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### Will not compromise...

had nowhere to go, according to the math website.

Guru gave his consent to the proposal and fixed a date of first of January of every year for the pilgrimage, prior to which pilgrims have to maintain a 10-day long austere life and wear only yellow clothes, the website said.

The Defence Minister, at the event, also condoled the death of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mother -- Hiraben.

Singh said that when he learned about the tragic news he was contemplating returning to Delhi, but the Prime Minister told everyone that all should fulfill their official commitments before coming back.

"So on behalf of everyone here, the Sivagiri Mutt and myself, I would like to pay tribute to Ma Hiraben," he said.

Thereafter, a one-minute silence was observed by everyone present there.

Earlier, in his speech, he said many allege liberty, equality and fraternity are not part of Indian tradition and ideologies and that it reached us through the French Revolution.

"However, that is incorrect. Sources of liberty, equality, fraternity and world peace can be seen in Indian culture. In fact, the concept of human equality can be seen in our ancient texts and the preaching and literary works of saints, philosophers and poets of the 'Bhakti' period.

"Rather, they took it a step forward by talking of universal equality, equality between all living things or the whole world being one family," he claimed.

Singh also said that it was the far-sightedness of Sree Narayana Guru that he ordered Sivagiri Mutt to spread consciousness among the common people on subjects like education, cleanliness, etc.

"With the grace of Guriji and the blessings of revered saints, our government has also focused its special attention on these subjects," he said.

Sivagiri Mutt is a famous tourist pilgrimage place in Varkala town of Thiruvananthapuram district in Kerala.

The math is also headquarters of Sree Narayana Dharma Sangham, an organisation of Sree Narayana Guru's disciples and followers.

### 38 IPS officers...

includes Imtiaz Ismail Parray of AGMUT of 2009 batch, with effect from January 1, 2023.

Among the others promoted include Monika Bhardwaj (AGMUT:2009), Dr. A Koan (AGMUT:2009), Gaurav Sharma (AGMUT:2009), R. Sathiyasundaram (AGMUT:2009), Dr. Ashok Malik (AGMUT:2009), Asif Md. Ali (AGMUT:2009), Pramod Singh Kushwah (AGMUT:2009), Amit Roy (AGMUT:2009), Mangesh Kashyap (AGMUT:2009), Shivendra Kant Tiwari (AGMUT:2009), Umesh Kumar (AGMUT:2009) and H. Ramthilengiana (AGMUT:2009).

The Ministry in a separate order promoted 18 IPS officers of AGMUT 2010 batch to Selection Grade (LEVEL-13 in the pay-scale matrix) with effect from January 1, 2023, which includes incumbent SSP Baramulla Rayees Mohammad Bhat.

Bhat has been promoted alongside names of Benita Mary Jaiker (AGMUT:2010), Shweta Chauhan (AGMUT:2010), Amit Sharma (AGMUT:2010), Sagar Singh Kalsi (AGMUT:2010), Rajendra Prasad Meena (AGMUT:2010), Patil Shridhar Dauli (AGMUT:2010), Esha Pandey (AGMUT:2010), Brijendra Kumar Yadav (AGMUT:2010), Chandan Chowdhary (AGMUT:2010), Rajiv Ranjan Singh (AGMUT:2010), Sanjay Bhatia (AGMUT:2010), Dinesh Kumar Gupta (AGMUT:2010), Varsha Sharma (AGMUT:2010) and Rakesh Kumar (AGMUT:2010).

"Further, Dr. Esha Singhal, IPS (AGMUT:2010), Rajiv Omprakash Pandey, IPS (AGMUT:2010) and Santosh Kumar Meena, IPS (AGMUT:2010), presently posted on central deputation are hereby granted proforma promotion in the selection grade (LEVEL-13 in the pay-scale matrix) with effect from 01-01-2023 and on actual basis with effect from the date of assumption of charge of their immediate junior in the cadre", reads the order.

### Search underway along...

on Thursday. Troops also fired dozens of illuminating bombs to keep a close watch on the area to ensure there is no movement of terrorists from across the border, the officials said. A massive search operation was launched with the first light of the day to look for any traces of the suspicious movement on the ground, the officials said. The search operation is underway and further details are awaited.

