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CDS Gen Rawat, wife, 11 others killed in helicopter crash

STATE TIMES NEWS

COONOOR (TN): India's first Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), General Bipin Rawat, his wife and 11 others were killed in a helicopter crash near here on Wednesday, the Indian Air Force said.

The copter carrying Gen Rawat, appointed as CDS in 2019, and his entourage crashed in apparently foggy conditions, killing the 13 people on board, the IAF and other officials said. One person survived the crash and is being treated at a hospital.

The mortal remains of the victims will be taken to New Delhi from Coimbatore on Thursday by air, after a wreath-laying ceremony scheduled tomorrow morning at Wellington, police and Defence sources said.

"With deep regret, it has now been ascertained that Gen Bipin Rawat, Mrs Madhulika Rawat and 11 other persons on board have died in the unfortunate accident," the IAF said in a



'Nation has lost one of its bravest sons': Prez, VP, PM

NEW DELHI: President Ram Nath Kovind, Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and leaders across the political spectrum condoled the demise of Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat and hailed his contribution to the armed forces as well as the country.

General Bipin Rawat, his wife and 11 others were killed in a helicopter crash near Coonoor in Tamil Nadu on Wednesday, the Indian Air Force said.

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Rawat was on a visit to

Services Staff College (DSSC), Wellington

CCS briefed about crash: Official sources

NEW DELHI: The prime minister-led Security (CCS) was briefed on Wednesday about a military helicopter crash that led to the death of Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Bipin Rawat and other defence personnel near Coonoor in Tamil Nadu.

Besides Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the meeting was attended by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Home Minister Amit Shah, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and External Affairs Minister Jaishankar, official sources

National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister PK Misra and Cabinet Secretary

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to address the faculty

29 Patwaris transferred

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government on Wednesday transferred 29 Patwaris.

As per order issued by Commissioner Deputy Jammu Anshul Garg, Mohd Imran Tak has been transfrom Panchayat Halqa (PH) Bahu, Tehsil Bahu and posted to Office Bhalwal vice Patwari Deepak Gupta, who has

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No Govt order to stop journalists from reporting in **J&K:** Govt to Parliament

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The govern-Wednesday informed Parliament that the Jammu and Kashmir government has not issued any order under which journalists can be stopped from reporting if their work threatens peace and public tranquility.

Minister of state for home affairs Nityanand Rai stated this in a written reply to the Rajya Sabha.

The government of UT of Jammu and Kashmir

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Three LeT terrorists killed in encounter at Shopian

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) terrorists were killed in an encounter with security forces in Shopian district on Wednesday, police said.

Security forces launched a cordon and search operation in Chack-i-Cholan village in Shopian following information about the presence of terrorists there, a police offi-

During the search operation, as the presence of terrorists got ascertained, they were given repeated opportunities to surrender; however they fired indiscriminately upon the joint search party which was retaliated leading to an encounter.

One ultra was killed in the early exchange of firing between the two sides, the official said.

During the day-long gunbattle, two more terrorists were killed, he added.

Police identified the slain ultras as Amir Hussain Ganie son of Manzoor

Ahmad resident of Check Cholan Shopian, Rayees Ahmed Mir son of Nazir Ahmad resident of Kapran Shopian and Haseeb Ahmad Dar son of Mohd Yousuf Dar resident of Khudwani spokesman said. Kulgam.

A police spokesman said as per official records, all the three terrorists were part of groups involved in several terror crime cases, including attacks on security forces and civilians.

"Pertinently, the killed terrorist, Amir Hussain, was active since September 2020 and involved in several terror crime cases including Case FIR No. 264/2021 of PS Shopian regarding attack on Police/SF at Village Rakhma 01/10/2021,

Marbin Market Extention, Greater Kailash Chowk, National Highway-1A, Jammu.

Dr. K.K. Singh

He (Hussain) was also involved in luring gullible youth to join terror folds.

Terrorist Rayees Ahmad was active since June 2021 and involved in several terror crime cases including attack on Police/SF. He was also involved in attack on

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75 vehicles used for terror activities seized in J&K in 2021: Police

STATE TIMES NEWS

Jammu and Police on Wednesday accorded sanction for the seizure of a truck used for terror activities, taking the number of such seizures under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) to 75 this year, police said. Five residential houses, six

shops, land and cash have also been seized under the act till date, a police spokesperson said.

Quoting an order issued by the police headquarters here, he said sanction was accorded for the seizure of a truck, which was used by its owner to give shelter to a terrorist who was arrested along with

Marginal improvement in minimum temperature across Kashmir STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: There was a slight improvement in the minimum temperature but the mercury settled below the freezing point across Kashmir on Wednesday, officials said here.

