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AC approves 'J&K...

the Second National Judicial Pay Commission (SNJPC) shall benefit those Judicial Officers who, on 01.01.2016, were holding permanent or temporary posts in the Jammu & Kashmir State Subordinate Judiciary, Judicial Officers who have been appointed against any post in the Subordinate Judiciary from 01.01.2016 up to the date of issuance of Jammu & Kashmir Subordinate Judicial (Revised) Pay Rules, 2023 (Implementation of Second National Judicial Pay Commission) and also to those who may be appointed against any such post hereafter.

The Implementation of SNJPC in favour of Judicial Officers of the Subordinate Courts is based on the analogy of the 7th Pay Commission and the decision entails a financial implication of an estimated amount of Rs. 75.38 Crore.

Terror module unearthed...

official said. He said incriminating material, including two pistols and five hand grenades, have been recovered from their possession.

A case under UA (P) & Arms Act has been registered and further investigation is going on, the police official said.

Govt relieves Sheema...

IPS (AGMUT:2016), Superintendent of Police, Handwara, as Assistant Director (SP Level), in the Intelligence Bureau (IB), on deputation basis, for a period of five years from the date of the assumption of charge of the post or until further orders, whichever event takes place earlier, the Officer is relieved from the Union territory of Jammu & Kashmir; to enable her to take up the new assignment," reads a government order:

The government also ordered that Yougal Kumar Manhas, Superintendent of Police, Kupwara, shall hold the charge of the post of Superintendent of Police, Handwara, in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

LG calls for...

the integrated AYUSH hospitals in various districts is a testimony to our commitment to strengthen the infrastructure for traditional medicine system in the UT.

The Lt Governor asked the Union Ministry of AYUSH for establishing an Ayurvedic College and Hospital in Kashmir. He also called for expediting the process for upgradation of 115 AYUSH dispensaries and release of funds for the Institute of High Altitude in Baderwah.

The Ayurveda Parv is comprised of various activities including Exhibitions, Scientific sessions, medical check-up camps, distribution of medicines and display of medicinal plants.

Padma Bhushan Vaidya Devinder Triguna; President of All India Ayurveda Congress; Padma Shri Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary, AYUSH; Dr. Manoj Nesari, Advisor, Ayurveda, Union Ministry of AYUSH; Vaidya Jayant Deo Pujari, Chairman NCISM; Prof. (Vaidya) Rakesh Sharma, President of Board of Ethics and Registration for Indian System of Medicine; Vaidya S. N. Pandey General Secretary, Akhil Bhartiya Ayurveda Mahasammelan; Sh Ranjeet Puranik, MD & CEO, Shree Dhootapapeshwar Ltd were present.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; Bhupinder Kumar, Secretary Health and Medical Education; Dr Mohan Singh. Director, AYUSH, J&K and other senior officers were also present.

DB seeks details...

accommodation including those persons who own or possess a house in the concerned City or who are in default of payment of license fee etc.

Advocate S.S. Ahmed further submitted that from the names of the persons to whom the Government has given accommodation in the list which is annexed as Annexure-R1 to the status report filed on March 28, 2023, it is seen that there are many persons who own a house in Jammu or in Kashmir and thus, they are not eligible for allotment of house even under the discretionary quota.

On a specific query in the open Court from the Division Bench, Advocate S.S. Ahmed submitted that there are several Politicians who have their own houses in Jammu and Srinagar Cities and have been allowed to retain the Ministerial Bungalows. From the compliance report dated March, 28, 2023 Advocate S.S. Ahmed in the open Court read the names of 48 Politicians which includes Ghulam Nabi Azad (Former CM), Shamsher Singh Manhas (Ex-MP), Muzzaffar Hussain Beigh (Ex-MP), Chander Mohan Gupta (Former Mayor JMC), Kavinder Gupta (Former Deputy CM), Sunil Sharma (Former Minister), Ravinder Raina (State President BJP), G.M. Saroori (Ex-MLA), Neelam Langeh (Ex-MLA), Daleep Singh Parihar (Ex-MLA), Bali Bhagat (Former Minister), Sat Sharma (Former Minister), Ravinder Sharma (Ex-MLC), Shilpy Verna (Political Person), Sajjad Gani Lone (Ex-MLA), Hakim Mohd. Yaseen (Ex-MLA), Sofi Yousaf (Ex-MLC), Abdul Majid Paddar (Ex-MLA), Vikram Randhawa (Ex-MLC), Mohd. Amin Bhat (Ex-MLA), Zafar Iqbal Manhas (Ex-MLC) etc.

