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LG Sinha vows..

uneathed his role and acts for Hizbul Mujahideen and how he facilitated attacks on police personnel.

"He has been a rabid OGWs and hardcore terror associates for various outfits, in particular Hizbul Mujahideen. He had a free run for a very long time. He undermined and sabotaged the very system from which he derived livelihood. Moreover, he used his privilege as government employee to target people, police and political leaders. It is so unfortunate that money of Indian taxpayers was used to pay salary to the terrorist like Ab Rehman Naika," sources said further adding that in a recent security review meeting Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha had vowed to wipe out terrorists, their supporters and those aiding and abetting them inside the system.

Zahir Abbas, Teacher in School Education Department, a resident of Badhat Saroor, Kishtwar is the second employee whose services have been terminated by the Lieutenant Governor:

Zahir, a graduate from Aligarh Muslim University, was appointed as a teacher in 2012 and posted at Government High School, Bugrana. Zahir was arrested in September 2020 for harbouring three active terrorists of Hizbul Mujahideen, Mohd Amin, Reyaz Ahmad and Mudasar Ahmad, in Kishtwar. He is currently lodged in Central Jail, Kot Bhalwal.

"During the investigation of terror activities in Kishtwar, the role of Zahir as hardcore OGW came to light. As a teacher he was expected to serve the nation but he betrayed his country, aligned with Pakistani terrorists and provided arms, ammunition and logistical support to terror outfits, in particular Hizbul Mujahideen. He turned against the same country which provided him and his family livelihood and a life of dignity. After his arrest, Zahir gave the inputs on hideouts where arms and ammunitions were stored and also identified two other OGWs namely Gulzar Ahmad and Mohd Hanief," Sources in the Law Enforcement Agencies revealed.

A top security official said, Zahir Abbas was also providing critical information about security forces movements to his handlers in Pakistan.

"He was also helping terrorists on the ground with food, shelter arms and also enabling them to evade capture and plan attacks. Careful analysis of the tactics used and the targets chosen by Zahir Abbas provide valuable insight into modus operandi of terror groups. His presence in a school, where he had the potential to influence, indoctrinate and radicalise students, fundamentally contradicts the principles of education and poses a direct threat to the stability and security of the nation".

"Even today discreetly obtained intelligence input suggest that Zahir Abbas continues to indulge in radical activities in Jail," Sources said further adding that these two cases are clear example of Pakistan ISI and Pak-based terror outfits deep infiltration in the system and it also reveals terror outfits sinister strategy to sustain terror activities and secure finances from Indian exchequer while subverting the system from within", the official said.

Suspicious box packed...

the area as a precautionary measure, the officials said. Upon examination by the police, it was found that the box contained firecrackers. The box was later destroyed, they said.

An FIR has been registered under relevant sections of the law for acts of mischief. An investigation is underway to identify the culprit responsible for attempting to create panic in the area, the officials said. Efforts are being made to uncover the motive behind this act and to identify the anti-social elements involved, they added.

India tells Bangladesh...

has taken a serious note of incidents of violence against minorities in Bangladesh and that it is the primary responsibility of Dhaka to protect the life and liberty of all the citizens, including minorities.

"The primary responsibility for the protection of life and liberty of all citizens of Bangladesh, including minorities, rests with the government of Bangladesh," Jaishankar said, adding that the Indian high commission in Dhaka continues to monitor the situation related to minorities in that country "closely".

Separately, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) called upon Bangladesh to take all steps for the protection of minorities and hoped that the case involving arrested Hindu monk Chinmoy Krishna Das will be dealt with in a just, fair and transparent manner.

MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said India has consistently and strongly raised with the Bangladeshi government the threats and targeted attacks on Hindus and other minorities.

"Our position on the matter is very clear -- the interim government must live up to its responsibility of protecting all minorities," Jaiswal said at his weekly media briefing.

"We are concerned at the surge of extremist rhetoric, increasing incidents of violence and provocation. These developments cannot be dismissed only as media exaggeration. We once again call upon Bangladesh to take all steps for the protection of minorities," he added.

Security agencies should...

three new criminal laws have transformed the ethos of the country's criminal justice system from punishment-oriented to justice-oriented. He emphasised that the spirit of the new laws is rooted in Indian tradition.

Shah also called for taking the initiative towards a zero-tolerance strategy against terrorism.

