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LG orders dismissal of 2 Govt employees over terror links

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday terminated the services of two government employees in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir over their alleged involvement in terror activities, officials said.

The sacked employees were identified as Siyad Ahmad Khan, an Assistant Stockman in the Sheep Husbandry Department, son of Mohd Afzal Khan, resident of Keran, District Kupwara, and Khurshid Ahmad Rather, a school teacher, son of Mohd Yousaf Rather, resident of Nawa Gabra, Karnah, Kupwara both in north Kashmir's Kupwara district.

Article 311 (2)(c) of the Constitution was invoked to terminate their services after investigations by security and intelligence agencies established their involvement, they said. Both of them are currently lodged in the Kupwara district jail.

According to officials, Rather is accused of working as an Overground Worker (OGW) for the Lashkar-e-Taiba.

A probe revealed that Rather, who was appointed under the Rehbar-e-Taleem scheme in 2003 and confirmed in 2008, allegedly procured and distributed arms and narcotics for Pakistan-based handlers. He was arrested earlier this year after arms were seized in Kupwara.

He was tasked by Pakistan-



based handlers to procure and distribute arms, ammunition and narcotics among active terrorists in the Valley. He reportedly received several consignments through the LoC in Karnah. The weapons were supplied to terrorists, while proceeds from narcotics sales were used to fund operations, they said.

His role surfaced after intelligence inputs on January 25, 2024, indicated that two Pakistani terrorists, with the

help of four associates, including Rather, were smuggling arms in Kupwara.

Khan, appointed in 2004, was caught with an AK-47 and is accused of sheltering and infiltrating terrorists and smuggling arms.

Investigators revealed that he was in touch with a Pakistan-based handler, who used him for smuggling arms and narcotics across the LoC for further distribution to active LeT terrorists.

Officials described their actions as "betrayal of national trust", underscoring the administration's zero-tolerance policy against terror support networks within government ranks.

They said the Lieutenant Governor was satisfied after considering the facts and circumstances of the cases and noted that, on the basis of the information available, the activities of the two are such as to warrant their dismissal from service.

ED attaches immovable properties worth over Rs 66 Cr

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Jammu Sub Zonal Office, has provisionally attached several immovable properties worth Rs 66.77 crore under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) here, the agency said on Friday. The provisionally attached properties comprise factory land and building

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Nine SHO's among 13 officers transferred

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Udhampur transferred nine Station House Officers (SHOs) among 13 officers.

As per order, Inspector Raghubir Singh has been transferred from Police Station (P/S) Udhampur and posted as SHO Chenani, Inspector Neelam Saini from DPL Udhampur as SHO Women Police

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56th Raising Day: CM inaugurates girls' hostel 'Triveni' at Sainik School Nagrota

CM Omar Abdullah inaugurating girls' hostel 'Triveni' at Sainik School Nagrota on Friday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Sainik School Nagrota on Friday marked its 56th Raising Day with a significant milestone as Chief Minister of the Union

Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Omar Abdullah, inaugurated the newly constructed girls' hostel 'Triveni'.

On arrival, the Chief Minister was accorded a ceremonial Guard of Honour and paid homage at the Shaurya Smarak by laying a wreath in tribute to the school's bravehearts. He later joined the staff for a group photograph to commemorate the occasion.

The event was attended by senior officers from Headquarters 16

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Rajnath, LG to visit cloudburst-hit Chashoti village on Sunday

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha will visit cloudburst-hit Chashoti village in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district to review the search operation and

interact with the affected population.

The death toll from the natural calamity that struck Chashoti - the last motorable village en route to the Machail Mata temple - on August 14 has risen to 65, including three CISF person-

nel and one Special Police Officer (SPO) of J&K Police. Over 100 people were injured, and 32 remain missing. Singh and Sinha will visit Chashoti village on Sunday, an official told PTL.

"They will be reviewing

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J&K, its youth have huge role to play in achieving 'Viksit Bharat' goal: Union MoS

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir and its youth have a huge role to play in achieving the goal of 'Viksit Bharat@2047' and take the country forward, Union minister Raksha Khadse said on Friday.