Advocate S.S. Ahmed vociferously argued that the Estates Department is adopting dual standards as in similar situation 200 Political Persons including 02 Former Chief Ministers Mehbooba Mufti and Omar Abdullah were evicted but special treatment is being extended to 23 Politicians in Jammu City and 25 Politicians in Srinagar City thereby showing complete disregard to law of the land.

Advocate S.S. Ahmed further submitted that the Division Bench has vide its judgment dated December 26, 2022 in an application filed by Ch. Lal Singh (Former Minister/Formal MP) for retention of Government Accommodation has held that Security Assessment and Entitlement to Government Accommodation are two different issues and cannot be intermingled to defeat the process of law.

The Division Bench while dismissing the application filed by Ch. Lal Singh relied upon a latest judgment passed by Delhi High Court on September 14th, 2022 while rejecting the petition filed by Dr. Subramaniam Swamy, Ex-Member Rajya Sabha.

The Division Bench after considering the submissions of Advocate S.S. Ahmed observed and directed that, "In order to have a clear picture, S.S. Ahmed, learned counsel for the petitioner may furnish a list of those persons who possess houses in Jammu or in Kashmir as mentioned in the Annexure-R1 to the status report filed on March 28, 2023, within the meaning of Regulation 5 of Regulations of 2004 referred to above".

The Division Bench headed by Chief Justice N. Kotiswar Singh also directed Senior AAG S.S. Nanda appearing for the Estates Department that he shall also furnish as to whether any of the persons mentioned in the aforesaid list has an alternative accommodation/ house either in Jammu or in Kashmir so that appropriate order can be passed, as it will not be permissible under law to provide accommodation to any person who has an alternative accommodation within the meaning of Rule 5 of Regulations of 2004 and the same may be done within a period of one week from today.

Advocate S.S. Ahmed further submitted that many of those persons (Ex-Legislators) who have been given accommodation are otherwise not entitled even if, they are deemed to be holding the offices.

The Division Bench accordingly directed the Estates Department to indicate as to the nature of the accommodation provided to the allottees to examine whether such allotment conforms to Regulation 3 of the aforesaid Regulations of 2004 which classifies the type of residences to be allotted to the persons mentioned.

With these observations and directions the Division Bench directed the Registry to re-notify the instant PIL on September, 25, 2023.

Rs 500- Rs...

established that a scam of Rs.500-700 crore in the implementation of Ayushman Bharat Jan Arogya Scheme in J&K has been committed, as such, the complainant lodged a comprehensive complaint dated October 10, 2022 to the Director, CBI seeking registration of FIR in the multi-crore scam. However, CBI did nothing in the matter and kept quite and did not convey the outcome of the complaint to the whistleblower and it was on February 7, 2023 the complainant S.S. Ahmed filed an application before Special Judge, Anti-Corruption (CBI Cases), Jammu wherein the complainant sought directions to the CBI to submit the status of the complaint dated October 10, 2022.

In the application filed today, it is further submitted by Advocate S.S. Ahmed that pursuant to the directions passed by the Special Judge Anti-Corruption (CBI Cases), Jammu, the CBI filed a status report wherein it was divulged that the complaint dated October 10, 2022 has been forwarded by the CBI to the Director, Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), J&K vide its letter dated April 19, 2023.

