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Ex-gratia relief for NoKs of defence personnel from J&K enhanced

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■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Administrative Council (AC) which met here on Wednesday under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, today approved the enhancement of ex-gratia relief to the next-of-kin (NoK) of defence force personnel, hailing from J&K, who attain martyrdom either in or outside J&K.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K and Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor attended the meeting.

The Administrative Council approved the enhancement of ex-gratia relief from Rs. 5.00 lacs to Rs. 25.00 lacs in favour of NoK of those Defence Personnel who hail from J&K and attain martyrdom within the territorial jurisdiction of the UT of



LG Manoj Sinha chairing Administrative Council meeting at Srinagar on Wednesday.

Jammu & Kashmir.

Similarly, the Administrative Council also sanctioned ex-gratia relief of Rs. 25.00 lacs in favour of NoK of those Defence Personnel hailing from Jammu & Kashmir, who attain martyrdom in consequence of official duties outside J&K/ within the country.

These provisions will be made effective from

01.02.2022 and will remove the disparity between relief provisions in J&K and other States/UTs. The decision will also boost the morale of the soldiers who hail from J&K and are serving in adverse weather and terrain conditions.

The Administrative Council also accorded administrative approval to the proposal of the Jammu

Metropolitan Regional Development Authority (JMRDA) for improvement/upgradation of the road network and allied infrastructure at Transport Nagar, Narwal, Jammu.

The Administrative Council approved the improvement/upgradation of the road network and allied infrastructure at

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Boy found brutally murdered in Kathua; 4 detained

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA : A 10-year-old boy was found brutally murdered in this district, police said on Wednesday.

Four suspects including three juveniles have been detained in connection with the case, they said.

Pranay Kumar did not return home from private tuition in his Saidpur village on Tuesday and later his body stuffed in a gunny

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Govt notifies guidelines for Homestay, paying guest house registration

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In order to facilitate more and more people to join the tourism trade, the Government on Wednesday notified procedural guidelines for registration of Homestay and Paying Guest Houses in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

Orders to this effect were issued by Secretary, Tourism, Sarnad

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2 terrorists surrender during encounter in Kulgam

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Two recently-recruited local Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorists surrendered before the security forces during an encounter in Kulgam district on Wednesday, officials said.

The encounter broke out in the Hadigam area of the south Kashmir district during the night, police said.

"During the #encounter, 02 local terrorists #surrendered on the #appeal of their parents and police. #Incriminating materials, arms and ammunition recovered," the Kashmir Zone Police said in a tweet.

Meanwhile, Srinagar-based Defence PRO Colonel Emron Musavi said after it was ascertained that both the terrorists were newly-recruited locals and their families were desperate to get them back into the mainstream, the security forces showed restraint and did not engage them in a gun battle despite being under fire.



"The terrorists were kept confined in the house with utmost restraint displayed by the Army and the Jammu and Kashmir police. The families of both terrorists were brought to the encounter site to appeal for their surrender.

"Repeated surrender appeals were made by the parents and security forces till the morning. Both terrorists finally surrendered by laying down their arms. They were subsequently handed

over to the Jammu and Kashmir police. Warlike stores were also recovered from their possession," the PRO said.

He said the terrorists have been identified as Kafeel Ahmad Mir, son of Javid Ahmad Mir, resident of Mirpora Qaimoh and Nadeem Abbas Bhat, son of Mohammad Abbas Bhat, resident of Reshipora Qaimoh, who were part of a recently-recruited

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Chhari Mubarak to be taken to Pahalgam on July 13

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The saffron-robed holy mace of Lord Shiva, popularly known as Chhari Mubarak', will be taken from its abode here to Pahalgam, the traditional base camp for the annual Amarnath yatra, on July 13 for special prayers, marking the commencement of the religious yatra' to the 3,880 metre high cave shrine in south Kashmir Himalayas.

As per the age-old tradition, rituals namely Bhoomi-Pujan', Navgrah Pujan' and Dhawajorahan' connected with traditional commencement of annual pilgrimage of Chhari-Mubarak Swami

Amarnath Ji shall be performed at Pahalgam on auspicious occasion of Ashad-Purnima' (Vyas-Purnima) on July 13, custodian of the holy mace, Mahant Deependra Giri, said in a statement here.

