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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 Hassan



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

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

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 rou-

tine 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

Kumar said while one of the assailants was a local, the other two were foreign ter-

"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 ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 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 Sitharaman Nirmala Parliament on informed Tuesday. The minister was responding to queries on the

### Ladakh gets its first-ever FM radio station

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**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. "Congratulating the team of Sambhav Media Group," he said and added that it is a wonderful step and a new source of entertainment and

# COVID: 3 Jammu areas declared mico-containment zones

### 134 fresh cases, 2 more deaths in J&K

ment, 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 neces-

sary facilitation shall be

"It shall be mandatory for

the persons residing in des-

ignated Containment Zones

to get themselves tested and any refusal in this regard

shall invite legal action

including filing of FIR under

Disaster Management Act,"

it stated and added, "The

Magistrate and SHO con-

cerned of the area shall

ensure that 100 per cent

provisions of

Top Pak LeT terrorist killed in

encounter with Army in Poonch

relevant

done," the order stated.

**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

SRINAGAR: While Jammu and Kashmir's coronavirus caseload increased to 3,39,124 on Tuesday as 134more 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

the-spot death of five persons

and injuries to three others.

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 per-

formed with state honours at

sampling and testing is It is further ordered that

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A top Pakistani

As per order issued by DM the Tehsildar concerned shall Jammu, these areas shall be be the overall incharge for under strict lockdown and enforcement of Micro tight perimeter control, Containment SOPs in the except for essential needs. notified zones. "There shall be no move-

Team Dr. Avtar Singh

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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

**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

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

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

Colder nights in

offing in Kashmir

### showed a decline with only 28 incidents being reported till October 31 this year as against 143 in 2018. In 2019

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

and 2020, the minister said,

138 and 51 such incidents

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 on Monday Srinagar 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, Commissioner, Ramban, Masrat-ul-Islam

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-

### funeral and rushed to the scene of the accident to ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Islam said.

his Chillai-Bartund village. The Deputy Commissioner himself had attended the

#### One of the injured was terrorist belonging to the shifted to district hospital Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) was Ramban, while two others killed in an encounter with are undergoing treatment at security forces in Poonch disa nearby health facility, trict on Tuesday, officials

A search is underway to track down another terrorist, who was his accomplice, in the area, they said.

The Army and police launched an operation after receiving specific intelligence inputs about the presence of armed terrorists Behramgala area, a defence

spokesperson said. In the early hours of Tuesday, a terrorist attempt-

ed to escape while firing at the security personnel, he said, adding that the troops retaliated, resulting in the encounter in which the terrorist was killed.

One AK-47 rifle, four mag azines, one grenade, pouches and some Indian currency were recovered from the slain terrorist who was identified as Abu Zarara, hailing from Pakistan, the spokesperson

He said that in a major success and boost to counterterrorist operations, a foreign terrorist, who was specially trained and brainwashed to operate

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

### STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: There was

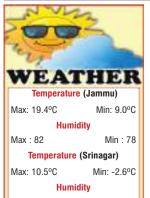
slight respite from cold wave in Kashmir but the minimum temperature settled several degrees below the freezing point across the valley, officials said on Tuesday. Srinagar recorded a low of minus 2.6 degrees Celsius on Monday night, up by nearly one degree from the previous

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.

officials 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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# **STATE TIMES NEWS** March 17, 2015.

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

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, 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

### 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 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

# 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  $_{
m the}$ stay till January 28, 2022 against demolition notice of the residential house belonging to Deputy former 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 Muzzaffar 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

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

## Considerations for highways to be used by armed forces cannot be same as for other roads: SC

## STATE TIMES NEWS

DELHI: Supreme Court said on Tuesday the considerations governing the construction of highways which may be used by the armed forces cannot be the same as those for other roads in hilly and mountainous regions.

A three-judge bench headed by Justice D Y Chandrachud said it was required to arrive at a delicate balance of environmental considerations such that they do not impede infrastructural development, specifically in areas of strategic importance crucial to the security of the nation.

The top court said a 2018 circular of the Ministry of Transport Road and Highways (MoRTH) did not

entirely bar the construction of double-lane highways in hilly and mountainous ter-

It said given the lack of on the issue in MoRTH circulars, the 2020circular MoRTH brought in

The circular of 2020 reiterates the 2019 IRC (Indian Road Congress) Guidelines and states that roads in hilly mountainous terrain, which act as feeder roads to India-China border, should be of double lane paved shoulder (DL-PS) configuration, with a 7m carriageway and 1.5m paved shoulder. "Neither the 2012 nor the

2018MoRTH circulars specifically addressed

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# Carve a niche for your Govts in some sector of governance: PM to BJP CMs

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

VARANASI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday asked BJP-ruled states to carve a niche for their governments in some or other sector of governance and called for giving topmost priority to "ease of living" of people.

In his remarks at a meeting of BJP chief ministers and deputy chief ministers here, Modi asked them to work on "One District, One Product" as a means to boost economopportunities strengthen the quest for India to become "aatmanirbhar" (self-reliance), the party

Once this initiative gains currency in states, they must also look at exporting their



ing a global market for the products, he said, stressing the need for states besides the Centre to work for quality and brand creation for promoting exports of locallyproduced goods, it added.

Highlighting the importance of technology in governance, the prime minister

called for governance to be data driven to ensure last mile delivery, speed and transparency. Underlining the impor-

tance of youth development and women empowerment as priority sectors for every government, he mentioned the need to strengthen nutrition campaign and fight the menace of malnutrition.

He called for popularising culture of sports and fitness among the youth.

Reiterating his emphasis on "Minimum Government, Governance" Modi urged states to remove laws that have become archaic and reduce compliance burdens. In a tweet, Modi said, "Earlier today,

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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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