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ascertained. In the meantime, a controversy has erupted over the encounter that took place in Srinagar on Monday following conflicting claims about the two deceased civilians as their family members contested the police's charge that they were "terror associates".

A woman principal and teacher were shot dead at point blank range inside a government school in Srinagar last month.

Makhan Lal Bindroo, a prominent Kashmiri Pandit and owner of Srinagar's most famous pharmacy, was also shot dead at his shop last month.

A 'chaat' vendor, Virendra Paswan from Bihar, and another civilian, Mohammad Shafi Lone, were also killed in October in Srinagar and in Bandipora respectively .

According to official statistics, a total 28 civilians were killed by terrorists till last month this year. Out of 28 killed, five people belonged to local Hindu or Sikh communities and two were non-local Hindu labourers.

Officials said due to the killings of a large numbers of terrorists of all outfits specially their leaderships and the destruction of their support systems, the terrorists' Pakistan-based handlers have got frustrated and changed their strategy and started targeting unarmed policemen, politicians, and innocent civilians including women. In all such cases, terrorists have been using pistols which they can carry easily, officials said. Most of these acts are committed by newly recruited terrorists or those who are about to join the terrorists rank, they said.

According to official data, till the end of October this year; 97 terrorists attacks have been reported in Jammu and Kashmir of which 71 were on security forces and 26 on civilians. In 2020, a total of 105 attacks were reported -- 80 on security forces and 25 on civilians.

### J&K reports 168...

hospitals including 09from Jammu Division and 188 from Kashmir Division. They said no new case of Mucormycosis has been reported during the past 24 hours.

According to the daily Media Bulletin, out of 334600 positive cases, 1513 are Active Positive (244 in Jammu Division and 1269 in Kashmir Division), 328630 have recovered and 4457 have died; 2181 in Jammu division and 2276in Kashmir division.

The Bulletin further said that out of 16977293 test results available, 334600 samples have tested positive and 16642693 samples have been tested as negative till date. Besides, 54,187 COVID tests have been conducted in last 24 hours.

Till date 4115399 persons have been enlisted for observation which included 5568 persons in home quarantine including facilities operated by government, 1513 in isolation and 435619 in home surveillance. Besides, 3668242 persons have completed their surveillance period.

On COVID vaccination, the bulletin informs that 53,425 doses of COVID vaccine have been administered in the last 24 hours bringing the cumulative number of doses administered across J&K to 1,60,05,429.

Meanwhile, Ladakh has recorded 24 fresh COVID-19 cases, raising its tally to 21,229, officials said.

The active cases in the union territory as of now stand at 197 -- 192 in Leh district and five in Kargil district, they said.

Ladakh has registered 211 Covid-related deaths -- 153 in Leh and 58 in Kargil - since the outbreak of the pandemic last year.

Twenty-seven more patients were cured and discharged from hospital in Leh in the past 24 hours. The total number of cured patients has reached 20,821, they said.

The 24 fresh cases were reported from Leh, the officials said.

No death due to Covid took place in the past 24 hours, they added.

### Three JeM OGWs...

information that a consignment of cash is being shifted to South Kashmir from Punjab, a special team was constituted under the supervision of SDPO Nagrota, who laid an active naka at Sidhra bridge in Nagrota area on Jammu-Srinagar National Highway.

During checking, SSP said, a vehicle (DL-IZB 8261) was stopped for checking. The men travelling in the car were questioned about their movement but they could not give satisfactory reply and on their personal search and thorough search of vehicle, 2 bags of cash were recovered. The total cash amounting rupees 43 lakh was recovered from their possession.

Further questioning of the suspects made it clear that the amount was being transported from Punjab to South Kashmir for financing the terror activities of Jaish e Mohammad.

These arrested persons were in constant touch with the handlers sitting across and the terrorists who are in South Kashmir.

On this case FIR No 429/2021 under section 13/17 ULA (P) Act of 1967 was registered at Police Station Nagrota and investigation started.

SSP Jammu said that Rs 43 lakh has been recovered from the possession of these three associates of terror operatives all of whom belong to South Kashmir.

The arrested accused have been identified as Fayaz Ahmad Dar, son of Abdul Rehman Dar, resident of village Mishipura Yaripora in Kulgam; Umar Farooq, son of Farooq Ahmed Malik, resident of Pulwama and Mauzam Parvaiz, son of Parvez Ahmad Malik, resident of Dellipora, Pulwama.

