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elections, J&K Assembly polls and peaceful and successful conduct of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra. Now, it is time for all to leverage the dividends of this peace, especially the youth, who are the future of this region. Let us pledge to support our Police, Army and CAPFs as they continue to safeguard our safety and well-being," the Lt Governor said. On the occasion, the Lt Governor also asked the Police officials and personnel to constantly review and strengthen the mechanism for monitoring the crimes against women, children, weaker sections of the society and ensure strict action. He further suggested for launching a dedicated campaign for a drug-free Jammu Kashmir, and paying special attention to the training and re-skilling to enhance awareness, capabilities and coordination among the police personnel for effective counter-terrorism operations. Nalin Prabhat, DGP J&K read the names of brave hearts of Police who attained martyrdom during the year fighting crime and ensuring safety of the nation. The arms were reversed and a two-minute silence was observed to honour the Martyrs. The Lt Governor also visited the Blood Donation Camp organized to mark the occasion.

Four Munsiffs transferred...

vice Bazila Bashir, Shivani Atri has been posted as Addl. Spl Mobile Magistrate Pantha Chowk and Hiteshwar Kesar as Munsiff Dangiwaacha. Meanwhile, Andleeb Singh has been posted as Munsiff Budhal vice Rabyia Snober Gulzar.

Won't let 'vested'...

"We will not allow the development here to be stopped. If there are shortcomings in the security grid, we will remove them. I spoke to the DGP and we would advise all big projects not to take security issues lightly.

"Whatever they can do on their own, let them do it and let the security forces fill the gaps that remain," he added.

The Chief Minister termed the attack as "very unfortunate".

"Words are not enough to condemn this attack. What can be achieved by the use of terror against innocents? We have been seeing this for the past 35 years and nothing has changed in J&K.

"Whatever can be achieved for Jammu and Kashmir, it can be done in a peaceful atmosphere. Obviously, the reason behind this attack is to prove that the situation in Jammu and Kashmir is not conducive," he said.

Abdullah said the administration, especially police and security forces, will have to be extra alert and ensure that such attacks are not repeated.

"We have seen such an attack on a big project after many years. Before this, an attack took place at an IRRON camp when a railway tunnel was being executed," he said. During the visit to the Hospital, the Chief Minister was briefed by Director SKIMS, Prof. M. Ashraf Ganie, along with a team of senior doctors, on the health status of the injured and the medical procedures being followed for their treatment.

The Chief Minister visited each injured individual, spoke with them about their injuries and got detailed updates from the medical staff on the ongoing line of treatment. He expressed his concern and care for the victims, directing the doctors and hospital administration to provide the best possible treatment and care to ensure their swift recovery.

In his interaction with the families and attendants of the injured, Omar Abdullah reassured them of his support, encouraging them to reach out if they needed any additional help. He emphasized the importance of ensuring that all necessary medical resources were made available to the patients.

Pak-sponsored terrorism...

security forces have been adequately strengthened on the basis of zero tolerance towards terrorism to protect the lives of the people.

No talks with...

will establish Pakistan here? We have been seeing it for many years that they (terrorists) are coming from there. We are trying to settle this problem so that we can come out of our difficulties. I want to tell the rulers of Pakistan that if they really want friendship with India, they should stop this. Kashmir will not become (part of) Pakistan," the NC president said.

He said Pakistan should allow people of Kashmir to live in peace and dignity and focus on their own country's development.

"Please let us live with dignity, allow us to develop. For how long will you put us in miseries? You started in 1947 by sending the tribal raiders and killing the innocents. Were you able to make it to Pakistan here? If you did not succeed in 75 years, how will you succeed now? "For Allah's sake look after your own country and focus on development and leave us at the mercy of our God. We want to remove poverty and unemployment here. It cannot be achieved through terrorism," he said.

Abdullah said the impact of the attack will be felt by all people of Jammu and Kashmir. "How will we progress if this (bloodshed) continues? The time has come that they should stop it or later the consequences will be hard," he added.

Ganderbal terror attack...

project at Gund in Ganderbal had returned to their camp late in the evening, the officials said.

They said the terrorists -- believed to be at least two -- opened indiscriminate fire on the group of labourers that included both locals and non-locals.

While two labourers died on the spot, four others and the doctor succumbed to their injuries subsequently, the officials said, adding that five people are undergoing treatment for injuries.

The deceased have been identified as Dr Shah Nawaz, Faheem Nasir, Kaleem, Mohammad Haniif, Shashi Abrol, Anil Shukla and Gurmeet Singh.

This was the deadliest attack on non-local labourers in Kashmir since the June 2006 attack in Yaripora area of Kulgam district which left nine labourers -- hailing from Nepal and Bihar -- dead.

