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## Govt extends date for payment of Property Tax till August 31

tion of Property Tax in the Municipal Corporations, Municipalities and Municipal Councils of the Union Territory.

In Rule 5, it was mentioned that a person liable to Property Tax shall furnish to the designated/authorized officer the particulars of the property and the tax due thereon in Form-1 by May 30 of the financial year to which the return pertains. It shall be accompanied by a proof of payment in Form-2 and acknowledgment of filing of return shall be in Form-3.

However, in the month of June the Housing and Urban Development Department added a proviso to Rule 5 of the Jammu and Kashmir Property Tax (Municipal Corporation) Rules, 2023 thereby extending the date for payment of Property Tax till July 31, 2023 and now the same has been further extended to August 31.

According to the official sources, decision on certain people friendly changes being carried out in the formula for calculation of Property Tax and other important factors will be taken shortly at the highest level as suggestions in this regard have already been made by a high-level committee.

As already reported by EXCELSIOR, the Government is in the process of taking decision about levying Property Tax only in respect

## J&K Constitution was Indian Constitution with exceptions & modifications: SC Judge

A five-Judge Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud was also told by Subramaniam, appearing for petitioner Muzaffar Iqbal Khan, that the Jammu and Kashmir Constituent Assembly did not want to abrogate Article 370 and instead permitted its continuance.

Khan has challenged the two Constitutional orders of the Centre issued on August 5, 2019 and August 6, 2019, by which Article 370 was abrogated.

"Even though the word 'temporary' appears in the marginal notes of Article 370 of the Constitution, the resolution passed by the Jammu and Kashmir Constituent Assembly said that the Constitution of India must apply with these modifications. The Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir and Indian Constitution were speaking to each other through Article 370," Subramaniam said.

He told the bench also comprising justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Sanjay Khanna, BR Gavai and Surya Kant that Article 370 was not a repository of untrammelled power but a medium through which the Constitution would apply to the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir.

Subramaniam, who commenced his arguments on the fourth day of hearing on a batch of petitions challenging abrogation of Article 370, said, "It is respectfully submitted that Article 370 ought not to be read or interpreted as an expression of power politics or a bargaining chip. Rather, it should be interpreted as a principled compact between the people of India (acting in their constituent capacity through the Indian Constituent Assembly) and the people of the State of Jammu and Kashmir".

He added that in Constitutional arguments, there can be multiple approaches - One is a historical argument, second is a textual argument, third is a doctrinal argument, and the last is structural argument - these are all

## DG BSF visits border areas



Director General BSF Nitin Agrawal flanked by senior officers during visit to Akhnoor belt to review security scenario on Wednesday.

troops in thwarting drone and smuggling activities from Pakistan, the spokesperson said.

Before visiting the frontier, the BSF chief was given a detailed presentation that covered all the critical aspects of security and domination on the International Border and the Line of Control at the Jammu Frontier headquarters by Boora.

During his visit to Akhnoor, Agrawal was briefed on the ground by sector and battalion commanders.

He was also apprised about border management aspects of BSF battalions deployed in the area and the ongoing civic action programmes, including medical camps, for the benefit of the locals.

Agrawal visited various border outposts and witnessed the operational preparedness of field formations, the spokesperson said.

He also applauded the jawans' professional acumen in relentlessly safeguarding the borders in stringent conditions.

"He exhorted the troops to carry on their excellent work in effective domination of the border to thwart continuous challenges from across the border," the spokesperson said.

## Crisis in Kashmir BJP blows over after Raina's intervention

party not to isolate them and give them their due place in the organisation. To set the things right and convince the warring faction not to take any extreme step, Raina rushed to Srinagar and held individual meetings with angry leaders from the Valley. He also contacted some of them on phone and assured that the leadership is solidly behind them and all their genuine demands will be settled, party sources said.

