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AC approves 50...

institutions, participated, and shared their wisdom for the collective vision of the growth of the sector in Jammu & Kashmir.

The Administrative Council also accorded administrative approval to the construction works for women battalions at Sopore, Baramulla and Pargalta, Jammu.

The construction works will be carried out at an estimated cost of Rs. 50 Crore each and will include administration blocks, residential accommodations and hostels, and office buildings among others. The works will be completed in three working seasons.

Earlier, to check the rise in crime against women, the Government had raised two women battalions by sanctioning 2014 posts for recruiting women officers and officials on various ranks. The recruitment of these posts is currently underway.

Terror funding: Court...

produced before the court on expiry of their custodial interrogation by the National Investigation Agency (NIA).

The agency had arrested Negi, a former SP of the NIA, for allegedly leaking secret documents to an overground worker of the banned terror group, Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT).

The case was filed under various sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), including those related to terrorism and terror funding.

The NIA had alleged that the accused had been running a network of over ground workers of LeT and recruited persons across India.

In pursuance to conspiracy, the accused were in contact with their foreign based handlers and upon their directions were engaged in gathering intelligence on vital installations, security forces as well as identification of target locations for launching of terrorist attacks, the agency said.

IAF Chief asks...

maintaining impregnable physical and cyber security at all times," the Defence Ministry's statement said.

The IAF Chief was addressing the Western Air Command's Commanders Conclave, which ended on Thursday.

"He praised Western Air Command for the quantum of flying carried out and urged all commanders to continue their efforts towards providing a safe operational flying environment," the statement noted.

The three-day-long Commanders Conclave took place in Delhi.

The IAF Chief emphasised "the necessity to enhance operational preparedness and directed the commanders to ensure operational readiness of all platforms, weapon systems and assets".

2 terrorists, civilian...

hiding terrorists, the spokesperson said.

While evacuating civilians trapped around the suspected spot, two terrorists hiding in a nearby house came out and resorted to indiscriminate firing resulting in grievous injuries to Shakeel Ahmad, son of Abdul Rahim Khan resident of Amshipora, who was immediately evacuated for medical assistance.

However, Ahmad succumbed to injuries. The terrorists' fire was retaliated effectively leading to an encounter, the spokesperson said.

"In the ensuing encounter, both the terrorists were killed and their bodies were retrieved from the site. They have been identified as Muzamil Ahmad Mir son of Ab Hamed Mir resident of Chatripora and Shariq Ayoub son of Mohd Ayoub Wagay resident of Bonpora, Amshipora Shopian," the official said.

According to police records, both the killed terrorists were categorised and linked with proscribed terror outfit LeT. They were part of the group involved in several terror cases, the spokesperson added.

Incriminating materials, arms and ammunition, including an AK-56 rifle, two AK magazines, a Chinese pistol, a pistol magazine and 26 AK rounds were recovered from the site of the encounter, he said.

Police have registered a case under relevant sections of law and investigation has been initiated. People were requested to cooperate with Police till the area at encounter site is completely sanitized and cleared of all the explosive materials, the spokesperson added.

J&K Delimitation panel...

objections and suggestions, the members had urged the panel to "redraw" some assembly seats.

Their suggestions regarding Habba Kadal seat in Srinagar and Suchetgarh seat in Jammu have been accepted.

The commission has also agreed not to rename Inderwal assembly seat, sources said.

The Delimitation Commission on Jammu and Kashmir is headed by former Supreme Court Judge Ranjana Prakash Desai, with Chief Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra and the State Election Commissioner of Jammu and Kashmir being its ex-officio members.

The associate members have been asked to respond to the latest draft in a week's time.

Later, the commission will put the draft in public domain to get suggestions from people. It was recently given a two-month extension till May 6 to complete its task.

Northern Army commander...

headquarters in Jammu and reviewed the prevailing security situation in the region, officials said.

This is his maiden visit after taking over the reins of the Northern Command, he said.

On his arrival at the Nagrota-based headquarters of 16 Corps, the Army commander was briefed by General Officer Commanding Lt Gen Manjinder Singh on the operational preparedness of the corps, besides the prevailing security situation, the spokesman said.

Subsequent to the briefing, the Army commander expressed his satisfaction and confidence in the 16 Corps, also called as the White Knight Corps, to successfully meet all challenges at any given time.

He interacted with senior officers and appreciated the ongoing efforts made by all personnel of the corps towards ensuring security and stability in the region.

He also lauded the efforts towards upliftment of the youth and the special efforts made towards empowerment of women under various projects of Operation Sadbhavana. The project aims at helping the people affected by terrorism in the region.

