

03 LG's greetings on Shri Krishna Janmashtami

Drone terror module NIA raids 8 places in J&K; digital devices, documents seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU/NEW DELHI: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Thursday conducted raids at eight locations in Jammu and Kashmir in the case related to the interception of a drone used for the delivery of consignments of arms and ammunition as well as explosives by a key module of The Resistance Front (TRF), an offshoot of Lashkar-e-Taiba, which was working at the behest of Pakistani handlers.

The locations raided by the counter-terrorism agency were in Srinagar, Jammu, Kathua, Samba, and Doda districts of Jammu and Kashmir including LeT terrorist Faisal Muneer's residence in Jammu.

NIA said that the TRF operatives were in constant touch with Pakistani handlers of LeT and were receiving consignments of arms



A cop guarding during raids by the NIA officials in Talab Khaitan area of Jammu on Thursday.

Man detained in suspected terror financing case
JAMMU: Police have detained a man in connection with a suspected terror financing case here, officials said.

"One person has been called for questioning in connection with suspected terror financing," ADGP (Jammu Zone) Mukesh Singh said. He said that police are investigating it.

According to sources, one person was detained at Jammu bus stand with Rs 10 lakh cash possibly for terror financing.

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20 Law officers transferred

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The government on Friday transferred 20 Law officers.

According to the order issued by Ahal Sethi, Secretary, Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, Muneer Ahmad Malik, Senior Law Officer presently posted in the Directorate of Litigation, Kashmir as Deputy Director Litigation has been transferred and posted in the office of Chief Engineer, PW(R&B), Kashmir; Raies Ahmad Qazi, Deputy Legal Remembrancer presently posted in the office of Pollution Control Board, J&K holding additional charge of Directorate of

Ecology, Environment and Remote Sensing Department has been transferred and posted in the office of Service Selection Board, Srinagar;

Muneer-ul-Hassan Bhat, Senior Law Officer presently posted in the Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare Department has been transferred and posted in the Jal Shakti Department;

Mohammad Yousuf, Senior Law Officer presently posted in the office of Chief Engineer, PW(R&B), Kashmir has been transferred and posted in the Skill Development Department;

Nisha Suman, Deputy Legal

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Farooq calls for All-Party Meet on Aug 22 to discuss non-local voter issue

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: National Conference (NC) president Farooq Abdullah has convened an all-party meeting here on August 22 to formulate a common position on the issue of inclusion of outside voters in Jammu and Kashmir electoral rolls.

The meeting, scheduled to be held at 11 am on Monday at Abdullah's residence in Gupkar area of the city here, will discuss the future course of action with regard to the Election Commission allowing outsiders to register as voters in the Union Territory.

"With regard to CEO's announcement stating that non-locals will be added as voters in J&K, Dr Farooq Abdullah has convened an APM (all-party meeting) on August 22 (Monday) at his residence," Jammu and Kashmir NC spokesperson Inuran Nabi Dar said.

Dar said Abdullah has spoken to the mainstream

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 34.6°C Min: 26.4°C

Humidity
Max: 86 Min: 63

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 29.8°C Min: 19.6°C

Humidity
Max: 85 Min: 56

Sunset : 19:14 Hours
Sunrise : 05:58 Hours

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India-China relationship going through 'extremely difficult phase': Jaishankar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
BANGKOK: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Thursday that the relationship between India and China is going through an "extremely difficult phase" after what Beijing has done at the border and emphasised that the Asian Century will not happen if the two neighbours could not join hands.

Jaishankar made the remarks while responding to a series of questions after delivering a lecture on 'India's Vision of the Indo-Pacific' at the prestigious Chulalongkorn University here.

Responding to a question, Jaishankar said that the Asian Century will happen when China and India come together but the Asian Century will be difficult to happen if India and China could not come together.

"At the moment (the India-China) relationship is going through an extremely diffi-

cult phase after what China did at the border," he said.

Chinese and Indian troops are engaged in a prolonged standoff in Eastern Ladakh. The two sides have so far held 16 rounds of Corps Commander Level talks to resolve the standoff which erupted on May 5, 2020, following a violent clash in the Pangong lake areas.

