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Hyderpora encounter: SIT threatens legal action over speculative remarks about probe

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SRINAGAR: The Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the Hyderpora encounter Wednesday threatened legal action against political leaders in Jammu and Kashmir for making "speculative" statements about the investigation.

In a statement issued by the police here, the SIT chairman said the probe team has come across posts on social media from some political leaders and family members casting "doubts upon the evidences obtained by SIT so far".

"These people have tried to call it 'Concocted Cover up Story', 'Ornamental Probe', 'Clean Chit to Killers', 'Fairy Tale of Police' etc," it said.

"Such speculative statements from the political leaders have tendency to create provocation, rumour, fear and alarm

among the general masses or particular section of society. This kind of approach is against the rule of law and may attract appropriate penal provisions as envisaged under law," the chairman said in a statement.

It said the government had ordered a magisterial probe into the incident and all such person making statements should have approached the inquiry officer with genuine evidences they have, for corroboration or contradiction.

"The SIT constituted in the instant case is still investigating the matter, all such persons are once again advised to provide any type of evidence if they have regarding the incident so that every aspect of investigation is covered and concluded on merits," the statement said.

"Pertinent to mention

also that vide District Magistrate vide his Order NO. DMS/JUDIN-QUIRY/2838/2845/2021 Dated: 18.11.2021 where-in magisterial enquiry was initiated under section 176 Cr.Pc and accordingly the enquiry officer vide N O ADM(K)/PSINQ/2021/11 68/1172 Dated: 18.11.2021 issued a general notice through the electronic and print media and invited members of the general public to record his/her statement if any such person has any acquaintance or knowledge or proof regarding the incident", a police spokesperson added.

Meanwhile, the father of Amir Magray, one of the four persons killed in the Hyderpora encounter in Srinagar, on Wednesday rejected the police probe which suggested that his son was a militant, and said he is moving the High

Court seeking the return of his body.

The special investigation team (SIT) of the Jammu and Kashmir Police, probing the Hyderpora encounter, on Tuesday said while one civilian was killed by the foreign terrorist, the owner of the building and a local "militant" (Magray) died in the crossfire after being used as a "human shield" by the hiding terrorist.

A Pakistani terrorist and three other persons were killed in Hyderpora on November 15 and the police had claimed that all the slain men had links to militancy. The families of the three, alleging foul play, had said that they were innocent, prompting the police to order the inquiry. This was one of the rare operations carried out jointly by the army and the Jammu and Kashmir Police within the city limits.

GST Council to discuss rate rationalisation on Dec 31

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The GST Council, chaired by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, will meet on December 31 and discuss, among other things, report of the panel of state ministers on rate rationalisation.

This will be a physical meeting, which will also discuss correction in duty inversion in certain goods.

The 46th GST Council meeting will be held

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Modi to release 10th installment of PM-KISAN fund on Jan 1

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: On the first day of the New Year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will release the 10th instalment of financial benefit under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN), transferring an amount of over Rs 20,000 crore to more than 10 crore beneficiary farmer families.

The Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said

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A worker selling Kangris, a type of traditional fire-pots at Jammu Bus Stand. (Pic by Shilpa Thakur)

J&K Housing Board invites e-auction of Commercial & residential properties

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JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Housing Board (JKHB) has invited bidders for e-auction of different Commercial and residential properties (plots/shops/flats) on 'as is where is basis' in Jammu and Srinagar on 20 year lease basis. The bid for allotment shall be entered

only through https:// jkhm.auction-tiger.net. The last date for submission of the e-bids is till January 10, 2022 upto 6:00 PM. For more details for auction sites in Channi Himmat in Jammu and Benima in Srinagar please visit the Facebook, twitter and Instagram accounts of STATE TIMES.

J&K sees over 104 new coronavirus cases, Ladakh 34

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir recorded 104 fresh COVID-19 cases on Wednesday, pushing the infection count to 3,41,028, while no fresh death due to the virus was reported from the Union Territory in the past 24 hours, officials said.

The death toll from the pandemic remained unchanged at 4,525, they said.

Thirty-nine of the fresh coronavirus cases were from the Jammu division and 65 from the Kashmir division, the officials said.

They said Srinagar district recorded a maximum of 33

new cases, followed by 22 cases in Jammu district.

There are 1,276 active cases in the UT, while the number of recoveries has reached 3,35,227, the officials said.

Meanwhile, Ladakh has reported 34 fresh COVID-19 cases, taking the tally to 22,140, officials said.

There are 214 active cases - 159 in Leh and 55 in Kargil -- in the Union Territory, they said.

Ladakh has recorded 219 COVID-related deaths -- 161 in Leh and 58 in Kargil -- since the outbreak of the pandemic last year,

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3 terrorists killed, cop injured in separate encounters in south Kashmir

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SRINAGAR: Three terrorists were killed and a policeman was injured in two separate encounters between security forces and ultras in Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday, police said.

The encounters broke out in Kulgam and Anantnag districts both in south Kashmir.

Acting on specific input about the presence of terrorists in Mirhama area of Kulgam, security forces launched a cordon and search operation there, a police official said.



He said when the forces were conducting searches

in the area, the hiding terrorists fired upon them.

IT Deptt relaxes time till Feb 2022 for taxpayers to complete verification of FY20 ITRs

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Taxpayers who have not e-verified their ITRs for 2019-20 fiscal can complete the verification process by February 28, 2022, as the Income Tax department has given a one-time relaxation to assesses.