After performing the rituals, Chhari Mubarak would return to Dashnami Akhara here on the same day.

He said the Chhari-Mubarak will be taken to the historic Shankracharya Temple here on July 28 and Sharika Bhawani Temple on July 29 before rituals are performed for Chhari-Sthapana at

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Two Engineers transferred in Home Deptt

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government on Wednesday transfer two Engineers in the Home Department.

According to the order issued by R.K Goyal, Financial Commissioner/ Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department, Atul Gupta, Lookafter Executive Engineer deputed to the Police Housing Corporation (PMC) Jammu & Waheed Zaffer, i/c Assistant Executive Engineer deputed to the Police Construction Division (PCD) for further posting.

LPG price hiked by Rs 50

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Cooking gas LPG price on Wednesday was hiked by Rs 50 per cylinder, the eighth increase in rates in the last one year that took the cumulative rise to Rs 244. Non-subsidised LPG now costs Rs 1,053

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 35.0°C Min: 25.8°C

Humidity

Max : 85 Min : 66

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 31.8°C Min: 16.6°C

Humidity

Max : 74 Min: 36

Sunset : 18:52 Hours

Sunrise : 06:10 Hours

Gupkar alliance an expired injection: Chugh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Terming the People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) an expired injection , BJP's national general secretary Tarun Chugh on Wednesday claimed that the National Conference, PDP and the Congress have lost credibility among the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

He said the questioning of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorist Talib Hussain Shah is underway to remove the lid over his plans as the BJP has zero tolerance for terrorism and anyone taking up arms against the nation will be buried in a grave.

Talking to reporters on the



BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh paying homage to Bharatiya Jana Sangh Founder Shyama Prasad Mookerjee at party headquarters, Jammu.

sidelines of a function at the party headquarters here to

pay homage to Bharatiya

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Five JKAS officers transferred, one gets Addl charge

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government on Wednesday transferred five JKAS officers and assigned additional Charge to other.

According to the order issued by Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Principal Secretary, General Administration Department, Rakesh Kumar, JKAS, Deputy Secretary, Culture Department, has been transferred and posted as Deputy District Election Officer; Reasi; Abdul Qyume, JKAS, Deputy District Election Officer; Reasi, as Deputy Secretary, Culture Department; Gurdev Kumar, JKAS, General Manager, DIC, Reasi as Deputy District Election Officer, Udhampur; Din Mohd, JKAS, Deputy District

Election Officer, Udhampur as Deputy Secretary, Information Department; Naresh Kumar, JKAS, Deputy Director, Tourism, Jammu as Deputy District Election Officer; Kishtwar, vice Masood Ahmad Bichoo, JKAS, who shall await further orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department. Abdul Jabbar, JKAS, Deputy District Election Officer; Poonch has been transferred and as posted as Deputy Director, Tourism, Jammu.

As per another order, Shoaib Noor, JKAS, Assistant Commissioner-Revenue, Anantnag shall also hold charge of Executive Officer; Municipal Council, Anantnag, in addition to his own duties till further orders.

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Mir resigns as J&K Congress Chief

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) president G A Mir has resigned from the post to pave the way for the restructuring of the party in the Union Territory.

"It is the tradition in the Congress party that before any reshuffle, the existing office-bearers put in their papers. I have done the same," Mir told PTI on Wednesday.

He said he submitted his resignation to party president Sonia Gandhi on Tuesday.

Mir, who was the JKPCC chief for over seven years, dismissed reports that infighting within the party unit was the reason for

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Kiru Power Project Graft Case

CBI raids 5 locations including KK Resorts in Jammu, 2 in Srinagar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Wednesday raided 16 locations across the country in connection with the alleged graft case flagged by former Jammu and Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik in awarding contract for civil works of the Kishtwar-based Kiru Hydro Power Project Limited in 2019.

The raids were carried out at two places in Srinagar; five in Jammu, five in Delhi, three in Mumbai and one in Patna at the premises of

middlemen and associates involved in the project.