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that we have to achieve Viksit Bharat by 2047. Jammu and Kashmir and its youth will play a huge role in realising that goal and taking the country forward," Khadse, the Minister of State for Sports and Youth

Affairs, told reporters here. Khadse on Friday attended

a wushu selection trial for next year's Asian Games in Japan at the Sher-e-Kashmir indoor stadium, in which over 200 players participated.

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ED raids nine places in Jammu, Udhampur in custodian land-grabbing case

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Friday carried out searches at nine locations in Jammu and Kashmir in connection with land-grabbing and corruption cases linked to custodian land property belonging to evacuees from Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (PoK), officials said.

ED's Jammu unit carried out the searches at the nine locations, including eight in Jammu and one in Udhampur.

According to officials, the searches were conducted against Pranav Dev Singh,

Patwari; Rahul Kai, Patwari; Akeel Ahmed, Naib Tehsildar; and several others allegedly involved in the case.

The probe stems from a First Information Report (FIR) registered by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (Central), Jammu and Kashmir Police, in 2022.

Investigators suspect large-scale irregularities in the

transfer and illegal occupation of custodian land in the Jammu region.

Jammu and Kashmir Anti-Corruption Bureau had extracted one of the major land seams in Jammu and Kashmir, wherein custodian land in Asarwan, Mishriwala and Bhalwal area of Jammu district was found usurped by the land mafia in connivance with the officers, officials of the custodian, revenue and police departments.

Inputs were then received that custodian land in thousands of Kanal situated at Asarwan, Mishriwala

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Thar Road Rage Horror: Court rejects bail of accused, calls act 'Attempt to Murder'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a sensational case that has shaken Jammu, the Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) Court on Friday rejected the bail plea of 19-year-old Mannan Anand, accused of brutally running over a 68-year-old man with a Mahindra Thar in Gandhi Nagar.

The court termed the act not just rash driving but a deliberate attempt to murder, captured on CCTV in broad daylight.

On July 27, Anand was allegedly driving his Thar (JK02DP-9594) recklessly near Green Belt Park, Gandhi Nagar, when he

rammed into a Scooty (JK02BS-6435) ridden by senior citizen Kamal Kant Dutt. Eyewitnesses and CCTV footage revealed a chilling sequence: instead of stopping, the accused reversed the SUV and ran over the victim a second time as he tried to get up. The incident left Dutt grievously injured; he was first shifted to GMC Jammu and later referred to Fortis Hospital, Chandigarh, where he remains in a critical condition.

While dismissing the bail application, CJM Preet Simran Kour Grover

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Army Commander lauds forces for relief works in Chashoti

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Northern Army Commander Lieutenant General Pratik Sharma has complimented troops for the disaster relief efforts undertaken by them during the Chisoti cloudburst.

The Army commander visited Kishtwar and Rajouri districts on Thursday.

"Lt Gen Pratik Sharma, Army Commander Northern Command, visited hinterland formations and units at Rajouri and Kishtwar to compliment troops for their resilient action, as also swift and successful execution of HADR efforts during Chishoti cloudburst," the Northern Command said on X.

A cloudburst struck Chisoti, the last motorable village en route to the Machail Mata temple, on August 14, leaving 65 people dead and 33 missing.

The Army inducted over 300 troops with machines for the search, rescue and relief operation in Chisoti. Army engineers on Sunday

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Ex-Congress MLC's son Aditya Malhotra arrested by Chhattisgarh Police in Jammu

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a major development, Aditya Malhotra, son of former MLC Amrit Malhotra and brother of presently BJP leader Vikram Malhotra, has been arrested by a special team of Chhattisgarh Police from Jammu on Friday evening. Sources confirmed that Aditya has been taken into custody in connection with a fraud case reportedly related to the supply of solar panels and booked under sections of criminal breach of trust.

Following his arrest, Aditya was lodged in Sainik Colony

Booked for fraud & cheating

Police Post in Jammu and is likely to be shifted to Chhattisgarh on transit remand tomorrow. Officials revealed that the arrest comes after sustained investigation into alleged fraudulent business dealings in Chhattisgarh, where Aditya Malhotra has been accused of duping parties in solar panel contracts.