Sources said that these leaders had even warned to quit the party in case the High Command does not take them seriously and take care of their genuine issues. They had convened an emergency meeting in which about 60 senior functionaries took part. The prominent among those who attended the meeting included former MLC and vice president of the party, Sofi Youf, spokesperson, Altaf Thakur, Dr Heena Bhat, Dr Ali Mohammed, Asif Raja, Ashok Bhat, Bilal Parrey, Bashir Mir, Asif Masoodi, Rafiq Wani etc.

The angry leaders had convened a meeting at a hotel in Rajbagh near here, today showing serious resentment against what they alleged that the senior leaders from Valley are being ignored by the party and decisions are thrust on them.

However, during the meeting the angry leaders raised slogans Bharat Mata Ki Jai, BJP Zindabad and party unity Zindabad. They did not give any sign of rebellion against party as Raina and some senior leaders from Jammu had established contact with them.

"We are not quitting the party nor have we shown any resentment against the leadership," party spokesman, Altaf Thakur who attended the rebel group meeting said.

"Everything is right in the party and we have some genuine demands towards which we are bringing the attention of the party leadership and we want these grievances be settled," he said.

He said he was those functionaries of the party who faced threat during Burhan Wani killing in 2017 but despite that we stood solidly behind the party for the national cause and took the party flag in our hands despite receiving threats. "We have every right to hold meeting as we are demanding the rights which is not a sin".

## Forces from across border sabotaged KPs' return: Farooq

Abdullah's remark, saying it was incorrect to say that the Centre did not do anything for Kashmiri Pandits, Rai said that people are returning.

"I respect him (Dr Farooq Abdullah) but this is wrong to say that nothing has been done for Kashmiri Pandits during last nine years. People are getting employment. The statement is misleading," Rai said.

Dr Abdullah said they stand proud to be part of this nation but the nation also has a responsibility not only towards Hindus but to everybody who lives in India.

"Don't say we are not part of India, we are Pakistanis, traitors. We are part of this nation," Farooq said.

In his address, Srinagar MP said "Create love, not hate. Don't hate us, listen to us. What development is happening in Kashmir?"

He alleged the Government's method of dealing with issues are wrong and added that "it is the love of the people that will keep us together".

He regretted that the Government could not take the delegates of a G20 meet in Srinagar to Gulmarg and Dachigam.

"You say no terrorism is there in Kashmir but Pakistan is at play...Love is the only way forward," Farooq said.

He asked the Narendra Modi Government to spread "love", and not "hate", as it is the only way forward for the development of the country.

## Malik virtually appears in Delhi HC

Last week, the High Court had directed that the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front chief, who is presently serving a life term in the case, be produced before it through video conferencing mode from Tihar Jail instead of physical appearance pursuant to the production warrant issued earlier this year.

On May 29, the High Court had issued notice to Malik on the NIA's plea seeking death penalty for him in the terror funding case and said, "Let warrants of production be issued against Yasin Malik, before this Court on the next date of hearing".

Subsequently, the jail authorities had filed an application seeking permission for his virtual appearance on grounds that he was a "very high risk prisoner" and it was imperative to not physically produce him in court to maintain public order and safety.

A life sentence, the NIA has asserted, is not commensurate with the crime committed by terrorists when the nation and families of soldiers have suffered loss of lives, and that the trial court's conclusion that Malik's crimes did not fall within the category of the "rarest of the rare cases" for grant of death penalty is "ex-facie legally flawed and completely unsustainable".

The agency has emphasised that it has been proved beyond reasonable doubt that Malik spearheaded terrorist activities in the Valley and with the help of dreaded foreign terrorist organisations, had been "masterminding, planning, engineering and executing armed rebellion in the Valley in an attempt to usurp the sovereignty and integrity of a part of India". (PTI)

## MHA orders Rath's retirement

Authority has approved premature retirement of Rath in public interest under Rule 16(3) of All India Services (Death-cum-Retirement-Benefits) Rules, 1958 with immediate effect by giving three months pay and allowances in lieu of notice.

