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by a technical issue with the microphone. "My daughter-in-law said she heard people crying," he added. Kareem also said that Mir used to give the call for 'Azaan' every day and suspected that the incident had been planned, as the prayer leader would be absent on Saturday and returned on Sunday.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha condemned the terror attack and conveyed his deep sympathies to the Mir's family.

In a post on X, the Lt Governor said: "Pained beyond words on the dastardly terrorist attack on retired police officer, Shri Mohammad Shafi Mir while he was giving a call for prayer in the mosque. Cowards responsible for this barbaric act will not be spared. My condolences to the bereaved family in this hour of grief".

Political parties expressed their strong condemnation of the killing and offered condolences to the family of the former police officer.

The National Conference (NC) stated in a post on X, "JKNC president Dr. Farooq Abdullah and VP @OmarAbdullah express profound sadness over the tragic Baramulla incident, where retired SP Mohammad Shafi was senselessly shot dead."

The BJP condemned the act as dastardly and emphasised that terror and terrorists have no religion.

The party's spokesperson in Kashmir, Altaf Thakur, stated, "Dastardly act of killing of a 72-year-old retired police officer by those who have no religion. The sons of the devil can't even tolerate 'azaan'... Terror and terrorists have no religion."

Democratic Progressive Azad Party chief Ghulam Nabi Azad said the government must take decisive measures to crack down on terrorism.

"Alarmed by the rising terrorist attacks in J&K. The killing of the ex-SSP Mohd Shafi Mir in Baramulla is condemnable. Urgent action is needed. The government must take decisive measures to crack down on terrorism and ensure the safety of all citizens!" he said on X.

Altaf Bukhari, chief of Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party, expressed his condolences and condemned the cowardly act.

Separatist Hurriyat Conference, led by Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, also expressed pain and sorrow at the ex-cop's killing.

The Hurriyat expressed sympathy and condolences with the bereaved family. In a statement, it said such killings are a blot on humanity and only bring disgrace to the people and place where they are committed.

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LG greets people...

is a special occasion to spread joy, happiness and to follow his ideals of love, service, self-sacrifice, compassion and forgiveness.

May the Christmas this year usher in peace, happiness and joy for all".

Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar also extended his warm greetings to the people of Jammu and Kashmir on the occasion of Christmas.

In his message, Advisor Bhatnagar remarked that Christmas is a special opportunity to spread joy, share happiness and spirit of brotherhood.

Recognizing the significance of Christmas in fostering unity and goodwill, the Advisor emphasized the importance of coming together to celebrate the spirit of giving and compassion on this cheerful occasion.

"As we gather with our loved ones and reflect on the year gone by, let us cherish the moments of joy, appreciate the bonds that bring us closer, and extend a helping hand to those in need," said Advisor Bhatnagar.

2 drone-dropped...

Pakistani drones, thwarted major strikes by terrorists on Indian soil, they said. The officials said the packets were spotted on an open field in Channi Dewano village in the Khour area at around 7.50 am.

The Army and the police launched a joint operation immediately and the packets were opened with the help of a bomb disposal squad, leading to the recovery of the IEDs, a 9-mm Italian pistol, three magazines, 30 rounds, a hand grenade and Rs 35,000 cash, they said. This comes a day after Army troops scuttled an infiltration bid by eliminating a terrorist in the same sector.

Education prerequisite for...

institutions founded by them are actively engaged in this task. The sacrifice of our freedom fighters and their vision continues to be a great source of strength for the nation. The youth must follow their ideals and values to put the country on the path of Viksit Bharat," the Lt Governor said.

In his address, the Lt Governor also gave his suggestions on incorporating students' feedback in the education system, organizing innovation competitions and to focus on inter-disciplinary education.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor also inaugurated the BBA and BFA blocks of the Jagatpur PG College. A publication, 'Srnuti Granth' was also released.

Satish Chandra Dubey, Member of Parliament, Aniruddh Singh, President, Managing Committee, Professor Anil Kumar Singh, Principal, people from all walks of life and students were present.

J&K youth have...

He sought to know from the students about their participation in sports and gave the example of Sheetal Devi, the young archer from Jammu and Kashmir, who won three medals at the Asian Para Games in Hangzhou, the statement said.

Modi also appreciated the talent of the youth of Jammu and Kashmir and added that they have the potential to excel in any field.

He advised the students to work and contribute towards the development of the country and help realise the dream of 'Viksit Bharat @2047', the statement said.

Talking about the construction of the world's highest railway bridge in Jammu and Kashmir, Modi said it will improve connectivity in the region and also discussed the success of Chandrayaan-3 and the Aditya-L1 mission.

These scientific achievements have made every Indian proud, the prime minister said. Talking about the record number of tourists visiting Jammu and Kashmir this year, he said that there is an immense opportunity in the tourism sector there.