"Under the leadership of PM Modi, Bharat is building its police force as an apparatus capable of both securing the nation against new-age challenges and addressing the root causes of crime and terrorism.

"The DGPs/IGPs conference serves as a knowledge-sharing platform to fortify policing in every state through collaboration," he said.

The 59th three-day DGPs/IGPs conference will also be attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and provide a platform for senior police officers to freely discuss and debate diverse national security-related issues besides various operational, infrastructural and welfare-related problems faced by the police.

In the next two days of the conference, the top brass of police leadership would chalk out a roadmap to counter existing and emerging national security challenges, including left-wing extremism, coastal security, narcotics, cybercrime and economic security.

The Prime Minister's Office said the three-day conference will include deliberations on critical components of national security, including counter-terrorism, left-wing extremism, coastal security, new criminal laws and narcotics.

Its deliberations will include formulation and sharing of professional practices and processes in tackling challenges relating to crime control and law-and-order management, besides internal security threats.

"The prime minister not only listens attentively to all contributions but also fosters an environment of open and informal discussions, allowing for the emergence of new ideas.

"This year, some unique features have also been added to the conference. The entire day is being effectively utilised starting from a yoga session, business session, break-out sessions and thematic dining tables," the PMO said in a statement.

This will also provide senior police officials with a valuable opportunity to present their perspectives and suggestions to PM Modi on critical policing and internal security matters that impact the country, it added.

The prime minister will be present for the remaining two days of the conference and deliver the concluding address on Sunday.

Around 250 officers in the rank of DGP and IGP will physically attend the conference while more than 200 others are participating in it virtually.

Sources said many officers have been tasked with delivering presentations on specific subjects such as counter-terrorism, online fraud, cross-border terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir, activities of pro-Khalistani groups and left-wing extremism, among others.

The conference also provides an opportunity to identify tangible action points and monitor their progress, which are presented before the prime minister every year.

The event is the culmination of extensive deliberations involving police and intelligence officers from district, state and national levels on identified themes, sources said.

Best practices from states and Union territories under each of the themes will be presented at the conference so that states can learn from each other.

Since 2014, the prime minister has taken a keen interest in the DGP conference. Free-flowing thematic discussions over breakfast, lunch and dinner have also been planned for this year's conference.

This will provide an opportunity for senior police officials to share their views and recommendations on key policing and internal security issues affecting the country with the prime minister.

Till 2013, the annual meet was held in New Delhi. The following year, after Modi came to power, a decision was taken to organise the event, organised by the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Intelligence Bureau, outside the national capital.

Opposition spreading propaganda...

express their views and resort to agitations. "During my tenure as CM and PM, I saw different colours of politics. I admit that a constructive opposition is normal in a democracy. There can be differences of opinion

on any decision," he said.

Modi said everyone, however, can now feel a big difference in the manner protests are organised. "The spirit of the Constitution is crushed and all the norms of democracy are rejected."

The PM said from the very beginning, the opposition parties were not ready to accept the fact that people gave their mandate to the BJP-led NDA.

"Denied of power for the last decade, such parties are now filled with so much anger that they do not hesitate to conspire against the country and its people. They are misleading people with 'jhoot aur afwah ki dukan' (lies and rumours)," he said.

Modi noted that such false propaganda is a big challenge for people of India, and BJP workers and "those who love the country and respect the Constitution should be more alert and vigilant to foil such attempts and expose the lies".

He also said the BJP dedicatedly worked for the development of Odisha even when the party was not in power in the eastern state.

"The Odisha poll results surprised many big political experts, who had completely rejected the idea of BJP forming government in the state... BJP's election success in Odisha, Haryana and Maharashtra has created a new confidence in the entire country. This is the specialty of BJP and the capability of our workers," asserted Modi.

The BJP respects and gives priority to the rich culture and tradition of Odisha, he said.

"I am happy that due to the efforts of the BJP, Odisha's tribal daughter Droupadi Murmu ji is the President of the country today. This has boosted the confidence of daughters from all sections of society. Her journey will inspire many generations to come," the PM said.

On the All India DGP/IGP Conference that got underway in Bhubaneswar, he said it is being held in Odisha for the first time, though the event has been taking place since the British period.

"We want to give priority to Odisha not only in the country but also on the world map," he said, adding that after the BJP formed government in the state, it has implemented the National Education Policy and other central schemes.