The NIA sleuths this afternoon visited the spot to collect evidence that could lead the investigators to the perpetrators of the attack.

Meanwhile, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday said security forces will avenge the killing of construction workers in the brutal attack in Ganderbal and the terrorists and their associates will remember it for the time to come.

Sinha called for justice for the victims as he blamed Pakistan for "still trying to kill innocent people" in the region to disrupt peace.

Addressing a function here earlier in the day, the LG said, "We won't forget yesterday's dastardly attack."

The LG said there was still a threat from the "neighbouring country". "It is still trying to kill innocent people in this region and to destabilise peace here," he added at the Police Martyrs' Day function.

Pakistan should understand...

them when Article 370 was revoked on August 5, 2019 . The whole dynamic of counter-terrorism operation changed - the forces got a free hand to deal with terrorists and the ecosystem that sustained them it would not be out of place to recall the role of the political governments which generated several other narratives . They were seen espousing the cause of the elements who worked against the nation at several levels. There were layers over layers in the political system hampering all out operations against terrorists .

After the abrogation of Article 370 , the first task that the Centre undertook was to put an end to era of street violence and clashes while at the same time it hunted down terrorists, their hideouts . No perpetrator of violence would be spared became the mantra of the government in right earnest after Manoj Sinha took over as Lieutenant Governor of J&K in August 2020 .

In his little-over four years tenure so far he has ensured that peace gains its momentum due to the tireless efforts of the security forces and improvement in the delivery system on the administrative front. Employees and officers were seen in their offices and made to work with a clockwise precision as no room was left for the shutdowns, general strikes . The people had limited access to the secretariat but online system compensated for that lack of physical access . This comprehensive strategy worked to enhance the space for peace and normalcy.

Pakistan is unable to see all these developments . Its structure of terrorism was dismantled with the support of the people . Two back to back elections - Lok Sabha and Assembly in 2024 - took all the wind out of its sails. These elections were held in utmost peaceful environment and a democratically elected government has come back in the union territory , for which Prime Minister Narendra Modi , Home Minister Amit Shah and Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha deserve all the credit . The peace measures initiated by the Centre, through welfare schemes and by enabling Kashmir to host international events like G20 summit in May 2023 , and international marathon on Sunday , gave a new tag to J&K- being a destination for international events.

Pakistan landed in deep depression . Sunday evening's attack at Gagangir , near Sonamarg, is an outlet of this frustration . Pakistan has miscalculated everything . This time , both Home Minister Amit Shah and LG Manoj Sinha have vowed to finish off perpetrators of this crime .

More than forces , the people too are getting ready to punish the terrorists . Just wait and watch.

Patwari caught red...

revenue extracts thereof. The complaint after negotiations settled at Rs 50000 as first instalment and remaining Rs 50000 after completion of the task. However, the complainant did not want to pay the bribe and decided to approach Anti Corruption Bureau with a written complaint for taking legal action against the accused public servant under law. On receipt of the complaint the discreet verification was conducted, which confirmed the demand by the public servant concerned and accordingly Case FIR No. 22/2024 under section 7 PC Act 1988 was registered in this Bureau and investigation was taken up, the statement added.

During the course of investigation a trap team was constituted which laid a successful trap and caught the accused public servant Ruman Qayoom, resident of Sector-C, Gulberg Colony Hyderpora Srinagar red-handed while demanding and accepting the bribe amount of Rs 50000 from the complainant. After completing all formalities, the accused Public Servant was taken into custody.

Further investigation of the instant case is going on.

Sinha directs immediate...

to exact a price that will be remembered by the terrorists and their associates for time to come.

The Lt Governor has posted on X:

"Visited the Hospital in Srinagar to inquire about the health of construction workers, who were injured in Gagangir terror attack. I pray for their speedy recovery. Directed the officials to provide all the support to the affected families.

The brutal and savage attack against construction workers will be avenged. I've asked the J&K Police, security forces to exact a price that will be remembered by the terrorists and their associates for time to come".

The Lieutenant Governor also visited the family of Shashi Abrol, who was martyred by terrorists at Gagangir in Ganderbal.

The Lt Governor offered his condolences and assured the family members that the terrorists responsible for the Martyrdom of Shashi Abrol will be neutralized soon.

He also assured the family of all assistance and support from the administration. The entire nation stands in solidarity with the family of the martyr civilian in this hour of grief. Government will take care of the welfare, job and education of the next of kin, he said.

Meanwhile, the Lieutenant Governor has directed Chandraker Bharti, Principal Secretary, Home Department, J&K, to immediately provide financial assistance to the families of civilian victims of Gagangir terrorist attack. He has also asked the APCO Infratech Company to release the compensation without any delay.