He exhorted the students to practise yoga daily and also discussed the successful organisation of the G20 summit in Kashmir and the efforts for making the country clean, the statement said.

Search operations continue...

were ambushed by terrorists at Dhatyar Morh between Dhera Ki Gali and Buzfliaz in the Surankote area of Poonch on Thursday.

Lt Gen Dwivedi interacted with the next of kin of the slain soldiers at the wreath-laying ceremony. Later, their mortal remains were dispatched to their hometowns in Uttarakhnad, Bihar, and Uttar Pradesh.

The officials said a massive search operation continued in Surankote and nearby Thanamandi forest area of Rajouri for the fourth day on Sunday in search of the terrorists responsible for the ambush.

Army along with the police and the paramilitary forces are searching the forest area and the natural caves but success has eluded them so far, officials said.

Mobile internet services were suspended early Saturday following the killing of three civilians within hours of being allegedly picked up by security forces for questioning in connection with the ambush.

The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Saturday announced compensation and jobs to the families of the dead civilians and said the medico-legal formalities were conducted and legal action in this matter has been initiated by the appropriate authority.

DPAP Govt will...

growing," he said while addressing a public rally at apple rich Dangerpora in North Kashmir.

Azad said that if we have to focus on organic economic growth, we need to support the farmers and ensure they are stress free and have pesticides and other facilities available at genuine rates since they are the engine of economy, which is predominantly agrarian based.

Azad said alongside the subsidized pesticides, the farmers also need convenient transportation facility to ensure timely transportation of goods up to Mandis to fetch the deserving price.

He said road convenience for the fruit laden trucks would be his priority once people vote his party to power.

The former Chief Minister focused on enhanced road and train connectivity in the UT, especially Sopore town which houses the second largest Fruit Mandi of Asia.

"Maximum share of fruit from Kashmir is sold in Sopore Mandi, which remains

busy most part of the year. So it needs to have enhanced connectivity. I will pitch for immediate start of train services besides the hassle free road services for fruit laden trucks," he said.

For boosting the agrarian economy of the UT, he promised that taxes would be substantially reduced.

"I want the people of Jammu and Kashmir to smile and see them progressing and prospering economically. I will do whatever I can to fulfill this dream, with no insecurity and fear" he said.

Azad also condemned the growing terror incidents in J&K and said that such attacks only consume innocent human lives.

He said terrorism needs to be dealt with iron fist so that innocent people can have a sigh of relief. Among those present in the public meeting included G.M.Saroori, Mohd Amin Bhatt Provincial President, Ch Haroon Khatana Gen Secretary, Gulzar Wani Zonal President, Shoaib Nabi Lone Distt President, Salman Nizami Chief Spokesperson, Shafiq Shabnam Provincial Gen Secretary, Irshad Tantray Gen Secretary Zone, Sajjad Ahmed Dar, Adv Saleem Parray Spokesperson, Haji Musadiq VP Province, Amir Rasool Provincial GS, Tasleema Akthar, Ab Ahad Yatoo, Arif Maqbool, Shubi Jaan and others.

Special DG BSF...

said. He then interacted with the BSF sector commanders and battalion commanders and guided them on border management.

The Special DG also applauded the professional acumen of the troops in safeguarding the border in tough conditions with dedication, the spokesperson added.

He encouraged troops to carry on their excellent work in effective domination of the border to check anti-national activities, the spokesperson said.

Centre needs to...

still there and will not finish till we try to understand its root cause," Abdullah said.

He was reacting to the killing of retired police officer Mohd Shafi who was shot dead by terrorists inside a mosque while delivering 'azan' (call for prayer) at his Gantmulla village in north Kashmir's Baramulla district. "I regret the killing (of the officer). Those who are claiming normalcy are silent... they tried to heal the wounds in a superficial manner rather than addressing the root cause. The commoners should understand that we are losing our soldiers, officers and commoners," Abdullah said.

The National Conference president said he fails to understand how the perpetrators of violence are going to benefit by killing innocent persons.

"The central government had to find ways in the right perspective to end bloodshed in Jammu and Kashmir. We are part of India, we were part of India and we will remain part of India and if we have to end terrorism, we have to look for ways rather than claiming normalcy or talking about tourism which is fragile under the shadow of terrorism," he said.

The use of military or police is not going to finish terrorism, he said. "We have to go deeper and address the root cause to finish it off."

Asked about growing terror activities in the twin border districts of Poonch and Rajouri, Abdullah said this contradicts the government's claims that everything is 'honky-dory'.

"Where are those shouting normalcy? Nothing is going to be achieved by propaganda as people are dying here. They have to find a solution and Farooq Abdullah does not have a book with a ready-made solution," he said.

Asked whether he wants India and Pakistan to talk to address the problem, Abdullah said the central government has to decide on the subject.

