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Opposition trying tricks of last election in JU J&K, voter has moved on: Dr Jitendra Singh

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NC Manifesto promises establishing of Minority Commission in J&K: Will also NC notify/get notified local minorities also at J&K level?

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J&K Badminton team to leave for Chandigarh today

Must make all efforts to change 'culture of adjournments' in courts: President Murmu



STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: President Droupadi Murmu on Sunday said that efforts need to be made to change the "culture of adjournments" in courts to ensure swift justice.

Addressing the valedictory event of the two-day National Conference of the District Judiciary here, she said that the pendency of court cases is a big challenge for "all of us".

"All possible efforts need

to be made to change the

the country have the responsibility to protect jus-

She said common people's stress level increases in courtroom settings, a phenomenon she coined as "Black court syndrome," and suggested it be studied. She also expressed happiness over the increase in the number of women judicial

culture of adjournments in courts," she said Murmu said all judges of

> judicial system. officers. The event was attended by Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud and Union Minister of State

rust factor among citizens.

Ram Meghwal. Murmu also released a flag and insignia of the Supreme Court dur-

Meghwal for breaking 'taarikh pe

taarikh' perception

NEW DELHI: Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal on Sunday

called for collective efforts to break the common perception

that justice delivery system in India suffers from "taarikh pe

taarikh culture" and asserted such efforts will strengthen the

He also proposed a critical analysis of 'aging of pending liti-

gation'. The minister said aging analyses and clubbing of sim-

ilar cases can help reduce pendency in the courts and lauded

Addressing the valedictory session of national conference of

district judiciary here in the presence of President Droupadi

Murmu, Meghwal said his ministry has proposed a target of

"justice for all". The programme proposes affordable, speedy

and technology-enabled citizen-centric justice at doorstep for

the people. "It is the collective responsibility of all those pres-

ent at the programme to break the common perception that

the justice delivery system has a taarikh pe taarikh culture,"

he said. Meghwal also called for creating an ecosystem where

the last person in the queue feels he is getting justice. He said

such efforts will further strengthen the "trust factor" in the

some of the high courts for putting such a system in place.

Govt employee suspended for violating MCC

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Acting tough against the violations of Model Code of Conduct (MCC) guidelines, Government employee was placed under suspension by the authorities in Srinagar on Sunday.

The order issued in this regard reads that "one Government employee namely Ghulam Mohammad Mir posted as Jr. Lineman

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Satish Kumar takes charge as Railway Board's Chairman, CEO ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DELHI: Satish Kumar took the charge of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Railway Board on Sunday, a press statement from the Railway ministry

Kumar replaced Jaya Varma Sinha who superannuated on August 31, 2024. "The Appointments

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Only 6.7 pc court infrastructure at district level female-friendly: CJI



STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud on Sunday said the fact that only 6.7 per cent court infrastructure at the district level is female-friendly needs to be changed.

Speaking at the 'National Conference of the District Judiciary', Chandrachud said it should be ensured that courts provide safe and accommodating environment for all members of the socie-

"We must without any ques tion, change the fact that only 6.7 per cent of our court infrastructure at the district level is female-friendly. Is this acceptable today in a nation where at the basic level of recruitment in some states over 60 or 70 per cent of the recruits are women? Our focus areas are on increasing accessibility measures which can be understood by carrying out infrastruc-

"Opening in-court medical facilities, creches and technological projects like e-seva Kendras and video conferencing devices. These endeavours aim to increase access to justice.

"Axiomatically, we must also ensure that our courts provide a safe and accommodating environment for all members of our society, particularly for groups such as women and other vulnerable groups such as persons with disability, members of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, and people across the socio-economic

landscape," the CJI said. Chandrachud said that with the increasing number of women coming into the judiciary, the biases which we unwittingly have towards our colleagues at the bar and the bench must be confronted. He also disclosed that at the recently

Assembly polls: Battle lines drawn in Chenab valley

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: On the eight seats of Chenab valley going to polls in the first phase of Jammu and Kashmir elections, the NC-Congress alliance is hoping to tip the scales in its favour after DPAP leaders withdrew from contest in four seats, while the BJP and PDP are going all out to checkmate their rivals

The eight assembly segments of Doda, Kishtwar and Ramban along with 16 seats spread across four districts of south Kashmir -Pulwama, Anantnag, Shopian and Kulgam - are going to polls in the first of

Air Marshal Tejinder Singh takes over as



NEW DELHI: Air Marshal Tejinder Singh on Sunday took over as Deputy Chief of the Air Staff of the Indian Air Force, the Defence Ministry said. After taking charge at the

Bhawan), the Air Marshal paid homage to the bravehearts, who made the supreme sacrifice, by laving wreath at the National War Memorial here. An alumnus of the

Air Headquarters (Vayu

National Defence Academy, Air Marshal Singh was commissioned in the fighter stream of the Indian Air Force (IAF) on June 13, 1987. He is a Category 'A' Qualified Flying Instructor with over 4,500 hours

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the three-phased elections on September 18.

