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district earlier in the evening.
"Our security force will give a befitting reply to terrorists. J&K govt stand by the families in this time of grief," the LG said.
National Conference president Farooq Abdullah has claimed Kashmiris were not involved in the recent civilian killings in the union territory and that these attacks were carried under a conspiracy to defame Kashmiris.

He also termed these incidents an attempt to disrupt the peaceful atmosphere in the union territory.
"These killings are unfortunate and done under a conspiracy. Kashmiris are not involved in these killings. It is an attempt to defame Kashmiris," Abdullah told reporters here.

The Lok Sabha member from Srinagar said these killings were an attempt to disturb the peaceful atmosphere in the valley.
Asked about the NSA level talks between India and Pakistan, Abdullah said any initiative that leads to friendship is welcome.

"We should pray and hope that there is friendship between the two countries and we can live (in peace)," he added.

"There are no words strong enough to condemn the repeated barbaric attacks on innocent civilians. My heart goes out to their families because they leave the comforts of their homes to earn a dignified livelihood. Terribly sad," PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti tweeted.

BJP state spokesman Altaf Thakur said the killings were "nothing but pure genocide". "The gruesome murder of non-locals is nothing but inhuman and shows the frustration of militants," he said.

CPI(M) leader M Y Tarigami said killing innocent labourers who have come here to earn their livelihood is a heinous crime.

We'll hunt down...

Twin brothers- innovators- Refaz Ahmad and Ishfaq Ahmad Wani. He said that the youth with their ingenuity and innovations have become inspirations for the young generation.

To a suggestion from Dr Vishal and Gagandeep Kamra who had delved upon the need for promoting, expanding and incentivizing the solar energy installation infrastructure in Jammu and Kashmir, the Lieutenant Governor underlined the government's commitment to the same. Direction has already been passed to the Power Department to adopt modern technology for the smooth exploitation of alternative energy, he added.

Pertinently, "Awaam ki Awaaz" initiative is in line with the government's mission to make the governance process more inclusive, participatory and people-centric. Every third Sunday of the month, the programme is being aired on all local & primary channels of All India Radio (AIR) stations in J&K, while the telecast of the programme is being broadcast on DD Kashir.

Govt yet to...

body headed by the chief justice of India, they said.
As per the established procedure, high court collegiums send names of candidates they deem fit to be appointed as HC judges, to the Law Ministry. The ministry, in turn, attaches IB reports about the candidates and other details, before forwarding them to the Supreme Court collegium.

The apex court collegium then processes these names and recommends some to the government for elevation as HC judges.

The 12 names were recommended by the respective HC collegiums two to four years ago.

On Saturday, seven advocates were appointed as judges of the Gujarat High Court, in a fresh set of appointments to the higher judiciary.

On October 14, seven judges, including four advocates, were appointed to three high courts.

A total of 14 new judges were on Wednesday appointed to three high courts, a day after a record 17 appointments across three other high courts.

On October 11, three advocates and two judicial officers were elevated as judges of the Rajasthan High Court.

On October 9, eight judges were elevated as chief justices of high courts and five high court chief justices were transferred based on recommendations made by the Supreme Court collegium.

In a separate development, seven judges were on October 11 transferred to different high courts.

On October 5, as many as 15 judges of 11 high courts were transferred.

Poonch-Rajouri encounter...

fleeing terrorists in the adjoining Thanamandi forest in Rajouri district the same day but the ultras managed their escape in both the encounters.

The third encounter took place in the Nar Khas forest in the Mendhar area of Poonch on Thursday evening.

"The presence of terrorists in the forest area connecting Poonch and Rajouri was observed two-and-a-half months ago and accordingly tactical operations were launched to track them down," Deputy Inspector General of Police, Rajouri-Poonch range, Vivek Gupta said on Saturday.

"A joint security grid was tracking different groups of terrorists but sometimes operations take time depending on the topography of the area. Contact with the terrorists was established thrice this week based on intelligence inputs," the officer said.

The terrorists are holed up and the joint forces are on the job to take the operation to the logical conclusion, he added.

Officials said the entire forest area from Mendhar to Thanamandi remains under a strict cordon and a massive search operation is on to neutralise the terrorists moving from one place to another in an attempt to escape the dragnet.

The Army has deployed para-commands and a helicopter was also seen hovering over the forest area for surveillance on Saturday.