Rath was an IPS officer of 2000 batch of erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir cadre, now AGMUT. He was in the rank of

## BJP 'murdered Bharat Mata' in Manipur: Rahul

told me that she spent the whole night with the body of her child and then she felt afraid and left her house. When I asked her if she had brought along something with her, she responded 'only the clothes she was wearing and a photo'.

"In another camp, when I asked another woman the same question

## Traffic suspended on NH for 15 hrs

slide near Maroog in Ramban area today.

Official sources said that due to the impact of highway widening work and rain for the last couple of days in the area, a massive landslide took place near T-2 Tunnel, between Maroog and Kela Morh, about 6 kms ahead of Ramban town towards Banihal at around 5 am today.

With this the movement of vehicles came to halt on the busy highway. A large number of goods

## But only with youth of Valley: Shah

hold that with youth of the Valley. No talks will be held with Hurriyat, Jamaat and Pakistan," he added.

Asserting that the present Government has imposed restrictions on Hurriyat Conference and Jamaat and sacked supporters of terror from Government services, the Home Minister said now no one joins burial processions of the militants as the militants are buried where they are killed.

He asserted that situation in Kashmir has changed since 2014 due to the Government's policies. "We have worked towards making Kashmir terrorism-free".

"After 33 years, theatres have started functioning in Kashmir and night shows are being run. Muharram procession was also taken out after over three decades. All this is possible because of Narendra Modi Government," Shah said.

He added that Tourism, Film, Houseboat and Industrial Policies have been framed in Jammu and Kashmir and 20,000 Government jobs are being given to the youth.

Referring to Article 370 of the Constitution of India which was abrogated by Narendra Modi Government on August 5, 2019, Shah said: "The reforming decision on Kashmir was taken by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Article 370 was a mistake of Jawahar Lal Nehru which was abrogated by this present Parliament".

With this, he asserted, two flags and two Constitutions in Jammu and Kashmir were gone and Prime Minister Narendra Modi ensured complete integration of J&K with the country.

The Union Home Minister said that Lakhapur toll tax, the gateway to Jammu and Kashmir, where party ideologue Shyama Prasad Mookerjee was arrested in 1953 and which was a thorn in the hearts of crores of BJP workers, has been removed.

"The Opposition parties used to say that if Article 370 is removed, there will be bloodbath in Jammu and Kashmir. But today no one has the courage to throw stones. This is the Narendra Modi Government," he said.

He noted that over 40,000 people lost their lives during conflict and policies and decisions taken by Narendra Modi-led BJP Government at the Centre have improvised situation in Jammu and Kashmir during past few years.

"There was no reservation for Dalits, tribals and people from the backward classes. The work of getting them reservation was done by the Narendra Modi Government. There were safai karamcharis who were living in Jammu and Kashmir for seven generations, since the Mughal era, but were not getting domicile certificates. The West Pakistani refugees were not getting domicile. Narendra Modi ensured that all of them got domicile certificates," Shah said.

"Hitting out at parties that call themselves democratic, the Home Minister said three families had ruled over Jammu and Kashmir including Mehbooba Mufti, Farooq Abdullah and Gandhis - but did not get Panchayat polls conducted in the erstwhile state."

"It was because of Prime Minister Narendra Modi that Panchayat elections were held in Jammu and Kashmir in 2018 and 4483 Sarpanchs and 35,000 Panchs were elected leading to democracy at grassroots level.

Citing figures on restoration of normalcy in the Valley, Shah said that during last nine years of the UPA rule and the nine years of the Modi Government, there has been a 68% decrease in terrorist incidents, 72% fall in deaths of civilian and security forces personnel combined, 82% reduction in civilian deaths and a 56% fall in the deaths of security personnel.

He added that 1.82 lakh tourists have visited Jammu and Kashmir last year.

