

03 Art 370 is bond between J&K & Centre: Zulfkar

Move to bring real estate under GST next month: Jaitley

AGENCY
WASHINGTON: The issue of bringing real estate under the GST's ambit will be discussed next month, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley said on Thursday, as he acknowledged that it is the one sector where maximum amount of tax evasion and cash generation takes place.

The matter will be discussed in the next meeting of the GST Council to be held on November 9 in Guwahati, Jaitley said while delivering the 'Annual Mahindra Lecture' on India's tax reforms at the prestigious Harvard University.

"The one sector in India where maximum amount of tax evasion and cash generation takes place and which is still outside the GST is real estate. Some of the states have been pressing for it. I personally believe that there is a strong case to bring real estate into the GST," Jaitley said.

"In the next meeting itself, we are addressing one of the problem areas or at least (having) discussion (on) it. Some states want, some do not. There are two views. Therefore, by discussion, we would try to reach one view," he said.

The move would benefit the consumers



who will only have to pay one "final tax" on the whole product, Jaitley said.

"As a result, the final tax paid on the whole product in the GST would almost be negligible," the minister said.

Jaitley said the reduction in eventual expenditure coupled with incentivising people to enter the tax net may also help reduce the size of "shadow economy".

A 12 per cent GST is levied on construction of a complex, building, civil structure or intended for sale to a buyer, wholly or partly. However, land and other immovable property have been exempted from the GST.

On demonetisation, Jaitley said it was a "fundamental reform" which was necessary to transform India into a more tax-compliant society.

09 Police unearths bovine smuggling nexus, recovers 81 animals

AGENCY
JAMMU: Police have unearths a bovine smuggling nexus and recovered 81 animals, including 70 cows and 11 calves, in a drive across the Jammu region.

The drive was launched by the Jammu Police Commissioner, J.P. Singh, on Thursday. The police recovered the animals from various parts of the Jammu region, including the districts of Jammu, Kathua, and Samba.

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10 Nehra announces retirement, says always wanted to end on high

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NEW DELHI: Union Agriculture Minister Dr. Radha Krishna Mohan announced his retirement on Thursday, saying he always wanted to end on a high note.

Dr. Mohan, who has served as the Union Agriculture Minister since 2014, announced his decision to retire after 15 years of service. He said he was proud of the work he had done and was looking forward to spending more time with his family.

Dr. Mohan's tenure as Agriculture Minister was marked by several initiatives, including the introduction of the National Food Security Act and the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme. He also played a key role in the demonetisation drive.

Jawan, porter killed in ceasefire violation by Pak Army

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: An Army jawan and a civilian porter were killed in Pakistani firing on Thursday at forward areas along the LoC in Poonch district.

The Pakistan Army initiated unprovoked and indiscriminate firing of small arms and automatics from 1035 hours in Krishnagati Sector along the Line of Control (LoC), a defence spokesman said here on the

He said that the Indian Army is retaliating strongly and effectively. "Firing is still on," the spokesman said.

A jawan and a civilian porter died in the unprovoked ceasefire violation by Pakistan today morning in the sector, he said.

The deceased were identified as Sep T K Reddy of Unit 898 AT Bn and Mohd Zahir, resident of Manjakot. The injured were identified

as Sep Kedar Gauri Shankar resident of Distt Solapur, Sep Nitesh Nare, NK Rupnar Babasheb Janaku resident of Distt Ahmednagar, NK R Munthupondi resident of Tamil Nadu and Sep Narendra Kumar resident of Chatisgarh. On October 6, Pakistani troops had opened fire in Baba Khori and other areas in Rajouri district, and on October 4, three

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Sham for All Party Meet on regional autonomy to Jammu

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Former Minister and Senior Vice President Pradesh Congress Committee Sham Lal Sharma on Thursday sought All Party Meet (APM) for devising strategy and reaching consensus over regional autonomy to Jammu. He said that all major political parties in the State are on the same page so far as grant of regional autonomy to all three regions is concerned so there will not be any confrontation on the issue.

He said that grant of regional autonomy had already been incorporated by Congress Party's election

manifesto released in 2008 and 2014 assembly elections and moreover it has also supported delimitation.

He said that regional autonomy should be granted with complete political, administrative and financial powers. He said that Jammu region has always faced discrimination irrespective of the political parties ruling the State.

Asking ruling BJP to clear its stand on granting regional autonomy to all the three regions of the State, he said that till date Saffron Party has not cleared its stand on the issue as they don't

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Aarushi murder case: Talwars get acquittal Police made 'dog's breakfast': Omar

AGENCY
ALLAHABAD: The Allahabad High Court on Thursday acquitted Rajesh and Nupur Talwar in the murder of their teenage daughter Aarushi and their domestic help Hemraj in 2008.

The verdict ends a nine-year ordeal of the parents who were found guilty by a CBI court of murdering 14-year-old Aarushi in a fit of rage because they suspected her of having an affair with Hemraj.

A division bench of the court comprising justices B K Narayana and A K Mishra upheld the Talwars' appeal against the CBI court order sentencing them to life imprisonment on November 26, 2013. Nupur and Rajesh Talwar have been serving their sentence in Ghaziabad's Dasna jail. Aarushi was found dead inside her room in the Talwars' Noida residence with her throat slit in May 2008. The needle of suspicion had initially moved towards 45-year-old Hemraj, who had gone missing but his body was recovered from the terrace of the house two days later. As the Uttar Pradesh Police drew flak over shoddy investigation into the case which was making national headlines, the then chief minister Mayawati handed over the probe to the Central

Pooja Holidays from Oct 17

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: All schools in the winter capital of the State will be closed for Pooja holidays from October 17.

