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J&K Govt dismisses 6 employees for anti-national activities

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Government on Saturday dismissed six employees, belonging to various departments: five from Police Department (Constables) and one from Education Department (Teacher) in terms of Article 311 of the Constitution of India for their deep involvement in anti-national activities.

The activities of these below mentioned employees had come to the adverse notice of law enforcement and intelligence agencies, as they found them thickly involved in activities prejudicial to the interests of the State evidencing their involvement in terror related activities.

Saif Din, Selection Grade Constable in Police Department, son of Quasim Din, resident of Shigani Bhallesa District Doda, at present Javid Nagar, Bali

Charana Naki Tawi, Jammu, is a notorious drug peddler, a habitual offender and a mas-termined for generation and distribution of narco terror funding. He is a deeply motivated and committed drug peddler as well as an Over Ground Worker for the terrorists of a proscribed terrorist organization like Hijabul Mujahidin. He had established drug channels which are being used by anti national agencies/ elements to smuggle weapons, narcotics and to facilitate infiltration of terrorists in J&K.

Farooq Ahmad Sheikh, Head Constable in Police Department, son of Ab Aziz Sheikh, resident of Ibkoote Tangdar, District Kupwara, along with two other employees namely Khalid Hussain Shah and Rahmat Shah (both working as Constables in J&K Police) received huge consignment of narcotics from drug smugglers across the LoC from Pakistan occu-

ried J&K. He had contacts with the Pakistan based terrorists, who have been involved in smuggling of narcotics, weapons and money across the LoC.

Khalid Hussain Shah, Selection Grade Constable in J&K Police, son of Mehboob Shah, resident of Chanipora Payeen Tangdar, District Kupwara, along with two other employees, namely Farooq Ahmad Sheikh and Rahmat Shah (both working as Constables in J&K Police) received huge consignment of narcotics across the LoC from Pakistan occupied J&K. Being a resident of Tangdar Karnah, Kupwara, he used his expertise of local terrain and topography to establish contacts with narcotic drug smugglers across the border in PoJK and was at the forefront of running a drug cartel in Kupwara-Karnah region.

Rahmat Shah, Constable in J&K Police, son of Manzoor

Hussain Shah, resident of Panjowa Pingla Haridal, Karnah, District Kupwara had received huge consignment of narcotics from across the LoC for peddling it to other parts of the country, including local market for profit motive and for a larger game plan of adversary agency to destabilize J&K. Being a resident of Haridal village in Karnah, Kupwara, leveraged his knowledge of the local terrain and topography to establish connections with the narcotic smugglers across the border in PoJK.

The above persons, namely; Farooq Ahmad Sheikh, Khalid Hussain Shah and Rahmat Shah, had established contacts with the Pakistan based terrorists involved in smuggling of narcotics, weapons and money across the LoC to India. They used to smuggle drugs from Pakistan and

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Fresh batch of over 990 pilgrims leaves Jammu for Amarnathji Yatra

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Another batch of over 990 pilgrims, including 152 women, left a base camp here for the two main base camps in Kashmir early Saturday to embark on the annual Amarnath Yatra, officials said.

This was the smallest batch of devotees leaving Jammu's Bhagwati Nagar base camp since the commencement

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12 injured after building on hill slope collapses

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KARGIL/JAMMU: At least 12 people were injured after a three-storey building on a hill's slope collapsed due to a cave-in when an earthmover was working near it in Ladakh's Kargil district early Saturday, police officials said.

Of those hurt, five, including the earthmover's driver, were rescued from under the debris of the house,

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India food surplus country; working to provide solutions for global food security: Modi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said India has become a food surplus country and is also working to provide solutions for global food and nutritional security. The Prime Minister said agriculture is at the centre of India's economic policies, and the Union Budget 2024-25 has given a big push to sustainable and climate-resilient farming and developing a complete ecosystem to support Indian farmers.

He was addressing the 32nd International Conference of Agricultural Economists (ICAE), which is being organised in India after 65 years.

Recalling the last International Conference of Agricultural Economists, Modi mentioned that India was then a newly independent nation, and it was a challenging time for the country's agriculture and



food security. "Now, India is a food surplus country," he said, adding that the country is the number one producer of milk, pulses and spices in the world.

Also, the country has become the second-largest producer of foodgrains, fruits, vegetables, cotton, sugar and tea.

"There was a time when India's food security was a concern for the world. Now,

India is working to provide solutions for global food security and global nutritional security," he said at the conference, attended by about 1,000 delegates from around 70 countries.

Therefore, Modi said, India's experience is valuable for discussions on food system transformation and will benefit the global south.