### SIA files chargesheet...

terror activities at the behest of their Pakistan-based handlers, the anti-terror agency said in a statement here.

Shah, a resident of Rajouri, and his Kashmiri associate Faisal Ahmad Dar of Pulwama were overpowered by the villagers of remote Tuksun Dhok in Reasi district in July and later handed over to police. Two AK assault rifles, one pistol, seven grenades and a large quantity of ammunition were recovered from them.

"The case was initially registered in Police Station Mahore of Reasi, but later on transferred to SIA Jammu. The investigation has established that Mohd Qasim and Zia-Ul-Rehman, who after joining terrorist ranks exfiltrated to Pakistan, were using drones for supplying weapons and explosives which were collected by Shah and his associates," the statement said.

It said the investigation has also established that on the directions of Pakistan-based handlers, Shah had recruited many youths of Jammu and Kashmir and had revived the terror ecosystem in Chenab Valley and Peer Panjal areas of the Jammu region. "Investigation also proved that the accused persons are also involved in minority killings and creating fear psychosis among the general masses. They have been directed to carry out attacks on security forces and vital installations to meet the objective of secession of J-K from the Union of India," the statement said.

### PM Modi's mother...

at the hospital on that day, the PM had left for Delhi after doctors informed him that her health was stable. He had also spoken to doctors at the hospital, a government-funded autonomous medical facility.

Hiraben, also called Hiraba, lived at Raysan village with PM Modi's younger brother. The prime minister regularly visited Raysan and spent time with his mother during most of his Gujarat visits.

Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) chief Sharad Pawar offered tributes to the prime minister's mother.

"Narendra Bhai, I am deeply saddened to know about passing away of your mother. It's an irreparable loss of a irreplaceable person in life! Please accept my sincere

### Snowfall brings cheer to tourists in Kashmir; relief from intense cold

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The prolonged dry spell in Kashmir was broken as the valley received overnight light to moderate snowfall which brought slight relief from the intense cold conditions, even as the flight operations at the Srinagar airport were affected early morning, officials said on Friday.

The snowfall, which was the season's first in the plains of the valley, however led to the closure of the Srinagar-Leh national highway, the officials said.

While the plains of Kashmir received light snowfall, the higher reaches experienced moderate snow.

The snowfall not only broke the prolonged dry spell in the Srinagar-Jammu national highway, it also brought cheers to the tourists.

Somnagar tourist resort in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district recorded about 20 inches of fresh snowfall, while the famous skiing destination of Gulmarg in north Kashmir's Baramulla district received about seven inches, the officials said. Srinagar received about 15

inches of snowfall, Qazigund six inches, Pahalgam five inches, Kupwara eight inches, and Kokernag two inches, they added.

The officials said the plains in Bandipora recorded 2-5 inches, while its upper areas 5-8 inches. The frontier Gurez sector received about 12 inches, while the Razdan Pass about 18 inches.

The Zojila Pass on the Srinagar-Leh highway also received about 20 inches of snowfall, leading to the closure of the highway connecting Kashmir with Ladakh, the officials said.

They said the Mughal Road was also closed for traffic due to accumulation of snow.

However, the Srinagar-Jammu national highway was through for traffic, they added.

A thick layer of fog engulfed many parts of the valley which led to decrease in the visibility at the Srinagar airport here, affecting air traffic early in the morning, the officials said. They delayed several flights were delayed in the morning due to low visibility.

### CRIME REPORT

#### 18 vehicles involved in illegal mining seized

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A massive crackdown has been done on the menace of illegal mining whereby 18 vehicles involved in illegal mining have been seized. Local intelligence was generated and accordingly multi-pronged strategy was devised whereby multiple raids were conducted on suspected locations by police teams of Police Stations Khour, Miran Sahib, Channi Himmat, RS Pura, Bishnah, Police Posts Chowki Choura, Phallain Mandal, Chatha and Sidhra acted stringently and seized 18 vehicles involved in illegal mining.

