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transferred from DPL Jammu and posted as SHO Peer Mitha while Inspector Rabi Kant has been transferred from Police Station Bakshi Nagar and posted at DPL Jammu; Inspector Harjeet Singh has been transferred from Police Station Arnia and has been posted as SHO Bakshi Nagar.

Inspector Pankaj Sharma has been transferred from DPL Jammu and posted as SHO Gandhi Nagar; Inspector Tilak Raj has been transferred from DPL Jammu and posted as SHO Arnia; Inspector Arjun Singh Chib has been transferred from PC Jammu and posted as SHO Bagh-e-Bahu vice Inspector Kirti Sharma, who has been posted at DPL Jammu (I/c PCR).

## India in pain...

the country. The entire country witnessed General Rawat's bravery and his efforts in making the forces atmanirbhar (self-reliant)," he said.

"Wherever Gen Rawat is, he will see his Bharat moving forward with a new resolve in coming days," he said.

Whether increasing the security on borders, strengthening border infrastructure, making the armed forces self-reliant, or increasing tri-services co-ordination, many such works will continue to progress rapidly, Modi said.

"India is in pain, but despite the pain, we never let it stop our progress. India will not stop. India will not pause. Indians will together work harder, face every challenge both inside and outside the country and make India more powerful and prosperous," the prime minister said.

Prime Minister Modi prayed for the early recovery of lone survivor of the IAF helicopter crash Varun Singh, who is from Deoria in Uttar Pradesh.

## NC MPs receive...

earlier this year, saying the exercise was an outcome of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act of 2019, which the party has challenged in the Supreme Court. In addition to the NC parliamentarians, BJP MPs Jitendra Singh and Jugal Kishore Sharma are associate members of the commission.

Masoodi told PTI, "Yes, we have received the invitation for the meeting."

He, however, said no agenda for the meeting was mentioned in the invitation.

"We have not been given any kind of agenda or draft report or any support material, he added.

Asked whether the NC MPs will participate in the meeting, Masoodi said the party leadership would take a call on the matter.

The party leadership will discuss the matter and take a decision, he said.

The commission is headed by retired Supreme Court judge Ranjana Desai and also comprises Chief Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra as an ex-officio member and the Jammu and Kashmir chief electoral officer.

The commission has time till March 6 next year to redraw the boundaries and create new constituencies.

## J&K never to...

by the vested interests for political gains.

(Kashmiri) Muslims did not drive you out from your homes those behind it were thinking Kashmir will be theirs by this ethnic cleansing. I repeat from this stage... even if the sky and the earth meet, Jammu and Kashmir will never be theirs, the former chief minister said in an apparent reference to Pakistan.

Kashmiri Pandits migrated from the valley in the wake of Pakistan-sponsored militancy in early 1990s.

Addressing a gathering largely comprising migrant Pandits at a one-day convention organised by NC's minority cell here, Abdullah said the community was being used as a vote bank by a political party that only claims to be its sympathiser.

Without naming any party, Abdullah said, Big promises were made to you by those treating you as just a vote bank. They have not fulfilled a single promise.

Abdullah, who recalled his long association with the Kashmiri Pandits, said the hatred which has crept into the hearts needs to be removed.

We have to identify those who want to divide us for their petty political interests. Our culture, language and way of living is the same and we are one. I have never distinguished between a Hindu and a Muslim, the NC leader said.

Referring to the migration of the Pandits, he said, Nobody wants to name (former governor) Jagmohan who arranged transport (for their migration) and promised to ensure their return within two months...instead allegations are levelled against me.

I am praying to my Allah not to take me away till I see the return of those old days when there was communal harmony and peaceful atmosphere in the valley and the people moved freely without being asked to show their identity, he said.

The former chief minister said he had made several attempts during his government to bring back the community but had to stop the process in the wake of massacres in Ganderbal and Budgam as, I do not want the blood of innocents on my hands.

He said it is not the right the time for their return because of the hatred which has crept into the hearts.

We cannot live in peace as our enemies will use that hatred and attempt to create further wedge among us. I request you with folded hands to give up this hatred and pray to Lord to unite us again, he said.

Abdullah called on the two communities to stand together and reject those dividing them on the basis of religion.

We should introspect and assess who has the habit of 'use and throw' and reject such parties, he said, citing the example of senior BJP leader Varun Gandhi and claiming that the latter had now become irrelevant for his party.

I am not asking for votes for my party but want you to think before you cast your vote at the time of the election. Choose those parties that seek votes on their work and not on the basis of religion, he said.