The Prime Minister reiterated India's commitment

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Justice Tashi Rabstan inaugurates 'Annual Consultation' on 'Protection of Children with Disabilities'



Chief Justice (Acting) Tashi Rabstan during inauguration ceremony of 'Annual Consultation' on 'Protection of Children with Disabilities' at SKICC on Saturday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In a concerted effort to advance the protection and welfare of children with disabilities, the Juvenile Justice Committee, High Court of J&K and Ladakh on Saturday organized its Annual Consultation on the

"Protection of Children with Disabilities" at Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC), here.

The Consultation was inaugurated by Chief Justice (A), Tashi Rabstan,

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People get so fed up with judicial process that they just want settlement: CJI

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: People get "so fed up" with the matters of courts that they just want a settlement, Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud said on Saturday while highlighting the role of Lok Adalats as alternative dispute redressal mechanisms.

Lok Adalats are forums where disputes and cases pending in courts or at pre-litigation stage are settled or compromised amicably. No appeal against the mutually accepted settlement can be filed.

"Log itna trust ho jate hain court ke mamoon se wo koi bh settlement chahte hain...Bas court se dur kara dijiye (People are so fed up with the matters of the court that they just want a settlement). This process is the punishment



and that is a cause of concern for all of us as judges," Chandrachud said at the commemoration of the special Lok Adalat week at the Supreme Court.

The CJI said he got tremendous support and cooperation from everyone including the Bar and the Bench in setting up of Lok Adalat at every stage.

Chandrachud said when the panels for the Lok Adalat were constituted, it was ensured that every panel would consist of two judges and two members of the Bar.

"The purpose behind doing this was to give ownership to the advocates over the institution because this is not an institution which is only run by the judges, and this is not the institution of the judges, for the judges, by the judges," he said.

"There is so much that we learn from each other. We learnt from the advocates about how much command they have over little procedural issues," the CJI said.

Chandrachud said he genuinely felt that the Supreme Court may be located in Delhi but it is not the Supreme Court of Delhi. It is

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Amit Shah appeals to citizens to participate 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday appealed to people to participate in the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign and said it has evolved into a national movement awakening the basic unity in every Indian.

Shah said citizens should hoist the national flag at their houses, take a selfie with it and upload the picture on the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' website: harghartiranga.com.

"PM Shri @narendramodi Ji's #HarGharTiranga campaign has evolved into a

national movement over the last two years, awakening the



basic unity in every Indian across the length and breadth of the nation. I appeal to all citizens to bolster this movement further and participate in it with the same enthusiasm again," he wrote on X.

SSB DG Chawdhary to hold additional charge of BSF

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: SSB Director General (DG) Daljit Singh Chawdhary will hold the additional charge of the Border Security Force following the premature repatriation of incumbent Nitin Agrawal, a government order said Saturday.

Agrawal, a 1989-batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer of the Kerala cadre, was removed as the BSF DG on Friday by an order of the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC), headed by the prime minister.

A Union home ministry order issued on Saturday said that Chawdhary, a 1990-batch IPS officer of the Uttar Pradesh cadre, will hold the additional charge of the post of BSF DG "till the appointment of a regular incumbent or until further orders, whichever is earlier." Chawdhary is the DG of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), the force that guards India's frontiers with Nepal and Bhutan. The ACC on Friday ordered

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My mission is development, peace for J&K: Azad



Chairman DPAP Ghulam Nabi Azad addressing party workers.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Chairman Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) Ghulam Nabi Azad on Saturday held extensive consultations with party delegations in Srinagar and Jammu and sought sug-

gestions and insights from the leaders and workers with regard to preparation for the upcoming assembly elections.

During extensive interaction, Azad highlighted the significance of involving party members at all levels in

the decision-making process. He underscored the need for a unified and collaborative approach to ensure that the DPAP's electoral strategy effectively addresses the needs and aspirations of the people.

Azad said that the recently held Lok Sabha elections have been largely focused on national issues, but the assembly elections will present a different scenario.

He said that due to delay in assembly elections, the people are now eager for the polls, as many of their concerns remain unresolved.

Azad also pointed out the lack of developmental

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Focus on 'Har Ghar Nal se Jal' certification, completion of JJM schemes: CS

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo on Saturday held a periodical review of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) for taking stock of achieving its mission of providing Functional Tap Water Connections (FHTCs) to all the households in J&K.

Besides ACS, Jal Shakti Department and Principal Secretary, Finance the meeting was attended by Chairman, JKWRRA; MD, JJM; Chief Engineers of Jal Shakti and I&FC Departments besides other concerned officers. During this meeting the

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PM implemented Ambedkar's vision in J&K: Chugh



BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh briefing media in Jammu on Saturday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh, who is also the party incharge for J&K, on Saturday, said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has ushered in a new era for the people of reserved classes by abrogation of Article 370.