Advocate S.S. Ahmed during the course of arguments submitted that almost five months have elapsed since the entrustment of the scam to the ACB by CBI Headquarters and the ACB is sitting over the matter and the ACB has not disclosed the final outcome of the matter till date.

Advocate S.S. Ahmed further submitted that the ACB, J&K is under a legal obligation to share the outcome of the Inquiry with the complainant within seven days as mandated by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in case titled Lalita Kumari Vs Government of U.P & Ors wherein the Supreme Court has directed that the applicant/complainant must be informed about the outcome of the preliminary inquiry within seven days.

After considering the submissions of Advocate S.S. Ahmed who appeared in person, the Court of Additional Sessions Judge (Anti-Corruption), Jammu O.P. Bhagat directed Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), Jammu to submit the latest status of the complaint dated October 10, 2022 lodged by Advocate Sheikh Shakel Ahmed originally to Director, CBI seeking registration of FIR into Rs.500-700 crores scam in the implementation of Ayushman Bharat Jan Arogya Scheme in the Union Territory of J&K which later came to be transferred by CBI on April 19, 2023 to the Director, Anti-Corruption Bureau, J&K. The Additional Sessions Judge (Anti-Corruption) Jammu has directed the ACB to submit the status report by or before September 26, 2023.

Udhampur railway station...

accorded a formal approval, the officials said.

"Sanction is hereby accorded to the naming of 'Udhampur railway station' as 'Martyr Captain Tushar Mahajan railway station' in district Udhampur, Jammu and Kashmir," Sanjeev Verma, Commissioner Secretary, General Administration Department (GAD), said in an order issued here on Thursday evening.

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) accorded approval to the renaming of Udhampur railway station on September 6, the officials said.

Union Minister Jitendra Singh, who represents the Kathua-Udhampur parliamentary constituency in Lok Sabha, had announced the decision through a tweet on September 6. The demand for renaming of the station was raised by the people of Udhampur to the Central government.

SC trashes allegation...

individuals and interveners who came and addressed us from the valley. So, we have been hearing the voice of the nation."

The top court reserved its verdict on September 5 on a batch of pleas challenging the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution which bestowed special status on the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, after 16 days of marathon hearing.

The matter came up after the top court refused to entertain a petition filed by a Micro Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) firm for which Nedumpara was appearing. It refused to entertain the plea on the ground that the petitioner had

not challenged it in the High Court and instead approached the top court against the magistrate's order.

Nedumpara, while leaving after the order was dictated, said the court should take care of small business enterprises, a remark which prompted CJI Chandrachud to question him about the email he had written to the top court.

The CJI told Nedumpara about a recent constitution bench matter the outcome of which will have an impact on the livelihood of numerous drivers across the country.

The top court was referring to a constitution bench matter it heard on September 13 in which it had asked the Centre if a change in the law that allows a person holding a driving licence for a light motor vehicle to legally drive a transport vehicle of a particular weight was warranted.

"All constitution bench matters are not necessarily interpretations of the Constitution. If you came and sat in our court the day before yesterday you would have found that we were dealing with a matter which concerned the livelihood of hundreds and thousands of drivers all across the country. The issue was whether a person who holds a licence to drive a light motor vehicle can drive a commercial vehicle," the bench, also comprising Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, told Nedumpara.

CJI Chandrachud asked the lawyer to "disabuse his mind" that the apex court was "only dealing with some fancy constitution bench matters which have no bearing on the lives of ordinary people".

After drawing flak from the court, Nedumpara said he salutes the court for doing good work of enabling virtual hearing which immensely benefited lawyers and litigants. "I am not against the court hearing matters involving the fundamental rights of people. I am only against this court hearing matters of public interest behind the back of the people," he said. The bench said even this statement of his is wrong as people appear before the court in constitution bench matters through various intervention applications like it happened in the Article 370 matter.

J&K Bank presents...

Expressing pleasure over the sustained surge in Bank's share price, he said, "With most of its financial parameters improving during the last many quarters, it is quite a comforting sign for investors to see the Bank's shares trading above Rs 100."