Officials said the traffic between Mendhar and Thanamandi along the Jammu-Rajouri highway remained suspended for the third day on Sunday in the wake of the ongoing operation.

Rajouri and Poonch in the Jammu region have witnessed a rise in infiltration attempts since June this year. Nine terrorists have been killed in separate encounters.

Body of co-pilot...

defence spokesman Lt Col Devender Anand said.

He said due to the vast expanse and depth of the dam, the search and rescue team was using state of the art multi beam sonar equipment to scan the lake bed and based on the inputs received, the remotely operated vehicle having robotic arm along with the professional divers was launched to search the area.

During similar search, body of Captain Joshi was detected at a depth of 65-70 meters and immediately the ROV was launched to recover the body. The body, after local medical examination, was evacuated to military hospital Pathankot for further examination, the spokesman said.

He said the Indian armed forces once again demonstrate its resolve towards its soldiers and took all possible actions to recover the body of Captain Joshi, a young pilot who made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty.

Indian Army stands shoulder to shoulder with the family of Captain Joshi during this hour of grief, the spokesman said.

The longest search operation saw the deployment of experts and all types of equipment belonging to the Army, Navy, Air Force, NDRF, SDRF, J-K Police, dam authority and private firms from across the country to locate the wreckage of the crashed helicopter and retrieve the bodies, the officials said.

Heavy machinery and submarine rescue units were also flown in, while specialised divers from the Navy and the Army Special Forces worked in tandem during the prolonged operation which was challenging due to the near-zero visibility in the reservoir because of the colloidal nature of its water.

The agencies concerned also employed specialised machines, including multibeam sonars, side scanners, remotely operated vehicles and underwater manipulators flown in from Chandigarh, Delhi, Mumbai and Kochi during the operation, the officials said.

Air Chief visits...

Pangong lake areas and both sides gradually enhanced their deployment by rushing in tens of thousands of soldiers as well as heavy weaponry.

As a result of a series of military and diplomatic talks, the two sides completed the disengagement process in the Gogra area in August and in the north and south banks of the Pangong lake in February.

Each side currently has around 50,000 to 60,000 troops along the Line of Actual Control in the sensitive sector.

Army Chief expresses...

Staff) and all ranks salute the bravehearts Subedar Ajay Singh and Naik Harendra Singh who made the supreme sacrifice during an operation in Poonch and offer deepest condolences to the families," the Army said on Twitter.

Three people, including a mother-son duo, were detained for questioning during an ongoing search operation in the forest belt of Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch and Rajouri border districts where nine soldiers were martyred in two separate gun-fights with terrorists over the past week, officials said on Sunday.

Kashmir's pol discourse...

like to engage and discuss with them issues like democracy."

Madhav, who was instrumental in stitching an alliance between ideologically opposite BJP and PDP, underlined that the political narrative in Kashmir has changed. "Autonomy and separatism have been replaced by democracy and development," he

said.

Acknowledging that the demand for elections is a "genuine" one, he said the Centre is committed to it and has been repeatedly conveyed that polls will be held after the delimitation exercise is completed.

Once the delimitation exercise is done, Madhav said he is sure that Jammu and Kashmir will have its own legislature.

Two 'lovers' commit...

they said they were having an affair despite being married to separate people and have consumed some poisonous substance together to end their lives.

A case was registered and further investigations are underway, the officials said.

Pak to get...

separate encounters with terrorists over the past week, he said nobody has the right to speak on the security operations.

"Our Army and other forces are strong enough to give a befitting response to their adversaries. I am fully confident that our Army, which is known for its professionalism around the globe, will achieve all the success as it cannot be defeated by anyone," he said.

Petrol, diesel prices...

Rs 111.77 per litre in Mumbai, according to a price notification of state-owned fuel retailers.

In Mumbai, diesel now comes for Rs 102.52 a litre; while in Delhi, it costs Rs 94.57.

With this rise, petrol is now at Rs 100-a-litre mark or more in all state capitals while diesel has touched the 100-mark in over a dozen states. Diesel crossed the Rs 100-a-litre mark in Bengaluru, Daman and Silvassa.

Petrol used in two-wheelers and cars now costs 33 per cent more than the price at which aviation turbine fuel (ATF) is sold to airlines. ATF in Delhi costs Rs 79,020.16 per kilolitre or Rs 79 per litre.

