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Top security officials...

joined the security officials in their meeting with the prime minister, officials said.

It is learnt that Modi was apprised about the discussions at the 'Delhi Regional Security Dialogue on Afghanistan' by the security officials.

India hosted the dialogue to firm up a common approach for practical cooperation in confronting increasing threats of terrorism, radicalisation and drug trafficking following the Taliban's takeover of Kabul.

The central Asian countries that attended the dialogue are Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

In the dialogue, the security czars flagged concerns over the possible rise of terrorist activities from the Taliban-controlled Afghanistan and called for a collective approach to deal with the challenge.

In his opening remarks at the India-hosted Delhi Regional Security Dialogue on Afghanistan, Doval said the recent developments in that country have important implications not only for Afghan people but also for the region.

JDA issues demolition...

If you fail to remove the illegal construction within the stipulated period of time, the same shall be demolished by the enforcement wing of JDA and cost of removal shall be recovered from you as arrears of land revenue," the JDA said.

The High Court on May 7, 2018 last year had asked all parties concerned to maintain status quo until final disposition of an Army plea which has claimed that the building was in violation of laid down norms.

Raising security and safety concerns in view of the building's proximity to an ammunition depot, the Centre had filed two petitions before the high court. Singh had earlier claimed it was a political conspiracy against him.

DySP's constable brother...

Injuries out of which Sabber Choudhary and Arif Choudhary succumbed on the spot while the third person Babbar Choudhary succumbed to his injuries at GMC Jammu. Injured Praveen Kumar is still under treatment at GMC Hospital. After the incident, both the accused Sadeeq Choudhary and constable Bhupinder Singh fled from the spot and



dumped the weapon in a hideout. Later they both went underground.

On this, FIR No 77/2021 under sections 302/307 of IPC, 3/25, 4/25 of Arms Act was registered in Police Station Arnia.

For speedy and time bound investigation, Special Investigation Team (SIT) headed by SP Hqrs. Jammu, Rammish Gupta was constituted.

On November 8, an information was received that Jaana Bibi, wife of Sadeeq Choudhary had kept the weapon in a hideout. She was grilled thoroughly after which she confessed and led the police party to the hideout and finally the weapon was recovered. SSP Jammu further said "Today morning, a reliable information was received by SIT and three sub teams were constituted under the supervision of SDPO R S Pura Shabir Khan comprising of SHO Arnia Harjeet Singh, SHO R S Pura Jaipaul Sharma and SHO Miran Sahib Sultan Mirza, who arrested the accused.

Construction of modern...

order reflects that the work of construction of slaughter house in Srinagar is in progress and it would be completed within next 7/8 months.

DB observed that the said period is already over but S.S Nanda has not apprised the court as to the progress of the said slaughter house.

Upon this, the Division Bench directed Jammu Municipal Corporation and Srinagar Municipal Corporation to file latest status report regarding the progress of the construction of the slaughter houses in two cities. The report shall be filed within three weeks.

Govt directs DCs...

merits exemplary action. The order further stated that the Revenue department has already issued instructions vide Circular No. 05 of Rev. of 2021 dated 02.11.2021 wherein Deputy Commissioners have been enjoined to submit duly attested statements of missing records not updated on Land Records Information System (landrecords.jk.gov.in) by or before 20.11.2021 which also merits similar action.

The Deputy Commissioners have been told to submit the reports by November 20.

DLSA Poonch observes Legal Services Day

STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: District Legal Services Authority Poonch observed "Legal Services Day" here at District Court complex Poonch under the guidance and direction of Ashok Kumar Shavan, DLSA Chairman and under the supervision of secretary DLSA Wajahat Hussain Kazmi Poonch.

Over 110 Persons participated in the event attended by DLSA Chairman, Ashok Kumar Shavan, TLSC Chairman Madan Lal & DLSA Secretary Wajahat Hussain Kazmi.

Speaking on the occasion, the speakers highlighted various schemes and role of DLSA for facilitating access to justice for all. The people were made aware about the procedure for taking maximum benefit from Legal Services schemes.

Special Mobile Magistrate, Sarfraz Nawaz; Bar President, Mahroof Khan, Advocate & Vice president, Abdul Majid Khan also spoke on the occasion. The Panel lawyers, Staff of DLSA and PLVs were also present.

DLSA Reasi holds awareness programme on Women Rights, empowerment

STATE TIMES NEWS

REASI: District Legal Services Authority Reasi, on Wednesday organised a Legal Awareness Program on "the Empowerment of Women" at Govt. High School Sirla Bhagga, in continuation with the Action plan issued by JKLSA under PAN India Awareness and Outreach Campaign and under the guidance and Supervision of R.N.Watal, Chairman DLSA Reasi. During the awareness program Legal Rights available to women under different Statutes were discussed at length with the participants by the resource persons.

The awareness program was held by District Legal Services Authority Reasi to make the Women participants aware about their Legal Rights so that they can avail those rights as and when need arises to them. The program was attended by the members of National Rural Livelihood Mission Reasi, Mahila Shakti Kendra Reasi, Child Welfare Committee Reasi, a large number of women of different Self help groups and also by Anganwari workers etc.

