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LeT module busted...

of terror associates Pervaiz Ahmad Dar and Showkat Ahmad Shergujri," they said. The officials said a case has been registered in this regard at the Handwara police station. The investigation has been taken up, the officials said, adding more arrests and recoveries are expected in the case.

Outgoing CS Dr...

support provided by the staff of the office. Dr. Mehta also acknowledged the contribution of the General Administration Department in promoting coordination within the administrative team of Jammu and Kashmir. He urged upon all officers and support staff to feel proud on the success of their efforts in promoting transparency and efficiency in J&K. On this occasion, the staff extended warm wishes on retirement filled with health and happiness. The event was attended by the Special Secretary, Additional Secretaries, Deputy Secretaries, Under Secretaries, Private Secretaries besides other gazetted and non-gazetted staff of the twin sections of the Civil Secretariat here.

LG commends DIPR's...

Perna Puri, Commissioner Secretary to Government, Information Department highlighted the key features of the portal. She informed that the new "Subscribe to Press Release" feature also enables the general public to subscribe to press releases and get notified on their mobile phones. She said the integration of the Rebuttal Mechanism will help to counter fake/false news on real time basis. Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, Additional Chief Secretaries, Administrative Secretaries and senior officials of Civil and Police Administration were present. V. Umashankar, Principal Secretary, Citizen Resources Information Department, Government of Haryana also joined through video conference.

Teenager kidnapped, murdered...

at Patoli during the intervening night and mobile phone of the victim was recovered from his possession, which he had been used to make ransom calls. The accused has been identified as Satinder Kumar, son of Chunni Lal, resident of Main Bazar Kishtwar, presently at Patoli. He was acting alone in this crime. The body of the deceased Raghav Jamwal alias Raghuv was recovered on the disclosure of accused from a jungle area, adjoining Raipur Khari-Jagti link road where there is no habitation. The accused admitted to killing the victim Raghav with stone hit on his head at around 1045-1100 am on November 29, 2023. The accused was known to victim for the past 4-5 years. After conducting necessary legal formalities the police shifted the dead body to GMC,Jammu for conducting postmortem. Further investigation to unravel the circumstances leading to the crime is going on.

Case registered, investigation...

with the law officers and approval from the competent authority, law will be made operational here under 144 Criminal Procedure Act under which action will be taken against those uploading, sharing videos, posts, texts, audio on social media having potential to trigger communal frenzy, promote terrorism, separatism etc, adding that by these activities at times people's life gets disturbed, businesses get affected, schools and colleges get closed and whole system gets disrupted. The DGP said that J&K police is also investigating the people, who by taking undue advantage of the incident, are trying to disturb the situation in Jammu and Kashmir. He said that we have to make a distinction between the innocent statement and the statement issued with the malicious intentions. To a query regarding attempts by Pakistan to vitiate the atmosphere here, the DGP said that there is no doubt in it, a number of messages are being designed from across the border and circulated on social media. He said that some people here are using these messages to disturb the peaceful atmosphere. Some people get benefitted from these activities which he said is a known fact and sought cooperation of the people to foil these evil conspiracies.

CBI files charge...

(Gohar) allegedly acted as a middleman for collection of bribe. It was also alleged that official information pertaining to transfer/posting of Complainant was being passed on by the Special Secretary (Dar) to the middleman who further passed on

the same to Chief Horticulture Officer(CHO), Jammu(Singh)," the spokesperson said. The CBI said Dar allegedly initiated the proposal for transfer of the complainant and allegedly recommended his name initially for CHO, Doda, and later for CHO, Rajouri, in "gross disregard" of the recommendation of inquiry officer, according to which, the complainant could not be posted to any sensitive post.

Money laundering case...

against Kanta Andotra and Ravinder Singh, the then Patwari. The probe uncovered that Choudhary Lal Singh, an ex-Minister and two-time ex- MP, along with his wife in collusion with revenue officers/officials, orchestrated the transfer of land measuring 167 Kanal and 15 Marlas. This land, valued at Rs. 1,21,80,500/- as per circle rate in 2011, was forcibly transferred. The copies of the attachment orders have been sent to all revenue officers including Deputy Commissioner and concerned Tehsildar... On November 8, he former Minister Choudhary Lal Singh was also arrested by the sleuths of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) from Jammu under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). Earlier in October, the ED had conducted searches in Jammu and its adjoining areas as part of a money laundering probe against their educational trust in connection with alleged irregularities in land purchase to set up the trust. The federal agency had raided about eight premises in Jammu, Kathua and Punjab's Pathankot on October 17 in the case against RB Educational Trust.