Earlier, MD & CEO Baldev Prakash thanked the UT Government led by Lt Governor Manoj Sinha for support, guidance and gave a brief overview of the Bank's performance and future plans. "Backed by the continued support and guidance of the UT Government, we are mostly on trajectory to achieve our annual targets. We remain committed to provide best banking services to the people while working diligently towards realizing the UT Government's mission of Inclusive, equitable and sustainable economic growth in J&K", he said.

Meanwhile, continuing its bullish trend the Bank's share-price today closed at Rs 104.60, thereby earning 214% in returns for its investors during the last one year.

Modi to launch...

outlay of Rs 13,000 crore. Under the scheme, the prospective beneficiaries will be registered free of charge through common services centres using biometric-based PM Vishwakarma portal.

September 17 also happens to be the birthday of the prime minister, who will turn 73 on Sunday.

The scheme's targeted beneficiaries will be provided recognition through PM Vishwakarma certificate and ID card, skill upgradation involving basic and advanced training, toolkit incentive of Rs 15,000, collateral-free credit support up to Rs lakh (first tranche) and ?2 lakh (second tranche) at a concessional interest rate of five per cent, incentive for digital transactions and marketing support, the statement said. It added that the scheme aims to strengthen and nurture the "Guru-Shishya parampara" or family-based practice of traditional skills.

The prime focus of the scheme is improving the quality as well as the reach of products and services of artisans and crafts people and to ensure that they are integrated with the domestic and global value chains, it said.

The scheme will provide support to artisans and crafts people of rural and urban areas across India. Eighteen traditional crafts will be covered under it: carpenters, boat-makers, armourer; blacksmiths, hammer and tool kit makers, locksmiths, goldsmiths, potters, sculptors, stone-breakers, cobblers, masons, basket/mat/broom makers and coir weavers, doll and toy makers, barbers, garland makers, washer men; tailors, and fishing net makers.

It is mostly the members of Other Backward Classes who have been traditionally engages in these occupations and the scheme is also seen as an attempt by the ruling BJP to reach out to a key voting segment.

Journalist Majid Hyderi ...

Indian Penal Code (IPC) was registered at the Saddar police station on the basis of an order issued by the JMFC court in Srinagar, police said on X.

Majid Hyderi, son of Jahangir Hyderi, has been arrested for criminal conspiracy, intimidation, extortion, giving false information, defamation etc., they added.

Hyderi, who has worked with a number of publications and news portals, is also a regular on television news channels as a political analyst.

2 inter-state...

During their search, police recovered 400 grams of heroin worth Rs 28 lakh in the international market from their possession, police said.

A case has been registered against the duo and an investigation is underway, they added. Senior Superintendent of Police Samba, Benam Tosh said 70 hardcore narco-suppliers, including 13 women, have been arrested in the past eight months and several others have been booked under the law.

DPAP Mahila Wing holds meetings



Members of DPAP women wing after the meeting.

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RAMBAN/DODA: Mahila Wing Provincial President democratic progressive Azad party Prabha Salathia attend meeting in district head quarters Ramban & Doda in which Narinder Kour provincial secretary from Batote Sushma Sharma retired lecturer Shamim Akthar block Gandhri Anushiya Devi from Maitra block Tasleema Katoch from block Ukhral and others prominent leaders of Mahila Wing were present in meeting. Salathia said even when Azad was health minister in union govt. He Sanctioned various medical colleges for the j&k this is called the vision

for its people unlike those who exploit the sentiments of people for pity issues like ration card etc . She said j&k is required of sustainable development measures and short term cosmetic initiatives won't ever work to eradicate unemployment and economic woes of people. Other prominent DPAP leaders Thakur Dharam Chand State Secretary, Arun Singh Raju Provincial Secretary, Ch Mohd Farooq District General Secretary, Sheikh Shabir Ahmed District Working President Youth, Gurjeet Singh Drora, Surjeet Lal Vice President Youth District, District General Secretary Youth Irshad Iqbal, Block president Maitra Mohd Shaif Sheikh and others party leaders attended meetings.