The costliest fuel is in the border town of Ganganagar in Rajasthan where petrol comes for Rs 117.86 a litre and diesel for Rs 105.95.

Since ending of a three-week long hiatus in rate revision in the last week of September, this is the 16th increase in petrol price and the 19th time that diesel rates have gone up.

While petrol price in most of the country is already above Rs 100-a-litre mark, diesel rates have crossed that level in over a dozen states/UT including Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Chattisgarh, Bihar, Kerala, Karnataka and Ladakh.

Prices differ from state to state depending on the incidence of local taxes.

Shedding the modest price change policy, state-owned fuel retailers have since October 6 started passing on the larger incidence of cost to consumers.

This is because the international benchmark Brent crude is trading at USD 84.8 per barrel for the first time in seven years.

A month back, Brent was trading at USD 73.51.

Being a net importer of oil, India prices petrol and diesel at rates equivalent to international prices.

The surge in international oil prices ended a three-week hiatus in rates on September 28 for petrol and September 24 for diesel.

Since then, diesel rates have gone up by Rs 5.95 per litre and petrol price has increased by Rs 4.65.

Prior to that, the petrol price was increased by Rs 11.44 a litre between May 4 and July 17. Diesel rate had gone up by Rs 9.14 during this period.

COVID: 95 new...

stands at 4,426. Of the fresh cases, 14 were from Jammu division and 81 from Kashmir division, officials said.

Srinagar district recorded the highest 40 cases followed by 13 in Budgam district.

There are 843 active cases, while the overall recoveries have reached 3,25,793, officials said.

There were 47 confirmed cases of Mucormycosis (black fungus) in the Union Territory. No fresh case was reported since Saturday evening, officials added.

Meanwhile, five fresh COVID-19 cases were detected in Ladakh, taking the overall virus tally in the Union Territory to 20,876 and active cases to 46, officials said.

Ladakh has registered 208 Covid-related deaths -- 150 in Leh and 58 in Kargil -- since the outbreak of the pandemic last year. The officials said 2,560 persons were tested for COVID-19 in the twin districts on Saturday and five of them were found positive in Leh. One coronavirus infected patient was discharged from a hospital in Leh, thereby taking the number of recoveries in Ladakh to 20,621, they said, adding after the fresh recovery, the number of active cases stands at 46 with 45 in Leh and one in Kargil. The officials said no death was reported due to Covid in Ladakh on Saturday.



2 notorious drug peddlers arrested; contraband & cash recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BUDGAM: Continuing its efforts to curb menace of drugs from the society, police on Sunday arrested 2 notorious drug peddlers in Budgam and recovered contraband substance from their possession, besides cash and cell phones were also recovered from their possession.

As per details, a party from Police Station Chadoora at a checkpoint established at Kill-Kadal Chadoora intercepted two persons in a suspicious condition, who were identified as Farooq Abbas Koka, son of Abdul Majed Koka and Sameer Ahmad Koka, son of Farooq Ahmad Koka, both residents of Zinipora, Chadoora. During checking, police recovered 20 grams of heroin, cash amounting of Rs 18,600 and 2 cell phones from their possession. They were arrested and FIR No. 177/2021 under relevant sections of law was registered against them at Police Station Chadoora.



Two arrested with Charas

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Police on Sunday nabbed two drug peddlers and recovered Charas from their possession. As per details, police received an information that two persons namely Mohd Abbas Hajam, son of Lala Hajam, resident of Sirhama and Showkat Ahmad Dar, son of Gh Mohammad Dar, resident of Naina Batpora, Pulwama have indulged in drug peddling and stored narcotic substance in house of Abbas Hajam at Sirhama. Acting swiftly, a party of Police Station Srigufwara led by SHO Tazeem Ahmad Wani along with Executive Magistrate 1st class Srigufwara raided the specific location and recovered 1.1 Kg Charas powder from the aforesaid house. Both accused were taken into custody and FIR No. 97/2021 under relevant sections of NDPS Act was registered against them.