SSP Jammu also said that the money was being transported for terror funding and sources of these funds are from outside UT of J&K will also be booked shortly. Further investigation of this case is going on.

### Reforms in J&K...

are creating a favourable ecosystem for the potential Investors to realize the vision of 'Make in Jammu and Kashmir; Make for the country and the World', observed the Lt Governor.

Structural and process reforms taking place in the J&K business sector will boost employment, growth, competition and industries interests in the UT, said the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor highlighted the massive impact of the New Industrial Development scheme in J&K's economic growth, with investment proposals worth Rs 29,000 crore having been received in the first 10 months only.

Business friendly ecosystem has the potential and promise to make J&K the manufacturing & service industry hub of the country. The surge in investment proposals is a reflection of the growing confidence of Industries in J&K, said the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor expressed gratitude to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi for bringing a new dawn of industrial revolution in J&K and putting this land of knowledge & culture on the Map of International Business.

In the last 27 months, tremendous changes have taken place in Jammu and Kashmir and progress in the socio-economic system has gained new momentum. Now, J&K is marching ahead with reformative policies and technology driven approach in the industrial sector providing stability and a secure environment for the industries to grow, the Lt Governor said.

We are working in a planned manner for development of all sectors; tapping the potential of alternative energy-renewable energy; unlocking the investment flow through a host of attractive industrial incentives, providing highest return on investment, trained manpower, land bank and a supportive Ease of Doing Business framework, taking the industries to the block level, the Lt Governor observed.

The MoU signed between the Government of Dubai and the Government of Jammu Kashmir aimed at developing the Industrial sector and various business

enterprises in the UT will play an important role in increasing J&K's current annual export target of Rs 1500 crore to Rs 5000 crore, he added.

The Lt Governor, while highlighting the vital role of Engineers and Exporters in achieving the goal of new and self-reliant India, observed that the UT Government is giving dedicated focus on the specific sectors to set up smart factories & developing better resources for the future.

J&K also has the cheapest power availability and commercial power tariff as compared to other states. The way we are emphasizing on developing power infrastructure, J&K will prove to be the most suitable place for smart factories in the times to come, said the Lt Governor.

Referring to the data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, the Lt Governor said that India's total exports increased to 56.51 billion USD, which is a testament to the broad scale of our export sector and also reflects the fair share of engineering goods in foreign trade.

I strongly believe that J&K will immensely contribute to the Prime Minister's goal of taking Indian exports to \$ 400 billion and the engineering sector to \$ 107 billion, said the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor congratulated all the award winners for their outstanding achievements in engineering exports in North India.

The ambitious export target we are achieving despite the Covid pandemic and other challenges reflects the quality, productivity and effectiveness of our engineering expertise, manufacturing sector and extraordinary efforts being put in by all stakeholders, the Lt Governor added.

Speaking on the occasion, Ranjan Prakash Thakur, Principal Secretary Industries and Commerce, J&K, congratulated the winners and welcomed EEPIC India's presence in the region.

Mahesh Desai, Chairman, EEPIC India said that the objective of EEPIC India is to service the entire spectrum of the Indian engineering sector; spread across various parts of the country.

Kamna Raj Aggarwalla, Regional Chairperson (NR), EEPIC India, delivered the welcome address, while Pradeep K Aggarwal, Dy. Regional Chairman (NR), EEPIC India, presented the vote of thanks.

The list of Winners for the award includes Private industries, and PSUs including SAIL, BHEL, RITES etc.

Senior officers, Industrialists, members of various business organizations attended the award ceremony.

### ED summons Mehbooba...

here. Mehbooba Mufti, who has herself been questioned by the ED in the past in connection with another money laundering case, said that she has been protesting against the killing of innocent civilians in the outskirts of Srinagar city on Monday.

Four people were killed in the outskirts of the city on Monday by the Army and police, which dubbed them "terrorists" and "harbourers of terrorists". However, the families of these people have contested the claims, saying that they were innocent people.

Police's contradictory statements in the case have also raised eyebrows prompting political leaders, including Mehbooba Mufti, to stage protests against it.

### Work on ground...

will change after the abrogation of Article 370. Growth, hospitals, unemployment will be taken care of. But that has not happened at all," said Azad.