Varanasi court gives...

hearing in the matter, Yadav said. The court was hearing the ASI plea moved on Tuesday seeking three more weeks for submitting the report, saying it needed more time for the assimilation of information generated by different experts. The ASI started the survey in the barricaded area of the Gyanvapi premises, excluding its sealed section, on August 4, following court orders to determine whether the 17th-century mosque was constructed over a pre-existing structure of a Hindu temple. The Muslim side represented by lawyer Mohammad Ikhlq strongly objected to the request for more time and argued that the ASI is seeking time to file the report again and again without any proper reason. He also argued that there should be some end to this process of taking time again and again to file the report. The ASI be directed to file the report positively within the time granted by the court, Ikhlq said. In its order, the court said it expects that within the provided time, the ASI shall positively file the report and will not seek further time.

ED carries out...

The application was endorsed to the Registrar of Cooperative Societies Jammu and Kashmir for taking up the matter with J-K State Cooperative Bank. Accordingly, the J-K Co-operative Bank in Srinagar sanctioned a loan to the tune of Rs 223 crores without adhering to any codal formalities, that is obtaining the details of the society such as balance sheet, profit and loss, account business, activities being done by the society, PAN number, Income Tax return, details of Construction of the Board Resolutions. The inquiry revealed that River Jhelum Cooperative House Building Society has not been even registered with Registrar Co-operative Societies, Jammu and Kashmir, and Mir by acting in league with Dar and others had prepared a fake and fictitious registration certificate in the name of the society and managed the sanction of loan. The loan amount was disbursed into the accounts of the land owners but the land has not been mortgaged to the bank. Further, an investigation conducted by the ACB has been successful in unearthing the siphoned-off funds to the tune of Rs 223 crore and an amount to the tune of Rs 187 crore has been frozen by the bureau.

NIT-Srinagar declares...

facility with immediate effect. The Registrar of the institute said the winter vacations "have been preponed only by 10 days" and there will be no academic loss for the students. "We have winter vacations every year and the same is the case this year also. The vacations were scheduled from December 9 but have been preponed," Registrar Ateekur Rehman told PTI. Asked about the ongoing examinations of the students, he said the students will write the remaining papers upon their return from winter vacation. "We will ensure

that there is no academic loss for the students," he added. The website of the NIT Srinagar has been taken down "for maintenance". "Sorry for the inconvenience but we're performing some maintenance at the moment. If you need to you can always contact us, otherwise, we'll be back online shortly!" the message on the website of the NIT Srinagar reads.

Govt policies, decisions...

adopted their development as a mantra, asserting that it reached out to those who for decades had not got any facility from any government. "We have been trying to change their lives," he said. The same bureaucracy and system are in place but the mindset and work culture has changed, changing the lives of people, he said. Citing a report, Modi said over 13 crore people moved out of poverty in the last five years. Many global agencies have come out of positive reports about the Indian economy, he said, adding that this also is an evidence of the immense possibility for employment and self-employment in the coming years. The prime minister told the new employees through video conferencing that they should make a note of any hardship they might have faced due to some government employees and ensure that they never treat anyone in the same manner. His government, he said, has been spending lakhs of crores of rupees in building modern infrastructure, including expressways, airports and in rail sector, which have obviously created a lot of employment. India is witnessing an "infrastructure revolution", he said. Development projects hanging fire for years and decades were accomplished by his government, he said, citing the construction of an airport in Sikkim and Paradip refinery. Real estate sector was headed to sure shot destruction when his government came to power but it ushered in reforms through the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act to restore its good health. The sector creates a lot of employment, he noted.

Big respite for...

in rivers and therefore, around 85% of power supply during winters is sourced from thermal plants to compensate for the deficit during winters. The spokesman reiterated that the UT is making every effort to ensure sustainable and firm power availability throughout the year. In this direction, during the current financial year, the UT has entered into historic Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) for 1600 MW of Solar power , 900 MW from Hydro, and an additional 500 MW from thermal plants, currently in progress following the decision of the UT Administrative Council under the Shakti policy. This will not only lead towards resource adequacy for the region, but will also provide an optimal mix of Hydro, Thermal, Solar generation, while the efforts are underway to harness wind power as well so that the strength behind renewable energy is utilized to the maximum. Addressing concerns raised in a recent news item published in one of the local news dailies on November 30, 2023, highlighting a surge in interruptions in J&K, the spokesperson reiterated that a persistent issue contributing to these interruptions is the non-disclosure of actual electric load by consumers. Regarding the hours of power supply to consumers, the spokesperson conveyed that smart metering is under implementation in mission mode and focus is on ensuring uninterrupted and regular power supply in areas saturated with smart meters, while also curbing losses. In areas without smart metering, the department is sustaining the same number of power supply hours as maintained during the previous year. Moreover, there is a curtailment schedule in effect which is diligently being published to prevent any inconvenience to the public. The spokesman further emphasized that contrary to the mention of Hammams in the news item, electricity remains the primary and preferred source for heating, with people using crude nichrome wires or non-thermostat fitted heaters which remain operational throughout the day. Recognizing the urgency, the spokesman emphasized on discontinuing the use of obsolete and environmentally unfriendly electric heating systems. The spokesman also mentioned that numerous crude heaters which have been banned by the department were recovered by the enforcement squads of KPDCIL in the recently conducted inspection drives. In addition to maintaining reliable power supply amidst extreme weather conditions, the Power Development Department (PDD) is proactively engaged in eradicating instances of illegal hooking. In the last seven days itself, inspection teams of KPDCIL have conducted 7585 number of inspections in different districts of Kashmir region and imposed a fine of Rs.68 Lakhs on the defaulters.