15 bovines rescued, 2 smugglers arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a massive drive against bovine smuggling, Jammu Police has rescued 15 bovines at Ban Toll Plaza Naka under jurisdiction of Police Station Nagrota and seized a vehicle (JK02CD 2627). FIR No 406/2021 under section 188 of IPC, 11 of PCA was registered at Police Station Nagrota. The arrested accused were identified as Sajjad Choudhary, son of Mohd Sadiq, resident of Kasalyian Poonch and Mohd Jameel, son of Noor Jamal, resident of Danga Kote Reasi. The arrest and recoveries were made by SHO Nagrota Insp Mohd Showkat under the supervision of SDPO Nagrota Parupkar Singh.

Youth attacked on land dispute

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: A youth along with father attacked his cousin brother over a land dispute in PTC area of Udhampur on Sunday. As per details, victim Lakhnan Kumar lodged a complaint with police that his uncle Bansil Lal and his son Sanjay Kumar attacked him with sharp-edged weapon which he was cutting grass for his cattle. In attack, Lakhnan got injured and was shifted to hospital. There was a land dispute between two families which led to attack. Lakhnan also disclosed that duo had earlier also attacked his parents, but police has not registered a case till now.

Four injured in car-bus collision

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: Four persons got injured in a car and bus collision in Gujroo Nagrota area of Kathua district on Sunday. As per details, a car collided with a bus coming from opposite direction at Billawar Dyalachak road near Gujroo Nagrota. In mishap, four persons travelling in car got injured and were shifted to hospital for treatment. The injured were identified as Ashok Kumar, son of Tarachand; Shanti Devi, wife of Tarachand; Neeraj, son of Ashok Kumar; car driver Swaran Singh, son of Khajjan Singh and Dinesh. Police has registered a case and started investigation.

Woman among two die under mysterious circumstances

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A woman among two persons died under mysterious circumstances on Sunday.

As per details, locals on seeing a body of a woman lying in Shivgarh Tar area of Udhampur, informed police which rushed to the spot and shifted it to morgue for identification. Meanwhile, Subash Chander, resident of Domana was also found unconscious in Ganguaa area and was shifted to hospital where doctors declared him as brought dead. Police have registered both cases and started investigation.

House burgled at Trikuta Nagar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Thieves on Sunday burgled a house in Trikuta Nagar area and decamped with goods worth lakhs. As per the details, Naveen, son of Ram Rattan, resident of Sector 4, Trikuta Nagar lodged a complaint with police that thieves targeted his when he was out with his family and decamped with goods worth lakhs. Police has registered a case and started investigation.

Retired cop dies of burn injuries

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A retired cop died of burn injuries in Kanha Chak area on Sunday.

As per details, Chanchal Singh, resident of Kunjwani received burn injuries while he was engaged in dousing fire in bushes near to his house. He was shifted to hospital where he succumbed to injuries. After autopsy, the body was handed over to family members for last rites.

Man dies after consuming poison

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NOWSHERA: A man died after consuming poison in his house at Nowshera area on Sunday.

As per details, Pankaj, son of Ram Lal, resident of Nowshera consumed poison in his room and was shifted to hospital by family members, where doctors declared him as brought dead. Police is investigating the matter.

Man electrocuted to death

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A man was electrocuted to death in Gadigarh area on Sunday. As per details, one Sahil, son of Sai Dass, resident of Bhor Kothe Satwari received electric shock while repairing an electric-appliance. He was shifted to hospital where he succumbed to injuries. Police is investigating the matter.

Thieves target temple at Circular road; decamp with ornaments, cash

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Thieves on Sunday targeted a Chintpurni Mata temple located at Circular road and decamped with idol's ornaments and cash from donation box. As per details, devotees on seeing ornaments of idol missing and shattered donation box, informed temple management. Priest of temple Jagdish Chand, son of Ram Rakha, resident of Jourian, Akhnoor lodged a complaint with Pacea Danga Police, which rushed to the spot and took stock of the situation. The CCTV footage is being scrutinized to ascertain identity of thieves. A case has been registered in this regard.

3 Haryana residents injured as truck falls into rivulet

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Three Haryana residents were injured after a truck, they were traveling in, skidded off the road and fell into rivulet in Shopian on Sunday. As per details, a truck (HR39E-2622) which was on its way from Heerpora to Shopian, met with an accident at Padpawan, causing injuries to three persons namely driver Davinder Singh, Dharamveer Singh and Sandeep Singh, all residents of Haryana. The injured were shifted to local hospital from where two critically injured namely Dharamveer and Sandeep Singh were shifted to SKIMS Soura. Police has registered a case in this regard.