Union Cabinet restores MPLAD Scheme after COVID-induced suspension

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Union Cabinet on Wednesday decided to restore the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) and an MP will get Rs 2 crore for development activities for the remainder of 2021-22 and annually Rs 5 crore thereafter.

The MPLAD Scheme was suspended temporarily in April 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its funds went into the Consolidated Fund of India.

Announcing the decision at a press conference, Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur said the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi decided to restore the scheme for the remaining part of financial year 2021-22. The scheme will continue till 2025-26.

While Rs 2 crore to each MP will be released in one instalment for the remaining period of 2021-22, from 2022-23 to 2025-26 funds will be

released under the scheme at the rate of Rs 5 crore per annum to them in two instalments of Rs 2.5 crore each, he said.

"During COVID-19, a decision had been taken by the cabinet that for two years, 2020-21 to 2021-22, MPLAD Scheme money will be used in the fight against the pandemic. And all parliamentarians had also enthusiastically given their consent to contribute in the fight against Covid. "I am glad to share with you that in view of the improvement in economic scenario, the way economic recovery has taken place and we have seen growth in various sectors as well, a decision has been taken to restore MPLAD Scheme for the remainder period of the fiscal 2021-22," Thakur told reporters at a cabinet briefing. He said instalments of Rs 5 crore each will be given to parliamentarians for the development of their respective constituencies for the remaining three years - 2022-23 to 2025-26.

In April last year, the government had suspended MPLADS for two years - 2020-21 and 2021-22, and said that the funds totalling about Rs 7,900 crore would be used for improving health infrastructure and managing health services in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic in the country. The government had also reduced the salaries of MPs by 30 per cent in April last. Under the MPLAD scheme, all the MPs can recommend development programmes involving expenditure of Rs 5 crore every year in their constituencies.

The decision had evoked sharp reactions from opposition parties which had criticised the government and had sought its restoration.

While the Congress said the decision would undermine the role of an MP and had sought its review, the left parties and the Trinamool Congress had also slammed the government for the decision. The TMC had termed the step "whimsical" and "undemocratic", while the Shiv Sena said it was taken unilaterally and without consulting anyone.

Rifles from Dhara top, 4 Km from Bhadarwah town, on Sunday, the official said, adding that the army troops launched a search operation in the forest area after getting information about suspected movement of some persons. On noticing approaching army troops, the youth, belonging to Dhara village, threw their belongings, including mobile phones into fire, which was lit for warmth. However, the troops retrieved half-burnt belongings, including mobile phones, contact details are being retrieved from SIM cards, officials added.

Labourer dies of fall at construction site

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A labourer died after he fell from a height at a construction site at Gujjar Nagar.

As per details, Malli, resident of Uttar Pradesh, presently staying at Digiana and working at a construction site in Gujjar Nagar, fell from a height and got injured. He was shifted to hospital where he succumbed to injuries. Police has registered a case and started investigation.

Two snatchers arrested

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Wednesday arrested two chain snatchers from Bus Stand area.

As per details, one Rahul Sharma lodged a complaint with police that two miscreants snatched his mobile phone and cash in Bus Stand area. Acting on the complaint, police developed some vital clues about accused, who were arrested soon. The duo was identified as Sahil Kumar, resident of Resham Ghar Colony and Deepak Rai, resident of Pounichak.

Four detained for questioning in suspicious death case

STATE TIMES NEWS

AKHNOOR: Police on Wednesday detained four persons in a suspicious death case at Akhnoor.

As per details, Ram Pal, son of Chuni Lal, resident of Abara died after his bike got skid in the area, but his family alleged it as a murder by a rival group and claimed that other group had hit his bike over a rivalry. After complaint from one group, police started investigation and detained 4 persons including a Jawan for questioning.

Youth found hanging

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A youth was found hanging in his house on Wednesday.

As per details, Raghuveer Singh, resident of Shamachak was found hanging in his room and was shifted to hospital by his parents, where doctors declared him as brought dead. Police has registered a case and started investigation.

Narco smuggler arrested with over 1 Kg Charas

STATE TIMES NEWS

GANDOH: Police on Wednesday arrested a narco smuggler and recovered 1 Kg and 100 gm Charas from his possession.

As per details, on specific information, a party of Police Station Gando and Police

I am not leaving Kashmir, says KP bizman whose salesman was shot dead by terrorists

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Kashmiri Pandit businessman Sandeep Mawa, whose salesman was killed here in a terror attack believed to be aimed at him, on Wednesday, said he will not leave Kashmir and remain here despite opposition from his family.

Mawa also claimed that he escaped the attack as he left his shop early due to a prior intelligence input, but his salesman Mohammad Ibrahim Khan was shot dead near his shop in Bohri Kadhal area of the city on Monday.

He said he was not deterred and will continue to stay in Kashmir Valley.

