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to be probed. They need to be taken to Mumbai, Mysore and Lucknow for probe," the court was told.

A police official, who requested anonymity, said security agencies have not found any connection with terror groups so far, a day after Sagar and Manoranjan jumped into the Lok Sabha chamber from the public gallery during Zero Hour, released coloured smoke from canisters and shouted slogans causing panic before being overpowered by some MPs.

Around the same time at 1.01 pm, Amol and Neelam sprayed coloured smoke from canisters while shouting "tanashahi nahi chalegi" outside Parliament premises.

The case against the four was registered under UAPA sections 16 (punishment for terrorist act) and 18 (punishment for conspiracy, etc.) and IPC sections 120B (criminal conspiracy), 452 (trespass), 153 (wantonly giving provocation, with intent to cause riot), 186 (obstructing public servant in discharge of public functions) and 353 (assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty) at the Parliament Street police station, police sources said.

Names of two organisations have also emerged in the investigations by police and their roles are being examined, they said, adding all the accused are giving same answers to the investigation team.

"It seems that they had already made preparations as to what to answer when the police interrogate them when they are caught," they said.

Sources said Prime Minister Narendra Modi at a meeting with some ministers in Parliament complex underlined the sensitivity of the issue of security breach and advised his ministerial colleagues to not engage in any political squabbling with opposition leaders over the matter.

What has happened is a serious issue, Modi is believed to have said, expressing confidence that Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla will take appropriate corrective measures.

Proceedings were also disrupted in both the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha forcing several adjournments following vociferous protests by Opposition members demanding a statement from the government on the security breach.

As many as 14 opposition MPs including one from the Rajya Sabha were suspended for disrupting the proceedings.

While TMC's Derek O'Brien was suspended in the Rajya Sabha, a total of 13 opposition MPs, including nine from the Congress and DMK's Kanimozhi in the Lok Sabha, faced similar action.

The government on its part asserted that a high-level inquiry has been initiated into the incident and asked the opposition not to politicise the issue.

In a statement soon after the Lok Sabha reassembled at 2 PM, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi said "we all agree" that the unfortunate incident was a serious one concerning safety and security of MPs.

Outside Parliament, Joshi said the ongoing probe will bring out all the details after the opposition demanded action against BJP MP Prathap Simha for facilitating the entry passes for two persons who jumped into the chamber.

Joshi, however, noted that such passes are facilitated by MPs often on "goodwill". Sources said Simha, an MP from Mysuru, has also put across his defence to Joshi, saying he knew the father of Manoranjan. His father would visit the MP's local office, they added.

Stringent measures were put in place in and around the Parliament building with its security personnel and police thoroughly checking the credentials of those entering the complex.

Influenced by revolutionary Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Lalit, a resident of Kolkata and teacher by profession, and the other five accused were highly motivated to commit an act which could draw the country's attention, police sources said.

The sources said all six joined a Bhagat Singh fan page on Facebook after coming in touch with each other on social media.

The sources claimed that during interrogation, Amol told investigators they were upset with issues like the farmers' protest, ethnic conflict in Manipur and unemployment and that was why they carried out the act.

"They had the same ideology and hence decided to give a message to the government," the sources said.

The suspended security personnel, who were on deputation for Parliament security and tasked with frisking visitors and mediapersons, were identified by the police as Rampal, Arvind, Vir Das, Ganesh, Anil, Pradeep, Vimitt and Narendra.

Leaders of various opposition parties demanded that Home Minister Amit Shah make a statement on the security breach followed by a discussion on the matter in both houses.

This was decided at a meeting of opposition leaders held in the chamber of Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge.

The government, however, appeared disinclined to accept the demand, saying the Lok Sabha Speaker is the guardian of the House and it will follow his directives.

Minister Joshi told reporters that the government does not have the authority to issue a statement on this issue as it is the Speaker who will take a call on the matter. Speaker Birla had earlier asserted in the lower house that security of the Parliament complex is the responsibility of the Lok Sabha Secretariat.

## Intense cold wave.

degrees Celsius. The intense cold wave conditions in the valley has resulted in freezing of several water bodies while water supply pipes in many areas have been jammed. The meteorological office said the weather would remain mainly dry till December 15 but predicted mild precipitation over the weekend. PTI MIJ

## Cases involving Yasin...

Srinagar in 1990, the court had summoned two witnesses for identification, but they could not appear citing medical reasons, Bhat said, adding that both of them had to come from outside.

