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Cabinet clears GST supplementary legislations

AGENCY
NEW DELHI: The Union Cabinet on Monday approved four legislations to implement the Goods and Services Tax (GST), ahead of their introduction in Parliament this week to enable roll out of the tax reform from July 1. Approval of the bills by Parliament and a separate one by all state assemblies will complete the legislative process for roll out of one-union-one-tax regime by merging central taxes like excise duty and service tax and state levies like VAT.

Missing Indian clerics in Pakistan return home

AGENCY
NEW DELHI: The head priest of Hazrat Nizamuddin Dargah and his nephew returned to the capital on Monday, days after they went missing in Pakistan, but were not forthcoming about their mysterious disappearance. 80-year-old Syed Asif Nizami, Sajjadnashin of the holy shrine, and another senior Sufi cleric Nazim Ali Nizami landed here by a Pakistan International Airlines flight and later called on External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj

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India, Pak hold Indus Water Commission talks

AGENCY
ISLAMABAD: Officials from India and Pakistan discussed problems relating to the Indus Basin at the two-day Indus Water Commission meeting which began here on Monday after a gap of nearly two years following the tensions in bilateral ties after the Uri attack. "The talks have started today which is good for relations of the two countries," Pakistan's Minister for Water and Power Khawaja Asif said. The 10-member Indian delegation led by Indus Water Commissioner P K Saxena held a close door meeting with the Pakistani side which was headed by Mirza Asif Saeed. During the meeting, Pakistan will highlight concerns about the three Indian hydro projects being built on the rivers flowing to Pakistan. They are the 1,000 MW Pakul Dul on Chenab, the 120 MW Miyar, located across Miyar Nalla which is a right bank main tributary of the Chenab, and the 43 MW Lower Kalnai hydro project on Lower Kalnai Nalla. Pakistan contends that the projects were violating the Indus Waters Treaty of 1960. Pakul Dul and Lower Kalnai are being built in Jammu and Kashmir at a cost of Rs 7,464 crore (November 2008 price) and Rs 396 crore respectively. Miyar hydroelectricity project, located in Himachal Pradesh's Lahaul Spiti district, is estimated to cost Rs 1,125 crore. Today's meeting is the 113th session of the Permanent Indus Waters Commission. The last meeting of the commission was held in 2015. Another meeting planned

in September 2016 was cancelled due to tension following the Uri terror attack by Pakistan-based outfits. Asif said that Indus Waters Treaty is one of the world agreements which provides amicable solution of serious water issues between Pakistan and India. Addressing a news conference here, Asif today said Secretary level talks on Ratle hydroelectric plant will begin on 12th of next month in Washington between the two countries. Asif expressed the hope that things will move in the positive direction as a result of meeting between Permanent Indus Commissioners of Pakistan and India. He said outstanding problems relating to the Indus Basin will be discussed during the meeting, Radio Pakistan reported. Asif

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Involvement of every stakeholder vital for peace, stability in J&K: Baig

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Senior Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) leader and Member of Parliament, Muzaffar Hussain Baig on Monday underscored the need of involvement of every stakeholder for establishing permanent peace and stability in Jammu and Kashmir. He was addressing a well-attended workers meeting, at the party headquarters on Monday, which was organised to accord warm welcome to the party leader, Nazir Ahmad Khan, who filed nomination papers for by polls for Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency. Earlier Baig along with the



senior party leaders, Imran Raza Ansari, Minister for Youth Services and Sports; Mohammad Khurshid Aalam, MLC; Bashir Ahmad Mir and Muntazir Mohuidin accompanied Khan to the Returning Officer's office in Srinagar for filing his nomination papers. Baig hoped that everyone will come to believe in the battle of ideas through peaceful means so that our own people don't suffer

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DSE cancels promotion, adjustment of 9 teachers

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Directorate of School Education, Jammu on Monday cancelled the promotion and adjustment orders involving nine teachers with distance mode B.Ed degree holders who figured in the list of 368 teachers promoted as Masters. STATE TIMES, in its March 3, 2017 issue, had carried an exclusively report, "Guidelines Violated to favour blue eyed; Mocking SVO, DSE Jammu promotes, adjusts 368 Masters", exposing that distance mode B.Ed degree holders were included in the promotion cum adjustment list despite the government guidelines about promoting only those teachers possess-

