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Two UP labourers killed in grenade attack at Shopian; 2 suspects arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Two labourers hailing from Uttar Pradesh were killed apparently in their sleep when terrorists lobbed a grenade at them on the intervening night of Monday and Tuesday in militancy-infested Shopian district of South Kashmir, officials said.

The incident took place at around 12.30 am on Tuesday when the victims identified as Monish Kumar and Ram Sagar, natives of UP's Kannauj district, were sleeping in a tin shed constructed as an out house, the officials said, adding the duo was working in the apple orchards as labourers.

The fresh attack came two days after terrorists shot dead Kashmiri pandit Puran Krishan Bhat outside his house at Gund village in the same district.

The labourers, who had come to the Kashmir valley two months ago, were rushed to a hospital where they suc-

Protests in Jammu on target killings in Kashmir

JAMMU: Several parties and organisations on Tuesday held protests here against the killing of two non-local labourers by terrorists in the latest targeted attack in south Kashmir's Shopian district, officials said.

Kashmiri Pandit migrants and Jammu-based reserved category employees, who have been protesting to press for relocation after a string of such attacks in recent months, said the killing of three minority community members over the past few days proved their apprehensions about the ground situation in the Valley.

Activists of Shiv Sena, Rashtriya Bajrang Dal and Shiv Sena Dogra Front held demonstrations at Bari Brahmana, Bus Stand and Rani Park in Jammu and its outskirts, respectively.

Condemning the killing of the labourers, president of the J-K unit of Shiv Sena Manish Sahni slammed the government for its alleged failure to control the

cumbed to their injuries.

Additional Director General of Police (Kashmir range) Vijay Kumar said a hybrid terrorist of the banned Lashkar-e-Taiba group, who lobbed the grenade, has been arrested, along with another person who is believed to be working

for banned Hizbul Mujahideen terror group.

Hybrid terrorists are unlisted radicalised youths who carry out terror strikes and slip back into their routine lives often without leaving any trace.

Talking to media in Shopian, Kumar said raids

had been carried out immediately after the unfortunate news about the killings came and "we have been able to arrest two persons involved in the heinous crime while search is on for the others".

"We will soon neutralise the Lashkar-e-Taiba man who was behind this attack," he added.

The arrested terrorist was identified as Imran Bashir Ganie from Harmen, the additional DGP said, claiming that he has also confessed about his involvement.

Meanwhile, Kannauj District Magistrate Shubhbrant Kumar Shukla said the victims, natives of Danna Purwa village under the Thattia police station area, had gone to Kashmir two months ago and were working as labourers in Shopian.

Kannauj Superintendent of Police Kunwar Anupam Singh said, "After the post-mortem of the

Five newly promoted DySPs adjusted in ACB;

5 repatriated to Home Deptt

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government on Tuesday posted five newly promoted Deputy Superintendent of Police (DySPs) in the Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) and repatriated five others to the Home Department.

An order issued by Secretary to Government, Dr Piyush Singla stated today that five

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Three DySPs transferred

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Director General of Police J&K, Dilbag Singh on Tuesday transferred three Deputy Superintendents of Police (DySPs):

As per PJHQ order, Ghutam Mustafa Bhat, DySP CID SB Budgam has been transferred and posted as DySP CID SB Pulwama/Shopian; Altaf Ahmad Naik, DySP CID SB Anantnag as DySP CID SB Budgam; and Parveea Sajad, DySP AC HG Anantnag as DySP CID SB Anantnag.

Ladakh: 4 tourists died, two injured in mishaps

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

LEH: Four tourists on way to Nubra from Leh met with a dreadful accident costing their lives at Khardungla Top as their vehicle (Thar) they were travelling in skidded off the road due to snowfall and slippery conditions and fell into the deep gorge about 100 mtrs down.

As soon the information was received to the district police, the police party from Police Station Nubra, South and North Pulu and the UT Disaster Response Force rushed to the spot and started the rescue operation.

After hectic efforts, the

teams rescued three injured persons while the fourth one had already breathed his last.