A total of 219 candidates, including 64 in Chenab valley, are in the fray. Among the 64 candidates, seven are former ministers, women and 25 independents.

While 10 candidates are in the fray for Bhaderwah, nine each are in Doda and Inderwal, eight each in Doda West and Ramban, seven each in Kishtwar and Banihal and six in Padder-Nagseni. Doda West and Padder-Nagseni are the two newly created constituencies. National Boththe Conference and

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ing the programme held at Law and Justice the Bharat Mandapam (Independent charge) Arjun

NC totally confused party: Chugh 'Whenever world announces award for most confused leader, Omar will get it'

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The BJP National General Secretary and Incharge of J&K, Tarun Chugh, on Sunday slammed the National Conference (NC) and termed it as a confused party for wayward and continuously changing statements by its leaders including former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and President Farooq Abdullah.

"Whenever there is announcement of award for the most confused leader of the world, Omar Abdullah will get this award," Chugh said in a sarcastic manner, while talking to reporters here.

"Sometimes, Omar says he will not contest elections, sometimes he says he will contest," Chugh said, adding, "Omar sometimes says elections will be held and sometimes his father Faroog



says he will not contest elections. This shows how much confused Omar and his father are", Chugh added.

"Both Omar and his father Farooq Abdullah sometimes say will bring back Article 370 and 35A and sometimes they say it may take over 100 years for this", he said, adding that they are also confused over their manifesto, which they sometimes say is correct and sometimes they say it is not correct.

Chugh said that people of J&K hate dynastic parties, namely NC, PDP and Congress and will teach these parties a lesson in the Assembly elections. "The shops of corruption of these dynastic parties have been closed forever and people of J&K will make sure that these parties do not come to power again," he

Chugh said that people of J&K love Narendra Modi a lot as lot of development has taken place here after he became the Prime Minister.

"Article 370 was abrogated to take J&K forward," Chugh said, adding, "After August 5, 2019 a new chapter of CONTD ON PAGE 9

DGP visits fallen officer's home, hails his 'unique blend of courage, compassion'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: Jammu and

Kashmir Police chief RR Swain paid a heartfelt tribute to DSP Humayun Bhat, who was posthumously awarded the Kirti Chakra recently, describing him as a "unique blend of courage and compassion" and emphasising his commitment to both his family and the communi-

Bhat (32), a deputy superintendent of police (DSP), was one of four officers who laid down their lives during an encounter with terrorists in south Kashmir's Kokernag on September 13, 2023. He was honoured with the Kirti

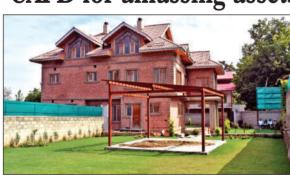
Chakra on the eve of this year's Independence Day for extraordinary bravery.

Swain visited Bhat's family and met his wife Fatimah Humayun and their oneyear-old son Ali Ashar. He was accompanied by his wife Rasmita Das Swain, who chairs the Jammu and Kashmir Police Wives' Association, and Inspector General of Police (Kashmir) VK Birdhi.

During the visit, Swain praised Bhat's exceptional courage and steadfast commitment to serving the community and expressed deep admiration for the late

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ACB books ex-Class IV employee of CAPD for amassing assets worth crores



One of the assets of Class IV employee Mohd Shafi Rather, alias Kanda at Wangan, Pattan.

STATE TIMES NEWS

Jammu and

former Class IV employee of Kashmir Anti-Corruption the Consumer Affairs and

Bureau (ACB) has booked a

Public Distribution (CAPD) Department for amassing Disproportionate (DA) worth crores of rupees through corrupt practices

According to ACB statement, an FIR has been lodged against Mohd Shafi Rather, alias Kanda, resident of Wanigam Bala, Pattan in District Baramulla, who was formerly employed as a Class IV employee in the CAPD Department in Baramulla.

"The verification conducted revealed that the suspect initially worked as

Will dialogue with Pakistan end bloodshed by terrorists in J&K? Raina asks NC

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Coming down heavily on the National Conference (NC) for advocating talks with Pakistan. the BJP on Sunday said that it (NC) should talk to the people of J&K and work for finding solution to the their problems rather than insisting on talks with the neighboring country.

The strong reaction from the BJP came after NC advocated for talks with Pakistan in its manifesto.