14 SDPOs among...

PC Jammu; Shukat Rafiq Wani, DySP CID CIK (JIC) as DySP Hqrs Pulwama; Shafat Mohd Najar, SDPO Hazratbal as DySP Hqrs Bandipora; Mir Murtaza Hussain Sohil, SDPO Bijbehara as DySP SIA against DR post; Mumtaz Ali, DySP DAR Reasi as SDPO Awantipora; Altaf Ahmad Naik, DySP Crime Branch Kashmir as DySP CID SB Anantnag; Ghulam Hassan Sheikh, DySP Traffic Srinagar as DySP Hqrs Ganderbal; Mohammad Shafi Sheikh, DySP Hqrs Pulwama as DySP CID CIK (JIC); Mohammad Aslam, SDPO MR Gunj as SO to DIG DKR Range; Ravinder Singh, DYSP SSG as DySP PC Kulgam; Shivender Singh Jamwal, DYSP CID SB Jammu as DySP PC Rajouri; Ravinder Singh, SDPO Railways Katra as DySP CID SB Samba/Kathua; Tariq Mahmood, DySP PC Kreeer as DySP PCR Srinagar; Devinder Singh Bandral, DySP DAR Samba as SDPO Marwah; Ashish Gupta, SDPO Marwah as DySP Hqrs Kishtwar; Abdul Raqeeb Malik, DySP DAR Handwara as SDPO Achabal; Abdul Maajid Magray, DySP Hqrs Ganderbal as DySP DAR Handwara; Sajad Sarwer; Under transfers DySP DAR Shopian as DySP Crime Branch Jammu; Owais Ahmad Wani, DySP Crime Branch Kashmir as DySP Hqrs Srinagar; Sahil Sharma, DySP/JKAP-8th Bn as DySP CID SB Jammu; Sachit Mahajan, SDPO Border Kathua as DySP CID SB Jammu; Tussif Ahmed, SO to DIG DKR Range as SDPO Nowshera; Asgar Ali Malik, DySP CID SB Udhampur as DySP Traffic Banihal; Imtiaz Ahmed, DySP PC Rajouri as SDPO Thanamandi; Pankaj Soodan, DySP Traffic Doda-Kishtwar as SDPO Border Kathua; Irshad Ahmad Ahanger, SDPO Kokernag as DySP CID SB Kishtwar; Junaid Hakeem, DySP Social Media CID Hqrs as DySP PHQ; Shamsheer Singh, DySP Traffic Banihal as SDPO Manjakote; Mansoor Ayaz, DySP PC Chadoora as SDPO Kokernag; Zafar Mahdi, DySP PC Srinagar as DySP PC Bandipora; Altaf Ahmad Khan, DySP CID CI Ganderbal as SDPO Manjakote; Tanveer Ahmed Jeelani as DySP PC Pattan as DySP PC Surankote; Ajaz Ahmed, SDPO Awantipora as DySP DAR Reasi; Lov Karan, SDPO Vijaypur to Crime Branch Jammu; Khalid Ashraf , DySP PC Srinagar as DySP PC Kreeeri; Vidya Sagar, DySP Civil Defence Udhampur as DySP IR-16th Bn; Showkat Ahmad, DySP AC HG Budgam as DySP JKAP-14th Bn; Khaliq Hussain, DySP PC Surankote as DySP Security Jammu; Hilal Ahmad Bhat DySP CID CI Anantnag as DySP IR-6th Bn; Zahid Ahmad Lone, DySP CID Hqrs as DySP CIV PHQ; Surinder Singh, DySP PC Srinagar as SDPO R S Pura; Satish Kumar, DySP Hqrs Kishtwar as DySP DAR Srinagar; Dr Azhar Rashid, DySP PC Kulgam as SDPO Hazratbal; Mohammad Idress, DySP Hqrs Bandipora as DySP Traffic Anantnag; Madan Lal, DySP CID SB Samba as DySP IR-7th Bn; Riyaz Ahmed Shah, SDPO Railways Anantnag as DySP IR-17th Bn; Kuldeep Kumar, DySP SKPA Udhampur as DySP JKAP-8th Bn; Parvez Alam, DySP IR-12th Bn as SO to DIG R/P Range; Altaf Ahmed Dar, DySP ANTTF Kashmir as DySP Central Store Srinagar; Ghulam Mohi Din, DySP IR-6th Bn as DySP CID CI Kupwara/ Handwara; Zakir Shaheen Mirza, SDPO Nowshera as DySP PC Chadoora; Mohd Rafee Rather, SDPO Achabal as DySP Traffic City Srinagar; Sukhdev Raj, DySP IR-15th Bn as SDPO Railways Katra; Dev Raj, DySP Security Jammu as DySP Central Store Jammu; Ajay Anand, DySP IR-12th Bn as DySP DAR Samba; Rukhsar Ahmad, DySP Traffic Anantnag as DySP IR-10th Bn; Abdul Rashid Dar, DySP IR-21st Bn as DySP CID SB Bandipora; Faizan Ali, DySP PC Bandipora as DySP PC Srinagar; Himayun Muzzammil, DySP PC Pattan as DySP PC Srinagar; Nisar Ahmad Bakshi, DySP JKAP-12th Bn as DySP ANTTF Kashmir; Zahoor Ahmad, DySP CID CI Bandipora as DySP Crime Branch Kashmir; Shabir Ahmed, DySP JKAP-9th Bn as DySP Welfare PHQ; Narinder Singh, DySP IR-7th Bn as DySP DSB Jammu; Mohd Abdullah Wani, DySP IR-13th Bn as SDPO Railways Baramulla; Manoj Kumar, DySP CIV PHQ as DySP IR-15th Bn; and Siraj-Ud-Din, DySP (M) CKR Srinagar as Administrative Officer PHQ.