Azad said that the erstwhile state was a great loser as it got divided into parts and its Assembly dissolved. He further said J&K was far better when governed by chief ministers before being turned into a Union territory.

Speaking about delimitation and statehood, "They would like to have delimitation first. I think they would like to have the election first and then statehood. Our demand still today is that first statehood should be granted and that should be followed by elections," the former chief minister said.

### J&K really paradise...

its people are highly talented and very hospitable.

The 69-year-old actor was talking with reporters as he reached here for the shooting of his upcoming Punjabi movie "Gangwar 84".

"It is always a pleasure coming to this part of India. This is a very beautiful place and the people here are amazing..." the actor said.

"I am happy that I am shooting in Jammu for upcoming Punjabi movie 'Gangwar 84' which is based on a true story," he added.

Asked about the local talent, Kapoor said, "Jammu or Srinagar is part our India. The local youth are highly talented, the people in general are very hospitable and the food is also amazing."

Kapoor said he has a busy schedule of shooting in Jammu and might not be able to visit any place of tourist interest during his stay.

### PM pitches for...

The prime minister also asserted that it is the legislatures' responsibility to be vigilant about any discordant voice about the country's unity and integrity.

"It is our unity that preserves our diversity," he added.

With Parliament often witnessing disruptions over a variety of issues, Modi said the conduct of lawmakers should be in line with Indian values.

Traditions and systems of the Houses should be inherently Indian, he said.

"Our policies and laws should strengthen the spirit of Indianness, the resolve of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat'. Most importantly, our own conduct in the house should be according to Indian values. It is the responsibility of all of us," the prime minister said.

He also mooted the idea of having a separate time in legislatures for quality and healthy debates that should be serious, dignified and devoid of political potshots at others.

In a way, it should be a "healthy time" for a House, he said.

The prime minister also said that democracy is not merely a system for India but it is its nature and urged Parliament and state legislatures and their members to give "top priority" to their duties in their words, conduct and work which will impact citizens nationwide.

In the thousands of years of development, people have come to realise that in the midst of diversity, flows the grand, divine and unbroken stream of unity, and this unbroken stream of unity nourishes and preserves our diversity, he said.

Noting that lawmakers are associated mostly with politics, Modi proposed that a few days in a year be demarcated in legislatures for them to tell the country about their experiences of working with the society and added that it would be a learning exercise for all.

Addressing the gathering, Birla expressed concern about the decrease in the sittings of the legislatures and discussions over bills and said some decisive steps are needed to be taken by consulting all political parties.

Birla also stressed the need for developing a model document suggesting a set of uniform rules and procedures for all legislative bodies in the country.

Calling for reviewing the rules and procedures, Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh cited the case of assurances given by the executive pending for about three decades in various legislative bodies and termed them as empty promises.

He also questioned whether such provisions are required in the legislative bodies which don't have legal backing.

Harivansh also pitched for a sunset clause in the laws when they are being introduced in the legislature as draft regulation.

The All India Presiding Officers' Conference (AIPOC), the apex body of the Legislatures in India, is celebrating its 100th year in 2021.

To commemorate the centennial year, the conference is being held in Shimla on November 17-18. The first conference was also held in Shimla in 1921.

### 2 LeT associates...

Mukhtar Bhat arrested by Pulwama Police & SFs during joint naka checking. 2

ready to use IEDs were recovered from their possession, Inspector General of Police (IGP), Kashmir, Vijay Kumar said in a tweet.

He said investigation into the matter is in progress.

Meanwhile, two CRPF personnel and a civilian were injured in a grenade attack by terrorists in Baramulla district, police said.

"At about 11:15 am, terrorists hurled a grenade near Palhallan Chowk in Pattan area of the north Kashmir district," a police official said. Further details are awaited.

### Terrorists enjoy free...

issue of Jammu and Kashmir in his remarks at the open debate.

India desires normal neighborly relations with all countries including Pakistan, and is committed to addressing outstanding issues, if any, bilaterally and peacefully in accordance with the Simla agreement and the Lahore declaration.

However, any meaningful dialogue can be held only in an atmosphere free of terror, hostility and violence. The onus is on Pakistan to create such a conducive atmosphere. Till then India will continue to take firm and decisive steps to respond to cross-border terrorism, she said.