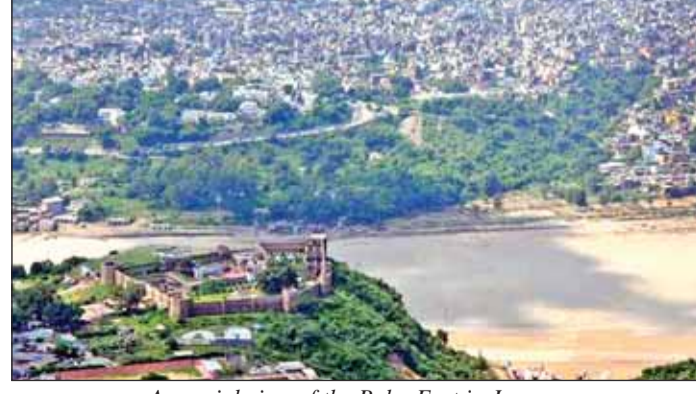
ing B.Ed degrees through regular mode. On Monday, the DSE Jammu cancelled adjustment orders of distance mode B.Ed degree holders who were promoted vide Order No 137-DSEJ of 2017 issued on February 28, 2017. The teachers whose promotion cum adjustment orders have been withdrawn include Raj Mohani Rathore, Ranjana Mannas, Radha Rani, Manpreet Kour Bhuttar, Joginder Kumar, Ritu Chopra, Vijay Sharma, Gita Sharma and Anju Bala.

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PDP-BJP Govt puts 'breaks' on mega project over nomenclature fight

AGENCY
JAMMU: The much-hyped Mubarak Mandi-Bahu Fort Cable Car project has been shelved as PDP-BJP Government is in limbo over its nomenclature, sources here said. According to well placed sources, the BJP wanted the project to be known by its already existing 'Mubarak Mandi-Bahu Fort' name but the PDP, which is in alliance with the saffron brigade wanted it to replace as 'Shahabad Cable Car Project'. "The fight over nomenclature has finally put 'breaks' on the project, which was scheduled to be completed by March 2018 but it is further

going to be lingered due to non-agreement of both the coalition partners on giving final nod to its name," sources here said. Sources however, said that for BJP and the people of Jammu as well, the project may be familiar as 'Mubarak Mandi-Bahu Fort' but in papers, the works on the project are being executed as 'Shahabad Cable Car Project'. "In one of the recently issued notifications by the project executing agency, Jammu and Kashmir State Cable Car Corporation Limited, a tender has been invited for the work with a mention in an order reading as 'Construction of wall on entry side of Shahabad Station of Jammu Cable Car Project at Shahabad, Jammu', clears the dust from many queries," sources added.



An aerial view of the Bahu Fort in Jammu.

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Hizb terrorist arrested in Reasi

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In a major breakthrough, police in a joint operation arrested a Hizb terrorist wanted in arsoning and looting case in Reasi district. "In a joint operation launched by Reasi Police and Kulgam Police, one Sabzar Ahmed Mantoo, son of Gaffar Ahmed Mantoo, resident of Khushibhatpura, DH Pura, Kulga, a C-category terrorist was

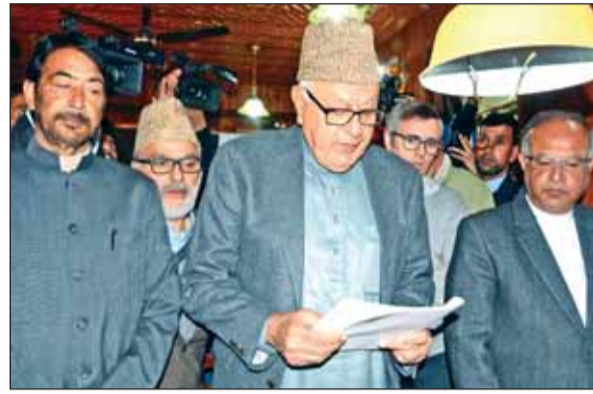
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Govt to do away with 'no-detention' policy

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Government has decided to go ahead with reforms at elementary and secondary level exams by re-introducing "Detention Policy" at class 5th and Class 8th with provision for special remedial teachings for a period of 2-3 months during vacations. It further notified to do away with detention in Class 9th, entitling all

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Country belongs to all, not a single religion: Farooq



NC, President Farooq Abdullah filing nomination papers.