IPHH College of Nursing & Health Sciences donates computers to SDH Akhnoor



College students, faculty along with SDH Akhnoor administration.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

AKHNOOR: Institute of Public Health and Hygiene College of Nursing and Health Sciences has donated computers with printer to Sub-District Hospital, Akhnoor in Jammu. IPHH offers a wide range of courses including B.Sc Nursing,

Multipurpose Health Worker, and General Nursery and Midwifery, it stands out for its commitment to accessibility with online and on-site classes, wheelchair accessibility, and financial aid. IPHH also assists its students with job placements and runs a paramedics and

nursing school, making it a pivotal institution in shaping the future of healthcare professionals in the region.

With a legacy of nearly five decades, IPHH College continues to inspire and empower students in their pursuit of a healthcare career.

The event started with the welcome address by Prof. Rakesh Sharma, Head Department of Hindi. A number of career opportuni-

ties such as in media and journalism, in the entertainment industry, in translation and content creation, teaching, government and administrative services, digital marketing and social media were discussed in the event. The adjudicators for the event were Dr. Mukesh Kumar, Assistant Professor in music, Dr. Arun Kumar, Head Department of Sanskrit and Ms. Tripti, a renowned Hindi writer.

After the rigorous discussion Ms. Arti of Sem 3rd, Ms. Shagun of Semester 3rd and Ms. Siya of Semester 5th were awarded first, sec-

Apni Party takes out candle march in Kathua



Apni party workers taking out candle march at Kathua.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: Apni Party today organized a candle light march here in Kathua as a mark of respect in memory of three martyred security force officers in Anantnag during an encounter with the terrorists.

The candle light march was led by Apni Party Spokesperson, Khushboo Bhagat with other party leaders, and locals from Mukharjee Chowk to Shaheed Chowk in Kathua district.

During the candle light march, the Apni Party leaders under the leadership of Khushboo Bhagat marched in memory of the martyred two Indian Army officers, and a DySP of J&K Police.

The Apni Party leaders said that the supreme sacrifice made by the Indian Army and JK Police and other security forces will be remembered.

Later, the candle light march concluded peacefully in which the participants prayed for the eternal peace of the departed souls, and courage to the respective family members to bear this irreparable loss.

The participants in the candle light march extended full support to the national heroes and their families.

Hindi Diwas celebrated at GLDM GDC Hiranagar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

H I R A N A G A R : Department of Hindi Girdhari Lal Dogra Memorial Govt. Degree College Hiranagar celebrated Hindi Diwas on the topic 'Hindi mein Rozgar'on the occasion of National Hindi Day. The event marks a testament to the commitment for promoting and celebrating the rich cultural and linguistic heritage of Hindi, while also opening doors to a multitude of professional paths for Hindi enthusiasts.

Dr. Pragya Khanna, the Principal of the College in

her message held that the promotion of linguistic heritage of the country is a primary concern of the College. She further held that Hindi language has been one of the binding and emotional factors for the people and promotion and conservation of the language would be made possible by the speakers of the Hindi language only. The event was presided by Prof. Shujaut Khan, Co-ordinator IQAC and Head Department of Computer Sciences and the Chief Guest on the occasion was Dr. Davinder Kour.



Faculty and students during the event.

Hindi Diwas, commemorates the day when Hindi, written in the Devanagari script, was adopted as the official language of the Indian Republic. This event

not only marks a historic milestone but also serves as a reminder of the immense potential of the Hindi language in contemporary society. The event was cele-

brated in two sessions. The first one witnessed a number of students discussing and presenting remarkable speeches on the exploration of different career opportunities for graduates in Hindi language. The event was one-of-a-kind opportunity for Hindi graduates, students, and enthusiasts to gain insight into how their passion for the language can translate into a fulfilling career.

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