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Website: www.statetimes.in, Email: statetimes1@gmail.com **Head Constable martyred in Anantnag terror attack**

Terror module busted in Ganderbal, 3 associates arrested; no grenade attack in Srinagar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Terrorists on Saturday martyred a policeman in Anantnag district, police said, evoking condemnations from mainstream political parties in the Valley.

J-K Police Head Constable Ali Mohammad Ganie was fired upon by terrorists near his residence at Hasanpora in the Tabala area of Bijbehara, Anantnag, a police spokesman said.

He said Ganie was shifted to a hospital in critical condition where he succumbed.

The martyred official was posted at Police Station Kulgam, the spokesman said.

We pay our rich tributes to the martyr and stand by his family at this critical juncture, he said.

Police have registered a case and started investigation, the spokesman said.

He said police officers are working to establish the full circumstances of this terror



crime, adding the area has been cordoned and search is going on.

Political parties and leaders condemned the attack.

National Conference president Farooq Abdullah and party vice president Omar Abdullah condemned the killing of the policeman.

Violence in any of its manifestations is always unacceptable and will yield nothdestruction. The vicious cycle of death has caused much loss to human lives in J-K while devastating the socioeconomic conditions of the people during the last over three decades. It is high time for such incidents to be stopped now. My heartfelt sympathies are with the

Very sorry to hear about

Abdullah said.

bereaved family, Farooq

of HC Ali Mohd Ganie. I unreservedly condemn this attack while at the same time sending my heartfelt condolences to his family & loved ones. Allah Jannat naseeb Ameen, Omar

Abdullah wrote on Twitter. People's Conference chairman Sajad Lone termed the incident as senseless vio-

Yet another gruesome act of senseless violence. Ali Mohd Ganai of JK police falls to the bullets of cowardly violent thugs. Salute his sacrifice, Lone said in a tweet. The PDP also condemned the attack.

@jkpdp PDP strongly condemns the killing of @JmuKmrPolice HC Ali Mohd Ganie in a gruesome attack at Hassanpora, Bijbehara. We offer our condolences to the bereaved family, the party tweeted.

BJP General Secretary, ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Man killed, 3 injured as truck rams into shop in Udhampur ■ STATE TIMES NEŴS

JAMMU: An 18-year-old man was killed and three others injured when a truck crashed into a shop in Udhampur district, police said on Saturday.

The truck was on its way to Udhampur from Jammu when its driver lost control of the vehicle and it hit a roadside shop before turning turtle late Friday night, a police official said. He said

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IED recovered in Poonch

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: An improvised explosive device (IED) was seized in Poonch district on Saturday, officials said.

The seizure was made by security forces from near Sheendara village on the Jammu-Poonch highway on specific information, and was later neutralised by experts of the bomb disposal squad, they said.

The officials said prelimi-

nary investigation ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

J&K: 3-tier panel to demarcate land not part of water channels but recorded as such



Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha chairing administrative council meeting at Jammu.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Administrative Council which met here on Saturday, under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha approved the procedure for delineation and demarcation of Gair Mumkin Khads/ Daryas/ Nallahs etc. which do not form a part of water channels but has been recorded in revenue records as such.

Farooq Khan and Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisors to the Lieutenant Governor. Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief

Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor attended the meet-

The approved procedure provides for Khasra-wise delineation by the internal departmental committees using GPS for generation of digital maps, conducting actual spot verification to establish desirable width of water course/channels especially in the proprietary lands, and removal of illegal encroachments on identified water courses through remedial action. The exercise will

manner in districts of Jammu, Samba and Kathua in three months and remaining districts in one year.

Marble Market Extention, Greater Kallast Chowk, National Highway-1A, Jammu. ORTHOPAEDIC OPD

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The Administrative Council also approved constitution of a 3-tier committees to oversee the exercise at District, Division, and Union territory level, headed by the Deputy Commissioner, Divisional Commissioner, and Chief Secretary, respectively.