Bhat said Jammu Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) chief Malik and Pahlou appeared before the court via video-conferencing.

The court would again hear the case of the killing of the IAF personnel on January 18 and the Rubaiya Sayeed case the next day.

Bhat said Pahlou was given a last opportunity by the court for filing objections to an application for the cancellation of his bail. The court has agreed to summon eyewitnesses.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) moved an application in August for the cancellation of Pahlou's bail in the two cases, informing the court that he had violat-

ed the bail conditions by allegedly indulging in separatist activities.

Two witnesses -- numbers 24 and 25 -- were examined in November. They supported the prosecution's case and identified accused Ali Mohammad Mir, Bhat said.

Mir, who is the prime accused in the abduction case after Malik, had taken Rubaiya Sayeed in his vehicle to Sopore from Srinagar and kept her in a guesthouse. Malik, who is lodged in Delhi's Tihar Jail where he is serving a term in connection with a terror-financing case, was not produced in the court physically due to an order issued by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs restricting his movement.

Pahlou is lodged in the Central Jail in Srinagar following his arrest for reviving the terrorist apparatus in the Kashmir valley, Bhat said.

Pahlou alias "Nanaji" was among the 10 terrorists arrested in July from a hotel in a case related to a conspiracy to revive the banned JKLF and separatist amalgam Hurriyat Conference in the valley.

The special Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act court has already framed charges separately against Malik and several others in both cases.

The charges against Malik, Pahlou and eight others in the 1989 abduction case of Rubaiya Sayeed were framed by the court on January 11, 2021.

## CS takes stock...

skill sets that would enhance their chances of getting gainfully employed in the market. Dulloo further impressed on the authorities to make robust plans for spending the amounts kept for local area development by the respective companies under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). He asked for substantially raising both the living standards and the quality of infrastructure in these areas.

It was given out during this meeting that the completion of the projects is going to add about 3043 MW till November, 2026. It was revealed that the four mega projects under execution currently includes Pakal Dul HEP (1000 MW), KiruHEP (624 MW), Kwar HEP (540 MW), Kirthai-II HEP (930 MW) on Chenab basin. The meeting also reviewed smaller projects like Parnai HEP (38 MW), Karnah HEP (12 MW), New Ganderbal HEP (93 MW) and Lower Kalnai HEP (48 MW) which are going to be completed in a span of two years, the meeting was informed.

It was further made out that out of the 18000 MW potential of hydropower, 15000 MW has been identified on the river basins of J&K. It was given out that more projects are under DPR and feasibility study stages and are going to be taken up for execution in months ahead.

Later on in another meeting the Chief Secretary took note of the Rehabilitation & Resettlement Plan for the 850 MW Ratle HEP. He impressed upon the officers to suitably compensate the Project Affected Families (PAFs) and those losing their shops or agricultural lands in this project. He also stressed on rehabilitating them beforehand so that none of them faces any hardships.

The Chief Secretary was briefed by the Secretary, DMRR&R, Nazim Zia Khan that a comprehensive multi-crore plan has been formulated to rehabilitate all the PAFs of this HEP. He elucidated that the R&R plan includes suitable compensation for loss of houses, agriculture lands, shops and cattle sheds.

The meeting was also apprised that the plan includes transportation charges, scholarships for students, assistance for artists, subsistence allowance, pension for vulnerable persons, training facilities for youth besides infrastructure upgradation like establishment of different facilities like hospital, model school, community centre, street lighting, roads, waste management facilities and raising of other common utilities for the people of this area.

## JKSTIC allocates Rs..

Joint Director JKSTIC and various other departmental heads.

Other notable participants included the Director of Extension, Director of Research, Deans from various departments of SKUAST, faculty members, students, and officers from the Science and Technology Department, highlighting the collaborative spirit among diverse stakeholders.

"Investing in research projects and supporting innovators is not just a financial commitment but a strategic imperative," Baghat, while describing these endeavours as lifeblood of progress, said. "By funding research and nurturing innovators, we lay the foundation for a brighter, more technologically advanced tomorrow, ensuring that our region remains at the forefront of scientific discovery and innovation."

