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SC to conduct day-to-day hearing from Aug 2 on pleas challenging abrogation of Article 370

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Tuesday said it will commence day-to-day hearing from August 2 on a batch of petitions challenging abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution that bestowed special status on the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir.

A five-judge Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud, which passed several procedural directions, fixed July 27 as the deadline for filing of written submissions and convenience compilations by different parties.

The bench, also comprising Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Sanjay Khanna, BR Gavai and Surya Kant said hearing on the clutch of petitions will be held on a day-to-day basis except on Mondays and Fridays, which are days

for hearing miscellaneous matters in the apex court. Only fresh petitions are taken up on these days for admission hearing and regular matters are not heard. It appointed two lawyers --

The five-judge bench said that the Centre's affidavit filed on Monday with regard to the conditions prevailing in Jammu and Kashmir after the August 5, 2019 notification will have no bearing on

filed an application for withdrawal of their names from the list of petitioners.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, said he has no difficulty if anyone wishes to withdraw his or her name from the list of petitioners.

The bench then allowed Shah and activist Shora to delete their names from the list of the petitioners.

At the fag end of the hearing, senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan,

appearing for one of the petitioners, said Shah Faesal's withdrawal from the list of petitioners will create a problem as far as the case title is concerned since he was the lead petitioner.

Advocate Manohar Lal Sharma, who has also filed a petition contesting the

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one each from the petitioner's and the government side -- to prepare convenience compilation and file it before July 27, and made it clear that after the said date no documents will be accepted. A convenience note gives the court a snapshot of the entire case to assist it in quickly appreciating the facts.

the constitutional issue to be adjudicated by the five-judge bench.

Senior advocate Raju Ramachandran, who is leading the petitioners challenging the constitutional validity of abrogation of Article 370, said two petitioners -- IAS officer Shah Faesal and Shehla Rashid Shora -- have

CS launches Mobile Dost App revolutionizing citizen-centric services in J&K



CS Dr Arun Kumar Mehta launching Mobile Dost App.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In a momentous occasion and a leap towards mobile governance (m-governance), the Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Tuesday launched the path breaking Mobile Dost App in sync with the vision of Apka Mobile

HamaraDaftar, a pioneering initiative for mobile-based delivery of citizen-centric services in J&K.

This remarkable event marks a significant milestone in the digital transformation of the region, bringing unparalleled convenience and accessibility to the residents

of Jammu & Kashmir in terms of mobility in accessing online services.

The Mobile Dost App aims at empowering people of Jammu & Kashmir by providing a comprehensive platform to access all the Government to citizen Services (G2C) directly from their mobile devices. With just a few taps, residents can now effortlessly avail themselves of numerous services, enhancing their daily lives and fostering an efficient, effective and transparent governance system. While launching, Mobile Dost

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ACB arrests DIC Kupwara clerk while accepting bribe

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JAMMU: The Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Tuesday arrested a clerk in the office of District Industrial Complex, Kupwara for demanding and accepting bribe of Rs 5000, processing case of complainant's wife.

The ACB spokesman said they received a complaint against Saifudin Wani, a clerk in the office of District Industrial Complex, Kupwara wherein the complainant alleged that the concerned official was demanding bribe of Rs 5000 from him for helping him

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Art 370 was 'eclipse' for development of J&K: Chugh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Tuesday said that Article 370 was an "eclipse" for the development of J&K.

"Article 370 was an eclipse for the overall development of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, but it was nullified by Prime Minister Narendra Modi led BJP government on August 05, 2019 that paved way to J&K youth to see peace, prosperity and developmental era," Chugh added.

He said due to abrogation of Article 370, the youth of J&K, who were stuck in uncertain situation for decades, have started to earn their livelihood in a dignified manner.

"The PM Narendra Modi brought peace and prosperity in whole J&K and turned the UT into hub of tourism activities," Chugh said.

While hitting out at NC, PDP and



Congress, the BJP senior leader said the dynastic political parties are day dreaming like Mungeri Lal. "Abdullah, Mufti and Ghandi families ruined J&K in their rule and left youth unemployed. These politicians are day dreaming about return of Article 370, which however never to happen," he added.

