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EC to meet Home Secretary today to review J&K security situation

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STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Election Commission will hold a meeting with Union Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla on Wednesday to review the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir where it plans to hold assembly polls, sources said.

The EC had reviewed the poll preparedness in Jammu and Kashmir last week.

Addressing a press conference in Jammu, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar had emphasised that the poll authority is committed to holding assembly elections in the Union Territory at the earliest.

No outside or internal

Revenue officer booked in

disproportionate assets case

forces can derail the electoral process, Kumar had asserted.

After record turnout in the Lok Sabha elections in Jammu and Kashmir, Kumar had said, "This active participation is a huge positive for assembly elections to be held soon so that the democratic process continues to thrive in the Union Territory."

Whenever assembly elections are held in Jammu and Kashmir, they will be the first since provisions of Article 370 of the Constitution were abrogated and the erstwhile state divided into two Union Territories in 2019.

The electoral exercise in Jammu and Kashmir is usually spread over a month.

Following a delimitation exercise, the number of assembly seats has gone up from 83 to 90, excluding those allocated to Pakistanoccupied Kashmir.

Last December, Supreme Court directed the poll panel to hold assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir by September 30.

In a fresh indication that assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir are imminent, the EC last month asked the Union Territory administration to transfer out officers posted in their home districts, an exercise it holds ahead of conducting elections.

The commission has been following a consistent policy

that officers directly connected with the conduct of elections in a poll-bound state or Union Territory are not posted in their home districts or places where they have served for a considerably long peri-

It is usual for the poll panel to issue instructions related to transfers of officers ahead of Lok Sabha and assembly elections.

Recently, it had ordered the updation of electoral rolls in Jammu and Kashmir and three other states. In June, it decided to accept applications seeking allotment of 'common symbols' from registered unrecognised parties in the Union Territory

Seven DySPs repatriated to Home Deptt, ten posted in ACB

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: The Government on

Tuesday repatriated seven Deputy Superintendents of Police (DySPs) from Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) and posted 10 DySPs in the ACB. As per an order issued by Home Department, seven DvSPs who have been repatriated to Home Department include Shiv Kumar. Rameez Raja, Sheikh Mudasir, Deedar Singh, Devinder Singh, Pawan Kumar and Muhammad Shafiq Najar. The ten DySPs who have been posted in ACB include Raj Sharma, Surenjeet Singh, Shamsher Singh, Pradeep Sharma, Mansha Beg, Muhammad Saleem Bhat, Dr Hial Ahmed Hilal, Mehraj Din Raina, Fayaz Ahemd Dar and Mohsina Sibtain.

Full dress Independence Day rehearsals spark pride across J&K

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU/SRINAGAR: In a vibrant display of patriotism and unity, the full-dress rehearsals for the muchanticipated Independence Day celebrations on August 15 unfolded on Tuesday across Jammu and Kashmir.

The rehearsals, culmination of weeks of dedicated practice, organized across all district headquarters offered a sneak peek into the grand spectacle set to dazzle on the momentous day to exhibit pride of nation.

In Jammu, the full dress rehearsal was held amidst full patriotic fervor and enthusiasm at MA Stadium.

Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar inspecting full dress rehearsal at MA Stadium on Tuesday.

Misappropriation of Rs 500 crores of

Saubhagya Scheme; Court rejects closure

Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar inspected the full dress rehearsal of an impressive parade and took salute to the March Past.

In his address, the Div Com

Jammu Independence Day greetings and called on everyone to pledge to safeguard the unity, diversity and integrity of our great nation.

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Chugh assails Abdullah for trying to demoralise SFs 'Entire nation knows Abdullahs play in hands of Pak ISI'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Tuesday booked a revenue officer for allegedly holding assets disproportionate to his income, officials said.

The ACB is probing the officer's acquisition of disproportionate assets, which include a double-storey palatial house, significant bank

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account balance, large expenditures incurred during functions, and other movable assets in the Jammu district, they said.

The accused Ashok Kumar was earlier arrested in a bribery case and later grant-

The FIR was registered based on a verification conducted into the

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STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh, who is also the party incharge for J&K and Ladakh, on Tuesday assailed Chief Minister formerFarooq Abdullah for trying to demoralise the Security Forces (SFs) deployed in Jammu and Kashmir.

Taking strong exception to Abdullah's recent statement



regarding

Har Pal Aapke Saath

Security Forces with the Pakistan elements, Chugh said it was a strongly reprehensible and condemnable observation, which is motivated to mislead the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Chugh said the Security Forces in J&K have achieved a big success by negating Pakistan-sponsored terror-

He said it was only because

of people like Abdullahs, Muftis and Gandhis that Pakistan gets the confidence to create disturbance in

"The entire J&K knows how Abdullahs have been hand-in-glove with the Pakistan ISI to deprive the people of growth the progress", he said. Chugh

said it was shameful and ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

report, directs further investigation while State of Jammu & Kashmir.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a closure report filed by the Anticorruption Bureau regarding allegations of double drawal and misappropriation of funds by the Executing Agency of the Saubhagya Scheme - the Jammu & Kashmir Power Development Department, (JKPDD) (now JKPDCL). in the course of its execution in the year 2018, in the erst-

Special Anticorruption Tahir Khurshid Raina rejects the instant closure report which has exonerated the concerned public servants, involved in the execution of Saubhagya Scheme in Jammu province, from any criminal liability and

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