He lauded Kashmiri Pandits for safeguarding their culture and language even in migration.

Abdullah said the NC brought temples and shrines bill to safeguard the places of worship of the community which was, however, not supported by those who claim to be the communities' defenders.

They enjoy the numbers in the Parliament and can pass it anytime but I know they will not do it, he said, adding, Same is the case with the women rights bill which is pending as there are people who do not want to empower women.

Referring to the raising of national flags on important days, he said, It should be hoisted by heart without the use of power or through agents.

Lauding the people of Jammu for providing shelter to the Pandits in the aftermath of their migration from the valley, he supported continuation of the 'Darbar move', a long practice under which the civil secretariat functions six months each in Srinagar and Jammu.

## No way out...

Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar's statement that the practice of offering 'namaz' in the open will not be tolerated and asked him to provide spaces to Muslims for prayers as the Constitution guarantees religious freedom.

The former J&K chief minister was talking to reporters on the sidelines of a party function here.

Reacting to a question about the killing of two policemen by terrorists in north Kashmir's Bandipora district on Friday, Abdullah said, you think we are happy that they are killing people? It is a sad story and let the government who are saying everything is hunky dory (speak). Is it hunky dory? Are people safe? When your police personnel are not safe, how is an ordinary man safe?

Asked if he still insisted on talks with Pakistan, Abdullah retorted, "You have to talk. There is no way out (to end militancy).

You can talk to China. What do you say about that? China is coming and occupying our territory. They are making their own houses in that territory. Let the Government of India allow discussion in the parliament to understand what the Chinese are doing, the NC MP from Srinagar said.

When a reporter asked him if, by insisting on talks with Pakistan, he was giving a clean chit to Pakistani terrorists who are killing people, a visibly angry Abdullah said, "You are not a journalist. Your attitude is communal".

In response to a question about the Haryana chief minister's statement, Abdullah said there is a religious tolerance in the country and the Constitution also provides religious freedom.

If he does not allow prayers in open space, let him create a space where they can pray. Pray they have to, that is why open spaces are used because there is no place (for namaz), he said.

On reports that the J&K delimitation commission has called for a meeting with

five MPs of National Conference and BJP in Delhi on December 20, he said the party has not received any invitation letter so far.

Let the letter come what we will do there, I have to say it there, he said, responding to a question whether his party will press for political reservation for Kashmiri migrant pandits at the meeting.

## Terrorists on our...

Kashmir Range Udaybhaskar Billa, SSP Bandipora Mohd Zaid, SP Sopore Sudanshu Verma CO 22 RR Sunil Yadav and other jurisdictional officers of PD Sopore.

The DGP first visited family of martyr SgConstable Mohd Sultan at Maqam Shaheedmeer Botingue Sopore and expressed solidarity with the bereaved family and prayed for the eternal peace of the fallen hero who gave supreme sacrifice of his life while on duty.

While consoling family of the martyr, the DGP said that the whole Police Pariwar stands with the bereaved family of martyr and shares their grief and sorrow. He assured that every support would be provided to the family.

Interacting with the media the DGP said police has got some clues with regard to the attack and it is working to identify the involved terrorists. He said that there have been recent incursions by Pakistan in some places in which some Pakistani terrorists have infiltrated to this side. He said that the terrorists are on our radar and you have seen that some of them have been killed in the operations and I hope that Pakistani terrorists who have recently infiltrated will be neutralized soon as the operations are on against them. He said that main motive of the Pakistani sponsored terrorists is to kill someone and harm the lives of people and their property.

The DGP said that Police along with other security agencies work for the security and safety of people so the police come to the target. We have been fighting this war from last 30 years and it is our responsibility to protect the lives and property of people.

In the afternoon, the DGP along with IGP Kashmir Zone Vijay Kumar, DIG North Kashmir Range Udaybhaskar Billa, SSP Kupwara Yogal Manhas visited family of martyr Constable Fayaz Ahmad Lone of Lalpora Lolab Kupwara who also attained martyrdom in the same cowardly terrorist attack at Gulshan Chowk Bandipora. He expressed solidarity with the bereaved family and prayed for the eternal peace of the departed soul who gave supreme sacrifices of his life while his boots on.

