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## CAPF companies sent to Kashmir in wake of targeted civilian killings



**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Amid a spike in targeted civilian killings by terrorists in Kashmir, over 5,500 additional central armed police forces (CAPFs) personnel have been sent to the Valley, officials said on Tuesday.

The fresh companies were moved into the valley as part of the strategy of "enhancing security and visibility" of the forces on the ground following the killings, they said.

The Union home ministry had last month directed that about 55 fresh companies of the central forces should be deployed in the Kashmir valley in the wake of targeted killings of civilians, the offi-

cial said.

The last five companies of this lot will be in position by next week, they said.

While 25 of these companies are drawn from the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), the rest belong to the Border Security Force (BSF). A CAPF company has about 100 personnel.

The CRPF is extensively deployed in Jammu and Kashmir for law and order and counter-terrorism duties with around 60 battalions, comprising about 1,000 personnel each, based in Kashmir as regular deployment in the summer capital of Srinagar and other parts of the valley.

The BSF guards the India-Pakistan Line of Control (LoC) under the operational command of the army and some of its units are deployed for law and order duties in the towns too.

New bunkers have emerged in the valley as people were being frisked and vehicles scanned by the central and state police personnel.

Even women CRPF personnel have been deployed in areas around Lal Chowk for frisking females.

At least 14 people have lost their lives since October 1 in shootings that targeted civilians in Jammu and

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## CJ administers oath of office to newly appointed Judges



Chief Justice Pankaj Mithal of High Court of J&K and Ladakh administering oath to Justice Akram Chowdhary and Justice Mohan Lal on Tuesday.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Justice Pankaj Mithal, Chief Justice of High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh on Tuesday administered oath of office to two newly appointed Judges, Justice Mohan Lal and Justice Akram Chowdhary, as Judges of High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

The oath taking ceremony was attended at Jammu by Justice Dhiraj Singh Thakur, Justice Sindhu Sharma, Justice Rajnesh Oswal, Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul and Justice Puneet Gupta while Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey, Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Justice Sanjay Dhar and Justice Javed Iqbal Wani participated online from Srinagar.

The proceedings of the ceremony were conducted by Jawad Ahmad, Registrar

General of High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh who read the contents of the notification received from Union Ministry of Law & Justice, Department of Justice (Appointments Division), the Warrants of Appointment issued by the President of India and the Letter of Authorization issued by the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, authorising the

Chief Justice of High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, to administer the Oath of office to the two newly appointed Judges.

The ceremony was also attended by Former Chief Justice, Former Judges of High Court, Advocate General, Chief Secretary, Assistant Solicitor General of India, Secretary Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, District Judges posted at Jammu Headquarter, members of various Bars, officers of Civil and Police administration besides officers and staff of the Registry.

With elevation of two senior Judges from Judicial Services as permanent Judges, the strength of Judges of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh has risen to 13 Judges including the Chief Justice.

Justice Mohan Lal Mannas was born on November

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## CBSE to use advanced data analytics to check adoption of unfair means in exams

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) will use advanced data analytics to ensure fairness in the examinations it conducts by identifying centres where there is a high probability of recourse to unfair means.

Examinations have to be conducted in a standardized and fair manner. All efforts are made to prevent the adoption of unfair means through monitoring by appointing external observers and flying squads, and use of CCTV, said Antriksh Johri, Director (IT), CBSE.

"We have decided further to improve upon it by using advance data analytics to detect cases and centres where there is a high probability of recourse to unfair means during examinations," he said.

A pilot analysis has been done on January 2021 Central Teacher Eligibility Test (CTET) examination data in collaboration with the Central Square Foundation and Playpower Labs to develop algorithms to identify suspicious data patterns at the centre and the individual test-taker level. "Based on the analysis results

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## GAD Helpline For Grievances Or Eyewash

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: A day after STATE TIMES published a two-part series on LG's Grievances Cell taking cognizance of anonymous complaints, which generally lead to harassment and blackmail, the Union Territory Administration has come up with a helpline mechanism for registering grievances. Of course, this will leave little room for 'anonymous' complainants as their telephones will get registered on the helpline but who will guarantee the response by the so-called helpline.

