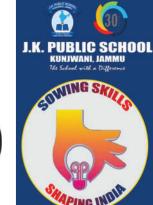
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Regd. No. L-29/JK-346/22-24 Two theft cases solved; 3 arrested,

Spiritual traditions of Kashmir need a huge revival: Dr Darakhshan

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Unveiling of 'Statue of Peace' of Swami Ramanujacharya Ji by Home Minister in Srinagar

Sinha led J&K Admn has established decisive domination over terrorism: Amit Shah J&K sending message of unity, harmony to world: LG

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SRINAGAR: The administration in Jammu and Kashmir has established a decisive domination over terrorism under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Thursday.

11 two-wheelers recovered

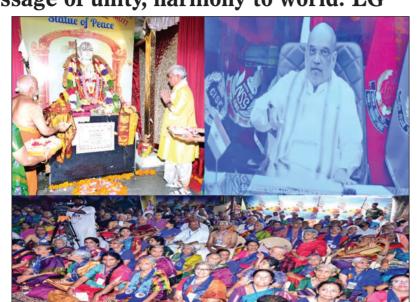
"Today, under the leadership of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, Jammu and Kashmir is on the path of peace and development. Sinha has established a decisive domination over terrorism there under the leadership of PM Modi," Shah said addressing a function here through video conferencing.

The Home Minister was speaking after unveiling of the 'Statue of Peace' of philosopher and social reformer Ramanujacharya in Sonawar.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, along with saints and followers of Swami Ramanujacharya from across the country attended the unveiling ceremony at Shuryar Mandir, Srinagar.

Shah said the administration headed by Sinha has also delivered development to the people of Kashmir without any discrimination.

"For a long time, the nation had a hope that Jammu and Kashmir will be irre-



LG Manoj Sinha attending unveiling of 'Statue of Peace' of Swami Ramanujacharya Ji by Union Home Minister Amit Shah in Srinagar.

versibly integrated with the nation by removal of Article 370 and Article 35A, and that hope was fulfilled by Prime

2019, a new era was established in Kashmir," he said. He said he was feeling peace that the Surya (Sun) temple CONTD ON PAGE 9 Dalai Lama to visit J&K, Ladakh UTs next week

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Tibetan spiritual leader, The Dalai Lama will be on a visit to the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh next week. He will visit Jammu on 14th July, and Ladakh on 15th July. This is the first such visit by the Buddhist leader in over 2 years from his abode in Dharamshala in Himachal Pradesh.

The visit takes place even as the Buddhist MEA■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

DEO Jammu meets reps of political parties; discusses post delimitation exercise STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: District Election Officer, Avny Lavasa on Thursday discussed with the representatives of various political parties post delimitation exercises including rationalisation of polling stations, list of draft polling stations after formation of new constituencies, addition and deletion of voters in the list Deputy The Commissioner informed

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No need to speculate: MEA on reports of India's plan to hold G20-related meetings in J&K "India will assume the presidency of G20 from

Air surcharge 50 paisa for Leh

rejection of bail in terrorism case

DB upholds Trial Court's order regarding

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Days after China and Pakistan voiced concerns over reports of India planning to hold events relating to G20 in Jammu and Kashmir, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Thursday that there is no need to speculate on the issue at this stage.

Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said a large number of events will be held across India as part of its presidency of the grouping.

the summit next year, a large number of G20 events at different levels will be organised across the country during our presidency," Bagchi said. "There is no need to speculate at this stage," he said at a weekly media briefing while

December 2022. Apart from

the issue. After reports emerged that India plans to host G20 meetings in Jammu and

responding to a question on

avoid "unilateral moves" that may "complicate" the situation. As part of the preparations for the events, the central government is learnt to have

voiced its opposition to it

echoing close ally Pakistan's

objection, and underlined

that relevant sides should

written to all states and Union territories. The presidency of the G20

rotates every year among

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Vivo sent Rs 62,476-Cr worth turnover to China to avoid getting taxed in India: ED

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NEW DELHI: A whopping Rs 62,476 crore has been "illegally" transferred by smartphone maker Vivo to China in order to avoid payment of taxes in India, the Enforcement Directorate said Thursday, as it claimed to have busted a major money laundering racket involving Chinese nationals and multiple Indian companies. This money is almost half of Vivo's turnover

of Rs 1,25,185 crore, it said without stating

The crackdown on the leading Chinese company came after the federal probe agency found that three Chinese nationals, all of whom "left" India during 2018-21, and one other person from that country incorporated as many as 23 companies in India in which they were also helped by a Chartered Accountant, Nitin Garg.

Among the foreigners, one identified as Bin Lou was an ex-director of Vivo and, according to the ED, he left India in April, 2018. Two others -- Zhengshen ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

'Hybrid terrorist' of Al-Badr arrested in Pulwama

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Security forces on Thursday arrested a "hybrid terrorist" of proscribed outfit Al-Badr in Pulwama district and recovered arms and ammunition from his possession, police

Based on specific information regarding the movement of militants in the south Kashmir district's Beigund, security forces set up a checkpoint in the area, a police spokesperson said.