Bhat, who hails from Jammu and Kashmir, said in her remarks that UN member states are aware that Pakistan has an "established history and policy of harbouring, aiding and actively supporting terrorists.

This is a country which has been globally recognised as one openly supporting, training, financing and arming terrorists as a matter of state policy. It holds the ignoble record of hosting the largest number of terrorists proscribed by the UN Security Council," she said.

Categorically stating India's position, Bhat said the entire Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh were, are and will always be an integral and inalienable part of India. "This includes the areas that are under the illegal occupation of Pakistan.

India called upon Pakistan to immediately vacate all areas under its illegal occupation.

### HYDERPORA ENCOUNTER: Farooq...

the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) has been in force, there has been no accountability for the killings of the innocents.

A strong posse of policemen stopped the protesters from moving towards the main road.

Mehbooba told reporters that the families of the slain civilians are holding protests in Srinagar and demanding handover of their bodies.

Asked about the IGP's claim of there being digital evidence against those killed, she said: If they had prior evidence, why the police did not arrest them, as they have been doing on a daily basis.

Whenever anybody gets killed in their firing, they dub him an Over Ground worker, and that is wrong.

Meanwhile, families of two civilians killed in the Hyderpora encounter in Srinagar held a protest, demanding justice for the victims and the return of their bodies.

A controversy had erupted over Monday's encounter in Hyderpora following conflicting claims about the two deceased civilians as their family members contested the police's charge that they were "terror associates".

According to the police, a Pakistani terrorist and his local associate Mohammad Amir, along with two civilians -- Altaf Bhat and Mudassir Gul -- were killed in the encounter, where an illegal call centre and a terror hideout were allegedly being run.

On Wednesday, the families of Bhat and Gul held a protest at Press Enclave in the city, demanding that their bodies be returned to them as they were not militants or OGWs.

Police had said the bodies of all the four killed in the encounter were buried in the Handwara area of north Kashmir's Kupwara district.

Speaking to reporters, Altaf Bhat's brother Abdul Majeed said as a 'numberdar' (revenue official), he remains in constant touch with the police and they would have informed him if his brother was involved in militancy.

### Prohibitory orders imposed...

According to police, Mohammad Amir of Famrote village in Ramban was a militant and was killed along with his Pakistani accomplice in the Monday evening encounter in Hyderpora, where an illegal call centre and a terror hideout were allegedly being run.

In an apparent move to settle protests by Amar's family, Ramban Additional District Magistrate Harbans Lal Sharma ordered the imposition of prohibitory orders under section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code in Famrote village along with Sangaldan and Seripura from 9 am Wednesday till further orders.

"The Senior Superintendent of Police, Ramban shall ensure the implementation of this order in letter and spirit," the order said.

Magray, who had reportedly killed a militant with bare hands in his village over 15 years ago, said he would continue his struggle for "justice" for his slain son.

"If they have any proof of his involvement in militancy, show it to me I know he was innocent," Magray said, asking "if this was the reward for being a nationalist".

### Eviction of Roshni...

carried out in Awneera Halqa of Zainapora and 15 kanals of land were retrieved during the drive and the action is in full swing in the district.

A village-wise list of eneroached land has been made and the eviction process will be carried out in phases in the coming days.

The District Magistrate (DM) Shopian, Sachin Kumar Vaishya said that the High Court directions would be implemented in letter and spirit to retrieve the eneroached land along with the state land allotted under Roshni Act, 2007.

The Roshni Act was enacted in 2001 with the twin objective of generating resources for financing power projects and conferment of proprietary rights to the occupants of state land. The High Court had recently declared the Act "unconstitutional" and asked the Central Bureau of Investigation to take up the case.

The District Magistrate appreciated the efforts of the team and maintained that such drives would continue in the district.

### CS directs JKSSB...

Sub-Inspectors by March as well.

The General Administration Department was asked to provide additional manpower to SSB to ensure time-bound recruitments.

The directions came at a meeting held to review the recruitment process being followed by the JK SSB and Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission (JK PSC) along with the examination schedule and timelines.

Principal Secretary, Home Department, Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor, Commissioner/Secretary, General Administration Department, Chairman, J&K SSB and Secretary, J&K PSC attended the meeting.