Gulmarg resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district recorded a minimum temperature of minus 6.0 degrees Celsius, the coldest in the valley, they said. Srinagar recorded a low of

minus 0.4 degrees Celsius on Tuesday night, up by one degree from the previous night, the officials said. They said Pahalgam, which

serves as the base camp for the annual Amarnath yatra, recorded a low of minus 3.412/8/2021 11:16:28 AM degrees Celsius. Mercury at Kupwara in

north Kashmir settled at a minimum of minus

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Sunset: 17:27 Hours

Sunrise: 07:22 Hours

Min: 64

Max: 90

a huge quantity of explosive substances and other arms and ammunition from the

Srinagar recently. The spokesperson said the evidence collected during the course of investigation, following the arrest of the terrorist, revealed that the truck has been sold thrice to different persons before being purchased by Mohd Shafi Dar and was being used for harbouring the ter-

vehicle on the outskirts of

The Truck has been used to facilitate and promote terrorist activities and is accordingly liable to be seized. In exercise of powers conferred

STATE TIMES NEWS

National

(NBEMS).

Government

SRINAGAR: In yet another

milestone for Health and

Medical Department, the

Examinations on Wednesday

accredited the General

Medicine Department of Sub

District Hospital (SDH),

Kupwara, with approval of

two seats in Medical Sciences

In addition, NBEMS has

approved 14 more seats for

Colleges and District

Hospitals of Jammu and

Kashmir raising the total P

G seats approval for the UT

Medical

Board

J&K reports 151 new COVID cases, 2 deaths

STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: Government on Wednesday informed that 151 new positive cases of novel Corona virus (COVID-19), 44 from Jammu division and 107 from Kashmir division, have been reported today, thus taking the total number of positive cases in Jammu and Kashmir to 338198.Also, 02 COVID deaths have been reported; 01 from Jammu Division and 01 from Kashmir Division.

Moreover, 111 COVID-19 patients have recovered and been discharged from various hospi 16from including

J&K gets 14 more DNB seats

in GMCs, District Hospitals

to 140 which is above the

DM/MCH and MD/MS

courses already being run

The Government Medical

Colleges of Kathua and Doda

besides Community Health

Center, Kupwara, have

received approval for 2 seats

each in General Medicine

Colleges Anantnag and

Rajouri have got approval

four seats each in the depart-

ment of Obstetrics and

Gynecology. Besides, SKIMS

Soura has received approval

for 2 seats in the department

Medical

department

Government

DM Jammu notifies Micro Containment Zone

1.70 cr vaccine doses administered so far

JAMMU: District Magistrate (DM), Jammu, Anshul Garg on Wednesday declared Lane No 1, near KV Hyundai Showroom, Channi Rama of Tehsil Bahu falling under Police Station Trikuta Nagar as Micro Containment Zones.

The following restrictions shall be in place with immediate effect till further orders.

"The aforesaid area shall be under strict lock down and tight perimeter control, except for essential needs. There shall be no movement, whatsoever, in and out of the Micro Containment zones," reads an order issued by DM. It added for any medical emergency, individuals can contact

the 24X7 control room at 0191-2571616, 0191-2571912 and necessary facilitation shall be done. "It shall be mandatory for the persons residing in designat-

ed Containment Zones to get themselves **CONTD ON PAGE 9**

from Kashmir Division.

of emergency medicine

Mission Director National

Mission,

Choudhary, while giving

details about the develop-

ment said that a total of 164

applications have been sub-

mitted by various health

institutions under Diplomat

of National Board (DNB)

programme in the UT, out of

which, 53 applications have

been approved till date

against which 140 seats have

been granted to the accredit-

ed departments. This has

been possible consequent to

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the hard work of the

The Bulletin informs that no new case of Mucormycosis

On COVID vaccination, the 57,350doses of COVID vac-

cine have been administered

96 civilians, 366 terrorists killed in Kashmir post Art 370 repeal: Govt ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: At least 96 civilians have been killed in Kashmir post the abrogation of Article 370 while 366 terrorists have been neutralised by security forces, the government informed Rajya

Sabha on Wednesday.

In a written reply, Minister State for Home Nityanand Rai also said that "no Kashmiri Pandit/Hindu has been displaced from the valley" post the repeal of Article 370 on August 5, 2019. "However, recently some Kashmiri Pandit families, mostly women and

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in the last 24 hours bringing the cumulative number of doses administered across J&K to1,70,91,175.

According to the daily Media Bulletin on novel Corona virus (Covid-19), out of 338198 positive cases, 1639 are Active Positive (458 in Jammu Division and 1181in Kashmir Division), 332070 have recovered and 4489 have died; 2189 in Jammu division and 2300in Kashmir division.