JKSTIC, formerly known as J&K Council for Science & Technology, was established in 1989 under the Department of Science & Technology, J&K government. The primary objective of the council is to promote and disseminate science, technology, and innovation in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

Additionally, the council serves as a nodal department for organizing and promoting S&T activities across the region.

An important development for the department is the recent launch of the online hub, www.jkinnovation.in, which functions as a centralized repository.

"Here, universities, research and development institutions, IITs, NITs, SKUAST, and other entities have contributed their innovations, research findings, patents, and start-up initiatives," Dr Shah said.

He informed that JKSTIC is establishing a centre of excellence, namely the Sub-Regional Science Centre, in collaboration with NCSM, Ministry of Culture, Government of India, at Lal Mandi, Srinagar.

Two Industrial Biotechnology Parks, Dr Shah said, are being set up, one in Ghatti Kauthwa, Jammu, and the other in Handwara, Kashmir. These parks are scheduled to commence operations in July 2024, with respective project costs of 20 crores and 85 crores.

## Notorious drug peddler...

he was arrested by a team of the Katra police station after getting necessary detention orders from Jammu Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar.

Hussain was warned to shun the path of supplying drugs to the youth of Katra, the officer said, adding that he remained on a continuous mission of minting money by supplying banned drugs. The officer further said that it was necessary to book him under the stringent law in view of his continuous involvement in drug peddling and to save the society's health and welfare.

## Modi received highest...

the State Order of Ghazi Amir Amanullah Khan by Afghanistan in 2016, the Grand Collar of the State of Palestine by Palestine in February 2018, the UN Champion of the Earth Award by the UN in October 2018, the Order of Zayed by UAE in April 2019, and the Order of St Andrew by Russia in April 2019.

Muraleedharan also mentioned Modi receiving the Order of the Distinguished Rule of Izzuddin from Maldives in June 2019, the King Hamad Order of the Renaissance by Bahrain in August 2019, the Legion of Merit by US in December

2020, the Order of the Dragon King by Bhutan in December 2021, the Order of Fijii by Fijii in May this year, the order of Logohu by Papua New Guinea the same month, and the Order of the Nile by Egypt in June.

## 14 opposition MPs...

As soon as the House met at 3 pm, Joshi moved a second resolution to suspend VK Sreekandan (Cong), Benny Behanan (Cong), Mohammad Jawed (Cong), PR Natarajan (CPI-M), Kanimozhi (DMK), K Subbarayan (CPI), SR Parthiban (DMK), S Venkatesan (CPI-M), and Manickam Tagore (Cong).

An MP claimed later that Prathiban was named among the suspended MPs even as he is not present in Delhi and is in Chennai.

The House was adjourned to meet again on Friday. Some of the suspended members continued to protest in the House even after the adjournment. A few of them came out after some time.

Opposition members in the Lok Sabha on Thursday held vociferous protests demanding a statement from the government on the Parliament security breach even as Speaker Om Birla asserted that security of the Parliament complex is the responsibility of the Lok Sabha Secretariat. The Winter Session of Parliament, which started on December 4, will conclude on December 22.

## Derek O'Brien suspended...

aggressively. Such gross misconduct on part of Derek O'Brien cannot be countenanced. I again name Derek O'Brien under Rule 256 for violating the directions of the House," the chairman said soon after the House met.

Reading out the motion, Goyal said the House has taken a serious note of the "misconduct" of Derek O'Brien, who entered the well of the House and has been continuously shouting slogans and disrupting the proceedings of the House in utter disregard to the authority of the Chair.

Putting the motion to vote, the Chair said the same has been adopted with a voice vote.

"The motion is adopted. Derek O'Brien, member, is suspended for the remaining part of the session," the Chairman announced, with opposition members shouting "No" in chorus.

They also raised slogans like "tanashahi nahin chalegi" (dictatorship will not be tolerated) and "Derek ka suspension nahin sahenge" (will not tolerate suspension).

Chairman then announced the start of the Question Hour, but members continued to create din and did not allow the House to function.

"Honourable members, the only loser for not continuing with the Question Hour is the opposition. The government's response has already come. It is absolute disregard of public duty and conduct and respect for the public," the Chairman announced while adjourning the proceedings till 2 PM.

O'Brien was demanding a discussion on the issue of breach in Parliament security.