Addressing media persons, Tarun Chugh, said it has

been a historic feat for J&K after the abrogation of the Article 370 whereby the dream of Baba Sahib Ambedkar was realized in Jammu and Kashmir.

Tarun Chugh, accompanied by Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, General Secretary, J&K BJP and former Minister, Sanjay Nirmal, National General Secretary

SC Morcha, Neelam Langleh, President, BJP SC Morcha and former MLA also addressed the meeting of SC Morcha leaders at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Launching a scathing attack on Muftis, Abdullahs and Gandhis, Chugh said that it was a criminal conspiracy of them all to keep the people of J&K deprived of the benefits of the Constitutional provisions.

He said the Modi government has given a new hope and vision to the J&K people and a new era of growth and development has come about here. Chugh said all

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PM's advice to Governors holds special significance for J&K



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DOST KHAN
Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday had a special word for Governors of all the states in the country, to play the role of effective bridge between the Centre and the state and interact with people and social organizations in a manner to coopt those, who are under-privileged. These words have a special resonance for Jammu and Kashmir, the Union Territory that is battling on multiple fronts - fighting terrorism, corruption and overall inertia. This fight is on despite many successes that the UT achieved in the past five years

for the peoples of the states whenever the political governments deviate from the constitutional agenda. The Governors are there to safeguard the Constitution, checking and curbing the disturbing trends, which are guided by parochial politics in different states.

It should be understood that the Governors are there to guide the governments to walk on the path laid down by the Constitution, work for the people all the time. This is not a surveillance but a duty of the men and women in Raj Bhavans. The problem also arises when Governors' reports are looked other way round. Jammu and Kashmir has provided so many examples when the reports of the Governors, alerting the Centre about the emerging threats to national security were thrown into dustbins. There were times when the Congress-ruled Centre would not pay any attention to the appearance of the secessionist movements in Kashmir simply because the Congress and regional parties were in alliance. The national security was berated, paving way for political expedients.

Much before the 1987 Assembly polls, which were widely alleged to be rigged, the then Governor Jagmohan had sent a number of reports that listed concerns about the rising activities of the inimical forces, undermining the national interest. His reports were not taken seriously by the Centre because Rajiv Gandhi's Congress and

National C'conference were alliance partners in the government. In such circumstances, Governor was reduced to a non-entity. Jagmohan's words became prophetic. The terrorism took roots in Kashmir after the 1987 Assembly polls, but the terrorism had started taking shape before that. An ever vigilant Governor and the Centre willing to listen to unpalatable things, ignoring the political compulsions and alliances, form a core to democracy. The Centre must trust the Governor and the Governor should live up to his duty. Times have gone when the Raj Bhavan used to be a house for retired bureaucrats and politicians, who outlived their political careers, it is time for proactive Governors, who keep the national interest in their personal and professional portfolio.

J&K has suffered because of the gaps- between the Centre and the state governments, isolated Raj Bhavans. The fact is that the political governments in states have their own political compulsions, but in J&K these compulsions seriously impacted the national interest. The vigilant Governors did play their role, but their efforts to spotlight ills were stonewalled by the Centre for one reason or the other: Jammu and Kashmir is a critical feature of the national security and is positioned as crown of the country. Therefore, it makes special demands on

the persons living in Raj Bhavan. As of today, J&K is a Union Territory, and Lieutenant Governor holds all powers, but after the elections, the things will not remain the same despite the Centre having vested almost all powers to the office of LG. There are examples coming from Delhi which are violative of the division of powers. J&K is an important place, its borders are with Pakistan and PoJK, and by extension with China in Ladakh. The national security is inter-linked; it doesn't get separated by the separate union territories.

LG Manoj Sinha has set many examples, which helped J&K to stabilize in the most difficult situations. He accommodated his role as a representative of the Centre and also that of the people of Jammu and Kashmir with finesse. Manoj Sinha exemplifies perfect and effective bridge between Delhi and the people of the Union Territory.

It is time to take note of each and every word spoken by Prime Minister at the Governor's Conference on Friday. He has underscored the importance of the post of Governor as an "institution which could play a crucial role in the welfare of people of the State within the framework of the Constitution, particularly with reference to tribal areas." Each and every word holds special significance for J&K.

WEATHER
Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 31.0°C Min: 26.3°C
Humidity
Max: 91 Min: 74
Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 33.1°C Min: 23.2°C
Humidity
Max: 68 Min: 50
Sunset : 19:27 Hours
Sunrise : 05:45 Hours