"I think if India and China have to come together, there are many reasons to do so, not necessarily only Sri Lanka," he said, adding that it is in India and China's own interest to join hands.

"We very much hope that wisdom dawns on the Chinese side," he said while replying to another question from the audience.

Jaishankar said India has done the best of its abilities to assist Sri Lanka. This year alone India has extended USD 3.8 billion of support to Sri Lanka, including line of credits and swap arrangements, he said.

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Demanded Rs 1,36,000 for issuance of allotment orders XEn Jal Shakti Deptt landed in ACB's net, caught red-handed while accepting bribe

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The sleuths of Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) nabbed one Tariq Ahmad Kachroo, son of Noor Mohd Kachroo, resident of Undrus, Pampore-Ladoo Road, Pulwama, presently posted as Executive Engineer, Ground Water Division, PHE (Jal Shakti) Kashmir, red handed while accepting a bribe of Rs 25,000 as second installment out of total bribe amount of Rs 1,36,000, as demanded by the erring officer. As per an official spokesperson, the ACB Srinagar received a complaint

alleging therein that Executive Engineer of Jal Shakti Department, Ground Water Division, Kashmir was demanding Rs 1,36,000 as bribe for issuance of allotment orders in favour of complainants. The complainants has already paid a bribe of Rs 30,000 few days back and now second installment of Rs 25,000 was supposed to be paid. However, before paying bribe amount to accused, the complainants approached ACB for taking legal action against the accused public servant. The official further said that on receipt of complaint,

FIR No. 34/2022 under section 7 of PC Act 1988 was registered and investigation started. "A trap team constituted, which caught accused public servant Tariq Ahmad Kachroo red handed while demanding and accepting bribe amount of Rs 25,000 from complainant as second installment. The bribe money was also recovered from his possession in presence of independent witnesses. Subsequently, searches were carried out at different locations associated with accused," said official, adding that further investigation is going on.



Joint team of Revenue and police at Hotel 17 Miles.

wall as the hotel owners were not allowing the joint team of revenue and police to enter into the hotel building.

Soon after taking the

control over the building, the district administration handed over the possession of the Hotel 17 miles to the management of Punjab and Sind Bank.

419 new COVID cases in J&K

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir registered 419 fresh coronavirus cases on Thursday, taking the infection tally to 4,75,109 in the Union Territory, officials said here. While 58 cases were reported from Jammu division, 361 cases were reported from Kashmir valley, the officials said here. The death toll due to the virus remained unchanged at 4,779 as no new fatality linked to the pandemic was reported from the Union Territory, they said.

There are 3,327 active COVID-19 cases in the Union Territory, while the number of recoveries has reached 4,67,003, the officials said.

10 Toddlers' World of JKPS Kunjwani celebrates Janmashtami with zeal



Jai Shri Krishna: Janamashtmi greetings to all our readers.

Search operation launched in Kathua following report of suspected drone movement

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KATHUA: Authorities have launched a search operation in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district after some residents of a border area

informed them about suspected drone movement, sources said on Thursday.

According to the sources, the suspected drone movement was reported by resi-

dents of the Handey-Chak area of Marheem Wednesday night. The search operation is underway and nothing suspicious has been found yet in the area, they said.

Recruitment of 2 Border Bns; written exam tentatively in Oct 2nd week

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Chairman Police Recruitment Board for two Border Battalions on Thursday announced tentative schedule for the written examination of the candidates of Jammu and Kashmir.

A notification in this regard issued reads that all those candidates of Jammu and Kashmir UT who have successfully qualified the Physical Endurance Test and Physical Standard Test (PET/PST) for the post of constables in 02 Border Battalions of Jammu and Kashmir Police that

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13 IAS, IRS, 5 JKAS officers reshuffled

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Government on Thursday transferred 13 IAS, an IRS and five JKAS officers.

Alok posted as Prpl Secy SED, Jahangir MD JKTPO, Ashok Dir Estates Jammu; Rahul Transport Comm; Vishesh DC Doda; Vikas Dir Horticulture; Doifode DC Kupwara; Devansh DC Kishtwar

According to the order issued by Rohit Sharma, Additional Secretary, General Administration Department, Bipul Pathak, IAS (AGMUT:1992), Principal Resident Commissioner, J&K Government, New Delhi has been transferred and posted as Director General, Jammu and Kashmir Institute of

Management, Public Administration and Rural Development vice Saurabh Bhagat, IAS (AGMUT:2002), who has been posted as Commissioner/Secretary, Science and Technology Department.