The seized vehicles include Three Tractor trolleys i.e. two tractor trolleys (JK02CB-9266, JK21A-1589) and one tractor trolley without Registration No seized by Khour police; Two Tractor trolleys i.e. one tractor (JK02CV-8450) and one tractor trolley without Registration No by Miran Sahib police; one tipper (JK02AQ-2425) by Channi Himmat Police; One tractor trolley bearing Chasis No. MBNBEBBAZKNB00464, by RS Pura police; One Tipper (JK02CQ-3181) by Bishnah police; 4 vehicles i.e. one Excavator bearing Chasis No. BCCE140BHC002808, two dumpers bearing Registration Nos. JK20B-6723 and JK02CM-0935, one tractor trolley bearing Chasis No. 78NH11032AB, by Chowki Choura police; 4 vehicles i.e. One tractor trolley bearing Registration No. JK02CT-3393 and three tractor trolleys bearing Chasis Nos. MBNAAALXBKJH03972, MBNGAALF2NRD00790 and MBNBG55AFLCN07362, by Phallain Mandal police; One tractor trolley bearing Chasis number MBNALALUPMRK0017, by Chatha police and one dumper (JK02CU-6492) by Sidhra police.

The recoveries were made by SHO Khour Insp Rattan

Singh, SHO Miran Sahib Insp Raza Mushtaq, SHO Channi Himmat Insp Rajesh Khajuria, SHO RS Pura Insp Pawan Kumar, SHO Bishnah Insp Vikram Sharma, In-Charge Police Posts Chowki Choura PSI Pankaj Katoch, Phallain Mandal-PSI Ajesh Singh Jamwal, Chatha-PSI Harjinder Paul Singh and Sidhra-PSI Nitish Khajuria in their respective jurisdictions.

#### Missing woman traced, reunited with family

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

ARNIA: Police on Friday traced a missing woman and reunited her with her family.

As per the details, a missing report was lodged at Police Station Arnia by the husband of a woman stating that she got missing from her home. In this regard missing report was registered and investigation got started.

On this, a team of Police Station Arnia under the supervision of SDPO R.S. Pura Surinder Singh led by SHO Arnia Insp Deepak Katoch did strenuous efforts and with the help of CCTV footages finally traced the missing woman.

Subsequently husband of the missing woman was informed and the traced lady was handed over to her husband after completing all the legal formalities.

#### 4 notorious drug peddlers booked under PSA

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

BUDGAM: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police on Friday booked 04 notorious drug peddlers under Public Safety Act (PSA) after obtaining formal detention orders from the competent authority.

The 04 notorious drug peddlers have been identified as Jahangeer Ahmad Magloo alias Jai Khande son of Abdul Rasheed Magloo & Mohammad Arif Magloo son of Ghulam Mohammad Magloo both residents of Putlibagh Budgam, Mehraj Ahmed Wani alias Mehra son of Mohammad Amin Wani resident of Awantipora Chadoora and Miasar Ahmed Mir son of Late Ghulam Hassan Mir resident of Dalwan Charar-e-Sharief.

It is pertinent to mention that the above drug peddlers were involved in 06 NDPS cases registered in various

Pant was left out of the upcoming white-ball series against Sri Lanka beginning on January 3 as he was supposed to join the National Cricket Academy (NCA) in Bengaluru for strength and conditioning programme ahead of February's Border Gavaskar Trophy.

As of now, there is no clarity on his availability for the series against Australia.

Pant has scored 2,271 runs in 33 Tests so far with the help of five hundreds and 11 fifties. He has also represented the country in 30 ODIs and 66 T20Is.

### Issues confronting implementation...

Home, R K Goyal and Commissioner Secretary, Social Welfare, Sheetal Nanda, also reviewed the pendency of cases before the Juvenile Justice Boards across J-K and ascertaining the reasons for delay in disposal of these cases, he said.

He said the meeting impressed upon the stakeholders to ensure the constitution of juvenile justice boards, child welfare committees, special juvenile police units and appointment of child welfare officers in tune with the Juvenile Justice Act.

It also resolved that the composition of child welfare committees, district child protection units, special juvenile police units and nomination of child welfare police officers and child welfare officers should be reflected on the website of the departments concerned for the information of the general public, the spokesman said.

The meeting also called for an awareness campaign through the officers of legal services, police and social welfare department on the Juvenile Justice Act, so as to educate the public about it and steps being taken by the government for care and protection of children, he said.

### Public hearing conducted...

prominent citizens and residents of Belicharan, Basheer Gujjar Basti, Doda Basti, Poonch Basti villages besides officials of the Airport Authority, Cantonment Board and officers of the revenue department, the official said.