In a major security breach on the anniversary of the 2001 Parliament terror attack on Wednesday, two persons -- Sagar Sharma and Manoranjan D -- jumped into the Lok Sabha chamber from the public gallery during Zero Hour, released coloured smoke from canisters and shouted slogans before being overpowered by the MPs.

The TMC leader was named by the Chair during the previous session too, but was not suspended.

## Need to reform...

aerospace power in the furtherance of the country's national interest".

"To be able to achieve the vision, the IAF needs to "see first and see the farthest, reach first and reach the fastest, and hit first and hit the hardest", he said.

The CAS highlighted the importance of acquiring state-of-the-art equipment and platforms to ensure air superiority in the region including airborne and unmanned platforms, sensors, communication and electronic warfare systems.

Chaudhari spoke about the significance of well-trained personnel and the complexities of a technology-driven battlespace.

He said investment in innovation and "disruptive" training programmes with a focus on technology infusion for skill development will prove to be decisive in future multi-domain operations.

The IAF chief also touched upon the steps taken by the force towards automating its operational, maintenance and administrative processes by employing AI (artificial intelligence) and big data analytics to improve efficiency.

The CAS spoke on IAF's commitment towards fostering strategic partnerships with friendly nations through joint exercises, information sharing mechanisms and collaboration to imbibe best practices and enhance operational effectiveness.

Chaudhari said that the future battlespace would be "cluttered, congested, contested and complex" and that there was a definite imperative to "reimagine, reform, redesign and rebuild our traditional war fighting machinery to adapt to this emerging paradigm".

He also brought out IAF's contribution to nation-building highlighting the "sterling" role played by the force towards humanitarian assistance and disaster relief during natural calamities and evacuation of Indian diaspora from conflict zones.

The Air Force network has been upgraded and 5G handsets have been procured for all personnel and all airmen will be provided with these upgraded devices, he said.

"The biggest lesson to take away from the ongoing conflicts across the globe is that we cannot fight tomorrow's wars with imported weapons. We have to develop indigenous weapons, particularly indigenous air launched weapons. This was the area where we were not progressing much but the thrust on atmanirbharta (self-reliance) is gaining ground and we are proud to host a whole lot of such weapons," he said.

"The Air Force is the offensive arm of the nation. Ability to hit first, hit the hardest, hit the farthest with accuracy is something for which we have to continue honing our skills. We have seen the ongoing conflicts between Russia-Ukraine or Israel and Hamas. It is the Air Force which has delivered the punch with long range precision strike," he pointed out.

The CAS underlined the need for integration, seamless collaboration and jointness between the three services to fight tomorrow's war.

The Indian Air Force has remained steadfast in its view that integration and jointness is the only way ahead, he said, and reiterated the IAF's unwavering commitment towards delivering joint capability and generating effective response options as part of a coherent national strategy.

Several initiatives in this pursuit like joint logistics nodes, inter-operability between the services, joint ISR and cross postings of officers were also highlighted during the lecture.

## All J&K 1947 POJK SIF hails LG Sinha for implementing Anand Marriage Act in J&K

### STATE TIMES NEWS

J&MMU: All J&K 1947 POJK Sharmartha Intellectual Forum on Thursday called a meeting of its core committee members under the presidentship of Advocate Anrik Singh along with Surjit Singh General Secretary. The Forum expressed their gratitude Lt Governor Manoj Sinha for redressing the long pending demand of Anand Marriage Act to be implemented in UT J&K like other States which was passed by Indian

Parliament in the year 2012. The Forum reiterated that by the interference of Home Minister Amit Shah and also by the dedicated persuasion of M.S Sirsa Secretary of All India BJP and the Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha issued notification along with rules and now the marriages of Sikh Couple shall be govern according to Sikh traditions. The Forum further said that this is the beginning and we hope the other burning issues like giving official status to Punjabi language in UT

along with nomination of a Sikh member in J&K Public Service Commission will be redressed soon. The Forum unanimously thanked Home Minister, Lt. Governor and Manjinder Singh Sirsa in this regard. The meeting was attended by Kuldeep Singh Vice President, Paramjit ex. Corporator, Nasib Singh, Kuldeep Singh Kuku, Prof. K.D Singh, Charanjit Singh, Khazan Singh, Mohinder Singh, Ranjit Singh, Daljit Singh, Pritam Singh, Jagjit Singh and Manjit Singh.