The officials of APCO Infratech briefed the Lieutenant Governor on assistance being provided to the kin / family members. Under SRE, Rs.6 Lakh to be given to the next of kin of each martyred civilian and Rs.15 Lakh as an immediate measure to be provided by APCO Infratech. An ex-gratia of Rs.2 Lakh to be provided to all the injured. Additionally, APCO Infratech will also provide financial assistance to the families of civilians on roll under Corporate Personal Accident Policy and 5 years of their gross CTC as compensation from insurance. All PRW labour and third-party employees are covered under workman compensation policy and accordingly financial assistance to be provided. Lieutenant Governor said, the Government and APCO Infratech company will ensure every possible financial assistance to the next of kin and other necessary support as required.

"Though it is an irreparable loss and cannot be compensated monetarily, we are taking concrete measures for the families of the martyr civilians so that they live a life of dignity," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Time for BJP...

border. One wishes that yesterday's Ganderbal incident is not construed as an act motivated by change of guard in Jammu and Kashmir. The Chief Minister and NC chief Farooq Abdullah have done well by castigating the actors involved in the gruesome Gagangir act. For a change, Farooq Abdullah has lashed out at Pakistan for perpetrating terror attacks in J&K and stated that Islamabad will have to stop terror incidents if it wants friendly relations with India. A strong votary of talks with Pakistan, he says how can there be talks if the neighbor kills innocent people and then aspires for dialogue. "First stop the killings", he advised Pakistan.

Now that the government formation is over in Jammu and Kashmir, the Chief Minister will have to work towards 'confidence building measures' with the people of Jammu and the Centre, as the UT has a plethora of issues that need to be sorted out. This calls for mutual trust and cooperation. That is what democracy is all about.

5 MLAs Nomination...

Younius Hafiz for the respondents, after perusal of the material on record, Division Bench is of the opinion that the writ petition, inter-alia, raises the following debatable question of law: "Whether Sections 15, 15-A and 15-B of the Jammu & Kashmir Reorganization Act, 2019, making provision for nominating the members of Legislative Assembly over and above the sanctioned strength of the Legislative Assembly, and which have the potential of converting the minority government into a majority government and vice versa, is ultra vires the Constitution being in violation of basic structure of the Constitution? DB after hearing both the sides admitted the petition for hearing and issued notice to the respondents. Notice waived by appearing counsel for the respondents. DB directed to list on December 5, 2024 for final consideration. DB further observed that in view of the fact that the Government has been formed, there is no urgency for grant of interim relief prayed for. The prayer of the petitioners for interim relief at this stage is declined. The parties shall be at liberty to approach this Court for interim relief, should there be a change in the circumstances.

CM, 85 others took oath as legislators of J&K LA

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SRINAGAR: Newly sworn-in Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah, along with 85 others on Monday took oath as members of the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly.



Pro-tem Speaker, Mubarak Gul, administering oath to elected members of J&K Legislative Assembly at Srinagar on Monday.

Pro-tem Speaker, Mubarak Gul, administered oath to the elected members of the J&K Legislative Assembly.

The Chief Minister was the first to take the oath followed by his council of ministers and other MLAs. Congratulating the newly elected MLAs, Pro-tem Speaker expressed hope that they would raise the issues related to the public welfare in a total professional manner. He exhorted upon the legislators to work collectively so that the journey takes a smooth and steady pace for welfare of the people. He said that the Omar Abdullah led government will take everyone along for steering Jammu and Kashmir towards new heights of peace, progress and prosperity. He also thanked all the concerned departments for making all the arrangements for smooth conduct of the oath ceremony.

The Pro-tem Speaker also announced that Omar Abdullah has vacated the Budgam assembly seat while retaining the Ganderbal constituency.

Omar vacates Budgam assembly seat, retains Ganderbal

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SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has vacated the Budgam assembly seat and retained the Ganderbal constituency, Pro-tem speaker Mubarak Gul announced in the House on Monday: Abdullah won both the seats in the recently held assembly polls. The Ganderbal seat is considered an Abdullah family stronghold. The 54-year-old Abdullah was an MLA from Ganderbal from 2009 to 2014 during his first tenure as the chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir: With this, the strength of the National Conference in the 95-member house has been reduced to 41 but the party still enjoys a comfortable majority with the support of six Congress MLA, five Independents and one MLA each of the AAP and the CPI(M).

CM pays tributes to Police Martyrs on Commemoration Day

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SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday paid homage to police martyrs on Police Commemoration Day during a solemn ceremony at the Police Martyrs Memorial here at Zewan.

Accompanied by members of his Council of Ministers, Javed Ahmad Rana and Javid Ahmad Dar, as well as Advisor to the Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani, the Chief Minister led the gathering in offering floral tributes to honor the sacrifices of the brave policemen.



CM Omar Abdullah paying tributes to Police Martyrs on Commemoration Day at Zewan memorial.

