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Should not those who change loyalties overnight for power sharing/self benefits be outrightly rejected by voter citizen?

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**PROPERTY RIGHTS FOR WOMEN EVEN** AFTER MARRIAGE

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE** TO PROTECT WOMEN

SHANTI, STHIRTA AUR VIKAS, JAMMU-KASHMIR KO MODI PAR VISHWAS

# Tribunal upholds ban on 6 J&K separatist groups

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: A judicial tribunal of the Delhi High Court has upheld the Centre's ban on two factions of the separatist group Muslim Conference Jammu and Kashmir and four factions of another secessionist organisation, Jammu and Kashmir People's League (JKPL), for threatening India's integrity by promoting, aiding and abetting the secession of Jammu and Kashmir through terrorism.

Three separate orders --Muslim one for the Conference Jammu and Kashmir (Bhat faction), Muslim Conference Jammu and Kashmir (Sumji faction) and a third one for the four factions of the JKPL -- upholding the ban imposed under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act were issued by the tribunal consisting of Neena Bansal Krishna, a Delhi High Court judge.

The Muslim Conference Jammu and Kashmir (MCJK-Bhat) was declared a banned association by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) through a notification on February 28.

The tribunal was constituted on March 18 for the purpose of adjudicating whether or not there was sufficient cause for declaring the MCJK-Bhat an unlawful association.

"And, whereas, the said tribunal, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (3) of section 4 of the Unlawful (Prevention)

passed an order on August 23, 2024, confirming the declaration made in the said notification," the home ministry said through a notification issued on Tuesday.

While imposing the ban, the ministry had said the MCJK-Bhat had linkages with banned terror outfits and supported terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir, its members were indulging in generating feelings of hatred and disaffection against the country to separate Jammu and Kashmir from the Union of India, and its leaders and members were involved in raising funds through various sources, including from Pakistan and its proxy organisations, for perpetratunlawful activities, including supporting terror

activities and sustained

stone-pelting on security forces. The MHA had also said the MCJK-Bhat and its members, by their activities, showed sheer disrespect towards the country's constitutional authority and constitutional set up, gave a clarion call to boycott polls on multiple occasions. attempted to subvert the will of people and the democratic process in Jammu and Kashmir, and were involved in promoting, aiding and abetting the secession of Jammu and Kashmir from India through anti-national

In the second order, the tribunal upheld the February 28 ban imposed on the MCJK (Sumji faction).

and subversive activities.

In its order issued on

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#### Backbone of terrorism, separatism broken by Modi-led Govt in J&K: BJP

**STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU: The BJP on Wednesday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government at the Centre has broken the backbone of terrorism and separatism in Jammu and Kashmir, and ensured massive development in the Union Territory.

"The Modi government's zero tolerance policy for terrorism established peace which was further strengthened with the historic decision of abrogating Article 370 in August 2019," J&K BJP spokesperson, Lt Gen Referring to the reported recent remarks of former

Rakesh Sharma (retd) said. home minister Sushil Kumar Shinde that he was afraid of going to Kashmir, Sharma said the situation in the valley has improved appreciably with a decline of 70 per cent

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## Cabinet approves Rs 5 lakh health coverage for all above 70 yrs age

**BANK LOAN** 

Committed to ensuring affordable, top quality healthcare for every Indian: Modi

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: The Union Wednesday Cabinet on approved health coverage to

years and above under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana irre- $_{
m their}$ income, around six crore senior citizens, Union Minister Ashwini

health insurance cover ernment said

70 years and above belonging will get a cover up to Rs 5 to families already covered lakh per year on a family under AB PM-JAY will get

the age 70 years and above

an additional top-up cover up basis," an official statement

all persons aged 70

benefiting Vaishnaw said.

The Rs 5 lakh free would benefit senior citizens of around 4.5 crore families. Eligible beneficiaries would be issued a new distinct card under the scheme, the gov-

"Senior citizens of the age

ance policies or Employees' State Insurance scheme will be eligible to avail benefits under the the Avushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya

It clarified that

senior citizens of

70 years and above

who are under pri-

vate health insur-

Issued by BJP Jammu

Yojana (AB PM-JAY). However, those already availing benefits of other public health insurance

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### Over 310 kanals land scam unearthed

### ACB registers 10 FIRs against revenue officers, land grabbers, conduits

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU: Former Union

Minister and Member of



Parliament, Anurag Singh Thakur on Wednesday said that the Gandhi-Abdullah families are advocating for terrorists and separatists in

Official suspended

in Srinagar for

dereliction of duties

SRINAGAR: In view of

dereliction of the Election

related duties, the District

Election Officer (DEO)

Srinagar has ordered sus-

pension of a Government

official with immediate

effect. The order issued on

Wednesday in this regard by

the DEO Srinagar, a

Government Officer namely,

Assistant Director erstwhile

Gazetteers Unit (presently

posted in the National

Register of Records Office,

Srinagar in Department of

Archives, Archaeology &

Museum Kashmir) had been

Magistrate for Barzulla Zone falling in 23-Chanpora

The order also reads that

"the Officer despite repeated

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Assembly Constituency.

intimations refused to

appointed

Sarfaraz Ahmad

**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

Jammu and Kashmir. Anurag Thakur said, "During the rule of the three

Gandhi-Abdullah families advocating

for terrorists, separatists: Anurag

families, Jammu and Kashmir became synonymous with conflict, terrorism, and instability. But today, we are living in a Jammu and Kashmir that is progressing on the path of peace, development, and prosperity. This story of transforma-

tion is not just a result of political change, but of the determination and dedication of Prime

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**STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU: While continuing

its tirade against the nexus of revenue officers and land mafia, J&K Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) achieved yet another major success in extracting the land scam, wherein around 310 kanals of Custodian land in Asarwan, Mishriwala and Bhalwal area of Jammu district has been found usurped by the land mafia in connivance with the officers and

Earlier, the ACB had unearthed land scam involving around 210 kanals of Custodian land, wherein 5 FIR were registered.

