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Bill for nomination of 2 Kashmiri migrants, 1 displaced PoK resident to J&K Assembly introduced in LS

NEW DELHI: A bill to nominate two members, including a woman, from the Kashmiri migrant community and one member from the displaced persons from Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK) to the legislative assembly of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir was introduced in the Lok Sabha on Wednesday.

Introducing the bill on behalf of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai said the bill provides for representation of Kashmiri migrants, displaced persons from PoK and Scheduled Tribes in the legislative assembly of Jammu

Ready to cross LoC if need arises: Rainath ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DRASS (LADAKH): Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Wednesday said India is ready to cross the Line of Control (LoC) to maintain its honour and dignity, and called upon civilians to be ready to support the soldiers in such a situa-

Citing the example of the Russia-Ukraine war, he said the war has been going on for more than a year because civilians have stepped up and are participating in the war. Singh was speaking at

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Govt brings bill to change nomenclature of J&K quota beneficiaries from 'weak and underprivileged classes' to 'OBC'

NEW DELHI: A bill to change the nomenclature of a section of people who are eligible for reservation in appointment and admission in professional institutions in Jammu and Kashmir was introduced in the Lok Sabha on Wednesday.

The Jammu and Kashmir Reservation (Amendment) Bill, 2023, will change the nomenclature of "weak and underprivileged classes (social castes)" to "other backward classes" for getting reservation benefits in the Union **CONTD ON PAGE 9**

Centre introduces bills for SC, ST in J&K in LS NEW DELHI: The Centre on Wednesday introduced two bills in Lok Sabha pertaining to the scheduled castes and scheduled tribes in Jammu and Kashmir.

Amid sloganeering by the Opposition over the Manipur issue, Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Dr Virendra Kumar introduced the Constitution (Jammu and Kashmir) Scheduled Castes Order Bill 2023, while Tribal Affairs Minister Ariun Munda introduced the Constitution (Jammu and Kashmir) Scheduled Tribes Order CONTD ON PAGE 9 and Kashmir so as to preserve their political rights as well as their overall social and economic development.

"The Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2023 provides for the following, namely: to insert new sections 15A and 15B in the Act so as to nominate not more than two members, one of whom shall be a woman, from the community ofKashmiri Migrants, and one member from Displaced Persons from Pakistan occupied Jammu Kashmir, to the Legislative Assembly of the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir; and amendments to sub-sections (3)

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CS launches several competitions of DIPR to commemorate culmination of AKAM



CS, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Director Info Minga Sherpa and others unveiling rechristened logo of DIPR at Srinagar.

STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: To celebrate the grand finale of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM), going on from last more than one year, Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta on Wednesday launched several

competitions hosted by Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) MyGov portal (https://jk.mygov.in/).

The competitions include singing of National Anthem, Selfie with Tiranga Contest, your Favourite 'Draw Freedom Fighter contest', Essay Competition on the theme '100 Years of Indian Independence' besides Badalta Jammu Kashmir Photography and Videography contest.

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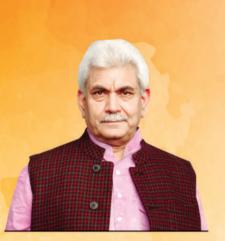
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