A large number of people from different walks including the relatives from the nearby villages had come to condole the deaths of SgCt. Mohd Sultan and Ct. Fyaz Ahmad and express their sympathies with the bereaved families. Some respectable of the respective villages and youth also met the DGP and praised the deceased constables for their people friendly behavior to everyone. At both the places the people requested the DGP to provide help to the families as the martyred constables were only earning hands in their families. The DGP assured them that JKP Pariwar would be there to shoulder this responsibility and all required support shall be extended to them.

## Rajinder Nagar Sec-3...

According to reports, Ladakh's tally of COVID-19 cases has increased to 21,792 with 19 fresh infections during the past 24 hours, officials said.

The death toll remained at 215 and of these, 157 deaths have been reported from Leh and 59 from Kargil, they said.

The number of active cases in the Union Territory has dropped to 220 -- 202 in Leh and 18 in Kargil -- from 237 the previous day, according to the officials.

Of the 19 new cases, 17 were reported in Leh and two in Kargil, they said.

The officials said that 36 patients were discharged from hospitals in Leh, taking the total number of recoveries in Ladakh to 21,357.

## Slave Indian mentality...

completely without thinking? Even today the same is going on in India!!

The situation and mind-set of Indians have not changed at all. Opposition or any other issue, Indians give second place to national interest and don't mind joining anti-national activities for petty benefits. Thinking about self and family is all the most Indians do. Let society and country go to hell. The post is a reflection on the Indian psyche. It is mirror of slave mentality of Indians.

# Farmers head back home after year-long protest on Delhi border

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI/ CHANDIGARH: Singing, dancing and cheering atop their tractor-trolleys, farmers on Saturday began their journey home from Delhi borders after dismantling their tents and other structures at the end of a year-long sit-in against the agri laws and were accorded a rousing welcome with sweets and garlands in the neighbouring states.

Emotions ran high as the farmers performed 'ardas' (prayers) and 'havans' to thank the almighty and set off towards Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh in convoys of tractors, bedecked with colourful flowers and lights and blaring songs of victory.

By 4 PM, less than a quar-

ter of the protesters were left at the Singhu border. Similarly, at the Ghazipur border, the process of dismantling shelters was in full swing, but the protesting farmers said the site will be completely vacated by December 15.

Their furrowed faces now lit with smiles, the protesters said they can finally unite with their families

"My children are very excited. We will finally get to meet each other after a year... I am very very happy. Over the phone they would always say "Papa, ghar kab aaoge?" (Papa, when will you come home?)."

40-year-old Bhupender Singh said "But the fact that I am heading home after victory is something I am particularly proud about," said Singh,

while on his way back to his home in Uttar Pradesh's Bijnor district on a tractor-trolley with other villagers who were on a sit-in at Ghazipur border.

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal took to Twitter to praise the farmers for their effort.

"There is no substitute for patience, courage and unity. Only by mutual brotherhood and unity, the country can move forward. This unity of farmer brothers was their biggest strength. My salute to the strong will and vitality of the farmer brothers who are returning home from today with a historic victory," he said. Many locals including shopkeepers who suffered due to the blocking of roads were also feeling a sense of relief.

## India sends medical supplies to Afghanistan

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: India on Saturday sent humanitarian assistance consisting of medical supplies to Afghanistan in syne with its commitment of extending help to the Afghan people in their times of difficulty.

The medical supplies were sent on a return flight that had brought 10 Indians and 94 Afghans to Delhi from Kabul on Friday.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said the consignments will be handed over to the representatives of the World Health Organisation (WHO) in Kabul.

"In view of the challenging humanitarian situation in Afghanistan, the government of India has dispatched humanitarian assistance consisting of medical supplies on the return flight today," the MEA said.

"These medicines will be

handed over to the representatives of the World Health Organisation (WHO) in Kabul and will be administered at the Indira Gandhi Children Hospital, Kabul," it said in a statement.

The MEA said the special flight from Kabul to Delhi, chartered by India, brought 10 Indians and 94 Afghans on Friday.

"The flight brought 10 Indians and 94 Afghans, including members of Afghan minority community. The minority community members carried with them two 'Swaroops of Guru Granth Sahib' and some ancient Hindu manuscripts," it said.

The people were brought under India's "Operation Devi Shakti" which was launched to evacuate Indians as well as Afghans from Afghanistan following the Taliban's takeover of Kabul on August 15.

Akhilesh Sharma alias Leshi of Udhampur and Sahil Dogra of Baryal were arrested under PSA during current year. The PSA is an administrative law that allows the detention of a person without charge or trial for upto two years in some cases.

