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Dream of metro...

equipped with Universal Access and HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning) system, on-board vehicle tracking system, CCTV and emergency stop facility.

A dedicated Mobile app and online ticket payment facility have been developed for the convenience of the passengers. All the buses are integrated with Srinagar Smart City's Integrated Command & Control Centre.

A bus depot is coming up at Pantha Chowk and charging sub-stations have been developed for smooth operation of e-buses.

Junaid Azim Mattu, Mayor SMC; Prashant Goyal, Principal Secretary Housing & Urban Development Department; Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Athar Aamir Khan, CEO Srinagar Smart City Limited; G. Prasanna Ramaswamy, Secretary Transport department, ULB members, officials of Civil administration and Tata Motors and prominent citizens were present.

Two die as...

district of Punjab. Rescuers had a tough time retrieving the bodies from the truck, which was badly mangled due to the impact of the fall, a police official said.

The bodies have been shifted to the Government Medical College, Kathua for post-mortem examination, the official said.

Fresh spate of...

keeping a watch, including night domination, in the areas where non-locals reside.

While most of the non-local labourers have left the valley because of the cold weather, few are still putting up in ghettos, they added.

The valley has seen a fresh spate of terrorist attacks. Terrorists shot dead a policeman, a father of seven, outside his house in Baramulla district of Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday.

On Sunday, a police officer was critically injured in firing by terrorists in Srinagar while a labourer from Uttar Pradesh was shot dead in Pulwama district on Monday.

A senior police official said the focus of the security apparatus is to prevent the loss of life of even a single person.

Referring to the modus operandi of the attacks, the police official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the attacks are mafia-style where a new recruit is given a task to prove loyalty by hitting a soft target before joining the terror ranks.

In the wake of the attacks, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha will chair the meeting of Unified Headquarters (UHQ) on Wednesday.

The high-level meeting, which will be held at the Raj Bhawan here, will discuss the prevailing security scenario of J-K, the officials said.

The meeting will be the first for the newly appointed Jammu and Kashmir Police chief R R Swain. Apart from Swain, the Army's top brass, including General Officer Commanding-in-Chief (GoC-in-C) Northern Command, both General Officers Commanding (GOCs) of Army in Kashmir and Jammu (15th and 16th Corps), Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Mehta, Home Secretary R K Goyal, all heads of CAPFs, intelligence agencies, would attend the meeting.

4 LeT terror...

investigation was initiated. Upon the duo's disclosure, two more persons -- Altaf Ahmad Rather, a resident of Kawhar, and Farooq Ahmad Nageeb, from Kunzar, were called for questioning, he said.

The two accused confessed to possession of hand grenades, which were recovered from them and subsequently the duo was arrested, the spokesperson said.

During further investigation, it came to the surface that all four accused persons are linked with Let/ TRF and were working for terrorist associate Mudasir Ahmad Sheikh, from Kunzer, in the past. Sheikh is presently lodged under the Public Safety Act, he said. Further investigation is underway, the spokesperson added.

Police attaches property...

proved beyond doubt that the said house was used for the purpose of Terrorism, sheltering, harbouring terrorists. Process has started for attachment properties which have been used for the purpose of militancy as per section 2(g) & 25 of the ULP Act.

Meanwhile, Awantipora Police got property of Azad Ahmad Teli son of Asad Ullah Teli resident of Beighpora Awantipora attached in Case FIR NO. 58/2020 under sections 307 IPC, 7/27 A. ACT, 16, 18, 19, 20 & 48 UAP Act of Police Station Awantipora by the Orders of Court of Special Judge Pulwama. The case was taken in open Court. The case stands registered with regard to anti-terrorist operation between security forces and terrorists at Beighpora Awantipora in the residential house of Azad Ahmad Teli in which the 02 terrorists namely Riyaz Ahmad Naikoo alias Zubair-ul-Islam son of Assadullah Naikoo resident of Beighpora and Adil Ahmad Bhat son of Gh Hassan Bhat resident of Panjran Pulwama, both affiliated with proscribed terrorist outfit HM were neutralized.

The accused Azad Ahmad Teli has been arrested in the instant case on 01-06-2020

CB Jammu produces charge-sheet in fake contractor card fraud

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Economic Offences Wing - Crime Branch Jammu produced 190 page charge-sheet in case FIR No. 84/2023 U/S 420, 465,468, 120-B/RPC & 471 IPC Police Station Crime Branch Jammu in the Court of law against accused Rayaz Ahmed (contractor), son of Kaka, resident of Mahore Tehsil & District, Reasi & Miraj-Ud-Din, son of Haji Mohmd Yousaf, resident of Shajroo Tehsil Mahore, District Reasi (now expired) for their involvement in hatching criminal conspiracy by preparing a forged contractor card and thereafter using the said card for getting many allotments including the allotment No. PWD/M/2021-22/4695-96 dated 23.02.2022 in favour of the contractor for government works.