During the checking, a "hybrid terrorist" of Al-Badr was arrested. He was identified as Aamir Ahmed Parray, son of Abdul Rashid Parray,

IGP Kashmir among 4 IGPs promoted as Addl DGPs

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resident

Chitragam, Shopian,

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LG announces ex-gratia of Rs 5 lakh to NoKs of deceased **STATE TIMES NEWS**

UDHAMPUR/JAMMU: Two persons were killed and 37 injured when a bus carrying a marriage party skidded off the road and fell into a gorge in Udhampur district on Thursday, official sources

The bus (JK14F-5050), which was on its way from Ramnagar to Chhitredi village, met with an accident near the village, they said, adding that the condition of several injured persons is critical.

Police and locals have rushed to the spot and started rescue operation,



Two die, 37 injured as bus falls into gorge in Udhampur

Wreckage of ill-fated bus at accident spot in Ramnagar area.

the sources said.

announced an ex-gratia of Meanwhile, Lieutenant Rs 5 lakh each for the Next Governor, Manoj Sinha has of Kin (NoK) of those who

lost their lives in the tragic bus accident.

The injured will be given Rs. 50,000 each and the UT Government will bear the cost of their treatment. Governor

expressed grief over the unfortunate incident and directed the district administration to ensure the best possible treatment to the injured. "Extremely pained by the

loss of lives due to a tragic road accident in Ramnagar, Udhampur. My deepest condolences to the bereaved families and prayers for speedy recovery of injured", the Lt Governor said.

AC approves transfer of land for various public purposes Kanal 14 Marla situated at

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Administrative Council (AC) which met here under the chairmanship of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, approved the proposal of Revenue Department to transfer various parcels of land for public purposes. $\,$

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 transfer of land measuring 36

village Kulangam Bagh, Tehsil Handwara, District Kupwara in favour of Department of Disaster Management Relief. Rehabilitation Reconstruction for construcofTransit $_{
m tion}$ Accommodation (1BHK) for Kashmiri **Employees** Government under the PM Development

package. Pertinently, in the year 2008, Government of India provided a package offering 3000 government jobs to Kashmiri Migrants with an additional approval of

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Major security lapse: Bus with fake number plate attached with Jammu police, seized

The JAMMU: Union Government on Thursday

JAMMU: Narwal police on ordered promotion of four IPS Thursday seized a bus with officers of J&K-AGMUT fake registration number "In pursuance to the recomwhich was hired for pick and mendations of the Review drop of Jawans posted in city

Screening Committee in its for Amarnath Yatra. According to the informameeting held on July 1, 2022 and with the with the approval tion, a complaint was received of the Competent Authority, at Narwal police station that three IPS officers of AGMUT a bus attached with police Cadre presently posted in the duty is having fake number cadre are promoted to the plate and a bus with same reg-ADGP Grade (Level-15 in the istration number (JK02AH: pay matrix) with effect from 6069) is also operating on Rajouri-Poonch route. On this the date of assumption of the charge," read an order issued information, police team, led by Rakesh Kumar Singh, by Sub Inspector Anchal Rana started investigation Under Secretary, MHA. "IPS Officers of 1997 batch and seized the bus near the Garib Das, Vijay Kumar and

STATE TIMES NEWS Army Transit Camp on

During investigation, when the number plate number was matched with the chassis number, it was found out to be

Amarnath Yatra duty are being sanctioned from PCR's MTO section. During the preliminary investigations, it has been ascertained that this bus was hired from contractor

Ravinder & Co attached old bus with fake number plate with Jammu police; driver arrested

fake. Rohit Singh, driver of bus was also arrested for questioning and during investigation, it was found that the bus was engaged on police duty for picking and droping Jawans posted in Jammu city and its peripheral areas on daily basis. It is pertinent to mention here that the buses for

Ravinder and "New registration number plate was attached with the old bus to make it operational," the arrested driver told the police.

A senior police officer, however, said it is a serious matter and a serious

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Army porter injured in mine blast in Poonch

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JAMMU: An army porter

The blast occurred in sector, leaving Tanveer Hussain injured, they said.

He was admitted to the military hospital at Poonch

Meanwhile, a soldier who was injured in an accidental firing during a training exercise in Poonch district succumbed to his injuries, officials said.

as Sepoy Rishkesh

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was injured in a mine blast along the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district on Thursday, officials said.

for treatment, they said.