In a separate interaction with mediapersons, Abdullah expressed concern over the alleged custodial death of three civilians in the aftermath of the killing of five soldiers in an ambush in Surankote area of Poonch and said the war against terrorism cannot be won without the support of the people.

"Terrorists attacked and martyred our brave soldiers and later three locals were tortured to death. This is tragic as we are fighting against terrorism and not against our own people. If we annoy our people, we will never win this war," he said.

Abdullah said his party has already sought a judicial inquiry into the killing of the three civilians and "I would like to add that home minister (Amit Shah) should visit the area and assure the people that those involved will be handed down an exemplary punishment. The killing of the civilians is a sad incident and a human rights violation."



National Conference President Farooq Abdullah interacting with reporters in Jammu on Sunday.

KPC emphasizes for Commission of Inquiry for killings of KP community in valley

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU Kashmiri Pandit Conferences (KPC) headed by senior KP leader and President Kashmiri Pandit Conferences,(KPC) Kundan Kashmiri urged the central government to constitute the Commission of enquiry to find out the truth about killings, massacres ,loot and arson of Kashmiri Pandits in valley , during turmoil in Jammu and Kashmir.

While taking stock of current Kashmir situation after the recent Supreme Court judgment on abrogation of Article 370, Kundan Kashmiri stated that victim displaced Kashmiri Pandits are very much eager to know who were behind KP's deaths and destruction in 1889--

90 and onwards. He said recent clear message of Hounrable Supreme Judge ,Justice Koul has given bear and clean message to the government about solving the problems and demands of Kashmiri Pandits, for which Commission of enquiry is only way forward which could bring truth what has happened with Kashmiri Pandit community from the last 76 years in the valley, in particular from last 34 years and give justice to them.

KPC leadership stated that victim Kashmiri Pandits ,in particular Kashmiri Pandit Conference (KPC) has been continuously demanding and emphasising through print, electronic media, meetings , through memorandums , social media platforms,

and through peaceful dharna and demonstrations to the Government to now close up the darkest period of Kashmiri Pandits, to end their sordid and brutal phase of societal devastation, death and destruction and restore their rights and safe guard their identity, culture and future.

President KPC stated all consecutive Governments have failed with KP minorities in valley since 1947 ."Hence Kashmiri Pandit Conference (KPC) again urge for justice and constitution of Commission of enquiry for displaced Kashmiri Pandits at the earliest and time bound as Honourable Judge ,Justice Koul has desired that before the memories fade and escape the exercise shall be time bound".

SKUAST-J organises panel discussion under Vikshit Bharat@2047

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: As a part of different programmes being organized under Vikshit Bharat@2047 (Voice of Youth) campaign a panel discussion on "Innovation Science and Technology" was organized by the Faculty of Basic Sciences, SKUAST-Jammu.

In this discussion, eight students presented their views and others participated in the panel discussion. Earlier, Prof. S.E.H. Rizvi, Dean Faculty of Basic Sciences apprised the students and faculty members about the Vikshit Bharat@2047 initiative of the Govt. of India called upon the students for their active participation in panel discussion.

Prof. Sanjay Guleria, Head, Division of Biochemistry dwelled upon the theme "Innovation

Science and Technology" and moderated the panel discussion.

Students presented their views and ideas about making India a developed nation in 2047.

The panel discussion ended with the distribution of certificates of participation to students.

In addition, certificates of award were also given to the winners of the essay competition held on "Empowered Indians" under Viksitbharat@2047 (Voice of Youth).Prof. Manish K. Sharma, Head Division of Statistics and Computer Science and Prof. Gurdev Chand, Head Division of Plant Physiology were also present on the occasion. Dr. Bhav Kumar Sinha conducted the proceedings of the programme and Dr. Brajeshwar Singh presented the vote of thanks.

Marengo CIMS Hospital endeavours to create increased awareness about IPAH

STATE TIMES NEWS

AHMEDABAD: Marengo CIMS Hospital, Ahmedabad is a recognized Lung Transplant Centre. Lung transplantation is a definitive treatment for Idiopathic Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension. IPAH, also known as Primary Pulmonary Hypertension (PPH), manifests in the second and third decades of life. It kills young people suddenly and is one of the causes of sudden cardiac (heart) death.

Symptoms of IPAH are shortness of breath, easy fatigability, chest pain, blackouts, and sudden cardiac death. These symptoms are progressive.

Marengo CIMS Hospital therefore endeavors to create awareness of this disease - Idiopathic Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension (IPAH). The Lung trans-

plantation team consists of Dr Jnanesh Thacker, Director, Lung Transplantations, Minimal Invasive Lung Transplantations, Minimal Invasive Lung Transplantations, Marengo CIMS Hospital with Dr Dhiren Shah, Director, Heart Transplant & Cardiothoracic Surgery, Mechanical Circulatory Support (MCS) and rest of the transplant team which consists of five other surgeons, 4 Anesthetists, and 5 Perfusionist to mention a few. The total number of transplantation team members exceeds more than 50.