Among the recently elected Members of the Legislative Assembly, Farooq Ahmad Shah, Sheikh Ahsan, Mushtaq Guru, and Raffiq Ahmad Naik, also participated in the tribute ceremony, laying floral wreaths at the memorial in recognition of the courage and dedication of the martyrs.

Several senior officials were present to pay their respects, including Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, Director General of Police J&K Nalin Prabhat, Additional Chief Secretary Jal Shakti Shaleen Kabra, and Principal Secretary Home.

After the tribute ceremony, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah visited a blood donation camp set up as part of the event. He expressed his appreciation for the individuals who donated blood, commending their spirit of selflessness in contributing to the welfare of the community.

Dy CM condemns terror attack in Gagangeer

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SRINAGAR: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, has strongly condemned the militant attack happened in Gagangeer, Ganderbal district, here last evening.

Describing the heinous incident as an act of cowardice, the Deputy Chief Minister extended deepest condolences to the grieving families of the victims. He prayed for peace and strength to the bereaved families during this time of immense sorrow.

Surinder Choudhary wished for speedy recovery of those injured in the attack. "Such acts of terror will not deter our resolve for heralding peace and unity. Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families," he maintained.

The Deputy Chief Minister reiterated the government's determination to bring the perpetrators to justice and enhance security measures to prevent such incidents in the future.

DM calls for heightening vigil against illegal mining in Jammu

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: District Magistrate Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya on Monday asked the enforcement departments to intensify efforts to curb illegal mining activities in the district.

He was chairing the meeting of District Level Task Force attended by Senior Superintendent of Police Joginder Singh, Additional Deputy Commissioners Ansuja Jamwal and Shishir Gupta, Sub Divisional Magistrates, District Mining Officer and other senior police officers.

The meeting stressed on reinforcing coordination among the enforcement agencies to combat illegal mining effectively. Focus was on identification of hotspots and devising targeted plans to tighten noose around perpetrators of unlawful mining activities.

DM Sachin Kumar Vaishya directed the SDMs and Sub-Divisional Police Officers to formulate comprehensive plans to step up vigil in the areas prone to illegal mining. "We must take all necessary steps and set strong precedents to deter illegal mining activities," the District Magistrate stressed. He further emphasised the need for strict adherence to the demarcated mining zones, ensuring no deviation from the regulations.



District Magistrate Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya chairing a meeting on Monday.

Additionally, the DM called for increased vigilance on both illegal mining and its logistics, such as the transportation of illegally mined materials, to effectively curb the illicit trade.

Assuring the full support of the district administration, the DM urged all officers involved in the enforcement to work collaboratively and efficiently. "The administration will provide all necessary assistance to ensure the successful curbing of illegal mining activities," he added.

SSP Joginder Singh also reiterated the need for strict enforcement of law and maintaining close vigil at all costs. He reassured full cooperation from the police department to ensure clamp down on illegal mining operations.

Workshop held on drone technology and its applications at CUJ

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JAMMU: One-week workshop on drone technology and its applications was organized by the department of Electronics and Communication Engineering under UGC-MMTTC at Central University of Jammu. The workshop covered several key areas, including drone hardware and software, regulations, and hands-on flying sessions. It also explored a wide range of applications, such as agriculture, security, and environmental monitoring.

The event highlighted the increasing significance of drones in addressing contemporary challenges, particularly in enhancing security operations and conducting infrastructure inspections. The resource persons were called from industries such as Drona Aviation, Techno Zone, and Garuda Aerospace. Garuda Aerospace also conducted a Drone Exhibition session along with flying session.

Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sanjeev Jain graced the event with his kind presence, and he motivated the faculty members, research scholars, participants to enhance the research and development skills in the field of drone technology to solve the various problems of key sectors such as defense and agriculture.

He also reiterated his vision of utilizing these advanced technologies for the welfare of society and their potential to revolutionize these industries.

Prof Yashwant Singh, Registrar, Central University of Jammu, Prof. Rakesh Kumar Jha, Head of Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, Dr. Neelika Arora, Director of MMTTC, and Dr. Akshay Kumar, Assistant Director of MMTTC was also present at the event. Prof. Jha highlighted the importance of drone technology in different application areas.

Dr. Neelika Arora, Director of MMTTC focused on the role of UGC-MMTTC to conduct Faculty Development Programs/Short term courses/ Refresher courses/ Workshops to promote interdisciplinary training hence reducing the gap between academic knowledge, industry and real-world applications.

In this workshop more than 30 participants registered from various parts of Jammu & Kashmir and all over the country. The workshop was coordinated by Dr. Sunil Datt Sharma, Associate Professor, DoECE) and Co-coordinated Dr. Misbah Shafi Assistant Professor, DoECE.



VC Prof. Sanjeev Jain and others during the workshop.