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: National Conference (NC) President Farooq Abdullah on Monday said the country belonged to all and not just the people belonging to a single religion adding there will be far reaching consequences if it ceases to remain so. The NC president, who filed his nomination papers on Monday for the bypoll to

the Srinagar Lok Sabha seat, was addressing workers belonging to his party and ally Congress. "This country belongs to all of us and not just (people from) a single religion. Till this country belongs to all, we will be with it. God forbid, if it does not remain so, then God knows what storm will come," Abdullah said here. He called upon the youth to

take up the mantle of saving the state and the country. "Whether I live or not, the young leadership has to save not only Jammu and Kashmir, but the whole of India and Pakistan. Jammu and Kashmir cannot be saved until there is friendship between India and Pakistan and for that they have to work together," Abdullah said. Acknowledging that the "elections will be tough", Abdullah, a former Union Minister, sought Congress support in Srinagar and NC's complete support for the Anantnag bypoll. As part of a seat sharing arrangement, the NC would contest the Srinagar bypoll while Congress will fight from the Anantnag seat. The Congress has named its state president Ghulam Ahmad Mir as the candidate for Anantnag. He added that

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ONE LAKH US DOLLAR CASE CB seeks cancellation of permanent exemption of Yasin Malik

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Crime Branch (CB) Jammu on Monday filed an application seeking cancellation of order dated 18th February, 2014 regarding permanent exemption of Yasin Malik on health grounds in the much publicised one lakh US dollar case in which POTA Court had framed charges against JKLF Supremo Yasin Malik and others. Presiding Officer POTA Court Kishore Kumar after hearing DDP for the Crime Branch directed counsel for Yasin Malik to file objections. According to Crime Branch, in March 2002, Malik con-

vened meeting at Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front Headquarters in Srinagar, in which he authorised another accused Mushtaq Ahmad Dar to go to Kathmandu (Nepal) and bring one lakh US dollars which was to be distributed among militant organisations in Jammu and Kashmir. The chargesheet submitted by the police revealed that Kud Police had recovered one lakh US dollars from Dar and another accused while they were travelling from Jammu to Srinagar after they allegedly brought the money from Nepal which was meant for strengthening terrorist activities in the State.

Health Deptt sleeps over 'loot' by ambulance service providers

AARYAN SHARMA
JAMMU: In the absence of better health-care facilities, hundreds of patients are either shifted by their caretakers or they are referred to tertiary care health centres/private institutions outside Jammu and Kashmir. These patients are shifted from various district headquarters, capital cities of Jammu and Srinagar mostly in private ambulances, depending on the nature of illness. From simple transportation ambulances to critical-care ambulances, several variants are available in the market at different rates.



Private operators are running the ambulance mafia while brand new ambulances are lying unutilized for last many years in the premises of Directorate of Health Services Jammu. (Pic by Sanjeev Magotra)

But in the absence of any regulatory authority or clear cut guidelines by the Director Health Services these private companies are duping poor patients and their caretakers by charging hefty amounts. The Health and Medical Education Department may have been gloating over

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Shahabad or Bahu Fort Cable Car Project!

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in Jammu as situation in Kashmir is already tense and it is having an upper edge in tourism sector. "The Valley last year witnessed low footfall due to Kashmir unrest, triggered after July 8 with elimination of self styled Hizb terrorist Burhan Wani following which the tourists shifted to Jammu," sources said, adding that the Kashmir centric successive governments in the state always projected Kashmir to the outside world and neglected Jammu but the attempts are still on by such forces by such exercises in 'black and white'. "Once the project is completed, it will give a boom to tourism industry in Jammu, which is hardly being digested by the PDP-led government and thus BJP is equally a partner to it," they rued.

Interestingly the Mubarak Mandi-Bahu Fort Cable Car Project in Jammu does not even find any mention on the official website of the Jammu and Kashmir Cable Car Corporation (JKCCC) - www.jkccc.com. The project was conceived in 1996 during the tenure of Farooq Abdullah as Chief Minister. However, it is yet to see the light of the day. To be constructed at a revised cost of over Rs 30 crore, the ropeway project across the Tawi will connect Mubarak Mandi with the Bahu Fort but till date, only two pillars have been erected on the banks of the Tawi under the project. The JKCCC website has no information on tourist resorts and cable

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