Further, the ten DySP given additional charge of vacant post. Additional charge of DySP CID SB Kupwara/Handwara has been given to DySP CID CI Kupwara/Handwara; DySP CID CI Bandipora to DySP CID SB Bandipora; DySP CID CI Anantnag to DySP CID SB Anantnag; DySP ID CI Baramulla to DySP CID SB Baramulla; DySP IT PHQ to DySP Trainings PHQ; DySP Civil Defence Udhampur to DySP AC HG Udhampur; DySP AC HG Budgam to DySP Civil Defence Budgam; DySP CID SB Udhampur to DySP CID SB Batote; DySP CID CI Ganderbal to DySP CID SB Ganderbal; and DySP Estates PHQ to Administrative Officer PHQ.

LG Manoj Sinha...

Uttar Pradesh, officials said here.

According to officials, Sinha's vehicle hit an iron pillar on the roadside. The left side of the vehicle was damaged and a tyre punctured in the accident near Rajghat bridge in Varanasi.

There were no injuries to Sinha or any member of his entourage, they said.

The Lt Governor proceeded towards his destination in another vehicle in the carcade. Sinha, after attending important meetings in Jammu, was on an official visit to poll-bound Uttar Pradesh.

Govt assigns additional...

"The additional charge of Deputy Registrar (Agri.) Cooperative Societies Jammu has been assigned to Trikansh Bhushan, JKAS, Deputy Registrar (Hqr) to Addl. Registrar Cooperative Societies Jammu till further orders," it stated and added, "The additional charge of General Manager, Jammu Cooperative Wholesale Ltd. Jammu has been assigned to Punika Pandita, JKAS, Deputy Registrar (Consumer) Cooperative Societies Jammu till further orders."

Russia ready to...

We are ready to hold talks at any moment, once the Ukrainian Armed Forces respond to our president's call, end their resistance and lay down their arms. No one plans to attack and oppress them, let them return to their families, and let us give the Ukrainian people a chance to decide their future, Lavrov was quoted as saying by the state-run TASS news agency.

President Putin on Thursday launched a multi-pronged all-out attack on Ukraine, casting aside international condemnation and sanctions and warned other countries that any attempt to interfere would lead to "consequences they had never seen".

President Putin announced in a televised address on Thursday morning that in response to a request by the head of the Donbas republic, he had made a decision to carry out a special military operation to protect people who have been suffering from abuse and genocide by the Kyiv regime for eight years.

Putin said the Russian military operation aims to ensure a demilitarisation of Ukraine. Putin also urged Ukrainian servicemen to immediately put down arms and go home.

The US and its allies have decided to block assets of four large Russian banks, impose export controls and sanction oligarchs close to Putin after he ordered a "special military operation" against Ukraine on Thursday.

Stressing that Russia had always called for negotiations, Lavrov said, "there is no shortage of talks but when talks are replaced with blatant sabotage, while Russia is accused of allegedly failing to implement the Minsk accords, it's effrontery, which is what some of our Western colleagues are famous for, but this time, it just went beyond all limits because it was accompanied by a continuous deterioration of the Russian-speaking population's situation in Ukraine.

SC invites applications...

the respective prescribed format, a notice said.

It clarified that retired Chief Justices/ Judges of High Courts and Advocates-on-Record/Advocates who have submitted applications prior to the date of publication of this notice, may apply afresh in the prescribed formats.

Shaheena promoted as...

Private Secretary, in level 11 of Rs 67,700-2,08,700 with effect from January 18, 2022," reads an order issued by Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Principal Secretary, General Administration Department.

Ceasefire lifts pall...

Relieved from continual shelling it suffered earlier, people living on the tense Line of Control (LoC) now wish for a permanent ceasefire along the border.