Inputs were received that Custodian land in thousands of Kanal situated at Asarwan, Mishriwala and Bhalwal Jammu, has been fraudulently grabbed by the land grabbers/gangsters in connivance with the Revenue and police officers/officials.

The revenue records have been tempered and land has been sold to various persons. ACB conducted a formal verification wherein it was found that in furtherance of the criminal conspiracy, FORM 3-A (Form Alf) along with power of attorneys (POAs) were obtained from various POK Refugees, alluring them of additional lands and providing them instant money ranging from ?5000 to \$50,000 by the conduits of land grabbers, and thereafter

### Show cause notices issued election training

JAMMU: District Election scheduled for Wednesday.

Show cause notices have responses received.

ing additional chunks of custodian lands were made in the revenue records by the officials/officers of Revenue and Custodian department, by sheer abuse of their official positions, and these lands were sold by the conduits and attorney holders to various persons including their own gang leaders and members, by resorting to fraudulent means, thereby causing a huge loss to

#### Commissioner of Income Tax, J&K, Ladakh STATE TIMES NEWS Union Ministries, including SRINAGAR: Vikram Sahay,

Vikram Sahay assumes charge as Principal

to Rs 5 lakh per year for

themselves (which they do

not have to share with the

other members of the family

who are below the age of 70

"All other senior citizens of

a senior officer of the Indian Revenue Service (IRS) from the 1992 batch, has assumed the charge of Principal Commissioner of Income Tax, Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

Sahay brings with him immense experience garof service rendered in different important assignments across the country.

Sahay has also served on deputation with various key

the Ministry of Information



& Broadcasting and the Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD).

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## Chugh strongly condemns Rahul Gandhi's anti-India remarks, divisive politics

of Custodian.



filing nomination of BJP candidate Rajeev Jasrotia. **STATE TIMES NEWS** 

JAMMU: Tarun Chugh,

Secretary, has strongly condemned the statements made by Rahul Gandhi during his

once again highlighted his routine engagement with anti-India propagandists and forces working against the nation's interests", Chugh said in a statement, adding that his actions, along with his efforts to spread false narratives, are deeply concerning and represent a grave insult to India's global

standing and national pride.

Chugh said, "It is deeply

"Rahul Gandhi's visit has

regrettable that the ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

# to employees absent from

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

Officer Sachin Kumar Vaishva has initiated action against government employees who failed to attend election duty training sessions

been issued to Controlling Officers and employees demanding explanations for their absence. Disciplinary action would follow after a thorough review of the conduct of Assembly

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## Two JeM terrorists killed in Basantgarh; operation on



JAMMU: Two terrorists affiliated with Jaish-e-

were killed in an ongoing

operation in the upper reaches of Basantgarh

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**BSF** trooper injured as Pakistan violates ceasefire along border in Akhnoor JAMMU: A Border Security Force (BSF) personnel was injured when Pakistani troops resorted to unprovoked firing on Indian posts in violation of a ceasefire agreement along the border here on Wednesday, officials

The BSF troops also retaliated but the casualties or the Pakistani side were

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### Paralympic Archery champions Sheetal Devi, Rakesh Kumar ECI's National PwD Icons Both archers will team up to enhance participation in J&K Polls: CEC

### J&K CEO lauds ECI for recognising archers for their extraordinary journeys

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: Paralympic archery champions from J&K Sheetal Devi and Rakesh Kumar team up to inspire voters nationwide as ECI's national icons for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs).

In an event organised on Wednesday at Nirvachan Sadan here, Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Rajiv Kumar along with Election Commissioners (ECs) Gynaesh Kumar and Dr. Sukhbir Singh Sandhu felicitated Arjuna Awardee and ECI's National PwD icon, Sheetal Devi and her mixed doubles team partner Rakesh Kumar, in recognition of their outstanding achievement in winning a bronze



CEC Rajiv Kumar felicitating Arjuna Awardee and ECI's National PwD icon, Sheetal Devi and her mixed doubles team partner Rakesh Kumar.

medal in Archery at the Paris On the occasion, the Commission Summer Paralympics 2024. announced Rakesh Kumar.

renowned paralympian as the ECI National icon for PwDs.

The Commission while emphasising its commitment to accessible and inclusive elections said that as a young future voter from Jammu and Kashmir, Sheetal Devi motivates both youth and PwDs to engage in the democratic process.

CEC Rajiv Kumar in his address said that like in their game, the archers who belong to Jammu and Kashmir, will also team up to enhance voter participation in the election process, especially in the upcoming Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

While lauding the champions for their courage ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

### Kharge announces five guarantees for people of J&K

#### STATE TIMES NEWS ANANTNAG: Congress

President Mallikarjun Kharge on Wednesday announced five guarantees for the people JammuKashmir, including five lakh interest-free

loan for women entre-

preneurs and Rs 25

lakh health insurance per family, if the Congress-NC alliance

is voted to power in the Union territory. Campaigning for the

alliance candidates in this south Kashmir town, Kharge also said the Congress-NC government will give Rs 3,000 monthly to the women

heads of families besides promising to restore the provision to give 11 kg grains per person through the pub-



lic distribution system. He said the promise for rehabilitation of Kashmir Pandit migrants, which was made during the term of Manmohan Singh, will be fulfilled. The OBCs will

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Sunrise: 06:11 Hours