Lauding the role of Jammu and Kashmir Police (JKP) in tackling militancy, the Home Minister said for the first time after 1990, the JKP has been playing an active role in facing the situation.

Shah said temples have been given protection. A law has been brought to give back property to Hindus. A high security jail has also been set up, he added.

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### WEATHER

**JAMMU:**  
Possibility of light rain/thundershowers

**TEMPERATURE**

Max: 34.2 Degree C  
Min: 25.5 Degree C

**RELATIVE HUMIDITY**

RH-I (Morning): 78.0 per cent  
RH-II (Evening): 69.0 per cent  
Sunset on Thursday: 07:23 p.m.  
Sunrise on Friday: 05:53 a.m.

**SRINAGAR:**  
Mainly dry

**TEMPERATURE**

Max: 32.6 Degree C  
Min: 18.6 Degree C

**RELATIVE HUMIDITY**

RH-I (Morning): 72.0 per cent  
RH-II (Evening): 42.0 per cent

**LEH:**

**TEMPERATURE**

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## HC upholds PSA of ex Ameer Jel

impugned detention is devoid of merit.

Justice M A Chowdhary dismissed the petition of former Ameer Jamaat-e-Islami Abdul Hamid Ganie alias Dr Fayaz Hamid after perusal of the record of detention of detenu-Fayaz. Court said the record indicated that the detenu is a highly qualified person and has completed PhD degree from Kashmir University and was affiliated with Jamaat-e-Islami from college life and subsequently he was selected as "Ameer" of Jamaat-e-Islami J&K in the year 2018.

"The detenu was a hardcore motivator and supporter of terrorists and was acting to bring about secession of J&K from the Union of India and to its consequent merger with Pakistan and he had never remained law abiding citizen which can be gathered from the fact that in 2009 he secretly sowed the seeds of hatred and disaffection against the Army in the town of Shopian", Court said while referring the grounds of detention of detenu on which basis he was put under preventive detention.

Court said that his involvement in active role in the banned organization of Jamaat-e-Islami for carrying out anti-national propaganda and campaigning against sovereignty and integrity of the country, besides instigating and motivating general masses for anti-national propaganda, he was detained under Public Safety Act from District Budgam.

The detention order however, was quashed and the detenu was released in the year 2021 and post release the detenu the court added, did not mend his ways and continued to foment trouble in district

## ‘Tiranga Yatra’ opportunity to recall sacrifices of freedom fighters: LG

It is also an opportunity to recall the great sacrifice of our freedom fighters, who secured us our freedom."

Sinha further observed that the citizens from all walks of life should come together to participate in a walkathon from KICC to Botanical Garden on 13th August



Congress MP Rahul Gandhi speaks on the motion of no-confidence in Lok Sabha on Wednesday. (UNI)

after the restoration of his membership, also slammed Prime Minister Modi for not visiting Manipur and alleged that the PM does not consider the State a part of India, evoking strong protest by the treasury benches.

The former Congress chief also alleged that the Prime Minister listens to only two people, Amit Shah and Gautam Adani, just as Ravan paid heed to only two people's advice --Meghnad and Kumbhakarana.

Gandhi showed an old poster of Modi and Adani sitting together in an aircraft, and claimed that "Modi doesn't listen to India's voice but theirs (Adani group)." The Prime Minister was not in the House when Gandhi spoke.

After the treasury benches protested over the poster, pointing out that it was not allowed by the rules, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla again asked Gandhi to exercise restraint.

"Hanuman had not burnt down Lanka, Ravan's arrogance did it. Ravan was not killed by Ram but by his arrogance," Gandhi said, referring to the Indian epic Ramayana.

"I went to Manipur a few days ago. Our Prime Minister has not gone there, he has not gone there till now. He does not consider Manipur part of India. I used the word Manipur, but the reality is that there is no Manipur left. You have divided Manipur into two parts, you have broken up Manipur," Gandhi said.

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