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118 identified from Doda, 36 Kishtwar, 14 in R-P MHA to launch major crackdown on militants operating from Pak, PoJK

Will be declared terrorists; assets to be seized, accounts frozen

Sanjeev Pargal
 JAMMU, Feb 25: The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) with the assistance of Jammu and Kashmir Police (JKP) and Intelligence Agencies has prepared a list of local militants, who were operating from Pakistan and Pakistan occupied Jammu Kashmir (PoJK) and trying to fan terror in the Union Territory to declare them as "individual terrorists" leading to attachment of their assets and freezing of bank accounts besides initiating other legal action against them available under various Acts including Unlawful Activities Prevention

Act (UAPA). Security agencies believed that Dhangri attack in Rajouri district on January 1 could also be the handiwork of the local militants sitting in Pakistan and PoJK especially in selecting the target as they are well versed with minority-dominated villages though it has been established that the killings were executed by the foreign terrorists. Official sources told the Excelsior that Doda district in Jammu region has highest numbers of 118 militants operating from Pakistan and PoJK and 10 of them are in the rank of commanders of Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) and Jaish-e-Mohammed

(JeM) outfits. Of them, the Home Ministry has already declared two as individual terrorists including Irshad Ahmed Attu alias Adrees son of Ghulam Mohammad Attu R/o Domail Udhyanpur and Mohammad Amin alias Khubaib alias Haroon son of Dawood Butt of Nandna Phagsoo, Thathri. Abdul Rashid alias Jehangir son of Arsunallah Khanday, a resident of Khanpur Phagsoo could fall in the same category shortly as dossier against him is ready. Seven other militant commanders from Doda operating in Pakistan and PoJK who are also likely to be declared as individual

'Citizens' welfare foremost priority of Govt' Property Tax shall be implemented in consultation with general public: LG

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 25: In a significant statement, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today announced that implementation of the Property Tax in Jammu and Kashmir shall be done in consultation with general public and interests of the common citizens will be protected.

Sinha said this in a brief statement issued on the imposition of Property Tax in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Implementation (of Property Tax) shall be done in consultation with general public. Common citizens' interest will

Our cities must witness rapid development

be protected," the statement issued by the Lieutenant Governor said.

The statement comes close on the heels of opposition to Property Tax by almost all political parties and organizations. Asserting that welfare of

the citizens is foremost priority of the Government, Sinha said the Property Tax will ensure financial self-sustainability of cities and improvement of public amenities in Jammu and Kashmir.

He said our cities must witness rapid development and emerge as engines of growth. For this, he added, financial self-sustainability of cities is necessary.

"Property Tax in Jammu and Kashmir will be one of the lowest in the country and will be used for improving public amenities," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor's statement that Property Tax shall



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Statehood for J&K, 6th Schedule for Ladakh Resolution at AICC session silent on Art 370

RAIPUR (CHHATTISGARH), Feb 25: Replete with promises, the political resolution that the Congress leadership is dis-

more like an election manifesto for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. But one thing the party is silent on is reinstating Article 370 of the Constitution if it is voted to power. Article 370 gave special status to Jammu and Kashmir but it was abrogated on August 5, 2019.



Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and party leader Sonia Gandhi at the party's Steering Committee meeting in Raipur on Saturday. (UNI)

The draft resolution said the Congress would strive to restore complete Statehood for Jammu and Kashmir and bring Ladakh under the protection of the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution. But

Adv Vikram is new president of HC Bar

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 25: Senior Advocate Vikram Sharma has been elected as new president of Jammu and Kashmir High

5 held with Rs 2.15 cr fake currency

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 25: Five persons, including four from Kashmir and one from Delhi, were arrested with fake currency notes worth Rs 2.15 crores and Rs 5 lakh Indian currency

Govt directs depts for proper verification Several contractors, dealers applying for Govt tenders with fake GST returns

Mohinder Verma

JAMMU, Feb 25: Several contractors and dealers are applying for the Government tenders with submission of fake and forged GST returns and this has been viewed seriously by the Government, which has issued directions for proper verification of the documents to check their authenticity.