District-level Committees will be mandated to conduct Khasra-wise survey of all lands recorded as Gair Mumkin Khads,

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Rise in minimum temperature across Kashmir

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: There was some respite from cold wave conditions in Kashmir as the minimum temperature improved across the valley, even as the Meteorological department said there is a possibility of rain/snow at scattered places on Monday. According to officials, the

mercury rose across the Kashmir Valley on Friday night by several notches at some places. Srinagar, the summer capi-

tal of Jammu and Kashmir. recorded a low of minus 1 degree Celsius, up from minus 3.6 degrees Celsius

TET case: IAS officer held in Thane; count of arrested rises to 13 ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

PUNE: Police have arrested an IAS officer from Thane district of Maharashtra in connection with the alleged malpractices in the results of the state-wide Teachers' Eligibility Test (TET) held in 2020, an official said here on Saturday.

"The bureaucrat, Sushil Khodwekar, has been arrested from Thane. He will be produced in a court today. the Pune police official said. With this, the number of persons arrested in the case

has gone up to 13, he said. The city police had said on Friday that the marks of

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the previous night, they said. The famous tourist destination of Gulmarg, in north Kashmir, recorded a low of minus 7.5 degrees Celsius up from minus 10.4 degrees Celsius the previous night.

Pahalgam tourist spot in south Kashmir, which also serves as the base camp for the annual Amarnath Yatra, recorded a low of minus 2.8 degrees Celsius an increase of nine notches from the previous night.

The officials said Qazigund recorded a minimum temperature of minus 3.1 degree Celsius, while the

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J&K reports 4,175 COVID cases, 6 more areas declared micro-containment zones in Jammu symptoms

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday reported 4175 new Covid cases--1363 from Jammu division and 2812 from Kashmir division--thus taking the total number of positive cases in the Union Territory to 428260.

According to officials, five Covid related deaths have been reported; three from Jammu Division and two from the Valley.

The district administration in Jammu declared six more micro-containment zones with the detection of COVID positive patients with mild In the order issued on

Saturday, the Deputy Magistrate, Jammu district, Anshul Garg declared Lane near H no 45, Sector No 5 near Asian Medical Chemist Shop, Trikuta Nagar, Lane Rahat Hospital, Bathindi, Lane near H. No 122, Sector No 11 near Khalsa Chowk, Nanak Nagar, Lane near H No 89, near Shingrila Public School, Sarwal, Lane near H No 8A near Asha Bhawan, Roop Nagar Enclave and Lane near H No 16 near NSM School Bohri as micro-containment zones.

Giving details about the virus across the Union Territory, 7107 more COVID-19 patients have recovered and been discharged from various hospitals including 1814from Jammu Division and 5293 from Kashmir Division.

According to the daily Media Bulletin, 42219are Active Positive (10656in Division Jammu 31563in Kashmir Division), 381389 have recovered and 4652 have died; 2271 in Jammu division and 2381in Kashmir division.

The Bulletin further said that out of 21270106 test

results available, 428260 samples have tested positive and 20841846 samples have been tested as negative till date. Besides, 76.507COVID tests have been conducted in last 24 hours. Till date 5716379 persons

have been enlisted for observation which included 18543 persons in home quarantine including facilities operated by government, 42219 in isolation and 424162 in home surveillance. 5226803 persons have completed their surveillance period. Providing district-wise breakup for positive

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HC directs not to disengage contractuals hired during COVID-19 Sethi with Adv Sumit

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: In a petition filed

by petitioners seeking directions to respondents to grant extension to contractual employment of petitioners in due deference to clause 4 of their order of engagement viz.; order no.444/AHJ of 2020 dated September 25, 2020 in view of their satisfactory performance in serving the cause of humanity at Government Medical College Jammu by risking their lives amid COVID-19 scare, Justice Puneet Gupta of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court after hearing Senior Adv Sunil Nayyar directed that till next date of hearing, the petitioners, if continuing with their duties till date. shall not be disengaged by respondents. During the course of hear-

ing Senior Adv Sunil Sethi submitted that respondents not to oust petitioners from their contractual appointment and not to replace them with new contractual employees in view of the law laid down by the Supreme court of India and grant them their monthly remuneration regularly, without any obstruction or interruption.

