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Death toll in Zewan terror attack mounts to 3 as cop succumbs to injuries

Attack pre-planned, terror group to be neutralised soon: IGP

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The death toll in Monday's terrorist attack on a police bus in Jammu and Kashmir rose to three on Tuesday with a constable succumbing to his injuries, while the union territory's police chief vowed that perpetrators would be brought to justice very soon.

Constable Rameez Ahmad of the ninth battalion of the Jammu and Kashmir Armed Police died at the Army's 92 Base Hospital Tuesday morning, officials said.

The Kashmir Tigers, a little-known outfit which is believed to be a front of the Jaish-e-Mohammad terrorist group, has claimed responsibility for the firing on the police bus that took place on the 20th anniversary of the attack on the Parliament Building.

Assistant Sub Inspector Ghulam Hassan and Constable Shafeeq Ali were



DGP Dilbag Singh enquiring about the condition of injured personnel at hospital.

killed in the attack on Monday, while 12 others, including Rameez, suffered injuries.

On Tuesday, Jammu and

Kashmir Police chief Dilbag Singh ordered a series of measures to be adopted while making the deployment of personnel, their travel as well

as in other situations.

Inspector General of Police (IGP), Kashmir, Vijay Kumar said the attack was pre-planned as the armed police team usually returned to its camp around the same time after performing routine duties.

"The bus carrying 25 policemen was returning to the camp as routine when three terrorists of Jaish-e-Mohammad opened indiscriminate firing on the vehicle," the IGP told reporters at a wreath-laying ceremony for one of the slain policemen here.

Kumar said while one of the assailants was a local, the other two were foreign terrorists.

"We have got a lot of inputs on the group. We will neutralise this group very soon," he said.

The IGP lauded the police personnel travelling in

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Govt earned over Rs 8 lakh Cr from taxes on petrol, diesel in last 3 fiscals: Sitharaman

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Centre earned nearly Rs 8.02 lakh crore from taxes on petrol and diesel during the last three fiscal years, of which more than Rs 3.71 lakh crore was collected in FY21 alone, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman informed Parliament on Tuesday. The minister was responding to queries on the

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Ladakh gets its first-ever FM radio station

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

LEH: Ladakh on Tuesday got its first ever FM radio station in its capital city Leh, officials said. Advisor Ladakh, Umang Narula launched the first-ever Top FM radio in Leh, they said. The frequency for Leh & Kargil will be 91.1 FM and it will cover 50 kilometres aerial distance in radius, they said. "Congratulations the team of Sambhav Media Group," he said and added that it is a wonderful step and a new source of entertainment and information.

COVID: 3 Jammu areas declared mico-containment zones

134 fresh cases, 2 more deaths in J&K

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: While Jammu and Kashmir's coronavirus caseload increased to 3,39,124 on Tuesday as 134 more people tested positive for the infection, the death toll climbed to 4,500 with two more fatalities and three areas in Jammu City peripheries have been declared as micro-containment zones in view of detection of rising infection cases.

In view of the situation emerging due to COVID-19, District Magistrate (DM) Jammu, Anshul Garg has declared Ghulab Colony near Sultana Masjid, Bathindi of Tehsil Bahu falling under Police Station Bahu Fort; Sector No 4, Channi Himmat of Tehsil Bahu falling under Police Station Channi Himmat; and Sector No 2, Vinayak Nagar, Muthi of Tehsil Jammu North falling under Police Station Janipur as Micro Containment Zones.

As per order issued by DM Jammu, these areas shall be under strict lockdown and tight perimeter control, except for essential needs.

"There shall be no movement, whatsoever, in and out of the Micro Containment zones and for any medical emergency, individuals can contact the 24X7 control room at 0191-2571616, 0191-2571912 and necessary facilitation shall be done," the order stated.

"It shall be mandatory for the persons residing in designated Containment Zones to get themselves tested and any refusal in this regard shall invite legal action including filing of FIR under relevant provisions of Disaster Management Act," it stated and added, "The Magistrate and SHO concerned of the area shall ensure that 100 per cent sampling and testing is done."