"The schools will remain closed for Pooja holidays on the occasion of Diwali festival from October 17 to 21," Ravinder Singh, Director School Education said. All private and government schools will remain closed

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Sops under GST: Jammu traders threaten to launch agitation

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Threatening to launch an agitation, traders of Jammu on Thursday criticised the Centre for its recently announced incentive scheme under the Goods and Service Tax (GST) regime.

They said "if not revisited, it will serve as a death knell

for majority of nearly 10,000 units in Jammu and Kashmir and render lakhs of people jobless".

The traders also sought intervention of state Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti and threatened to pour on roads "if the promises made

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BJP to hold first state executive meet in Kashmir this month

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The BJP will organise its first state executive meet in Kashmir later this month in which more than 300 party workers will participate and review the functioning of the coalition government, a party official

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Mir appointed State Information Commissioner

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Former Commissioner Secretary, Revenue Mohammad Ashraf Mir was on Thursday appointed as the State Information Commissioner of Jammu and Kashmir. Governor, N.N Vohra appointed Mir as the State Information Commissioner. Mir's appointment will take effect from the date he assumes charge of the post.

Fraudulent allocation of works worth Rs 28 Cr SVO books CEO VDA, 2 XENs; incriminating documents recovered during raids

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: State Vigilance Organisation (SVO) on Thursday booked Chief Executive Officers (CEO) Verinag Development Authority, two Executive Engineers (XENs), Accounts Officers, among others, for allocating funds worth Rs 28 crore to blue-eyed contractors without doing any work on ground.

Searches of the residential/office premises of the accused persons were conducted at Srinagar, Verinag, and Budgam.

"During searches incriminating documents with regard to movable and

Andrabi's photo on 'Save Girl Child' banner: CDPO suspended

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The Child Development Project Officer (CDPO) of Anantnag's Breng block has been suspended after a banner on 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' campaign featured separatist leader Asiya Andrabi as an achiever alongside Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti and other personalities.

In a major embarrassment for the Jammu and Kashmir government, the banner aimed at highlighting the women achievers of the country was hoisted at a function held to promote education for girls in south Kashmir's Kokernag area. It also featured tennis star

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Braid chopping; attempt to create mass hysteria: CM

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti on Thursday said the braid chopping incidents were attempts to create mass hysteria and undermine the dig-

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"Braid chopping incidents are attempts to create mass hysteria and undermine the dignity of the women in the state," Mehbooba wrote on Twitter.

Meanwhile, police today arrested six persons on charges of rumour mongering about braid chopping in the vicinity of Batamalo.

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Govt sanctions re-designation of posts in Police Deptt

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The Home Department on Thursday accorded sanction to re-designate and up-grade of various posts in Jammu and Kashmir Police (Gazetted) Service.

As per the order, post of IGP Human Rights in the pay scale PB:4 Rs.37,400-67,000 + Grade Pay Rs.10,000, has been re-designated as Commissioner, Investigations, Human

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KAS officer disrespects National Anthem; students protest

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Large number of school children on Thursday protested against a senior Kashmir Administrative Services (KAS) officer inside their school premises in Kishtwar after he allegedly insulted National Anthem.

The incident was reported inside Government Model Higher Secondary School (Boys), Kishtwar.

According to official sources, Assistant Commissioner, Revenue Mohd Syed Khan visited the school premises while morning assembly was going on. He was tasked to carry out

inspection to check the attendance records.

At the time of his arrival, National Anthem was going on but instead of standing in attention, the KAS officer barged inside the office of the Principal to check the attendance records.

In the absence of Principal, he was informed by another senior school teacher to wait for some time as morning assembly was still going on.

The teacher also requested Khan to allow him to mark leave application before handing him the attendance record. But instead of responding to the request,

Khan lost his cool and exchanged 'hot words' with the school staff.

As the Principal arrived on the scene, he too patiently requested the visiting officer to spare few minutes till they hand over the attendance record for verification purpose.

The Assistant Commissioner was in hurry and he along with his PSOs stepped out of the office of the Principal.

On noticing him rushing out of the office, the school children feared that the policemen were going to thrash them for raising

Choudhary posted as ADGP Armed; Rana MD PHC ASP, 9 DySPs transferred

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The State Government on Thursday transferred Arun Kumar Choudhary, IPS (JK:1991), Managing Director, Police Housing Corporation and posted him as ADGP Armed, J&K while Danesh Rana, IPS (JK: 1996), IGP Home Guards, J&K has been transferred and posted as Managing Director, Police Housing Corporation, J&K.

Meanwhile, Director General of Police (DGP) Dr S. P Vaid transferred

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 34.1°C Min: 18.2°C

Humidity
Max: 64 Min: 47

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 26.3°C Min: 06.7°C

Humidity
Max: 73 Min: 35

Sunset : 18:02 Hours
Sunrise : 06:35 Hours

Inauguration of MUDRA PROMOTION CAMPAIGN
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Hospitality & Protocol Department
Opp. Indira Theater, Canal Road, Jammu

on
Saturday, 14th October 2017
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by

Dr. Jitendra Singh
(Chief Guest)

Hon'ble Minister of State(MoS)(Independent Charge) for the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, Prime Minister Office, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Department of Atomic Energy and Department of Space

Mr. Ajay Nanda
(Guest of Honour)

Hon'ble Minister of State for Finance and Planning, Information Technology, Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, CA and PD, Tribal Affairs, Relief & Rehabilitation and Labour & Employment

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