As per law, an income tax return (ITR), filed electronically without a digital signature, has to be verified electronically through Aadhaar OTP, or net-banking, or code sent through demat account, pre-validated bank account and ATM within 120 days of filing the return. Alternatively, taxpayers

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CBI court summons former Div Coms Kashmir, others in Roshni scam

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JAMMU: Special Judge CBI Srinagar Jatinder Singh Jamwal has summoned Basharat Ahmad Dhar, Mehboob Iqbal, both former Divisional Commissioners Kashmir, Ejaz Iqbal former Deputy Commissioner, Mushtaq Ahmad Malik Assistant Commissioner (Nazool), Akram Khan Tehsildar and Sajjad Parvez, a political leader in much publicized Roshni scam.

It is worthwhile to mention here that CBI registered FIR No. RC 4(A)/2020 of Police Station CBI, ACB, Srinagar for commission of

offence made punishable under Section 420 of RPC read with 5(2) of J&K Prevention of Corruption Act, Svt, 2006 read with Section 5(1)(d) of Act and after completion of investigation, Challan was presented.

Special Judge CBI Srinagar Jatinder Singh Jamwal observed that instant case was registered by CBI-ACB, Srinagar in pursuance of directions made by Division Bench of the High Court of J&K vide its order dated: 09-10-2020 in a Public Interest Litigation (in short PIL), bearing No. 19/2011, entitled: 'Professor

S K Bhalla Vs. State of J&K and others', the investigation whereof culminated in finding accused persons liable for commission of offence made punishable under Section 420 of RPC read with Section 120- B of the Code(Supra) as also for offence under Section 5(2) of J&K Prevention of Corruption Act, Svt, 2006 read with Section 5(1)(d) of Act (Supra).

After considering submissions made by the Public Prosecutor for CBI and perused the record, the Court observed, "Court is

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Omicron tally in country rises to 781, Delhi logs maximum cases

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: India has recorded 781 cases of the Omicron variant of coronavirus across 21 states and UTs so far out of which 241 people have recovered or migrated, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on Wednesday.

Delhi recorded the maximum number of 238 cases followed by Maharashtra at 167, Gujarat 73, Kerala 65 and Telangana 62.

With 9,195 people testing positive for coronavirus infection in a day, India's total tally of COVID-19 cases rose to 3,48,08,886, while the active cases increased to 77,002, according to the data updated at 8 am.

The death toll has climbed to 4,80,592 with 302 fresh

fatalities, the data stated.

The daily rise in new coronavirus infections has been recorded below 15,000 for the last 62 days now.

The active cases comprise 0.22 per cent of the total infections, the lowest since March 2020, while the national COVID-19 recovery rate was recorded at 98.40 per cent, the highest since March 2020, the ministry said.

An increase of 1,546 cases has been recorded in the active COVID-19 caseload in a span of 24 hours.

The daily positivity rate was recorded at 0.79 per cent. It has been less than two per cent for last 86 days. The weekly positivity rate was also recorded at 0.68 per cent. It has been below one per cent for the last 45 days,

Crime Branch presents charge-sheet against 3 for duping youth on pretext of providing jobs abroad

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Crime Branch of Jammu and Kashmir Police on Wednesday filed a charge-sheet against three people for allegedly duping unemployed youth by promising them jobs in New Zealand.

As per an official spokesperson, the sleuths of Crime Branch present charge-sheet in the court of Chief Judicial Magistrate against Suresh Kumar, son of Tulsi Ram, resident of Khara Madana, Tehsil Bari Brahmana, District Samba; Ghar Singh, son of Janak Singh, resident of Sainik

Colony, Jammu and Tulsi Ram, son of Jethu Ram, resident of Khara Madana, Tehsil Bari Brahmana, District Samba in FIR No. 22/2017 registered under sections 420, 120-B of RPC at Police Station Crime Branch, Jammu. Presently, Ghar Singh is absconding, he said. "Rajeev Kumar, son of Puran Chand, resident of Mukhra Phallian Mandal, Jammu and Vinay Sharma, son of Girdhari Lal Sharma, resident of 85, Ward No. 5, Rajeev Colony, Bari Brahmana, in 2017, lodged a joint written complaint with police alleging

that Suresh Kumar, who runs 'Uncle's Visa Consultants' at Trikuta Nagar, had taken several lakhs of rupees from them on pretext of providing them jobs in New Zealand," the spokesperson said, adding that involvement of three accused was fully established during the course of the inquiry. As accused Ghar Singh is absconding at present, charge-sheet under section 512 of CrPC has been produced against him before the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Jammu for judicial determination, he added.

J&K emerges leading performer in incremental performance in country: Report

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir has emerged as the leading performer in terms of incremental performance as per data released by NITI Aayog in the fourth Health Index report. Among Union Territories, Delhi followed by Jammu & Kashmir, has shown the best incremental performance. In incremental performance, J&K is ranked at number second position with a score of 9.55. In J&K, most of the indicators are in the improved/most improved/fully achieved category so far as the Incremental Performance from the Base Year (2018-19) to Reference Year (2019-20) is concerned. The Health & Medical

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Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 19.0°C Min: 5.0°C

Humidity

Max : 87 Min : 54

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 10.6°C Min: -2.3°C

Humidity

Max : 93 Min: 55

Sunset : 17:36 Hours

Sunrise : 07:33 Hours