NSG deployed in...

to stamp out terrorist infrastructure. "We have searched over 50 locations in various districts. Cracking down on terrorist operatives and their infrastructure remains a priority," he said.

Asserting that action against terrorists operating from Pakistan and PoK is underway, Jain said, "We have attached properties of seven individuals operating from Pakistan and PoK (Pakistan-occupied Kashmir). Further action against others is in progress."

He also said cases related to terrorist attacks are under investigation.

"Action is being taken against those involved in these cases. Firdos was arrested in Bhaderwah and further arrests are expected," he said.

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Expressing the resolve of the J&K Police to safeguard the region's peace by cracking down on the terror ecosystem and networks, Jain emphasized the importance of attaching the properties of those involved.

He further disclosed that the properties of 29 additional absconding terrorists have been identified.

"The process for their attachment is underway and will be completed shortly, further tightening the noose around terror operatives," the ADGP added.

He said that this robust action reflects the unwavering resolve of the J&K Police to safeguard the region's peace and uphold the sovereignty and integrity of the nation.

Police arrests 3...

prematurely closed his fixed deposits and transferred Rs 21 lakh into a fraudulent HDFC Bank account, he added.

A case was registered and Cyber Police Kashmir initiated a swift investigation.

"Leveraging advanced technical tools, the police identified the culprits and dispatched teams to Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, and Punjab. The operation led to the arrests of Gaurav Kumar from Uttar Pradesh, Gurpreet Singh and Ujjawal Chauhan from Punjab," SSP said.

The police seized four mobile phones, a MacBook, 13 SIM cards, 24 debit cards, 20 chequebooks, 10 passbooks, and other incriminating materials, he said.

An amount of Rs 4.13 lakhs has been released into the account of the complainant, Hussain said.

The accused will face multiple charges, including fraud, conspiracy, and coercion. Further investigation is underway to uncover other conspirators and dismantle the larger network behind the scam, Hussain added.

According to a police spokesperson, Cyber Police Station Kashmir Zone Srinagar took cognizance upon receiving a written complaint from a senior citizen of Srinagar city, who was allegedly defrauded of Rs 21 lakh in digital arrest scam wherein the fraudsters impersonated officials from the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to coerce the victim into transferring funds.

The scammers accused the victim of being involved in money laundering, involving Rs 6.8 crores and issued fabricated arrest warrants and penalties to intimidate him.

Upon receiving the complaint, FIR No. 26/2024 was registered and Cyber Police Kashmir initiated a swift investigation. Leveraging advanced technical tools, the police identified the culprits and dispatched teams to Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, and Punjab to arrest them.

The accused persons face multiple charges, including fraud, conspiracy, and coercion. Further investigation is ongoing to uncover other conspirators and dismantle the larger network behind this scam.

Cyber Police Kashmir Zone has advised citizens to exercise extreme caution when sharing sensitive financial information. Legitimate government agencies will never conduct investigations or arrests via video calls, demand payments, or request sensitive data over the phone. Always verify the identity of callers claiming to represent official authorities and report suspicious activities to the nearest Cyber Police station or cybercrime helplines immediately.

CS calls for...

non-sensitive exam material to exam centres. He also enjoined upon them to personally monitor the whole process till the OMR sheets are sent back to SSRB by the police department.

In her presentation the Chairperson, SSRB, Indu Kanwal Chib informed the meeting that there are 5,59,135 candidates scheduled to appear in exams for 4002 posts of constables (Home Department) to be held on 1st , 8th 22nd December, 2024.

She further added that the exams of Constables (Executive/Armed/SDRF) are going to be held on 1st of December at 856 centres across the districts for which 2,62,863 candidates are set to appear in the UT with maximum number of 54,296 candidates appearing from Jammu district.

Similarly for Constable (Telecommunication) 1,67,609 candidates are going to exams to be held on 08th of December and 1,28,663 candidates are appearing for Constable (Photographer) exams on 22nd of December this year.

The Chairperson also gave brief about the material dispatched by the board and other arrangements made by them. It was revealed that for the first time male and female gazetted officers have been deployed in each centre as 'Frisking Supervisors' besides ensuring videography of the exams to ensure transparency in the conduct of the exam.

BJP beacon of...

evaluating the progress of the membership drive and devising strategies to expand its reach to rural and remote areas.