The assumption is based on experience as the government had announced a similar mechanism some time back but the officers would seldom pick their phones. Generally, if at all the calls generated any response, the pickers used to be Personal Assistants, who would just end up with stereotype

answers... 'Sahib is not in town... Sahib is in a meeting etcetera'.

The remedy for anonymous complaints received by the LG Grievances Cell continues to remain unannounced. Moreover, the order is not clear about the anonymous complaints being forwarded



**FOLLOW-UP**

by LG's office to different departments, causal, remains uncurbed.

In the past as well, the experiment failed despite mobile numbers of the officers designated put in the public domain. No officer would pick up their phones notwithstanding clear cut instructions to keep their cellular phones on for being responded on prior-

ity. The experiment, however, failed miserably.

Meanwhile, according to an official spokesperson, the Government on Tuesday installed dedicated telephone lines in General Administration Department to register public grievances which can be reached on all working days between 10.00 am to 5.00 pm.

According to a public notice issued by GAD in this regard, the general public can register their genuine grievances at 0194-2506115, 0194-2506102, 0194-2506111, 0194-2506112 and 0194-2506144.

The notice further said that the public can also contact Riyaz-ul-Haq, Under Secretary, General Administration Department, at 0194-2506702 with regard to working of above landlines for grievances registration thereof. All the Administrative

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## Defence capability development is national imperative in view of disputed borders: Army Chief

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
GANDHINAGAR: Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) General MM Naravane on Tuesday said capability development of the armed forces remains a national imperative given the country's active and disputed borders with two neighbours and observed that disruptive technologies are fast transforming the character of the modern world.

Addressing the event of the signing of MoUs between Gandhinagar-based Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU) and the Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space

Applications and Geoinformatics (BISAG-N) virtually, General Naravane said academic vigour needs to be enriched with operational understanding to meet the challenges of modern warfare. The event was held at the RRU campus in Gandhinagar.

"Disruptive technologies are transforming the character of the modern world, faster than ever before. We have seen the decisive impact of these technologies in recent conflicts around the world," General Naravane said. "Given our active and disputed borders in the

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## Three cops among 138 new COVID cases, two deaths in J&K

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir recorded 138 fresh cases of coronavirus including three cops of Purmandal Police Station on Tuesday, taking the infection count to 3,33,325, while two related deaths were reported from the Union territory in the past 24 hours, officials said.

Thirty-two of the new cases were from the Jammu division and the remaining 106 from the Kashmir division, the officials said.

They said Srinagar district recorded a maximum of 59 new cases, followed by 16 cases in Budgam district.

There are 1,199 active novel coronavirus cases in the Union territory, while the number of recovered patients was 327681, the officials said.

The death toll from the pandemic now stands at 4,445, they said.

The officials said the mucormycosis

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**WEATHER**

Temperature (Jammu)  
Max: 28.4°C Min: 12.5°C

Humidity  
Max: 80 Min: 64

Temperature (Srinagar)  
Max: 17.4°C Min: 1.6°C

Humidity  
Max: 94 Min: 71

Sunset: 17:36 Hours  
Sunrise: 06:57 Hours

## CS approves revised health benefits package for COVID complications



CS, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta chairing 4th Governing Council Meeting for Ayushman Bharat.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: In consideration of the revised population estimates, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta on Tuesday approved the Health & Medical Education Department's proposal to switch from the

existing SECC 2011 database to the latest data under the National Food Security Act (NFSA), on the recommendation of the National Health Authority.

He also approved the adoption of a modified health ben-

efits package to include treatment for COVID complications.

Chairing the 4th Governing Council's meeting for Ayushman Bharat, Dr. Mehta also advised the Department to request the NHA to consider the inclusion of targeted therapies and immunomodulators in the medical oncology, and multiple inflammatory syndromes in children, in the revised health benefits package.