The soldier was identified

Protagonists of Art 370 were its greatest abusers: Dr Jitendra **STATE TIMES NEWS**

PATNITOP: Union Minister

and BJP National Executive Member, Dr Jitendra Singh on Thursday said that the protagonists of Article 370 were its greatest abusers and accused the Kashmir-centric political parties like National conference (NC) and PDP for selectively raising the boxev of Article 370 when it suited them, but conveniently ignoring it by their conven-

Addressing the BJP Workshop on the topic of "Abrogation of Article 370", Dr Jitendra Singh cited striking examples to expose



Union Minister and BJP National Executive Member, Dr Jitendra Singh addressing the 3-day BJP Workshop, at Patnitop.

hypocrisy and duplicity of some of the leaders with regard to Article 370. He recalled that in 1975,

when the then Prime

Minister Indira Gandhi imposed emergency in the country and brought in Constitutional

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'Agnipath scheme will infuse new vigour in defence services'

TARUN CHUGH

The geo-strategic location of India with **▲** such hostile neighbours necessitates that



India should have an army which is modern. state-of-the-art and ready to fight and protect the borders of the country. We lost the

1962 war with China

primarily because of

ill-preparedness and lack of the state of the art defence equipment. The defence of any country depends upon the professionalism, competitiveness and efficiency of its soldiers. Territorial integrity and defence of any country depends more upon the morale and fitness of soldiers than on anything. If I tell you that 60 per cent of the budget of the

Indian army goes to salary and pension and

only 40 per cent is left for its capital and mod-

ernisation, it will make you think that we are

repeating the blunders of 1962 without learn-

ing any lessons from it. Modi Government

recently announced the historical structuralreforms in the field of recruitment of army wherein Personnel recruited under the Agnipath scheme are termed as Agniveers. Of the 45,000 to 50,000 recruited annually, 25 per cent will be absorbed in the army to continue for another 15 years under permanent commission. Under Agnipath scheme, nonofficer cadre army personnel would be recruited on a short-term contractual basis. Out of the total recruited, 75 per cent leaving the service will be given a lump sum amount of 11.71L (corpus built by 50pc contribution by govt., 50 pc by personnel and interest earned). Recently, India has witnessed protest for the sake of protest on any 'change' which the Modi Government is trying to bring for short-term as well as long term benefit of India. There is no logic or sanity in such protests. Burning trains, buses, public properties and other assets smack of the anti-national elements fuelling protests and jeopardising the much sought after reforms. They are playing in the hands of anti-India forces undermining national security. Can we think of a probable situation in which any of such protestors join-

ing the Indian army where discipline and protecting the national assets are prioritised over even personal-life? Agnipath system will have a new kind of recruitment compared to ongoing age-long procedures. There is a consensus among all the defence experts that India's defence needs an overhaul structural reform. It is fact that the average age-limit of the Indian army is higher than the global standards. This new scheme will bring about desired changes. On an average, the career settlement of a youth happens at the age of 29-30. Agniveer scheme will give you job cum skills starting at an age of 17. This will significantly reduce the average age of Indian soldiers from 32 to 24-26 years which definitely will manifest in the health of the Indian defence system. Agniveers will get Rs 30.000-45,000 per month as salary. At an age of 17 years, you are getting such a salary with other collateral benefits. They will get a preference in government jobs as announced by many states. Also there will be 10 per cent reservation of posts in the Home and Defence ministries for Agni veers. This will considerably reduce the defence pension bill which eats up

a lion's share of the defence budget. The National Institute of Open Schooling has announced that it will provide special courses for the Agniveers associated with the project to get class 10th and 12th pass certificates. This certificate can be used for entering higher education across the country. It will bring about professionalism and competitiveness as the 25 per cent chosen will be the best lot in terms of skill, agility and fitness. The remaining 75 per cent will be a pool of trained, skilled and equipped men-power who are ready to face the world with all the required skills and knowledge

In the next 8 years, 140,000 are the people who are well trained for defence and can be utilized for the country in an emergency situation. It will create a Pan-India regiment having and all India-complexion. The Army is not an employment generating avenue. We join the army primarily to serve the country and protect the country and if need be make sacrifices for the country. When someone protests just for protesting, it is the worst kind of disservice to the country.

(The author is National General Secretary of BJP)

CBI arrests Power Grid Exec Dir, 5 Tata Projects officials in graft case STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The CBI has arrested a Power Grid Corporation of India's executive director and five officials of Tata Projects, including an executive vice president and and assistant VP. in connection with alleged bribery to favour the private company in contracts and other works, officials said on Thursday.

They said the probe agency arrested the accused --PGCIL's B S Jha, and Tata Projects' Executive VP Desh Raj Pathak, Assistant VP R N Singh and its three other officials -- after conducting searches at 11 locations on Wednesday which continued till Thursday. The CBI recovered Rs 93 lakh

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Temperature (Srinagar)

Sunset: 19:42 Hours

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Min: 20.6°C

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Alok Kumar have been pro-

moted to ADGP grade," it

stated. Further, Viplav Kumar

Choudhry, presently posted on

Central Deputation is granted

proforma promotion in the

ADGP grade (Level-15 in the

pay matrix) from the date of

assumption of charge," it