Addressing party workers, Chugh highlighted BJP's stature as the world's largest democratic party, boasting over 11.5 crore members nationwide and 2.57 lakh members in Jammu & Kashmir alone. He emphasized the party's growing influence in the region, noting that BJP secured the highest vote share in the last assembly elections under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Chugh lauded India's transformation under PM Modi, stating, "India is now the world's fifth-largest economy, transitioning from one of the most fragile to one of the strongest. Every citizen, from Kashmir to Kanyakumari, is reaping the benefits of the government's inclusive welfare schemes, which reflect the vision of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas."

He reiterated the government's firm stance on terrorism, asserting that 'Pakistan-sponsored terrorism will be eradicated entirely under 'Zero Tolerance on Terrorism' policy."

Referring to recent remarks by PDP Chief Mehbooba Mufti, Chugh dismissed them as baseless and reflective of her ideological bankruptcy.

Mufti had alleged that the nation's secular foundation was being undermined, to which Chugh responded, "Her comments are detached from reality. No government scheme discriminates against any religion, group, or caste. The nation is witnessing inclusive development that uplifts every section of society."

He criticized Mufti for resorting to divisive rhetoric out of frustration due to repeated electoral failures. "The people have rejected her party time and again. Instead of introspection, she spreads venomous propaganda that has no basis in fact," he remarked.

Chugh reaffirmed the BJP's commitment to building a united and prosperous India, emphasizing that the party's unparalleled growth and the nation's progress under PM Modi reflect a shared vision of democracy, development, and inclusivity.

'Membership drive to...

Sethi, Former Minister, Munish Khajuria, Convenor Sadasyata Abhiyan (membership drive), addressed a review meeting of Sangathan Parv at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

J&K BJP State office bearers, District Prabharris, District Presidents, Morecha Presidents, Cell Incharge, District Incharges of Sadasyata Abhiyan and others participated in the meeting.

Addressing the review meeting, Chugh discussed in detail the ongoing membership drive in Jammu and Kashmir. He asked the party leaders to carry this drive as a comprehensive campaign which will engage everyone, from top leadership to booth-level workers, and will offer every segment of society the opportunity to connect with the Bharatiya Janata Party. He said that guided by Prime Minister Narendra Modi Ji's principle of 'Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas' party's membership derive promises to be an inclusive initiative that will ensure greater participation of people in the party's framework and hence policy making for the greater development of the nation and the betterment of its people.

Tarun Chugh said that in the recently held Assembly elections in Jammu & Kashmir, the BJP has become the number one party in terms of votes and the people have expressed the faith in the party from around the region. Prompting the party leaders to put their whole effort in the ongoing membership drive, he said that with the ever-increasing membership of the party, the party is set to increase its 'votes and seats' share in every election in future.

"BJP not only preaches, but believes, and practices democracy, which is evident by the membership drive and the subsequent internal elections to elect the National President in the process that initiates from the bottom step of Booth President", he said.

Sat Sharma, in his address, said that the BJP is a people-oriented party which is run by the dedicated party workers. He stressed that the party has ensured its reach to every region with the consistent hard work of the party workers and now expanded to become the prime force in the national politics with our consistent effort to connect to every citizen of country. He asked the party workers to put their maximum in the ongoing membership drive to ensure the presence of BJP worker in every house in Jammu & Kashmir.

Sunil Sharma presented the note of thanks and assured the senior party leaders that the elected BJP MLAs will put more effort to speed up the ongoing membership drive of the party in their respective constituencies.

Priya Sethi conducted the proceedings of the meetings and said that the party workers are enthusiastically engaged in the ongoing membership drive of the party.

Terrorists, terror ecosystem...

J&K's exceptional journey towards growth and prosperity, under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in the last 50 months.

"We had envisioned a prosperous J&K UT' and in the last 4 years, we have taken many steps to speed up infrastructure development, build an environment more conducive to industries and increase investment in various other sectors of economy," the Lieutenant Governor said. The Lieutenant Governor observed that the people-centric policies, progressive reforms across the sectors and dedicated focus of the government on the empowerment of youth, women, farmers and marginalised sections have paved the way for rapid and inclusive development of Jammu Kashmir.

He also urged the farmers and other stakeholders associated with agriculture & allied sectors to avail the benefits under the Holistic Agriculture Development Program. On the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor along with Sant Shri Bal Yogeshwar Das Ji Maharaj also unveiled the idol of Bhagwan Narayan.

