, adding that all new cases were recorded in Leh. The number of active cases stands at 35 -- 34 in Leh and one in Kargil, they said.

LG visits Baltal...

by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, will house the facilities like X-Ray, General ward, OPD, ICU, Oxygenated ward, Pharmacy, Laboratory and Ultrasound.

Better coordination among various agencies is of utmost importance for better facilities, seamless journey and spiritual experience for Yatris. All the departments involved in Yatra Management to ensure the best possible facilities as a high number of devotees footfall is expected for the annual pilgrimage, observed the Lt Governor. During his visits, the Lt Governor interacted with the Camp Directors, officials of Police and other security agencies and sought the status of the Yatra arrangements. The Lt Governor instructed for fire audit at all vulnerable places and directed the concerned Deputy Commissioners to hold regular joint meetings of all stakeholders including security agencies. The Lt Governor also complimented all stakeholders for their efforts in completing the assigned tasks on time. He further called for better coordination among all the departments involved in yatra management for the safe and successful conduct of the annual pilgrimage. Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary passed explicit directions pertaining to the deployment of sufficient sanitation staff, installation of dustbins at appropriate locations, training of service providers, medical aid for High Altitude Sickness, displaying of rate lists, minimizing the waiting time for Yatris and illumination of camps and the track. He further stressed on making the Yatra plastic-free. Nitishwar Kumar, CEO, Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board, directed the concerned officers to stock 10 days of essential commodities, besides stocking diesel for gensets, in advance, at all identified locations on Yatra track. Concerned Deputy Commissioners gave brief presentations on location outlay, accommodation capacity, movement plan of Yatris, sanitation plans, IEC activities etc. R K Goyal, Additional Chief Secretary Home Department; Pandurang K Pole, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Vijay Kumar, IGP Kashmir; Shyambir, DC Ganderbal; Dr Piyush Singla, DC Anantnag; and other senior officers of Police, Civil Administration and SASB accompanied the Lt Governor.

Tapan Kumar Deka...

IB, whom Deka has superseded was not known yet. He has a service tenure till February next year.

The other Special Director Swagat Das was shifted on Thursday and posted as Special Secretary (Internal Security) in the Union Home Ministry.

The tenure of Samant Goel, who has been heading the Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW), has been extended by one more year; the ministry said in another order. With this, Goel is the third R&AW chief who has got a tenure of more than three years. Earlier R N Kao, the founder chief of RAW served the agency for nine years followed by N F Suptnook who was at the helm of affairs for six years.

Deka, considered to be an expert on the affairs of operations, especially in Kashmir as well as the Northeast, currently head the operations wing of the IB, which he has been serving for over two decades. He has a vast experience about terrorists and Islamic radicalisation in the country and had led the operations against the terror group Indian Mujahideen, which created mayhem through a series of bombings and other subversive activities across India in the 2000s. Deka, who hails from Assam, was personally sent by Union Home Minister Amit Shah to his home state to handle the volatile situation that arose following the large-scale violence that rocked Assam after the enactment of the Citizenship Amendment Act in 2019. Off-late, he has been the go-to man for the government on the affairs of Jammu and Kashmir as he has vast experience in handling Pakistan-sponsored terrorism in the sensitive Union Territory. Goel, a 1984 batch IPS officer of Punjab cadre, was first appointed as R&AW head in 2019 for two years. He was given an extension for one year in 2021 and again now for another year. He is believed to have played a key role in planning the February 2019 surgical air strikes at Balakot in Pakistan that were carried out to avenge the Pulwama terror attack which killed 40 CRPF personnel. Besides, Goel is considered an expert on the situation in Kashmir.

Anup Banerji appointed as first Executive Director of AIIMS Kashmir

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JAMMU: The Central Government on Friday appointed Lt Gen Anup Banerji as the first Executive Director of All India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS) Awantipora for a period of three years. The Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension, in a notification, said the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the proposal of the Department of Health and Family Welfare for appointment of seven persons to the post of executive director of AIIMS at different places in the country. "The appointment on deputation/short term contract/contract basis will be for three years which can be extended up to five years or up to attaining the age of 70 years or until further orders, whichever is the earliest," read the notice. Lt Gen Anup Banerji, who served superannuation from the armed forces on March 31, 2020, has been appointed as Executive Director, AIIMS, Awantipora.