## 'Anand Marriage Act' enforced in J&K; Gurdeep hails LG administration's achievement

### STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor administration has enforced "Anand Marriage Act" in Jammu and Kashmir too. This step has been taken on the overall supervision of union government, especially Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah who directed the Jammu and Kashmir to introduce this special Act which was the long pending demand of the Sikh Community. Senior Leader of Bhartiya Janta Party and Seh Parbhari Poonch district S Gurdeep Singh Khalsa in this regard has held a press conference in which he hailed the achievements of Lieutenant Governor administration and especially to Union Government led by PM Narinder Modi and HM Amit Shah for fulfilment of the long pending demand of the Sikh Community. He said that this was the demand of Sikh Community of Jammu and Kashmir for more than 70 years and further said that the Sikh Community is thankful to PM and HM and LG Jammu and Kashmir especially for this grace. He hoped that the further needs of the community will also be fulfilled by this Union and UT government.

## GCW Bhagwati Nagar celebrates World Energy Conservation Day

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: GCW Bhagwati Nagar celebrated World Energy Conservation Day by organising a seminar. The Theme for the seminar was Celebrating Energy Conservation Day: A Call to take Action for a Sustainable Future- as the world marks Energy Conservation Day on 14th Dec. The entire programme was organized under the mentorship of Dr. Meeru Abrol.

Speaking on the occasion the principal of the college Dr. Meeru Abrol said that the Energy Conservation Day was established to promote awareness about the significance of conserving energy resources, and urges individuals, communities, and businesses worldwide to adopt eco-conscious habits and embrace energy-efficient technologies. With the growing global concern over climate change and the depletion of natural resources, the need for concerted efforts to reduce energy consumption has

never been more pressing.

To commemorate this day, the seminar was organized to sensitize the students towards this aspect and regular initiatives are being organized by the college on energy-saving techniques to promote renewable energy sources.

Speaking on the occasion the Resource person Dr. Arvind Sharma said that we are at a pivotal moment in our history where each action we take towards conserving energy contributes significantly to a more sustainable future. "Energy Conservation Day serves as a rallying point to inspire collective action, encouraging individuals and organizations to make conscious choices that reduce our carbon footprint and preserve our planet." The students participated wholeheartedly and showed keen interest in the open discussion after the Seminar. The programme was organized by NSS Unit in collaboration with EVS Department and Department of English.

## Sadhotra urges NCSU brigade to play vital role in eradicating drug menace

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: "A meeting of the National Conference Students Union (NCSU) was held at the Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan in Jammu on Thursday.

The meeting was organized by Harsh Vardhan Singh, President of the NCSU, and presided over by Ajay Kumar Sadhotra, Additional General Secretary of the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) and former minister. At the beginning of the meeting, Harsh Vardhan Singh apprised the senior functionary of the party about the rising drug menace in the Jammu region. He expressed concern about the easy availability of drugs and the devastating impact it is having on Students" has been stated in a press release of party.

The release further stated that Ajay Kumar Sadhotra criticized the present government for its failure to tackle the rising drug menace in Jammu and Kashmir. He said that the government has



Ajay Kumar Sadhotra speaking during a programme.

failed to take effective measures to control the supply of drugs and provide rehabilitation services to addicts.

Sadhotra emphasized the role of Students in building a better future for Jammu and Kashmir. He urged them to come forward and play a vital role in eradicating the drug menace. He said that the NCSU will work closely with the party leadership to address this critical issue.

"Assuring the senior functionary of the Party, Harsh Vardhan Singh pledged that the NCSU will fully support and implement the initiatives outlined by the "War Against Drug Addiction" (WADA)

committee, established by Party's Vice President Omar Abdullah. He said NCSU will work alongside the WADA committee and other stakeholders to combat this critical issue. Those who were present include: Sheikh Bashir Ahmed Provincial Secretary Jammu Province, Qazi Jalal Ud Din Ex-MLA, Bushan Lal Bhat Ex-MLC, Pardeep Bali, Ayub Malik Provincial Secretaries, Abdul Gani Teli Chairman OBC Cell, Ankush Abrol Joint Secretary Jammu Province, Sajjad Shaheen District President Ramban, Lakhshmi Datta, & others"the release added.