Administrative Secretaries of the departments of Health & Medical Education

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## Ladakh's first medical college set to begin academic session next year

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
LEH: The Ladakh government has speeded up work to complete pre-fabricated structures of the first medical college in the union territory by setting a target of beginning the first academic session in 2022, officials said on Tuesday.

Principal Secretary (Health and Medical Education Department) Dr Pawan Kotwal chaired a meeting in which he directed officials to ensure completion of pre-fabricated structures for the academic block of the new medical college in Leh.

During the meeting,

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## J&K pacer Umran Malik named in 14-member India A team for SA tour

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Rookie Jammu and Kashmir pacer Umran Malik was on Tuesday named in the India A squad, to be led by Gujarat top-order batter Priyank Panchal, for the tour of South Africa beginning from November 23.

The BCCI's senior selection committee picked the 14-member squad for the tour which will have three four-day matches. All the three matches will be played in Bloemfontein.

The 21-year-old Malik, a right-arm pacer, has played just one List A and eight

T20 matches so far in his nascent career. He has not

played any red-ball game.

The player from Jammu got everyone excited with his raw pace during the IPL in UAE last month.

He had clocked 152.95 kph -- the fastest of the tourna-

ment -- during Sunrisers Hyderabad's game against Royal Challengers Bangalore, whose captain Virat Kohli was left impressed.

The youngster has risen through the ranks despite humble beginnings. His father owns a small fruit shop in Jammu's Gujjar Nagar area.

On his T20 debut, he picked up 3/24 against Railways which included the wicket of former India player Karn Sharma, who was beaten for sheer pace. He has taken six wickets in

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## 'You are in power and arrogant': Satya Pal attacks Centre on farm protests issue

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAIPUR: Meghalaya Governor Satya Pal Malik once again attacked the Union government over the issue of the farm laws on Sunday, saying that it will have to eventually concede to the demands of farmers protesting against the laws, and that it should have invested in world class colleges rather than a new Parliament.

Addressing the Global Jat Summit organised by Teja Foundation in Jaipur on Sunday, Malik said, "The country has never seen such a huge protest where 600 people have been martyred. Even if an animal dies, a condolence message is issued by

Delhi leaders. But no prastav (motion) is passed over [the deaths of] 600 farmers. There was a fire in Maharashtra yesterday... and there was a prastav from Delhi. But our 600 people died and no one is speaking on them. Even people from our varg (farming community) did not stand up in the Parliament to pass the prastav. This is not a good situation."

Saying he met Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the issue, Malik said: "I was very hurt and angry and I met the Prime Minister and I told him that you are misreading the situation; these Sikhs cannot be defeated... nor can these Jats



be defeated. You think that they (the farmers) will go away just like that; but give them something before sending them off, and don't do two things: don't use force on them, second, don't send them empty handed because they don't forget, they don't

forget for a hundred years."

Malik equated it with how former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi had to pay with her life after Operation Bluestar at Akal Takht, which had hurt the Sikh community, and that General A S Vaidya was assassinated in Pune, after his retirement as the Army Chief, while General Michael O'Dwyer was assassinated in London following the Jalianwala Bagh massacre.

Malik also sought to separate the farmers' agitation from the incident at the Red Fort on Republic Day.

"When Kargil (war) happens, 20-year-old kids of these farmers are made to climb the mountains. I

believe it was the government's failure that they entered Kargil, and it was the children of farmers who paid the price for it. This injustice is done only with us, and sometimes people react to it. I don't want there to be such a day when these farmers react. The farmers haven't even hit someone with a piece of concrete yet. The Red Fort incident had no relation with farmers' protest," he said.

"And had I been the leader of farm protests, I would have still justified it. Only the Prime Minister has the right to hoist the tricolour at Red Fort," he said. He said that folklore, stories and

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**GOOD NEWS** Proud MOMENT! for District Samba!

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