A major chunk of the land identified for the airport expansion project belonged to the Animal Husbandry Department, which has been allotted alternative land at Nagrota for relocation of offices and poultry.

The panel comprising Additional Deputy Commissioner, Jammu, Harvinder Singh, Regional Director J-K Pollution Control Committee, Jammu, Sat Paul and Divisional Officer, J-K Pollution Control Committee, Jammu-South, Arshad Nazir Malik, heard the issues raised by the public and answered their questions, the official said.

He said the entire proceedings were video graphed for onward submission to J-K Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (JKEIAA).

The official said a detailed public discussion and expression of opinions was held on various aspects of the plan and other general issues concerning the public living around the proposed expansion site.

The project proponent proposed to adopt various measures during and after the construction of the project like air pollution control measures, rainwater harvesting, Installation of sewage treatment plant and firefighting equipment, he said.

### Centre transforming railway...

audience of the many initiatives taken to clean the Ganges in Bengal and provide safe drinking water in the state.

"India is working towards boosting its Jal Shakti. On January 13, a cruise will set sail from Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh to Dibrugarh in Assam via Bangladesh. The 3,200-km-long journey will be the first-of-its-kind in the world and it is a reflection of the growing cruise tourism in the country," he said.

Among other projects, Modi spoke of the Adi Ganga project to clean the river of effluents by spending Rs 600 crore on infrastructure.

He said that the Centre is laying stress on preventing pollution of rivers.

"West Bengal will have 25 new sewage treatment projects, 11 of which have already been completed, while seven will be launched during the day," he said.

The PM said that modern sewage treatment plants are being developed keeping in mind the requirements of future.

"In this year of Azaadi ke Amrit Kaal, we will adopt forward-looking approach to take country ahead. The world is looking at India with great faith; every Indian has to exert himself to live up to this expectation," he added.

The PM flagged off train services along the 6.5-km-stretch of Joka-Taratala section of Kolkata Metro built at a cost of Rs 2,477 crore.

He also dedicated to the nation four railway projects. The 25.8-km-long third line on the busy Boinchi-Shaktigarh route, on which 70 pairs of trains run daily, was developed at a cost of Rs 424 crore. The new line has created additional capacity for 21 pairs of trains.

He also launched the 25.4-km-long fourth line between Dankuni and Chandanpur built at a cost Rs 600 crore.

The PM also dedicated to the nation the 25.4-km double line between Nimgita and New Farakka, constructed at Rs 269 crore, and doubling of tracks between Ambari Falakata and New Maynaguri stations, and New Mainaguri and Gumanibat, built at a total cost of Rs 2,093 crore. The Vande Bharat Express was flagged off in the presence of West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

Also present on the occasion were Governor C V Ananda Bose and Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw. The seventh Vande Bharat Express started its journey at 11.45 am from platform number 22 of Howrah Station to travel to New Jalpaiguri, the gateway to the Northeast. The blue-and-white train, which covers a distance of 564 km in 7.45 hours, will save three hours of travel time compared to other trains on the route, officials said. It will have three stoppages at Barsoi, Malda and Bolpur. The Vande Bharat Express with modern passenger amenities is likely to be preferred both by regular passengers, tea industry executives and tourists travelling to the Himalayas in North Bengal and Sikkim. The state-of-the-art train has 16 coaches, including two for drivers. Earlier, Banerjee, while speaking on the occasion, condoled the demise of Modi's mother Hiraben. "Your mother is also our mother," she said. The CM also said work on four out of the five railway projects that Modi launched were started during her tenure as railway minister.

### Govt hikes interest...

interest rates in the economy.

However, the interest rates on Public Provident Fund (PPF) and the girl child savings scheme Sukanya Samridhi has not been changed.

National Savings Certificate (NSC) will yield a 7 per cent interest rate from January 1, compared to 6.8 per cent at present. Similarly, the senior citizen savings scheme will give 8 per cent interest against 7.6 per cent currently.

Interest rates on Post office term deposit schemes of duration 1 to 5 years will rise by up to 1.1 percentage points.

The monthly income scheme too will yield 7.1 per cent interest, up from 6.7 per cent.

### Police stations of the district and were promoting drug abuse trade by supplying drugs to local youth of District Budgam.