The Chief Secretary emphasized that transparency in recruitment process is one of the primary objective of the government and directed for taking all necessary steps to ensure that selections are conducted in consonance with the stated objective. It was informed that the Jammu and Kashmir Service Selection Board has recently recruited candidates against more than 2000 posts.

The Chief Secretary gave the JKSSB a target of completing the recruitment process for 10,000 posts referred by different departments by end of the current financial year, besides, completing the recruitment for 1200 posts of Sub-Inspectors by March as well. The General Administration Department was asked to provide additional manpower to SSB to ensure time-bound recruitments.

A decision was also taken that the Combined Competitive Examination for recruitment of officers in the administrative, police and accounts cadres will be conducted annually. For the purpose, the General Administration Department was directed to issue a detailed calendar for referral of vacancies by the concerned departments and subsequent calendar of examination to be followed by the PSC.

and Irfan Ahmd Gazi alias Raju Gazi, son of Abdul Khaliq Gazi, resident of Yaseen colony Arampora. On checking, officers were able to recover 60 bottles of Codeine, 288 capsules and Brown Sugar from their possession. They were arrested and shifted to Police Station where they remained in custody. Accordingly, FIR No. 276/2021 under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Sopore and investigation started. Moreover in Budgam, a party from Police Station Magam intercepted two persons during Naka checking at Batpora Kanihama, who were identified as Abdul Majeed Pandith, son of Ghulam Nabi Pandith, resident of Batapora Kanihama and Nisar Ahmad Wani, son of Bashir Ahmad Wani, resident of Roshanabad Mazhama. During search, 11 bottles of Codeine Phosphate & 190 tablets of Clonazepam were recovered from their possession. They were arrested and shifted to Police Station where they remained in custody. FIR No. 251/2021 under relevant sections law was registered at Police Station Magam and investigation started.

### Three SHOs transferred

■ STATE TIMES NEWS  
JAMMU: Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Jammu, Chandan Kohli on Wednesday ordered transfers and postings of three Inspectors. As per order, Insp Karan Chalotra, SHO Channi has been transferred to District Police Lines (DPL) Jammu, Insp Deepak Katoch, SHO City has been transferred and posted as SHO Channi Police Station and Insp Vijay Kumar Sharma has been transferred from DPL Jammu and posted as SHO Police Station City.



### Black-marketing bid of GREF bitumen foiled; 2 arrested

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■ NOWSHERA: Folling a bid to black-market Bitumen meant for use by General Reserve Engineering Force (GREF), Police has seized an official vehicle and seized 24 barrels of Bitumen which were being transported to a private mixing plant.

Police said that an information regarding suspicious movement of a GREF tipper in Dandesar village of Nowshera was received after which a team headed by SHO Nowshera Insp Pankaj Sharma intercepted the vehicle at a private mixing plant in Nowshera.

About 24 barrels of Bitumen were seized from the spot which were being sold to private mixing plant namely M/s Krishna Hot Mixing Plant. Two persons were arrested on the spot, who were identified as Daleep Kumar, resident of Gambhir Brahmana (Driver) and Rattan Sharma, resident of Gambhir Brahmana. FIR No 236/2021 under Sections 109, 409 of IPC was registered against them at Police Station Nowshera. The GREF vehicle along with 24 Barrels of Bitumen has been seized.

### 6 notorious drug peddlers arrested; huge quantity of psychotropic substances recovered

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SRINAGAR: Continuing its efforts to eradicate menace of drugs from the society, Police in a series of actions have arrested six notorious drug peddlers in Pulwama, Sopore & Budgam and recovered huge quantity of Psychotropic substances from their possession.

In Pulwama, Police has arrested two drug peddlers, in two separate actions at Rajpora and Tahab areas, who were identified as Ishrat Mansoor Ganaie alias Sameer, son of Mansoor Ahmad Ganaie, resident of Meemander Ganaie Mohalla, Shopian and Mohd Ayub Mir, son of Ghulam Ahmad Mir. During checking, officers were able to recover huge quantity of Psychotropic drugs from their possession. They were shifted to respective Police Stations where they remained in custody. Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law were registered in respective Police Stations and further investigations started. Similarly, a party from Police Station Sopore during patrolling duty apprehended two notorious drug peddlers identified as Aqib Nisar Gojree alias Aqib Goure, son of Nisar Ahmad Gojree, resident of Batpora at present Model Town