Dr Jnanesh Thakkar,

Director, Lung Transplantations, Minimal Invasive Lung Transplantations says, "The IPAH can be a combination influenced by genetic and environmental factors. There are treatments at the early stages of diagnosis that can help manage symptoms and improve the quality of life for a patient. These may include medications to dilate the blood vessels, reduce blood clot formations, and alleviate symptoms. However, at end-stage failure of the lungs, a transplantation of the lungs from a cadaver is a preferred option."

JKTJAC holds meeting, raises issues of teaching fraternity

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A meeting of Jammu Kashmir Teachers'Joint Action Committee (JKTJAC) under the leadership of UT President Vinod held at Jammu. The meeting was attended by various UT, Provincial and District body port folio holders. While speaking on the occasion Vinod Sharma raised the various Burning issues of the teaching fraternity such as

Comprehensive transfer policy in favour of teachers appointed under ReT scheme who have been working in the same schools for last more than 20 years especially females are suffering badly due to non availability of transfer policy; conversion of RRETs to Teachers Grade II/III; regularisation of ReTs who have successfully completed 5 years period; DPC of teachers to masters; filling up of vacant posts of ZEOs and Headmasters in headless

zones and High Schools of the UT. Provincial President Rajesh Janwal demanded the release of MDM dues for last more than one year which the teachers have managed from their own pockets for smooth functioning of Mid Day Meals.

On the occasion the executive body nominated Khazan Singh as UT Coordinator of JKTJAC. Others who also spoke on the occasion were Surjit Chib, Rajesh Singh Janwal, Sharma Sharma, Naresh Sharma, Lekh Raj Parihar, Ravinder Manhas, Subash Chander, Naseer Ahmed Butt, Sayed Shahnavaz Hussain, Javed Bali, Hari Lal Nag, Rishi Singh Rana, Balwan Singh, Khazan Singh, Rajeev Singh, Inderjeet Singh, Joginder Singh, Surmandan Singh , Sandeep Sharma, Rajinder Singh, Dalip Singh, Sanjay Singh, Surjeet Singh,Hukam Singh , Pardeep Singh, Rajinder Singh and Kishore Sudhan.

JKPCC condemns killings, seeks effective measures to counter terrorism

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir Pradesh Congress has strongly condemned the targeting killing of a former SSP in Baramulla today early morning by terrorists and termed it as a dastardly act against humanity.

Expressing grave concern over the terror attacks and loss of precious lives, JKPC Senior Vice President & Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma has termed it highly condemnable & a serious situation due to rise in terror attacks.

He said that the recent spurt in terror activities is indicative of the grim situation on ground contrary to government claims of normalcy. The government

should adopt more effective measures to counter the serious threat of terrorism.

Our forces are sacrificing their lives for the sake of nation and are becoming frequent targets of terror attacks as per a strategy and nefarious designs. We laud the valour and bravery of our jawans. The government should evolve an effective mechanism to defeat the design and seek the cooperation of people as part of this mechanism, he further stated & said that the killing of civilians is also very serious and counter productive and any such unfortunate happening like DKG, should be probed fairly to establish the faith of people in rule of law.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Sadguru of Sahib Bandgi Shri Madhuparamhans Ji Maharaj, while delighting the Sangat with the nectar of his sermons during the Satsang in Satwari, Jammu today, said that even the great intellectuals consider themselves to be the nirgun worshipers of Kabir Sahib. But Kabir Sahib was neither a Sagun worshiper nor a Nirgun worshiper. He was beyond both.

The whole world is a fan of the mind. Whatever the mind wants, it is getting it done. Every person works according to the waves of the mind. The mind has



kept the whole world confused. Everyone is talking about formlessness. No one knows the further secrets.

Sahib is saying the same thing to Dharamdas that he has neither heard nor read the devotion that you are talking about. All the religious scriptures, all the

sages and sages are talking about the formless and the formless. But you are saying something different.

"Sahib has spoken about that immortal world in infinite words. The soul came from that country. Then Sahib has spoken about the Guru. Sahib asked to be

Gurumukh. Guru does not have such great importance in Saguna and Nirguna. But on the path of a saint, things will not work without a Guru. Sahib spoke too much about the name. If we churn the Uttarkand of Ramayana, Kabir Sahib will emerge. Sahib asked to be an introvert. There is no area on which Sahib did not speak. Sahib spoke on his mind. No one is speaking on this mind. This mind is your enemy. The whole world is engrossed in it. The mind keeps rotating the soul in various forms. But after attaining the true name the soul goes to that sphere not to come to this world again'.