JSCL to develop 23 junctions, 25 smart traffic booths in Jammu City

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Smooth flow of traffic and better pedestrian

The agreement for the tract for setting up smart traffic booths was signed and exchanged between the

undertaken by JSCL under the Smart City Mission programme of the Union Ministry of Housing and

The 23 junctions across the city of temples will be developed and equipped with better facilities for citizens.

The major works taken up under the junctions' improvement programme include.

Geometric improvement, pickup-dropoff lighting, street furniture,

CEO JSCL, AvnyLavasa said that the facelift of junctions will add a neat and clean look to the city of temples. She added the completion of project will provide better facilities to citizens as well as tourists.

to the project executing agency, Avny Lavasa

Man detained with 12-bore rifle in Kishtwar ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A man was detained in Kishtwar on Saturday for carrying a 12bore gun without valid documents, police said. The accused, identified as Dewan Chand, son of Beli Ram, resident of Nanzala Sigdi, was taken into custody for questioning, a police spokesperson said. "A man with a 12bore gun was seen moving suspiciously towards nearby forests and failed to

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Bail denied in abetment to suicide case STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Principal Sessions Judge Jammu Kishore Kumar on Saturday rejected bail application of one Karan Singh, who was booked by Police in abetment to suicide case. The police report revealed that applicant-accused involved in FIR No: $\,$ 12/2022 for offences under section 306 of IPC, which was registered on January 6, 2022 at Police Station

Nagrota. As per allegations,

on December 31, 2021

PCR at Police Post Sidhra that two persons namely Dilawar Singh and Purna Devi have been admitted in GMC Jammu for treatment of burn injuries. On receiving information, police team led by ASI Bashir Ahmad of Police Post Sidhra reached GMC Jammu for recording their statements but doctors opined that patients were unfit for the same. On January 2, 2022 the woman namely Purna Devi succumbed to injuries and sub-

information was received via

sequently an inquest proceedings under section 174 of CrPC vide DD No:27 dated January 2, 2022 were launched and on the same day, statement of injured Dilawar Singh was recorded in presence of independent witnesses, who stated that on December 31, 2021 at about 9-10 PM, he sprinkled kerosene oil and set himself on fire. His wife Purna Devi was also present at home and tried to extinguish the fire but she was also

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facilities are on the cards as officer (CEO), JSCL, Hitesh Tree line, bus top, location of Jammu Smart City Limited Gupta, JKAS and representraffic Signal, drainage of (JSCL) has signed two sepatative of M/S Ved Paul road through catchpits, toirate agreements for the lets and water ATMs.

development of 23 junctions and for setting up smart traffic booths in different parts of the city.

development of junctions was signed and exchanged between the Chief Executive officer (CEO), JSCL, Avny Lavasa and representative of M/S RSB Projects Limited, Suresh Gupta, while the conAdditional Chief Executive Both the projects are being

Urban Affairs (MoHUA).

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Ensuring all possible help

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R-Day celebrations culminate with Beating Retreat ceremony Hundred Pipers, Loudon's



Police band performing in Beating Retreat ceremony at Jammu.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: To mark the culmination of the Republic Day celebrations-2022, the customary Beating Retreat ceremony was held at the Maulana Azad Stadium here

this evening. Governor, Lieutenant

Manoj Sinha was the Chief Guest for the ceremony. During the beating retreat

ceremony, marching Bands of Armed Forces were displayed and the inspiring tunes of Brass bands and Pipe drum bands of the Army, BSF, and J&K Police

were performed on the slow and quick strathspey.

display of tunes included Maroon Silver and Gold, Scipio, Veer-Sepoy, Vijay Bharat, Jai Ho on the brass bands, and India Gate, Deshon Ka Sartaj Bharat, Naurange, The

Bonnie Woods and Breas, The Pipers of Drummond and Lahure Ko Ralimai on the pipe band, besides Ae Mere Vatan Ke Logon-Brass Band received a huge round of applause from the Later, the Lt Governor

felicitated the contingents of Pipe drum and Brass bands for their mesmerizing playing of tunes and outstanding display at the grand event. The Lt Governor also

awarded several officers from Defence Forces, J&K Police & besides Administration, Cadets from NCC (Boys & Girls), Marching

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