Union Jt Secy reviews progress of Jal Shakti Abhiyaan, other related activities

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BANDIPORA: Union Joint Secretary and Additional Financial Advisor, Ministry of Defence, Amitabh Ranjan Sinha who is Central Nodal Officer for District Bandipora on Thursday visited Bandipora district and chaired a meeting to review the progress of Jal Shakti Abhiyaan and also took stock of various ongoing works in the district. The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Bandipora Dr. Owais Ahmed; ADDC Bandipora, Mohammad Ashraf Hakak; JD Planning and other concerned officers from PHE, Forest, RDD and other concerned departments. Speaking on the occasion, Union Joint Secretary said that this visit was aimed to review the progress of Jal Shakti Abhiyaan which is

launched to ensure water sustainability in effective and coordinated manner. He said lot of efforts are utilized to implement Jal Shakti Abhiyaan successfully. The Joint Secretary added that the District administration is working very hard to implement the scheme on the ground level. He also appreciated the efforts of the District Administration for achieving 82 percent of the target for Amrit Sarovar works. Meanwhile, Union Joint Secretary also reviewed the status of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra in the district. On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner Bandipora informed the chair that the Yatra continues across the district with much enthusiasm and fervor amid huge public participation.

The Deputy Commissioner also informed the Joint Secretary about various activities carried out under Jal Shakti Abhiyan. He apprised the Joint Secretary that out of total 47358 rural households in Bandipora, 37890 households has been provided tap connections, and the rest shall also be connected through JJM soon. Dr. Owais said that, under JJM 222, works stand sanctioned, out of which work has already commenced on 212 works, while as 32 works have already been completed so far. He said that work on rest of the schemes is at full pace, and most of them are near completion. Deputy Commissioner also highlighted the activities carried out in district by various departments under Jal Shakti Abhiyaan.

Keep vigil, take pre-emptive measures to protect society from inimical elements: ADGP

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SRINAGAR: A senior police officer on Thursday reviewed law and order situation in Jammu and Kashmir in the backdrop of the recent protests in some educational institutions. "In order to review the prevailing situation, ADGP Law and Order, J&K, Vijay Kumar chaired a meeting of the police, CAPF and intelligence wings in PCR Kashmir today. The ADGP was briefed by the officers about the chronology of events (that) happened during (the) past couple of days vis-a-vis handling of these issues as per the merits and law by the J&K Police," a police spokesman said in Srinagar. The spokesman said Kumar appreciated law enforcing

agencies for their "timely action" and also praised the society for showing maturity. He asked the police officers to take full control of the situation and not allow nefarious designs to exploit the situation. "The ADGP stressed upon all the enforcement agencies to identify the real miscreants who have been spreading rumours and to take appropriate preventive legal actions so that the sanctity of law is fully maintained," the spokesman said. Kumar also asked the intelligence agencies to keep a "hawk's eye" on the situation.



Saini Biradari challenged their inclusion in Weak and Underprivileged Class HC directs J&K Govt not to issue Reserved Category Certificate to any member of Saini Community

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JAMMU: In a significant order, Justice Rajnesh Oswal of High Court of J&K and Ladakh at Jammu has disposed of a Writ Petition filed by the Members of Saini Community through Suksham Singh S/o Vir Singh R/o Bishnah, Jammu by directing Commissioner/Secretary to Government of J&K, Social Welfare Department; Secretary J&K Social and Educationally Backward Classes Commission and Divisional Commissioner Jammu to ensure that till the final decision taken by the Government in this regard, no certificate be issued in favour of any member of Saini Community and the certificates already issued shall not be given effect thereto, till the status of the Saini Community as Socially Weak and Underprivileged Class (Social Caste) is finally determined by the Government of J & K.

