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### Sofi Club Dhadkai lifts volleyball trophy

## LG visits martyr Hav Abdul Majid's house; announces intensification of anti-terror operations



**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

POONCH/JAMMU: Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday visited the residence of martyred paratrooper Havaldar Abdul Majid at village Ajote in Poonch and announced intensification of anti-terror operations in the Union Territory.

Majid was among five soldiers who were martyred in a 36-hour-long gunfight with terrorists in the Dharmsal belt's Bajimaal area of Rajouri district on November 22 and

Two Pakistani terrorists affiliated with the proscribed Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) outfit, including a top commander, were also killed in the

"Visited the home of Hav Abdul Majid in Poonch, who was martyred during an antiterror operation in Rajouri and offered my condolences to ly has a long history of service & sacrifices for motherland. Entire nation is proud of his

the bereaved family. His famivalour & courage," the Lt Governor wrote on X. support to the family from the government.

Majid's father Mohammad Rashid said he is proud of Majid for sacrificing his life for the country but his departure has left a void that he is finding very hard to fill.

"He left for heaven after killing the enemies of the nation. Our family is dedicated to the nation and the whole country is proud of his sacrifice," he said.

At Ajote, the Lt Governor also met the ex-Servicemen from the village and nearby

Divisional Commissioner of Jammu Ramesh Kumar, Deputy Inspector General of Police (Rajouri-Poonch range) Haseeb Mughal, Deputy Commissioner of Poonch Yasin Choudhary and Senior Superintendent of Police of Poonch Vinay Sharma were also present at Majid's house in Ajote village in the border district of Poonch during the Lt Governor's visit.

#### Two mild earthquakes hit Ladakh, no report of damage STATE TIMES NEWS

LEH: Two earthquakes of mild intensity struck the Union Territory of Ladakh within a span of eight hours on Saturday, officials said. However, there were no reports of any damage, they

According to the National Centre for Seismology, the first tremor measured 3.4 on the Richter scale occurred

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#### Woman held for attack on police party

**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

JAMMU: A woman was arrested in connection with an attack on a police party by suspected drug peddlers in Samba district, police said. The woman, wife of most wanted heroin smuggler Masoom Ali alias 'Kala', was the ninth accused arrested for the attack on the police party near Rakh Barotian. Some policemen were injured in the April 6 attack following which a case was registered at the Vijaypur police station.

## Rs 2,200 Cr Kiru Hydro Power Project case: CBI conducting searches

**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

NEW DELHI: The CBI is conducting searches at six locations in four cities in connection with the alleged graft flagged by former Jammu and Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik in awarding the contract for the Rs 2,200-crore civil work for the Kiru Hydro Power Project in Kishtwar in 2019, officials said on Saturday.

The searches are spread across three locations, including the premises of Kanwaljeet Singh Duggal of Mainstream IT Solutions Private Limited and D P Singh, they said. Three premises of the com-

pany and Duggal in Delhi and one each in Shimla, Noida and Chandigarh are being covered during the operation, the officials said.

This is the fourth round of searches in the case in which the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) had already carried out similar

tance of the people's role in

the prevailing scenario, Birdi

operations on April 21 and July 6 last year and May 17 this year, they said.

Malik, who was the Governor of Jammu and Kashmir from August 23, 2018 to October 30, 2019, had alleged that he was offered a Rs 300-crore bribe for clearing two files, including the one pertaining to the project.

"The case was registered on allegations of malpractices in award of the contract worth approximately Rs 2,200 crore of civil works of Kiru Hydro Electric Power Project (HEP) to a private company in the year 2019, the CBI had said earlier.

The agency has booked the former Chairman of the Vallev Chenab Projects (Private) Limited, Navin Kumar Chaudhary, former officials M S Babu, M K Mittal and Arun Kumar Mishra and Engineering Limited.

Chaudhary is a 1994-batch Jammu and Kashmir-cadre (now AGMUT cadre)

district over the past week to

The search operations were

clear the region of terrorists.

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#### Bills listed to extend provisions of women's reservation law in UTs of J&K, Puducherry

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The government has listed two bills for introduction in the Winter session of Parliament to extend the provisions of the women's reservation law in Union Territories Jammu and Kashmir besides Puducherry

Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal said here that since there is a provision in the Constitution, Delhi -- also a Union Territory -- was included in the women's reservation bill passed by Parliament in September. Responding to a question

after an all-party meet convened by the government Night temperature stays

above freezing point at

most places in Kashmir

SRINAGAR: The minimum

temperature rose and stayed

above the freezing point at

most places in Kashmir

owing to a cloud cover as the

weather is expected to

remain dry over the next

week, officials said here on

The night temperature

rose at several places in the

Valley with Gulmarg and

Pahalgam being the only

weather stations where the

mercury settled below the

freezing point on Friday

The minimum temperature

in Srinagar, the summer cap-

ital of Jammu and Kashmir,

was 4.8 degrees Celsius.

marginally up from the previous night's 4.5 degrees

Qazigund recorded a low of

3.4 degrees Celsius, up from

2.2 degrees Celsius the previ-

ous night, they said. Kokernag town in south

Kashmir registered a mini-

mum of 2.2 degrees Celsius,

while Kupwara, in the north,

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recorded a low of 2.3

Celsius, the officials said.

night, they said.