The case owes its origin to the enquiry report alongwith its connected papers received



from Anti Corruption Bureau Jammu which revealed that contractor card of accused Reyaz Ahmed nder Registration No. PWD-J(R&B) AYY/72/2013-14 is not registered in the office of the Chief Engineer PWD (R&B) Department Jammu and the work of construction of road from Jamlan to Kotwali by way of earth cutting in KM 1st balance work has been executed by the contractor.

On receipt of the enquiry report the instant case was registered in Economic

Offences Wing of Crime Branch Jammu under the relevant sections of law for in-depth investigation. During the course of investigation, it was found that accused namely Rayaz Ahmad in connivance with Miraj-ud-Din had committed forgery by fabricating a forged contractor card and thereafter used it for getting many allotments including the allotment No. PWD/M/2021-22/4695-96 dated 23.02.2022. As per oral, documentary and other circumstantial evidences collected during the course of investigation, a prima facie case under section 420,465,468,120-B RPC & 471 IPC is made out against accused Rayaz Ahmed (contractor) & Miraj-Ud-Din for their criminal acts and omissions /commissions on their part. Accused Rayaz Ahmed has been arrested on 31.10.2023 and presented before the Court for judicial determination.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Centre told the Supreme Court on Wednesday that almost every country, including

‘Pledge taken to make country corruption free’

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NOWSHERA: Under Vigilance Week, a programme was organized in Nowshera at PWD Dak-Banglow on Wednesday under the chairmanship of ADC Nowshera Kartar Singh in which officers, employees and PRIs take oath to contribute in favour of society . "If you see any such case, you bring it forward, your name is kept secret" said by Kartar Singh, ADC Nowshera.

On this occasion, Tehsildar Nowshera Raju Samayal also gave detailed information. BDC Chairman Block Nowshera Sh. Bodh raj and Panchayati members

India, was grappling with the problem of use of black money in elections and the electoral bonds scheme was a "conscious attempt" to

eradicate the menace of "unclean money" in the poll process.

Arguing before a five-judge constitution bench



Kartar Singh, ADC Nowshera chairing the programme.

also expressed their views. On this occasion BDO Vishal Sharma, Treasury Officer Nowshera Darbari Lal Sharma, EO Municipal Committee Virendra Pal Singh, Sarpanch Inderjit Singh,

Sarpanch Sunil Chaudhary, Social Activist Vinod Sharma and departmental officers a n d employees were present.

LG interacts with students, teachers from Ladakh's Hanu Aryan Valley participating in National Integration Tour

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha interacted with the students and teachers from Hanu Aryan valley in Ladakh, who are participating in the National Integration Tour, at Raj Bhawan today.

Interacting with the students, the Lt Governor conveyed his best wishes and observed that the experiences and learning from the integration tour will enrich their experience. He appreciated the endeavour of the Indian Army for enhancing the capability of students from far-flung areas and empowering



LG Manoj Sinha along with students & teachers from Ladakh's Hanu Aryan valley.

them for a better future.

Maj Abhishek Yadav accompanying the students informed the Lt Governor that the students are visiting outside Ladakh region to the rest of India for the first time. The students will visit various prestigious institutions including Indian Military Academy, RIMC, NIFT and LBSNAA.

The National Integration Tour for 25 students and 02 teachers from Hanu Aryan valley is being organised by Top Gun Brigade under the aegis of Forever in Operations Division to Dehradun and Mussoorie.

Those who were present on the occasion included Commissioner Secretary, IT, CEO, JaKeGA; SIO besides other concerned officers of the IT Department.

Abdullahs, Muftis subverted...

J&K has emerged as a tourist spot in the country and the world. This became possible because under the visionary and strong leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Article 370 was removed and peace was established in Jammu and Kashmir.

Chugh said, the situation in the Union Territory is absolutely calm and normal. It is a matter of pride for every citizen of Jammu and Kashmir because now the people are living a life of peace and happiness.

Taking a dig at Omar Abdullah's statement regarding the elections, Chugh said that he should have faith in democracy and the democratic system. The Election Commission is a constitutional institution in the country. The decision on elections has to be taken by the Election Commission, Bharatiya Janata Party is always ready for elections, he added.

Chugh said that the BDC and DDC elections were held in 2020 in which lakhs of voters voted and more than 280 local representatives were elected democratically. And lakhs of people had voted against the alliance and they clearly see their defeat in the future, he maintained.

‘500 tourists ride...

the gondolas. We have created several activities for tourists coming to Patnitop... They can experience the meadows and other attractions and can proudly say that they have travelled in the highest gondola in India," Dinesh Gupta, manager of Skyview by Empyrean, told PTI here.