"No, I am not leaving Kashmir. There is no question (of leaving the valley)," Mawa said when asked if he was thinking of leaving Kashmir in the wake of Monday's attack and a series of such attacks against the members of the minority communities recently.

Mawa, who is related to Kashmiri Pandit chemist M

L Bindroo who was shot dead near his shop last month, said he believes Monday's attack was a case of mistaken identity and a part of the series of attacks on the minority community members.

"What I think is it is (part of) attack on minority (community members)," he said, adding the attackers mistook his salesman for him and shot Khan who worked for the family for about 14 years from a close range when he went inside Mawa's car.

Mawa whose family returned to Kashmir in 2018 said he will not leave again and is determined to stay in Kashmir despite opposition to the idea from his family.

I am staying here and I am not going to run away, he added.

He said the people of Kashmir -- Muslims, Hindus, Christians and Sikhs -- have collectively fought it.

We cannot run away and leave this field open for them, Mawa said.

The Kashmiri Pandit businessman said he was alerted by the police in the afternoon on Monday about a possible attack on his life, hours before the terrorists shot dead his Kashmiri Muslim salesman.

I was told by the police that there was an input (about a possible attack on his life).

The police advised me to leave the shop and so, I left around 3:15 pm, Mawa said.

He had filed a petition before the high court seeking constitution of a Special Investigation Team into the Shopian fake encounter in which three labourers from Rajouri were killed last year.

Mawa also demanded the constitution of the State Human Rights Commission in the UT of JK.

The businessman said he left his car near the shop and left in some other vehicle in a hurry.

Around 8 pm, when my brother (Khan) was trying to get into my car, he was shot at, he added.

DDC Chairperson Ramban launches public outreach campaign



Chairperson DDC Ramban, Dr Shamshad Shan addressing public Darbar.

STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMBAN: Chairperson District Development Council, Ramban, Dr Shamshad Shan, under her district wide public outreach campaign, today interacted with the public here at block Gundu-Dhran to listen and redress the grievances of the folks living in far-flung areas.

BDC, Chairperson, Gundu-Dhran, Javed Ahmed Manhas; DDC Councilor, Sakhi Mohammad; Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Mohd. Fareed Bhat; Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, Dr. Bharat Bhushan; DSHO, Vikas Gupta; CEO, Executive Engineers of PWD, Jal Shakti, PMGSY Ramban, Tehsildar Gool, Agriculture Officer and other officers

besides prominent citizens attended the programme.

A large number of people put forth demands and problems being faced by them in managing their basic needs.

Dr. Shamshad

passed on spot directions to concerned officers for resolving water supply issue in Dham area. Similarly, she directed FCS&CA to distribute pending free ration among identified beneficiaries.

The PRIs and locals demanded opening of Health Sub Centre at Kohli and Dispensary for Hella, construction of Gagar Sella to Dharam, Harog to Hella and Dharam to Gool roads, replacement of electric poles, advance ration for winter season, old age pension for new applicants, opening of JK Bank branch at Dharam, up-gradation of water and power supply schemes, Staff for HS Dharam, registration of left out people on Awas Plus portal, Fire tender for Gundu-Dharam, up-gradation of HS Dharam to Higher Secondary and Bhimdasa road.

While interacting with the general public, the DDC Chairperson said that the District Development Council Ramban has already embarked on the wagon of public outreach programmes with an unflinching commitment. She urged the people to avail the benefits of the beneficiary oriented flagship schemes launched by the Government to benefit the people.



Three inter-state drug peddlers arrested with over 9 Kg Ganja

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Continuing its drive against drug trafficking and substance abuse, Jammu Police achieved major success by recovering 9 Kg 275 gm Ganja from three drug peddlers, during a Naka-checking near Railay Station.

As per details, an active Naka was laid by police teams of Police Station Bahu Fort constituted under supervision of SDPO City East Sajjad Sarwar where team led by SHO Bahu Fort Insp Deepak Pathania, assisted by PSI Balbir Singh rounded up three suspects, who turned suspicious on seeing Police Naka. On search, 9 Kg 275 gm Ganja was recovered from possession of suspects, who were later identified as Radhe Lal Chandra, son of Ram Din Chandra; Narmada Chandra, son of Firtu and Sunil Kars, son of Samelal Kars; all residents of Village Tushar, Tehsil Jaijaipur, District Janjgir Champa, Chhattisgarh.

Trio was arrested and FIR No 364/21 under sections 8/20/29 of NDPS Act was registered against him at Police Station Bahu Fort. The overall arrest and recovery was made under the supervision of SP City South Deepak Digras.

Kidnapped minor girl recovered, accused arrested

STATE TIMES NEWS

BUDGAM: Police on Wednesday recovered a kidnapped minor girl and arrested accused person involved in crime.

As per the details, on October 31, 2021, Police Station Khansahib received a written complaint from a person stating therein that his minor daughter was kidnapped by one Mohammad Iqbal Shah, son of Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din Shah, resident of Dreygam, Khansahib.

Accordingly, FIR No. 237/2021 under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Khansahib and investigation initiated. During the course of investigation