Saturday.

STATE TIMES NEWS

#### ahead of the session, Meghwal explained that there is no provision as yet to extend the provisions of the law in the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Puducherry.

"That is why separate bills after discussion," he said.

The government has listed The Government of Union Territories (Amendment) Bill, 2023, for introduction, consideration and passage in session beginning

It seeks to insert provisions for providing reservation to women in the Puducherry Legislative Assembly.

#### Police, Army review security situation in south Kashmir **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Senior police and army officers Saturday reviewed the prevailing secusituation in south Kashmir at separate meet-

He commended the Army,

Jammu and Kashmir Police

and Central Armed Police

Forces for the well-planned

counter-terrorism operations

to wipe out the terror ecosys-

"We will intensify our opera-

tions against terror ecosystem

& those aiding and abetting

terrorists & make sure they

pay a very heavy price for

their heinous actions," the Lt

He offered his condolences

to the bereaved family and

assured all assistance and

Governor said.

The security review meettookplace in ings Awantipora area of south Kashmir's Pulwama district. Inspector General of Police,

Kashmir, V K Birdi visited south Kashmir's Awantipora and chaired a security review meeting that focused on strategic initiatives to enhance security measures, foster community engagement in police district Awantipora, legal action ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 against 'over ground workers'

(OGWs) and curbing drug menace, a police spokesman

At the onset of the meeting, Awantipora senior superintendent of police presented an overview of the steps initiated by police to counter any challenges and threats faced by the inimical elements at the ground level, the spokesman said.

Birdi discussed the other threat perceptions and emphasized for establishment of a proper security grid in the police district. The IGP Kashmir also stressed result-oriented disposal of pending cases, especially NDPS cases

He emphasized that all

stakeholders be taken into confidence by creating synergy and cordial relations with

Birdi called for strengthening the intelligence grid on the ground, alertness of deployed personnel, intensified legal action on OGWs and following all the SOPs in letter and spirit. Stressing the importance

and need of modern technology in ushering transparency in the functioning of the police department, the IGP asked the officers to adopt modern technology for better and transparent policing which is result-oriented and people-friendly.

Highlighting the impor-

#### stressed upon the officers to evolve more effective mechanisms and ensure public safety while dealing with the elements inimical to peace especially rumour mongers on social media platforms. The IGP also paid floral

tributes to the martyrs at district  $_{
m police}$ Awantipora supreme sacrifice in the line of duty. Meanwhile, Lt Gen Rajiv

Ghai, the Army's Srinagar-Chinar Commander, chaired a separate security review meeting

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#### 5-kg IED found in Rajouri Rajouri and nearby Poonch

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: Security forces on Saturday recovered a powerful improvised explosive device (IED) in a forest area in Rajouri district, officials said.

The IED, weighing five kg, was found during an ongoing search operation in the Topa Hilltop area of Darhal Saturday evening, the officials said.

They said the explosive device was later safely destroyed. The timely recovery of the IED averted a possible

district, the officials said. Security forces have launched a massive search

operation in different parts of

terror attack in the border

intensified following a fierce gunfight in the Bajimaal area of Rajouri on November 22

and 23 that left five Army personnel, including two cap-

## DGP urges officers to take care of martyrs' families



DGP R R Swain chairing officers' meeting in Jammu.

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Director General of Police J&K R.R. Swain on Saturday urged the officers to put their hearts and souls together to identify the issues and problems, if any, being faced by the families of JKP martyrs and submit them to

Police Headquarters within a stipulated time period.