It is further ordered that

the Tehsildar concerned shall be the overall incharge for enforcement of Micro Containment SOPs in the notified zones.

Chief Medical Officer, Jammu shall ensure deployment of sufficient teams for sampling and surveillance of the designated zones. He shall ensure contact tracing of positives and their testing as per the SOP.

"Any violation of this order shall invite punitive action under section 188 of Indian Penal Code and other relevant sections of Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 and the Disaster Management Act, 2005," the order stated.

Meanwhile, of the fresh cases across the Union Territory, 31 were from the Jammu division and 103 from the Kashmir division of the union territory, they said.

Srinagar district recorded the highest number of

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Terror incidents in J&K significantly down since Art 370 abrogation: MoS Home

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NEW DELHI: The number of terror incidents in Jammu and Kashmir has shown significant decline since the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019, the Lok Sabha was informed on Tuesday.

In written response to a question, Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai gave data showing that only 206 terror incidents were reported in Jammu and Kashmir this year till December 5 as against 417 in 2018.

According to the data, 255 terror incidents were reported in 2019 and 244 in 2020. The infiltration figures also

showed a decline with only 28 incidents being reported till October 31 this year as against 143 in 2018. In 2019 and 2020, the minister said, 138 and 51 such incidents were reported respectively.

"Security grid has been further strengthened and infiltration of terrorists from across the border has also come down significantly," the minister said.

The central government abrogated Jammu and Kashmir's special status under Article 370 of the Constitution in August 2019 and bifurcated the state into union territories --

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5 killed as vehicle carrying mourners plunges into gorge in Ramban

Relatives were returning after attending last rites of martyr ASI

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMBAN: Five people, including four women, were killed and three others injured on Tuesday when a private passenger vehicle veered off the road and plunged into a deep gorge in Ramban district, officials said.

The vehicle was carrying mourners who were returning after attending the last rites of Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) of J-K Police Ghulam Hassan who along with two junior colleagues was killed in a terrorist attack on the outskirts of Srinagar on Monday evening.



Wreckage of ill-fated vehicle at accident spot at Ramban.

The accident took place on a link road near Chuchaiter village, connecting Rajgarh with Ramban district headquarters on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway, Deputy Commissioner,

Ramban, Masrat-ul-Islam told PTI.

He said the driver lost control as a result of which the vehicle rolled down several hundred feet into Chimotri nallah, resulting in the on-

the-spot death of five persons and injuries to three others.

One of the injured was shifted to district hospital Ramban, while two others are undergoing treatment at a nearby health facility, Islam said.

He said the deceased were relatives of ASI Ghulam Hassan and were returning to their Topneel village of Doda district after attending his last rites which were performed with state honours at his Chhillai-Bartund village.

The Deputy Commissioner himself had attended the funeral and rushed to the scene of the accident to

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Colder nights in offing in Kashmir

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: There was slight respite from cold wave in Kashmir but the minimum temperature settled several degrees below the freezing point across the valley, officials said on Tuesday.

Srinagar recorded a low of minus 2.6 degrees Celsius on Monday night, up by nearly one degree from the previous night's minus 3.5 degrees Celsius.

Gulmarg resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district recorded a low of minus 5.6 degrees Celsius, down from minus 5 degrees Celsius the previous night.

The resort was the coldest recorded place in the valley.

The officials said Pahalgam, which serves as the base camp for the annual Amarnath yatra, recorded a low of minus 2.8 degrees Celsius. The south Kashmir resort had recorded minus 5.3 degrees Celsius previous night. The mercury in Kupwara in north

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DB seeks personal appearance of DC Rajouri for framing of charges over willful, deliberate disobedience of orders

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court comprising Chief Justice Pankaj Mithal and Justice Javed Iqbal Wani has directed Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, to personally attend the court on next date of hearing so that charges may be framed against him for willful and deliberate disobedience of orders of the court causing interference in administration of justice. This significant order has been passed in a contempt petition on account of disobedience of judgment dated

March 17, 2015.