Spread over 11 acres, Skyview Patnitop offers several adventure activities and has come up as a mountain adventure destination for the new-age traveller.

"We have created a luxurious and adventure destination at Skyview. The gondola starts from Sanget valley and goes till Padora in Patnitop... This is India's highest gondola (in ground clearance). It is CEN certified (European standard certification). We have international acclamation for all safety measures and over 200 safety checks are conducted daily," Gupta said.

The experience of Skyview by Empyrean's mountain adventure destination, particularly the gondola ride, is one of a kind and truly impressive, tourists said.

"Riding the gondola in Skyview resort is an amazing feeling. We can get the entire view of Patnitop... We can see all the flora and fauna," tourist Skinda Sharma said, adding that tourists from across the country should experience it.

She said that the sound of the wind and the view of the landscape while crossing the towers one after another made her heart beat faster.

Adventure lovers can also experience Asia's longest zig-zag zipline measuring 580 metres here, Gupta said, adding 25 people can take the zipline ride at a time.

He said that an all-season tubing sledge having a length of 238 metres is also operated with the highest standards with an efficient braking system.

"The initiative of the gondola is very nice. Tourists who visit Jammu usually complain about how there is nothing to do here. It's a beautiful tourist attraction for them," Arun Kumar, a student, said.

Committed to work...

Kashmir as a welfare 'state' where everyone lives peacefully and happily.

He asked his workers to ensure corner meetings and discuss the agenda of party, which has pro people and welfare policies for the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

He said, there is acute shortage of power, water and other basic facilities in these rural areas apart from shortage of teachers in schools, doctors in hospitals and bad road conditions. He appealed to Lt Governor administration to intervene and resolve these issues. Among present on the occasion included G.M Saroori Vice Chairman, Ab Majeed Wani Gen Secretary, Anita Thakur Gen Secretary, P.R.Manhas Zonal President, Asif Gattu Distt President, Prabha Salathia Mahila President, Sunita Arora Spokesperson, Javid Azad VP Zone, Arif Najjar Block President, Pritam Kotwal Provincial Secretary, Sheikh Zaffarullah Gen Secretary Zone Chenab, Javed Malik and others.

Refresher course for...

Shastri Sanskrit University, in the presence of Bhawan Sub-Divisional Magistrate Umesh Sharma and the shrine's head priest.

SMVDSB CEO Anshul Garg said such refresher courses foster a culture of continuous learning and will be helpful in enhancing the skills of priests and their intellectual development.



Nations grappling with use of black money in polls, electoral bonds scheme aimed at eradicating it: Centre to SC

headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, representing the Centre, said the apex court may not take this particular scheme as a stand-alone attempt in the direction of dealing with the menace of black money.

Mehta highlighted steps taken by the government to deal with black money including digitised payments and action taken against 2,38 lakh "shell companies" between 2018 and 2021.

"The use of black money in elections and politics in general and elections in particular...every country is grappling with this problem. Country-specific issues are being dealt with by every country depending upon the circumstances existing. India is also grappling with this problem," he told the bench,

which also comprised Justices Sanjiv Khanna, B R Gavai, J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra. "Having tried several attempts, several mechanism and modes, the menace of black money was not being dealt with as effectively because of the systemic failures and therefore, the present scheme is a conscious and deliberate attempt to ensure clean money coming into the banking system and election ," he said.

The bench is hearing arguments on a batch of petitions challenging the validity of the electoral bonds scheme for funding political parties. "The use of unaccounted cash (black money) in driving the electoral process of the country remains a matter of serious concern for the nation," he said in his written submissions filed in the court.

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR EXCISE SUB RANGE WEST JAMMU. PUBLIC NOTICE

It is to inform the General Public of the General Public of the locality of Paloura, Op. BSF Headquarter, Jammu (near Indian Oil Petrol Pump Paloura Jammu) that Shri Anil Mahajan S/o Late Shri Satish Mahajan R/o 58, A/D Gandhinagar, Jammu and Shri Arun Mahajan S/o Late Satish Mahajan R/o 58, A/D Gandhinagar, Jammu Prop. of M/s Kanta Satish Hospitality Venture, K C Emporia Luxury Banquet & Resorts, Paloura, Jammu has applied in the Excise Department for grant of License in the Form of JKEL-4 under Excise Act at M/s Kanta Satish Hospitality Venture, K C Emporia Luxury Banquet & Resorts, Paloura, Jammu where they will sell the liquor in Pegs to the customers.

Objection, if any, may be conveyed in the office of the Under-signed within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice at Excise and Taxation Complex, 3rd Floor, Room No. 306 Rail Head, Panama Chowk, Jammu. After the expiry of the above mentioned period, objections shall not be entertained.

Sd/-
Excise Inspector
Sub- Range West
Jammu
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Dt :- 10-01-2023