The injured were shifted to SNM Hospital Leh and on way to Hospital all the three injured also succumbed to their injuries. All the four deceased have been identified as Mohd Firoz, son of Mohd Fayaz, resident of H.No-C1/38, near Imambada, New Seelampur, North East Delhi, Zeeshan Ahmed, son of Tofiq Ahmed, resident of H.No 130 muncempur, PO Sarkara Khas, Mundapanday,

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JKP S-I paper leak scam: CBI arrests BSF doctor, takes total arrests to 9

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Acting tough in the J&K Police Sub Inspectors paper leakage scam, the Central Bureau of Investigations (CBI) has arrested Dr Karnail Singh, Medical Officer, BSF Frontier Headquarters, Paloura for detailed interrogation as it was established that he was instrumental in selling J&K Police S-I leaked question paper for hefty amount.

Earlier, the CBI had arrested eight accused including Raman Sharma son of Chuni Lal, a resident of village

Nore in Maira Mandrian area of Khour, posted as Selection Grade Constable (SgCT) in Jammu and Kashmir Police.

Suresh Sharma, son of Ram Lal Sharma, a resident of Kaink Jageer in Akhnour, a tout and Jagdish Sharma, son of Dhani Ram, resident of Masyal Narayana in Khour, a Government teacher. Kewal Krishan, an IRP



FOLLOW-UP

Rakesh Kumar of Pel in Khour area of Akhnour, who had collected Rs 1.25 erore from the beneficiaries.

Two scamsters arrested eaerlier from Haryana were identified as Yatin Yadav alias Guru Ji of Rewari and Anil Kumar of

Mahendergarh.

Today after the arrest, the CBI produced Dr Karnail Singh before the designated court for remand for questioning in connection with paper leakage scam.

Sources said Dr Karnail was one of the main accused and was part of the racket which leaked the question paper and subsequently sold it among the aspirants for amounts running into lakhs.

Houses of all these accused were raided earlier by the CBI sleuths when total of 33 locations spread over

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Four Sr POs transferred

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government on Tuesday transferred four Senior Prosecuting Officers (Sr POs).

According to the order issued by R.K Goyal, Financial Commissioner (ACS), Home Department, Rajesh Kumar Khajuria, Sr PO, PHQ, J&K has been transferred and posted as Sr PO, DPO Poonch; Yogesh Nagpaul, Sr PO, PHQ J&K as Sr PO, DPO Rajouri vice Pawan Preet Singh, Sr PO, who has been posted as Sr PO, PHQ J&K; Ankush Sharma, Sr PO, DPO Poonch has been transferred and posted as Sr PO, PHQ J&K.

Farooq Abdullah supporting, fanning terrorism in J&K: Chugh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Tuesday condemned the ghastly murder of two persons from UP by terrorists in J&K and strongly condemned former Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah for repeatedly giving statements in favour of terrorists and separatists to fan violence in J&K.

"In 1989 Farooq Abdullah with Congress party fanned terrorism here. They have always supported terrorism and talk about terrorism.



Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha unveiling a book 'The Slum Queen' by Rouble Nagi at Srinagar on Tuesday.

intensified Counter-terror operations to crush terror ecosystem. Now there are no calls for bandhs in Kashmir at the behest of neighboring country. Now a common man can earn his livelihood peacefully. We have succeeded in Choking Terror funding and recruitment to a large extent, said the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor was speaking during the unveiling event of a book 'The Slum Queen' by Rouble Nagi.

The book encompasses the author's transformative jour-

ney as an artist and social worker and her dedication for betterment of the lives of the underprivileged.

The Lt Governor commended the efforts of the author and her art foundation for empowering women, creating Job opportunities for youth and ensuring children's education.

He also appreciated the work being done by them in Baramulla, Kupwara districts of Jammu and Kashmir. The Lt

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Two Gujjar youth booked for outraging modesty of 2 minor girls from Gujjar Girls Hostel

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Two Reasi based Gujjar youth have been booked for kidnapping and outraging the modesty of two minor girls staying at Gujjar Girls hostel Near Residency Road in Jammu City. The girls have been recovered while both the accused are on the run, police said.