The Bulletin further said that out of 18049065 test results available, 338198 samples have tested positive and 17710867 samples have been tested as negative

Five IAS officers transferred Kansal posted as Prpl Secy Hr Edu Deptt, Nitishwar gets addl charge of Admin Secy PDD

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: The government

issued by Manoj Kumar

on Wednesday transferred six IAS officers. According to the order

Dwivedi. Commissioner/ Secretary General Administration Department, Bipul Pathak, (AGMUT:1992), Principal Secretary , Department of Rural Development and Panchayatiraj has been transferred and posted as Resident Principal Commissioner, JK House, New Delhi relieving Dheeraj Gupta, IAS of the additional charge: Robit Kansal IAS (AGMUT:1995), Principal

Development Department has been transferred and posted Principal as Secretary, Higher Education Department. He shall continue to hold charge of Administrative Secretary, Information Department and Principal Secretary (Coodination) to coordinate with Government of India for review and monitoring of issues/projects in addition to his own duties.

Nitishwar Kumar, IAS (UP:1996), Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor shall hold the charge of Administrative Secretary Development Department

Terror funding: Court issues summons against HM Chief Syed Salahuddin, others

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: A Delhi Court on Wednesday issued summons against Hizb-ul-Mujahideen (HM) chief Syed Salahuddin and others in a money laundering case related to allegedly receiving funds of nearly Rs 80 crore from Pakistan for carrying out terror activities across India.

The court passed the order after taking cognisance of a charge sheet filed by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) under Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

I have gone through the complaint as well as the documents/ evidence annexed with the complaint. After perusing the record, I take cognizance of offence u/s 3 of PMLA punishable u/s 4 of PMLA. Summons be issued to the accused persons for February 7, 2022, Additional Sessions Judge Praveen Singh said.

Besides Salahuddin, the court also summoned Mohammad Shafi Shah, Talib Lali, Gulam Nabi Khan, Umer Farooq Shera, Manzoor Ahmed Dar, Zaffar Hussain Bhat, Nazir Ahmad

Dar, Abdul Majeed Sofi and Mubarak Shah. The court noted the submission made by ED's spe-

cial public prosecutor Nitesh Rana, who said that during the investigation, summons were issued to some of the Indian firms involved in barter trading and statements of three of the firms were recorded.

Rana submitted that the HM was involved in funding over Rs 80 crore for terrorist activities in India.

During the investigation. evidence was collected

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Cabinet nod to extension of rural housing scheme for another 3 yrs

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved the continuation of Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana (Rural) for another three years to provide financial assistance for the construction of the remaining 155.75 lakh houses under the scheme. Union Minister Anurag Thakur told reporters at a press briefing on decisions taken by the Union Cabinet that the scheme has been extended beyond March 2021, and till March 31,

The total target is to construct 2.95 crore 'pucca' houses. The total financial implication for construction of the remaining 155.75 lakh hous-

es is Rs 2,17,257 crore, with a central share of Rs 1,25,106 crore and a state share of Rs 73,475 crores for achieving cumulative targets of 2.95 crore houses in rural areas. an official statement later said. "The continuation of the scheme till March 2024 will ensure that the remaining 155.75 lakh households within the overall target of 2.95 crore houses would be provided assistance for construction of pucca houses with basic amenities to achieve the objective of 'housing for all' in rural areas," the statement said. As of November 29 this year, 1.65 crore PMAY-G houses have been constructed out of the total target of 2.95

J&K tired of dictatorship, needs popular Govt: Farooq issues can only be solved by a

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Accusing the BJPled government of reneging on its promise of completing the delimitation exercise in Jammu and Kashmir by March next year, National Conference president Farooq Abdullah on Wednesday said the people had enough of dictatorship and desperately needed a democratically elected government that could address their issues.

Alleging that that the press was not free to write against the government, he demanda legislation in the houses function free of fear.

Parliament to ensure media We have been promised delimitation followed by (Assembly) elections and the commission was told to com-



plete the exercise positively by March 6 Now, they have told the parliament that there is no time frame set for the completion of the exercise. Maybe, they want it to continue for six years, Abdullah said at a meeting of his party workers here

in Jammu on Wednesday. said though National Conference MPs are part of the delimitation exercise, we were not called for a meeting till date or shown any report and we do not know what they are Empasizing that public

been claiming peace and revival of tourism while nothing was happening on He said the current situation in the Union Territory

popular

was so bad that had the Farooq Abdullah government in power, the BJP would have invited the media to

bureaucratic rule,

Jammu and Kashmir.

The former chief minister

accused the BJP of peddling

lies about the situation in

He said the people were

dying on the one hand while

on the other, the BJP had

Governor rule...

government, Abdullah said, People cannot be patient for long as we have had enough of dictatorship, them with cases so that they won't come out (of jail).

He said though the BJP other means.

has always believed in freedom of press because criticism is necessary for a government to function in the right direction..., he said. Abdullah reiterated his call

for a peaceful struggle for the restoration of statehood and the constitutional provisions under Article 370 and 35A. There will be challenges but we have to remain

write against us but today no one can dare to write against them. They will close down their establishments and slap

was threatening the media, the truth reaches through

The National Conference

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