It has come to the notice of the Finance Department that dealers/contractors whose GSTIN have been cancelled or de-activated are applying for Government tenders with submission of fake/forged GST returns.

Such practice happens because tender inviting departments do not cross-verify documents submitted by the tenderer with the State Taxes Department

Time barred claims being submitted without GFR adherence

although before allotting any work contract, the departments are required to verify the status of GSTIN of the contractor and authenticity of GST-3B returns through the Peridot App or from the State Taxes Department. In terms of General Sales

Tax Act, 1962, it was mandatory for the contractors to get No Objection Certificate from the State Taxes Department before applying for a tender. This practice, however, was done away with post implementation of GST Act, 2017.

The practice has been noticed despite the fact that in order to have timely compliance of returns by the contractors as well as Drawing and Disbursing Officers, the State Taxes Department with the help of NIC Jammu has already developed an online web application namely "APNA TDS" which helps in identifying payment made to

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PROPERTY TAX : TRUTH & FACTS

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- What is Property Tax?**
 - Property tax is the tax levied by the Urban Local Bodies on Residential Houses/apartments, commercial establishments, situated within the Municipal areas.
- Why Property Tax in J&K?**
 - To augment the resources of Municipalities who with poor finances are not able to deliver to their fullest and are dependent on Grants from the Government.
 - To strengthen the ULBs and ramp up the urban development for the betterment of common masses.
- Who pays Property Tax?**
 - Lessor- if the land or building is let.
 - Superior lessor-if the land or building is sub-let.
 - The person in whom the right to let the land/Building vests- if the land or building is let.
 - Tenant- whether the land, building are in the occupation of such tenant or a sub-tenant of such tenant and primarily on such tenant who has built upon the land, the taxes on lands and buildings assessed in respect of that land and the building erect thereon or in case if any land has been let for a term exceeding one year to a tenant
- What are the parameters considered for calculating Property Tax?**
 - Land value, area of property (built-up or vacant), No. of floors including ground Floor and basement, Usage of property, Construction type, Age of property and Occupancy (self-occupied or others).
- How is Property assessed?**
 - The Property is assessed based upon the Circle rate (Land Value) issued by concerned District Collector of the District in which the ULB falls. Land Value is the circle rates for a block of 3 years as notified under J&K Preparation and Revision of Market Value Guideline Rules, 2011 First block being 1st January 2023.
- How is Property tax calculated?**
 - Property Tax would be calculated on Taxable Annual Value (TAV).
 - = 5% of TAV on Residential Properties.
 - = 6% of TAV on Non-Residential Properties.
- Is Property tax charged on Monthly basis?**
 - No, The Property tax is to be paid Annually.
- Can Property Tax be paid in installments?**
 - Yes, in two equal installments.
 - Moreover, if a person files his return and property tax for the whole year within one month from the date of commencement of the financial year, he/she shall be allowed a rebate of ten percent on the tax payable.
- How do I pay Property Tax and file return?**
 - Through Online Mode and through Bank Challan by using the property tax calculator.
- What exemptions are available?**
 - Residential houses up to a buildup area of 1000 sqft. have been exempted.
 - Vacant lands, not appurtenant to a structure/building shall be exempt from property tax if there's a Master Plan in force in the area, under which any construction/development on such vacant land is disallowed or if they have been put to agricultural use as per 6-monthly cropping surveys of the Revenue department.
 - All the properties of Municipalities and all places of worship, including temples, masjids, gurudwaras, churches, ziarats, etc, and cremation and burial grounds shall be exempt from payment of property tax.
- How will I benefit by paying property tax?**
 - The tax collected by the ULB's will be used for your development needs. This new Property tax policy will help municipal bodies to generate revenue for better municipal services with minimum Tax implications to residents. Better municipal services are expected to attract more investment and encourage more people to set up businesses in the J&K. Revenue generated from property taxes will be used to improve infrastructure and significantly enhancing the quality and levels of being services provided by Municipal bodies.

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