"Rejuvenate the services dedicated for welfare of these families", he added while chairing a meeting of officers, held to review the JK Police efforts and welfare

The meeting, through video conferencing, was attended by ADGP Armed/IR J&K, Gillani, S.J.M

Kashmir/Armed V.K Birdi, DIsG Shahid Mehraj, Abdul Qayoom, all Commandants/ Deputy Commandants of Kashmir Zone besides Commandants/ Commandants of far flung areas of Jammu Zone while meeting at PHQ was attended by IGP (Hqrs/CIV) PHQ B.S Tuti, IGP Armed Jammu M.N Tiwari, DIsG Sarah Rizvi, Nisha Nathyal, all IR/AP Commandants

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■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: To combat large-scale power pilferage and improve bill deposits by defaulting consumers. Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL) conducted a whopping 10,465 inspections and disconnected over 11,000 consumers in the last 10 days of November 2023. KPDCL also realized a revenue of Rs.85.24 crore, including power receipts, in the same period, with highest remittances of Rs.16.42 crore recorded on November 28 alone. Sharing details, a

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#### **KPDCL** to frame criminal charges against consumers for power theft

KPDCL spokesperson

#### State must side with weaker population in democracy: CJI **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: Chief Justice of India (CJI) D Y Chandrachud on Saturday said the state must side with the weaker population, which may be a numerical or a social minority so that all cit-

izens feel free in a democracy. Speaking at Justice Keshav Chandra Dhulia Memorial Essay Competition here, the CJI said the majority will have its way in a democracy, but the minority must have its say. He said democracy must

engage with all its stakeholders in order to be more than majoritarian preferences. This engagement may or may not lead to an outcome



right away but will definitely remain etched as a historical fact capable of being resurrected in the future, the CJI

"For all citizens to feel free in a democracy, the state must side with the weaker population which may be a numerical or a social minority. This may at first appear to be at odds with the democratic principle of majority rule. However, a mere rule by the majority can be established by many forms of government," he added.

The CJI said the "beauty of a democracy is the sense of moral status with which all citizens can participate in a country and the consensus in its decision making". "In a democracy, the majority

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## JKJA holds training on Processes & Procedure in Criminal Cases; Cognizance, Trial of Criminal Offences and Maintenance under CrPC

SRINAGAR: Jammu Kashmir Judicial Academy (JKJA) in its endeavour to strengthen the Judicial institutions and impart necessary skills to the judicial officers, on Saturday organized one day special training programme on 'Processes & Procedure in Criminal Cases, Cognizance and Trial of Criminal Offences and Maintenance under Cr.P.C' for Munsiffs of Kashmir province and UT of Ladakh.

The programme was conducted under the patronage of Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, (Patron-in-Chief, JKJA) Justice N. Kotiswar Singh, and guidance of Chairperson, Governing Committee for JKJA,



Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Justice N. Kotiswar Singh speaking during special training programme on 'Processes & Procedure in Criminal Cases, Cognizance and Trial of Criminal Offences and Maintenance under Cr.P.C' for Munsiffs of Kashmir province and UT of Ladakh.

Justice Sanjeev Kumar, and Justice Javed Iqbal Wani, Justice Rahul Bharti, and Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi; members of JKJA Governing Committee.

The training programme

was inaugurated by Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Justice N. Kotiswar Singh Judge in the august presence of Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Judge, High Court

of J&K and Ladakh and Chairperson, Governing Committee for JKJA.

Former District & Sessions Judges M.Y Akhoon and Aijaz Ahmad Mir were the resource persons in the pro-

gramme. The training programme was conducted by Director, J&K Judicial Academy, Y.P. Bourney.

In his inaugural address, the Chief Justice emphasized on the importance of the role played bv Judicial Magistrates in the Judicial system, as people come to the magistrates with their grievances and it's the magistrates who decide whether or not to enter a case in the system which is a very crucial and critical area of the judicial system as the judges sitting at Higher Courts are only supervising authority while as magistrates are the original authors.

The Chief Justice also thanked the resource persons  $\,$ who have themselves

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#### CB files charge-sheet against three brothers in land-fraud case

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Police's Crime Branch on Saturday filed a charge sheet against three brothers accused of duping a man of Rs 43 lakh after luring him to enter a deal for the sale of 2.5 kanal of their land in Samba district, an

official said. The Economic Offences Wing of the Crime Branch (Jammu) filed the 253-page charge sheet in court against Narayan Singh, Suram Singh and Chain Singh for defrauding Manmohan Singh, a resident of Gandhi Nagar in Jammu, an investigating agency spokesperson said.

The official said the victim alleged that the accused approached him with an offer to sell their land measuring

51 marlas (2.5 kanal) at Birpur for Rs 51 lakh on the pretext that the land was coming under acquisition.

They allegedly told Manmohan Singh that if he paid each brother Rs 17 lakh, he would be authorised to receive the compensation amount at the end of the acquisition proceedings.

The brothers had claimed that the compensation for acquisition of the land would be higher than what he would be paying them to buy their land, the official said.

A special power of attorney was executed by the three accused in December 2021. An agreement to sell was also executed in favour of the complainant that acknowledged the receipt of the "consideration amount"

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