"Holding talks Pakistan or any other country is the pre-

rogative of the central gov-

J&K BJP President, Ravinder Raina briefing media at party headquarters in Jammu.

ernment and NC is nobody to say that talks must be held with Pakistan," J&K BJP

President, Ravinder Raina, said in response to questions by media persons during a press conference held this

The NC should reach out to the people of J&K and

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Sinking Ship?

PROF. NUTAN K.RESUTRA

I am a born Hindu I am a staunch Sanatani; But I regularly listen to Arya Samaj Mantras also.

and as such: I am a true nationalist patriot. I also supported vehemently the BJP in all elections.

I am a blue-blooded Jammuite;

AndI am an **andh-bhakt** of Modi Ji; for reasons known to millions.

For being the andh-bhakt, many of my own family make very good fun of me. Comments taken; criticism accepted whole heartedly!

Now let me frankly confess one thing: I am totally illiterate when it comes to the knowledge of politics. For, I am an academician. I sit at the banks and watch the ups and downs of water with not an iota of will to jump into it, like many and many others. I feel very comfortable when I go through the served **news** of different media, but rely-

ing least on the social media! And like other academicians I too have a very nasty habit of going through history: comparing today with yes-

Aaeyey, ek kahani sunte hain. Once upon a time, not too far back but just hundred plus years, a political party was born with the motive to achieve Independent India. And its success story continued for over a century, with one remarkable thing. Whenever the party seemed to be strong, people from outside jumped into this ship reaping and enjoying benefits which otherwise were to be for the loyalists. And the ship starts sinking with the load of unwanted persons with ship-rats jumping out in the very first instance. Alas! History keeps on repeating this fact with one party in question or the other.

I was very happy, rather excited to see the by-gone LK Advani and my fraternity teacher MM Joshi take out Rath Yatras with heart-

warming slogan Saugandh Ram Ki Khate Hain, Hum Mandir Vahin Baneyangey! The coming down of Babri Masjid and the proud statement of Bala Saheb Thakrey on various TV channels 'Babri Masjid Shiv Sainikon ne todi hai' seemed to be full of some energetic magic mantras. And I did celebrate along with many when Modi Ji entered Temple of Democracy, the Lok Sabha after doing Pranaam at the door. With the absolute thumping majority in the second innings of the BJP I felt as if now nothing can stop us(read Hindus) in regaining our lost pride, self-respect and dignity. I remained glued to the television during the Pran Pratishtha of Ram Lala at Ayodhya on January 22, 2024. At last; we had the Ram Mandir for which people had vearned for more than five hundred years. **Mandir vahin bana!** I felt proud to be an Indian Hindu! Immediately after this greatest event of our times, the defeat of

very Faizabad seat itself in the General Elections was such a blow that still aches somewhere inside. Faizabad? Ayodhya? Where a complete kaya-kalp had taken place; that Ayodhya was lost? Why? Because one Lallu Singh was so arrogant that even Lord Ram could not save them?

There was a manthan and atam chintan in the party and different reasons were cited for not getting good results; and I will not go into those details because neither I am a party worker nor am I the decision maker at the apex party headquarters. As a wave-counting person, I only know that till date the party has neither fixed any accountability nor taken any action against anyone in this matter. Courtesy: served media

reports! Fair enough. Now I feel scared.

The announcement of elections in (the State?)Jammu and Kashmir is a welcome step hailed by one and all. Good. We are jov-

ous because we are sure the shackles of Babudom would be removed and the common people will surely, at least, have their voices heard. But I am scared because the disciplined party is facing rebellion each day: the latest one being the issue of ticket distribution in the ensuing elections: something that was considered to be a practice of another aged party only. Why is it so? The grapevine is full of various tell-tales, which we the common hear but do not speak.

My inner worry is: Will the history be going to repeat again? Is the disciplined party facing the tempest and God forbid, is it becoming a sinking ship with the unwanted load of too many undesired admissions? Frankly friends, neither I know nor I have the courage to accept any prediction.

But yes: it's time for the grev matter people of the Think Tank and the warriors of the War Room to accept facts and take immediate remedial measures; well in time to

avoid any catastrophe which other wise may befall.

I remember that during the black and white days of our nov extinct television, I saw a remarkable ad on Doordarshan that has etched deep on my mind. In that ad, a coconut is placed and a muscular man hits it with a big hammer. The coconut breaks into pieces. In the second scene, a helmet is placed on the coconut and again the hammer strikes it breaking helmet but saving the coconut. And then a beautiful slogan is flashed on the screen:

Marzi hai aap ki! Aakhir, sir hai aap ka!!

The million-dollar question is who will bell the cat? Who has the courage to speak truth in the cor ridors of sycophancy? I, as an aca demician, am highly interested to see what happens next. Will the sinking ship be steered clear of the storm or will history prevail again?

Yeh to Ram Jaaney!