The parents of the minor girls, one studying in Class 9 and the other in Class 12, have lodged complaint with the City Police Station that their daughters were kidnapped from the hostel and then taken to Katra by two youth. The girls managed to flee from the clutches of the

youth, who had come to Jammu with a motive to kidnap the girls.

The City Police has registered an FIR while both the girls have been referred to SMGS hospital for medical examination. Police teams have been dispatched for Reasi to trace out the accused youth, identified as Mohd Shakoor (25), son of Mohammed Rashid, resident of Charala Kot, Reasi and Zafar (23), son of Kasam Din, resident of Garaan Mode Reasi.

FIR 57/2022 under sections 376, 366, PASCO Act has been registered at City Police Station.

CS launches online HRMS for JK employees

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: As a significant reform, encompassing different dimensions of Human Resource Management of the employees working for J&K government, Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, on Tuesday launched Jammu & Kashmir Human Resource Management System (HRMS).

The launch was attended by all


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Kharge vs Tharoor: Cong to get first non-Gandhi president in 24 years today

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Congress will get its first non-Gandhi president in 24 years on Wednesday after more than 9,500 votes cast to choose between senior leaders Mallikarjun Kharge and Shashi Tharoor are counted to cap the election contest, the sixth in its

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**WEATHER**

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 29.9°C Min: 18.2°C

Humidity

Max : 80 Min : 50

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 23.0°C Min: 7.0°C

Humidity

Max : 65 Min: 56

Sunset : 17:59 Hours

Sunrise : 06:36 Hours

Breakthrough achieved on under-construction 10.2 Km railway tunnel in Ramban

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BANIHAL/JAMMU: The digging work was completed Tuesday on a 10.2 km tunnel connecting Sumbar and Dharam villages on the 111-km under-construction Banihal-Katra Railway link, an official said.

The breakthrough on T-48 Tunnel was executed by conducting a blast under the supervision of Chief Executive Officer of the Northern Railways S P Mahi, the official said.

It is a major milestone achieved on the Kashmir rail project and with this, the digging work on most of the tunnels in Ramban and Reasi district stand completed, a railway official said.

He said this is the fourth tunnel following the 12.6km

tunnel T-49 between Sumbar and Arpinchala stations, the longest tunnel of Indian Railways, which was completed in January this year.

The official said Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Railway Link (USBRL) is a national project which is likely to be completed by next year. Of the 272-km USBRL project, the work on 161 km was commissioned in phases. The first phase of 118-km Qazigund-Baramulla section was commissioned in October 2009, followed by the 18-km Banihal-Qazigund in June 2013 and the 25-km Udhampur-Katra in July 2014.

The work on the intervening stretch of 111

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individuals, especially those who are in support of peace, order and violence-free society by issuing threats to them, the spokesman said.

He said the search was carried out at the suspect's residence in the Magam area of the district in compliance to search warrant obtained from the court of special judge, designated under the NIA Act (TADA/POTA), Srinagar.

Incriminating material, including a mobile phone, SIM cards and bank documents, was seized for further investigation, the spokesman said.

I don't promise to bring back Art 370: Azad

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KARNAH: Democratic Azad party chief Ghulam Nabi Azad said that Jammu and Kashmir is suffering from political, social and economic crisis for the last 35 years and everyone's support is necessary to get out of this crisis.

"I do not promise to bring back Article 370, but I will try to bring it back. I raised my voice at every place; the Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha, but the solution cannot come out until like minded parties are in absolute majority," he said while addressing a huge gathering in Karnah where he is on 3-day visit.

He was quick to add it is in the hands of the central government.

"I can promise that the people of Jammu and Kashmir



Democratic Azad Party Chief Ghulam Nabi Azad addressing a gathering at Karnah on Tuesday.

have the right to the land. I am in favor of bringing back Article 370. Article 370 was part of our constitution, it was not against anyone," he said.

"Today whole country and the whole world is going through economic crisis. Jammu and Kashmir has been going through a political, social and economic cri-

sis for the last 35 years," he said.

Former Chief Minister also said that "unfortunately the period of militancy in Jammu and Kashmir was the period of our destruction. Due to covid our industries were closed, businesses were closed, jobs were lost. Daughters-in-laws have become widows, lakhs of chil-