Kuldeep Raj Dubey, Member of Legislative Assembly; Vishesh Paul Mahajan, Deputy Commissioner; Reasi; senior officials of civil & police administration, army veterans; families of the martyrs and prominent citizens from all walks of life were present.

Pehalgam records minus...

the freezing point at most places, the officials said. Srinagar recorded a low of minus 1 degrees Celsius, up from the previous night's minus 2.1 degrees Celsius, they said.

Qazigund, the gateway town to the valley in south Kashmir, recorded a low of minus 1.8 degrees Celsius. The minimum in Pahalgam tourist resort, which also serves as one of the base camps for the annual Amarnath yatra, settled at minus 3.4 degrees Celsius -- the coldest weather station in the valley. Gulmarg registered a low of zero degrees Celsius, while Kupwara minus 0.4 degrees Celsius. Kokernag in south Kashmir was the only weather station in the valley where the minimum settled above the freezing point at 0.6 degrees Celsius, the officials said.

Stolen scooter recovered; lifter arrested

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Demonstrating swift action and effective investigation, Jammu Police on Friday recovered a stolen scooter and apprehended the accused involved in the crime.

On Sept 11, 2024, Kishore Kumar, son of Chuni Lal, resident of Siot, District Rajouri, lodged a written complaint at Police Post Panjtirthi that his scooter (JK11B-1672) was stolen from Panjtirthi near Billu Mandir by unknown individuals. Acting on the complaint, a case was promptly registered at Police Station Pacea Danga under FIR No. 102/2024 U/S 303(2) BNS, and investigation initiated by SHO Pacea Danga and ICPP Panjtirthi under the close supervision of SDPO City North Jammu and guidance of SP City North.

During the investigation, a suspect, Varun Gill, son of William Gill, resident of Sajalpur Marh, Jammu, was taken into custody for questioning. Upon interrogation, the accused confessed to the theft, and the stolen scooter was subsequently recovered based on his disclosure.

Five booked for unauthorized entry into school

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Jammu Police has taken a firm stance against lawbreakers by registering an FIR against five individuals for unauthorized entry into a school in Kanachak area, disrupting the morning assembly, harassing students and staff with abusive behavior, recording a video without consent, sharing it on social media, and issuing verbal threats. This decisive action underscores the police's commitment to ensuring safety and upholding law and order, particularly in educational institutions.

A case has been registered under Sections 329(3), 132, 352, and 351(3) BNS (FIR No. 185/2024) at Police Station Kanachak, and an investigation is currently underway. Swift action is anticipated to ensure justice prevails.

Missing woman traced, reunited with family

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Police on Friday traced a missing woman and reunited her with family. An information was received at Police Post Chinore about the missing of one lady (name withheld), resident of Distt. Jammu, whose missing report was entered on Nov 19, 2024 vide DD No.15

Acting upon this, A Police Team of PP Chinore led by ICPP Chinore put strenuous efforts and with the help of technical assistance as well as human intervention traced out the missing lady and after completing all legal formalities the said lady has been handed over to her legal heirs. Accordingly missing report has been closed.

Notorious drug peddler booked under PSA

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
REASI: Police detained a notorious drug peddler of Reasi under PITNDPS and lodged him in Central Jail Kotbhalwal Jammu.

Mohan Lal, son of Sandokhu Ram, resident of Keshav Nagar, Ward No.11 Mathyal Katra Tehsil Katra District Reasi who is involved in case FIR No. 42/2024 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act of P/S Katra, FIR No. 112/2024 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act of P/S Katra and DDR No. 37 dated 29.10.2024 of P/S Katra was detained under PITNDPS Act under the order No. 47 of 2024 dated 27-11-2024, issued by Divisional Commissioner, Jammu.

Besides booking under NDPS Act a number of times he was warned to shun the path of supplying drugs to the youth of Katra. However he remained on continuous mission of minting money by supplying banned drug to youth of Katra. In view of his continuous involvement in drug peddling and to save the health and welfare of the society it was necessary to book him under stringent law.

On the directions of SSP Reasi his dossiers for PITNDPS was prepared and after getting necessary detention order, Mohan Lal was detained by the team of Police Station Katra and was lodged in Central Jail Kotbhalwal Jammu.

SSP Reasi while sharing the details conveyed that Reasi Police is working on multipronged strategy to deal with the problem of drug abuse, on one hand awareness programs are being organized in every nook and corner of the district and on the other hand drug peddlers are being booked under NDPS Act.