## Govt employee among two arrested for abortive bank robbery bid in Sunderbani

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: Two persons, including a Government employee, were arrested for their alleged involvement in setting ablaze a saw mill and attempting to loot an adjoining bank in Rajouri district, police said on Saturday.

Rajouri police said that the incident took place in intervening night of Thursday and Friday when a saw mill caught fire and got damaged under mysterious conditions and later it came to fore during spot examination that a theft was attempted in Canara Bank, located adjacent to saw mill. Some unknown persons broke wall of the bank and with criminal intention entered the premises to loot the cash and also set ablaze the saw mill.

Taking cognizance of matter and on the basis of written complaint, a case in FIR 103/2021 under sections 457, 380, 436, 511 of IPC was registered at Sunderbani police station and Superintendent of Police Rajouri constituted an investigation team headed by Station House Officer Sunderbani under supervision of Sub Divisional Police Officer Nowshera and overall supervision of Additional SP Nowshera.

Setting investigation into motion soon after registering the FIR, the investigation team of police gathered some technical and human inputs and zeroed on two suspects and detained both of them. During sustained interrogation, the suspects confessed crime of house break, attempting robbery in Canara Bank besides setting ablaze saw mill.

The accused were identified as Pushpinder Sharma, son of Late Rattan Lal, resident of Gag village of Sunderbani, an employee of Jal Shakti Department (PHE) and Ankrit Sudan, son of Madan Lal, resident of Thandapani, Sunderbani.

Both the accused were arrested and further investigation in the matter is going on. The weapons of offence used by criminals to break the wall of bank have also been recovered on their disclosure.



# CRIMEREPORT

## Two killed, another injured as house collapsed in Poonch Water-tanker falls into gorge in Kishtwar; 3 killed

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A 14-year-old girl and her aunt were killed while another minor was injured as their mud house collapsed in Poonch district here on Saturday, officials said.

A 'Kachha' house belonging to Ashaq Hussain in Mangnar village near Poonch town collapsed abruptly, trapping trio inside, the officials said. The impact of collapse was so intense that Hussain's wife Zareena Akhtar (26) and niece Rahila Kousar (14) died on the spot while locals rescued the couple's eight-year-old daughter Asma, they said. She was rushed to hospital. The cause of collapse was not immediately known, they said.

Meanwhile, three people were killed when a water-tanker skidded off the road and plunged into a gorge in Kishtwar district, officials said. A private tanker carrying three people was moving near under-construction Kiru Hydro-electric project when its driver lost control over the vehicle and rolled down into a gorge near Pathernaki village, they said. The bodies of Tariq Hussain (30), Yasir Muneer (18) and Arsalan (18), all residents of Padder, were recovered from the site of accident.

## Narcotic smuggler arrested under PSA

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: A hardcore narcotics smuggler was arrested under the stringent Public Safety Act (PSA) in Udhampur district on Saturday, a senior police officer said. Rakesh Kumar alias Raku, a resident of Sallian Talab, is the fourth narcotic smuggler booked under the stringent law this year.

Udhampur Senior Superintendent of Police Sargun Shukla said that Kumar was a habitual criminal and was arrested on several occasions in past in different cases of heinous nature including narcotic smuggling and attempt to murder.

A dossier with regard to his criminal activities was prepared and presented before District Magistrate, Udhampur Indu Kanwal Chib, who after careful consideration, issued orders of his detention under PSA, the official said, adding that police subsequently executed the warrant for his detention under PSA.

Earlier, three narcotic smugglers, Hamraz Singh alias Tiger of Barrian,

# 59,649 cases settled by National Lok Adalat in J&K, Ladakh in a day

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A total of 59,649 cases were settled at the day-long National Lok Adalat across the union territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh on Saturday, an official spokesperson said.

An amount of Rs 61.87 crore was awarded as compensation or settlement amount in civil, criminal, labour disputes, electricity and water bills cases, land acquisition, family matters, cheque dishonor, and bank recovery cases during the Lok Adalat, the spokesperson said.

Justice Pankaj Mithal, Chief Justice, High

Court of J&K and Ladakh and Patron-in-Chief of J&K Legal Services Authority inaugurated the National Lok Adalat at High Court Complex here.

According to information received from the districts, out of 70,789 cases taken up by 144 benches of Lok Adalat held at various courts across J&K, 59,071 Cases were disposed of and Rs 59.85 crore was awarded as compensation.

In Ladakh, 797 cases were taken up by six benches and 578 cases were disposed of with over Rs 2.01 crore awarded as compensation or settlement amount.