Hold assembly elections in J&K with parliamentary polls: Omar



Former CM and NC leader Omar Abdullah briefing media in Jammu on Tuesday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Former CM National Conference leader Omar Abdullah on Tuesday advocated for holding the assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir with the parliamentary polls next year, saying the people need an opportunity to choose their elected government rather than

being ruled through the Raj Bhavan.

He also defended "parivarvaad" (familism) in politics and also questioned the remarks of Home Minister Anit Shah that three families -- National Conference, PDP and Congress -- are responsible for terrorism-related deaths in the Union

Ex-MLC Surinder Choudhary joins NC

Territory.

"I have no grudge against Prime Minister (Narendra Modi) who is a big man and also elder to me. I do not have any objection (for his remarks against me). However, I want to tell him that he should announce assembly elections and we will see whom the people will vote for," Abdullah said.

He was responding to a question about Modi's remarks that "if you want the advancement of the Abdullah heirs, then vote for NC. But if you want the progress of your son, daughter and grandchildren, vote for BJP."

"You (PM) are not giving

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Infiltration bid foiled along LoC in Rajouri; terrorist killed

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JAMMU: A terrorist was killed after the Army foiled an infiltration bid along the Line of Control (LoC) in Rajouri district, officials said on Tuesday.

Alert troops detected suspicious movement of a group of terrorists near the LoC in the Nowshera sector on Monday night, defence spokesman Lt Col Suneel Bartwal said.

The movement of the infiltrators was kept under constant observation and when they reached near the fencing, they were challenged and a gunfight ensued, he said. One terrorist was seen falling near the LoC

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Amarnath Yatra resumes from Jammu after 3-day suspension

18,137 Yatris perform darshan at Holy Cave

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JAMMU: While the Amarnath Yatra resumed from the Jammu base camp on Tuesday afternoon after remaining suspended for three days in view of the closure of the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway for repairs in the Ramban section, the Yatris continue to pay obeisance at Shri Amarnathji Holy Cave.

All the base camps remained abuzz with yatris as 18137 yatris performed darshan till this evening, which included 12459 males, 5028 females, 470 children, 176 Sadhus and one Sadhvi



Jubilant pilgrims leaving from Jammu on Tuesday.

besides three transgenders. The total number of pil-

grims, who visited the shrine

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Terror case: NIA conducts searches at 5 locations in J&K

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SRINAGAR: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday carried out raids at five locations in the Kashmir valley in a crack-down on newly-floated offshoots of proscribed Pakistan-backed terrorist groups operating in the Union territory, officials said. The operation was conducted in Anantnag, Shopian and Pulwama districts in south Kashmir as part of the agency's ongoing investiga-



tion into a physical and online conspiracy by terrorists to launch a series of

attacks in Jammu and Kashmir with sticky

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Houses of four terrorists raided in Kishtwar

JAMMU: The Special Investigation Unit (SIU) of Jammu and Kashmir Police on Tuesday carried out raids at the houses of four terrorists, who are operating from across the border and making efforts to revive militancy in Kishtwar district, a senior police officer said. The raids are underway at Mughal Maiden, Chatroo

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Kataria posted as ADC Srinagar

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JAMMU: The government on Tuesday transferred JKAS officer. According to the order issued by Sanjeev Verma, Commissioner/Secretary, General Administration Department, Syed Ahmad Kataria, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD, has been posted as Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Srinagar.

SI, seven PSI of JKP posted to CID

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JAMMU: The government on Tuesday transferred one sub inspector and seven PSI of J&K Police to CID. According to order issued by M.K Sinha, Additional Director General of Police (Coordination) PHQ J&K, SI Rakesh Bhandral, PSI Stanzen Dev Singh, PSI Safer Ahmad, PSI Shakeel-ul Rehman PSI Rohit Pawar and PSI Boran Fakwariya from Armed Zone (AWP) while PSI Nishant Sharma and PSI Sudheer Singh from Jammu Zone have been transferred to CID.

WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 35.0°C Min: 25.1°C

Humidity
Max: 82 Min: 57

Temperature (Srinagar)
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Humidity
Max: 65 Min: 35

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