Alok Kumar, IRS, Principal Secretary, School Education Department, holding additional charge of Estates Department, shall also hold the charge of Administrative Secretary,

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Govt blocks 8 YouTube channels for 'fake, sensational, anti-India' content

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The government on Thursday ordered the blocking of eight YouTube channels, including one operating from Pakistan, for allegedly using "fake and sensational thumbnails" and spreading disinformation related to India's national security.

The channels that were blocked under the Information Technology Rules-2021 include seven Indian news channels, a statement from the Information and Broadcasting ministry said.

The blocked YouTube chan-

nels had over 114 crore views and 85.73 lakh subscribers and the content was being monetised, it said.

The blocked channels are Loktantra TV, UKV TV, A M Razvi, Gouravshali Pawan Mithilanchal, SeeTop5TH, Sarkari Update, Sab Kuch Dekho and Pakistan-based News ki Duniya.

The Indian YouTube channels were observed to be "using fake and sensational thumbnails", images of news anchors and logos of certain TV news channels to mislead the viewers to believe that the news was authentic, the statement said.

They also made false claims such as the demolition of religious structures by the government, ban on the celebration of religious festivals, and declaration of religious war in India, it added.

"Such content was found to have the potential to create communal disharmony and disturb public order in the country," it said.

It said the YouTube channels were also used to post "fake news" on various subjects such as the Indian Armed Forces and Jammu and Kashmir. "The content was observed to be

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Toshkhana brought under administrative control of Deptt of Culture

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The Administrative Council (AC) which met here under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, approved the transfer of administrative control of Toshkhana Organization from the Hospitality & Protocol Department to the Department of Culture.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary and Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor attended the meeting. The 'Toshkhana' houses the royal gifts and antique items of the erstwhile Dogra Rulers of Jammu and Kashmir. In Jammu, the articles of the Toshkhana have

been stored at Mubarak Mandi Heritage Complex, whereas, the articles in Srinagar have been kept in a locker at Saddar Treasury, Srinagar.

The decision to transfer the administrative control of the Toshkhana to the Department of Culture will synchronize its functioning with the Department of Archives, Archaeology and Museums under the Department of Culture and citizens will be able to have better information about their heritage.

Further, the Administrative Council also sanctioned the transfer of sanctioned posts and incumbent staff of the Toshkhana Organization to the Culture Department along with all records and immovable/moveable assets.

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Impressive 'Shobha Yatra' taken out on eve of Janmashtami in Jammu

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A grandiose Shobha Yatra was taken out on Thursday by the Dharmarth Trust J&K on the eve of Shree Krishna Janmashtami from the historical Shri Raghunathji Temple here.

On the occasion, Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta, Deputy Mayor Purnima Sharma, Dr Vishwamurti Sharma, Dr U.C Sharma and Dr PS Pathania members Dharmarth Trust Council; Advocate Ajay Gandotra, President J&K Dharmarth Trust, Dr Gopal Parthasarathi Sharma, Secretary, Dr Shiv Raina, Chairman, Advisory Committee Dharmarth

Trust, Raj Kumar Langar, Hira Lal Abrol, Anil Sharma, Anmol Rattan Sethi and Darshan Sharma, Members Advisory Committee DT performed Shree Krishna Shobha Murti Poojan in the Holy Sanctum of Shree Raghunath ji Temple.

Special Invitee Sr Advocate D.S Chauhan, Arun Gupta, President CCI, Parshotam Dedichi, President Sanatan Dharm Sabha, Presidents of various markets and Bazaar Associations, prominent citizens of the Jammu and staff and Pujaris of Dharmarth Trust accompanied the Shobha Yatra.

Chairman Trustee, Dr Karan Singh attended the



Two artists dressed-up as Lord Krishna and Radha participating in Shobha Yatra in Jammu on Thursday. (More pics on page 3)

Shobha Yatra virtually and blessed the management of