During raids, the CBI has detected some financial

then Principal Secretary Navin Kumar Chaudhary, at Patna and Jammu.

In Jammu, the raids were

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transactions between the accused public servants, including the then Chaiman Chenab Valley Power Projects (P) Ltd Navin Kumar Chaudhary, who is already booked in this case.

Earlier the CBI had carried out raids at the houses of the

conducted at the office of Vijay Gupta, owner of K K Resorts at Bohri, Talab Tillo, his residence, house No 62, Sector 2, Trikuta Nagar Jammu, Ritesh Gupta, son of Pardeep Gupta, House No 318, Lane 11, Talab Tillo, Bohri,

IPS officer to enquire charges framed against then Asstt Comdt Home Guards Samba

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government on Wednesday ordered appointment of Hemant Kumar Lohia, IPS as an Enquiry Officer to enquire into the charges framed against the then Assistant Commandant, Home Guards, Samba.

"In terms of Rule 33 of J&K Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1956, Hemant Kumar Lohia, IPS, Commandant General, HG/CD/SDRF, J&K, is appointed as Inquiry Officer to conduct an inquiry into the charges framed

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Rickey Gupta, son of Dharam Pal Gupta, 7-D/C, Gandhi Nagar, Rakesh Gupta, CA, resident of 109, B-A/D Gandhi Nagar.

At Srinagar, the house of Sahid Ahmed Kamili, 439, D-1 /4, Govt Colony, Bemina, Srinagar, J&K SIDCO Industrial Estate, Rangreth Srinagar. In the Khiru Power Project graft case, these accused have acted as middlemen, having allegedly misappropriated huge funds. The CBI also conducted searches at

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Security forces carry out searches in Jammu & Samba

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police assisted by paramilitary forces on Wednesday conducted a search operation in a locality here besides a vast area along the International Border in Samba district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said.

However, no one was arrested during the separate operations, the officials said.

They said a joint team of police and CRPF cordoned off Prem Nagar locality in the heart of Jammu and searched several houses in presence of civil officers and



Security forces carrying out search operation at Prem Nagar locality in Jammu.

the local Municipal corporation. The search parties were looking for a suspected person who was, however, not present, the officials said,

adding his rented room was forcibly opened but nothing incriminating was found there. Earlier in the

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Mookerjee sacrificed life for nation, making J&K integral part of India: Shah

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday paid tributes to Jana Sangh founder Shyama Prasad Mookerjee and said he sacrificed his life for 'one nation, one law, one symbol' and making Jammu and Kashmir an integral part of India.

Shah said the nation will always be indebted to Mookerjee for this struggle and sacrifice.

"At one point of time a permit was required to enter Jammu and Kashmir. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee sacrificed his life to work for one nation, one law, one symbol, ending permit raj from Kashmir and making



it an integral part of India. We will always be indebted to Mookerjee for this struggle and sacrifice," he said here, according to an official statement.

The home minister said Mookerjee was a unique thinker who believed that the basic purpose of power

is not to rule, but to work with a dedicated spirit for nation-building.

Mookerjee's philosophy of cultural nationalism and the idea of ??adopting policies according to the original culture of India will always guide everyone, Shah said.

Born in Kolkata in 1901, Mookerjee was known for his espousal of Hindu rights and nationalist views. He had quit the then prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru's Cabinet in 1950 after falling out with him.

He was president of the Hindu Mahasabha and later founded the Jana Sangh, the earlier avatar of the BJP, with the help from the RSS.

Naqvi, RCP Singh resign from Union Cabinet

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Union ministers Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi and R C P Singh submitted their resignations to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday, a day before the completion of their Rajya Sabha term, sources said.

During a cabinet meeting earlier in the day, Modi lauded both Naqvi and Singh for their contributions to the country during their ministerial tenure, sources said.

Former bureaucrat and once a confidant of Bihar Chief Minister and JD(U) supremo Nitish Kumar, Singh resigned on his birthday, one year after joining the Union Cabinet from his party's quota.

He was wished by Prime Minister Modi on his

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