Govt sets up panel for appointment of chairman JKBOSE, Director JKSCERT

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government on Friday constitution of Search Committee for suggesting panels for appointment of Chairman JKBOSE and Director JKSCERT.

"In suppression of Government Order No. 257-JK (GAD) of 2022 dated March 7, 2022, sanction is accorded to the constitution of Search Committee for suggesting panels for appointment of Chairman, JKBOSE and Director, JKSCERT," reads an order issued by Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Principal Secretary, General Administration Department.

Apex level committee constituted for selection of MGNREGA Ombudsman

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government on Friday constituted Apex Level Selection Committee for selection of the Ombudsman under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA (MGN-REGA) in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

"In supersession of Government Order No.699-JK(GAD) of 2020 dated July 14, 2020, sanction is accorded to constitution of the Apex Level Selection Committee for selection of the Ombudsman under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA, in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir," reads an order issued by Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Principal Secretary, General Administration Department.

As per order, the Committee will be headed by Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary), Agriculture Production Department as its Chairman while Administrative Secretary, Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj will be its Member/Convener. "Representative of Union Ministry of Rural Development; an eminent Civil Society Person nominated by the Union Ministry of Rural Development will be the Members of the committee," it added.

"The committee shall recommend selection of Ombudsperson in each district and termination of Ombudsperson from his/her position in case of unsatisfactory performance," it added. "The quorum for the meeting of the selection committee shall be considered fulfilled only if either the representative of the Ministry of Rural Development or the representative of Civil Society Organization is present," it stated.

Agnipath a hastily designed scheme, needs reconsideration: LLLSI

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Live and Let Live Society of India (LLLLSI) held a meeting under its President S. S Komal in which the participants said that the Agnipath scheme is not a remedy to the growing unemployment but an ill conceived move which will not only affect the career of the youth but will also affect the security of the Country. This scheme which bypassed both the houses is a hastily designed step and needs reconsideration in view of its far reaching effects. Komal said that Indian Defence Forces are most professional, decorated and known throughout the world for their dedication and bravery. Agnipath scheme is likely to dent the efficiency and morale of the armed forces and will be a sort of adulteration in its professionalism thereby putting in risk the safety and security of the nation. The retired Defence experts including Maj Gen Bakshi, Maj Gen Sheenan, Brig Mahalingam and many others have strongly opposed the scheme by telling it as highly disruptive type of change that will destroy the institution and degrade Army's ability to win wars. At this crucial moment when we are confronted to external and internal threats where China, Afghanistan and Pakistan besides other neighbours are

eying upon the country, the Govt should not make haste in implementing the scheme. Coming towards employment of Youths, Komal opined that boys of the financially hard up families in the middle of their education may forget the dreams of their career and come forward to offer themselves to earn two loves for the family members, but a youth of a normal family has totally rejected the scheme of Agnipath which is evident from their violent protests in all parts of the country. Thousands of aspirants of all the three forces for permanent service who had already passed the requisite tests and were awaiting the appointment orders for joining have now been offered Agnipath to be thrown out after four years. They will perforce be deprived of the eligible salary, ranks, pension and dignified honour of 'Shaheed' in the event of death in action. It is most surprising that Army is being deprived of the pension benefits and the MLA, MP and Ministers are getting not one but number of pensions according to the number of terms which can extend to even more than ten where term may be only for one day. According to this scheme Komal told that 50,000 youths will be recruited every year out of which 37,500 will be thrown out every year

after giving them a financial package of about Rs 12 lakh. Majority of Agnevirs will remain unadjusted in their life. Throwing them out from the army after four years, will be a blot on their career like a rejected stuff and will leave them demoralized. They will always carry with them the complex of inferiority throughout their life due to their rejection as a permanent soldier. Komal further opined that these Agmeevirs will not be in a position to join Colleges and Universities after a twist in their mind-set during the break of more than four years. Resultantly these trained idlemen, unsatisfied with the Govt policy will create their strong groups or sneak into existing organizations and will become problem for the administration. It is hard fact that brain of an idle man and that too of a military trained one, will definitely become devils workshop. These Agnivirs will always think of becoming quick-rich through unfair means and will join heads with gangsters or other anti-social groups for criminal activities. Komal appealed to the Prime Minister to stay the implementation of this scheme and review the same in consultation with the experts of Army, Intelligentsia of other streams and the youth representatives.