DB after hearing Senior Adv Vikram Sharma appearing for petitioners observed that the Appellate Court by aforesaid judgment and order affirmed the judgment of the Single Judge holding that land in question is under occupation of Army and the Army is liable for payment of rental compensation which was paid upto 2003 and, therefore, compensation from 2003 onwards upto March 2015 is liable to be paid. Accordingly, direction was issued to the Deputy Commissioner Rajouri to assess the rent of the land

and it was made clear that the disbursement of compensation, so determined and deposited, shall be made to rightful owners of the land after proper verification.

DB further observed that in confirming the aforesaid judgment, the Division Bench directed that the arrears of rent from 2003 upto 2015 be deposited within extended period of three months and that the Army shall continuously deposit the rent as already directed as long as land remains in its occupation. An affidavit has been filed on behalf of

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Pawar, Abdullah, other oppn leaders meet Sonia to evolve joint strategy in Parliament

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Congress president Sonia Gandhi on Tuesday met a group of opposition leaders and held consultations with them to evolve a joint strategy in Parliament, sources said.

NCP supremo Sharad Pawar, J&K National Conference patron Farooq Abdullah, Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut and DMK leader T R Baalu were among the leaders who met Gandhi at her 10, Janpath residence.

Sources said more such meetings would be held in the next few days, in a

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Controversial Palatial Bunglow of ex-Dy CM: Stay extended till Jan 28, JDA brands construction as major violation

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Judicial Member of J&K Special Tribunal, Jammu Rajesh Sekhri extended the stay till January 28, 2022 against demolition notice of the residential house belonging to former Deputy Chief Minister Dr Nirmal Singh and his wife Mamta Singh. The Special Tribunal allowed further time to the Counsel for the appellant, Mamta Singh to file objections in an application filed by whistleblower Advocate Muzaffar Ali Shah seeking his impleadment as respondent in appeal filed by Mamta

Singh against demolition order of her residential house situated at village Ban, Panjgrain (Nagrota).

When much publicised appeal filed by wife of ex-Deputy Chief Minister Mamta Singh came up for hearing, Advocate Adarsh Sharma appearing for JDA filed a detailed reply to appeal preferred by Mamta Singh. In the objections, it has been stated that vide SRO-388 dated August 10, 1984 the area of village Ban/Panjgrain (Nagrota) district Jammu was notified in Local Area Limits of JDA, as such, any person who

undertakes/ intends to construct something in the land notified in Local Area limits outside JMC limits has to take a valid legal building permission for construction from JDA, as the JDA is custodian of the Master Plan.

In objections, JDA denied the stand of the appellant Mamta Singh with regard to completion of the construction in the beginning of 2017. The JDA, in its reply, has categorically submitted that appellant constructed the house without permission from competent authority

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J&K Admn completely failed in providing sense of security to people: Omar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

GANDERBAL: National Conference vice president Omar Abdullah alleged on Tuesday that the present administration in Jammu and Kashmir has "completely failed" in controlling the situation and in providing a sense of security to the people. Abdullah's remarks came after a sensational attack on a police bus in the Zewan area of the city here on Monday in which three personnel were killed and 11 others injured.

"It (attack) is another sign towards the present situation. The reality is that the present administration has completely failed in controlling the situation and in providing a sense of security to the people," he told reporters

here in the central Kashmir district after addressing a party convention.

The National Conference leader said there were attacks taking place in broad daylight in the Kashmir valley and militancy was back again in those areas which were made militancy-free during his regime.

"During my rule, we were feeling so comfortable with respect to the security situation that we had removed bunkers from many places. But, the reality today is that, not only have the bunkers been put up in those areas, but there are additional bunkers now, he said.

"We reduced the footprints of the security forces, but today, there are

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 19.4°C Min: 9.0°C

Humidity
Max : 82 Min : 78

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 10.5°C Min: -2.6°C

Humidity
Max : 94 Min: 62

Sunset : 17:28 Hours
Sunrise : 07:26 Hours