This is not the first time Aditya Malhotra's name has surfaced in financial irregularities. The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) Jammu had, in 2022, registered a case against Aditya, his elder

brother Vikram Malhotra, and J&K Bank officials for causing a loss of Rs 5 crore to the J&K Bank.

According to FIR 12/2022, the ACB found that a term loan of Rs 5 crore had been sanctioned in July 2013 in favour of M/S A3 Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd., a company promoted by the Malhotra brothers. The loan, meant for constructing a 10,000 MT capacity warehousing project at Sehora, Jammu, was disbursed in violation of banking rules and pre-disbursement

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DM Jammu clears doubts on vehicle modification order

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: District Magistrate Jammu, Dr Rakesh Minhas, on Friday clarified the recent order on vehicle modifications, addressing concerns raised by the public.

He stated that the order applies only to changes that alter a vehicle's original dimensions as approved by the manufacturer. It also reiterates existing prohibitions on tinted glasses, pressure horns, high-intensity lights and other unauthorised alterations that compromise road safety and public convenience.

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PM hails Op Sindoor, credits 'Made in India' weapons for success

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KOLKATA: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said that the success of Operation Sindoor, which demolished terrorist hideouts across the border, was proof

that the BJP fulfils every resolution it takes, while also underlining the crucial role of 'Made in India' weapons in strengthening the country's defence. Addressing a

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Modi to visit Japan, China from August 29 to September 1

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will embark on a four-day visit of Japan and China on August 29, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) announced on Friday.

In the first leg of his trip, Modi will be in Japan on a two-day visit.

From Japan, he will travel to China, primarily to attend the annual summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO).

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 34.7°C Min: 24.7°C

Humidity
Max: 73 Min: 53

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 33.2°C Min: 19.3°C

Humidity
Max: 70 Min: 40

Sunset : 19:08 Hours
Sunrise : 05:59 Hours

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday felicitated the Winners of Centre for Innovations in Public Systems (CIPS) Awards at a ceremony in Srinagar.

In his address, the Lieutenant Governor extended his heartiest congratulations to all the recipients of the prestigious award. He said the CIPS Awards acknowledge and celebrate transformative initiatives in public systems to promote rapid social and economic progress and encourage others to become agents of change.

He lauded the courage and dedication of all the awardees with which they have stepped forward in sectors like health, education, information technology, rural development and bring about a positive change in the lives of a large portion of the country's population.

"Civil servants, engineers, doctors,

scientists, technocrats are administration's backbone. Their impartiality, honesty, efficiency and fearlessness are our most valuable assets. I am proud that as a team, they have worked to serve the people and contributing in nation building," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor highlighted that the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid a

Says, for Viksit J&K, we must nurture excellence, foster culture of innovation within governance

We must redouble our effort to adopt modern practices to build truly inclusive society; effective, transparent, and accountable governance

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SC modifies stray dogs order, directs their release back to local areas after sterilization

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Friday modified its direction prohibiting the release of vaccinated stray dogs from pounds in Delhi-NCR calling it "too harsh" and ordered the canines to be released post sterilisation and deworming.

A three-judge special bench headed by Justice Vikram Nath expanded the scope of the stray dogs case beyond the confines of Delhi-NCR and directed all states and union territories to be made parties in the matter.

The bench, however, said municipal authorities would continue to comply with the August 11 directions to pick up stray dogs from all localities of Delhi, Ghaziabad, Noida, Faridabad and

Gurugram and immediately create dog shelters or pounds.

The bench said the August 11 direction, passed by a two-judge bench for the permanent relocation of strays from streets to shelters, should be kept in abeyance for the time being.

"The dogs that are picked up shall be sterilised, dewormed, vaccinated, and released back to the same area from which they were picked up," the bench, also comprising Justices Sandeep Mehta and N V Anjaria, said.

It clarified the relocation should not apply to dogs infected with rabies or suspected to be infected with rabies and those displaying aggression.

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