These directions of wide public importance were issued in a writ petition filed by the Members of Saini Community through Advocate Sheikh Shakeel Ahmed. After hearing Advocate Sheikh Najeeb appearing for the petitioners (Saini Community) and Sr. AAG Ramesh Arora appearing for the Government of J&K, Justice Rajnesh Oswal observed that Social Welfare Department and Divisional Commissioner, Jammu have filed response thereby stating that the S.O. No.537 dated 19/10/2022 to the extent of including the Saini Community within the category of Weak and Underprivileged Classes (Social Caste) has been kept in abeyance till further orders and the same is not operative at the moment. Advocate Sheikh Najeeb further submitted that the afore mentioned S.O. No. 537 dated 19/10/2022 was issued against the wishes of the

Saini Community which is an upper caste and is not interested in claiming the benefit of reservation. Advocate Sheikh Najeeb further submitted that there have been massive protests and resentment at various levels with regard to the issuance of S.O. No. 537 and the Saini community is up in arms against their inclusion amongst Weak and Underprivileged Class (Social Caste). After considering the submissions of Advocate Sheikh Najeeb appearing for Saini community, Justice Rajnesh Oswal observed and directed that in view of the admission of the Government of J&K to the extent of adding the Saini Community at Entry No. 31 in ANNEXURE-D to the J&K Reservation Rules, 2005 and the same having been kept in abeyance and in view of this, the instant petition is disposed of by directing the Government of J&K to ensure that till the

ficiaries namely Ashfaq Khan, Murtaza Khan, Manzoor Khan, Nazir Ahmed Afzal Khan, Liayaqat Ali Shah, recommended the name of supra beneficiaries who were lacking the basic criteria of age and qualification, by abusing their official position got accused no. 14-19 engaged/appointed as EVs (Para Teachers) in violation of the recruitment rules/norms and this way gave undue benefit to the beneficiaries and constitutes offences u/sec 5(1)(d) r/w 5(2)J&K PC Act&120-B RPC. The Court after hearing APP Himanshu Parkash for the ACB, observed that it is settled Law that at the stage of framing of charge, probative value of the materials on record cannot be gone into; the material brought on

record by the prosecution has to be accepted as true. If on the basis of material on record, a court could come to the conclusion that commission of offence is approvable for consequences; a case for framing of charge exists to put it differently, if the court was to think that the accused have committed the offence it can frame the charge, though for conviction the conclusion is required to be that the accused has committed the offence. Hence in the light of afore-said discussion this Court is of the opinion that there is sufficient material to proceed against the accused, for the commission of offence u/sec 5(1) (d) read with 5(2) of the J&K PC Act r.w.120 RPC. Separate charge Orders are made against all the accused persons.

Court acquits 9 accused in alleged anti-Indian activities

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JAMMU: Ist Additional Sessions Judge Srinagar Khurshheed-UL-Islam acquitted nine accused who were allegedly involved in anti-Indian activities, as prosecution miserably failed. According to prosecution on 28th June, 2010, Police Station Sadder, Srinagar received a written docket from SI Firdous Ahmad/PW-1, wherein it has been stated that he along with the personnel of 29th Bn. Of CRPF were conducting the routine patrolling and during their patrolling duty a crowd of people comprised around 300 people which was headed by Firdous Ahmad Ganie and ors appeared on the road with lathies and stones and attacked the police party and security forces and also damaged the government property. The crowd was raising the anti-Indian slogans and was

spreading hatred against India. On receipt of the docket FIR No. 129/2010 was registered. Court after hearing both the sides observed that charges against the accused came to be framed for the commission of offences u/s 147, 148, 149, 336, 332, 341, 323, 427, 121-A, 307 RPC the contents of the charge have been read over and explained to the accused, who pleaded not guilty to the charges leveled against them, which led to the direction upon the prosecution to produce the witnesses. The prosecution has not produced any witness in the case despite repeated number of opportunities. Many a times last and final opportunity was given to the prosecution to produce the evidence but the prosecution has not been in a position to get examined any witness enlisted in the Challan. On 29th August, 2023 once

again last and final opportunity was granted to the prosecution for production of the evidence and it was impressed upon the prosecution that in case they fail to produce any witness on the next date, the prosecution evidence will be deemed to have been closed. When despite clear and unambiguous directions the prosecution could not produce any witness, the prosecution evidence was closed and the case was listed for the arguments. Court further observed that from the perusal of the file it is clear that the prosecution has not been in a position to examine even a single witness in the case. The prosecution has miserably failed to prove their case, therefore the case of the prosecution is dismissed for want of evidence. The accused are acquitted from the charges leveled against them.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

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