The relatively longer truce has meant that people who used to live in constant fear and bore the maximum brunt of the Indo-Pak animosity, are now seen working right across the Zero-line agriculture lands and engaging in construction works.

"This belt has faced the worst shelling and firing by Pakistan troops over the years till agreement of ceasefire on this date last year. Since then, we have been living a peaceful life devoid of fear and terror, Sarpanch Anuradha told PTI here.

Anuradha, wife of an ex-serviceman, claimed that the Pakistan shelling and firing over the years has left over 25 people dead, and injured and disabled countless others, forcing many to migrate to safer areas.

The current ceasefire has led to bumper crops and a bounteous agriculture produce up to zero-line, Gopal Dass, a resident of Milan Di Khoie (MDK), said.

After many years new houses have been constructed, children are studying freely in the schools and business activity is back on rails in these border hamlets, which used to be totally disturbed in previous years, Dass said.

He said with regret that due to ceasefire violations over the years his two brothers left the hamlet and settled in Jammu.

"It is because of the uncertainty they left the village. Now we hope that ceasefire agreement is honoured in letter and spirit, so that people who had left, come back, he said.

Children too are happy now as they study and play freely without fear and terror.

"We are very happy that ceasefire is holding for the past one year. We have no fear. We are now not forced to leave our homes and hearths due to shelling, said a class 10 student.

We pray that ceasefire becomes permanent, he said.

The Indian Army, which has ever been engaged in a counter-offence to Pak shelling, is also happy and relieved that ceasefire was honoured for a year.

All the same, the force has not lowered its guard and is always on watch against attempts of infiltration from across border.

According to the official figures, there were 4,645 ceasefire violations in 2020, 3,168 in 2019, and 1,629 in 2018. In 2020, till the agreement came into effect, there were 592 ceasefire violations.

95 new COVID...

district recorded the most cases as 227 infections were reported there, followed by 20 infections in Doda district.

There are 995 active cases in the union territory, while the number of recovered patients is 4,47,074, they said.

The death toll in the Union territory due to the pandemic was 4,748 as no fresh deaths were reported in the past 24 hours.

The officials said there were 51 confirmed cases of mucormycosis (black fungus) in the union territory but no new cases were reported since Thursday evening.

Meanwhile, Ladakh has reported 19 fresh Covid cases, raising the union territory's tally 27,947, officials said.

The active cases have come down to 248 -- 228 in Leh district and 20 in Kargil district -- with 55 more patients recovering from the disease in the past 24 hours, they said.

The union territory has so far recorded 228 Covid-related deaths -- 168 in Leh and 60 in Kargil.

As many as 55 more patients were cured and discharged from hospitals in Ladakh. Of these, 42 were discharged in Leh and 13 in Kargil, the officials said.

The total number of cured patients was 27,471, they said.

The 19 fresh cases were reported from Leh district, the officials said.

GDC Ramnagar organises seminar on ‘Importance of Healthy Eating on Well-being’



Faculty along with students during the programme.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: A seminar on the theme "Importance of Healthy Eating on Well-being" was organised by Department of Psychology in collaboration with Department of Chemistry, Govt Degree College Ramnagar on Friday. This initiative has been taken to spread awareness among students on role of balanced diet for healthy mind and body. The program was commenced by Prof. Divya Puri (HOD Psychology & Coordinator Psychological Counselling Cell) by welcoming all the dignitaries. Prof. Puri emphasised that for achieving holistic state of health both physical and mental well-being is important. She also highlighted how certain food can help in prevention of depres-

sion, stress and act as a mood enhancer. Thereafter, Dr. Udhey Bhanu, Principal GDC Ramnagar, also addressed the gathering on importance of diet for well-being. Dr. Bhanu also discussed in detail on how students can incorporate local fruits and vegetables in their daily diet for promoting physical as well as mental well-being. The resource person for the session was Prof. Ritika Mahajan (HOD Chemistry & NSS PO).

Prof. Ritika Mahajan explained the benefits of nutrition for well-being. Prof. Mahajan elaborated in detail on presence of harmful chemical substances and other preservatives in developing such disease. She stressed on inclusion of certain types of fruits and vegetables for

promoting the overall well-being of a person.

The response of the students was overwhelming. NSS volunteers and other students actively participated in the session. The students namely Pritam Kumar (Sem-5th), Sonali Thakur (Sem-5th), Shruti Gupta (Sem- 5th), and Renu Sharma (Sem-1st) also encourage students towards healthy eating practices through their presentations. The session was concluded with the vote of thanks by Diksha Sharma (Lecturer, Chemistry) to all the members. Prof. Suresh kumar Dogra (HOD Physics), Prof. Brinder Kumar (HOD Zoology), Dr. Mohd. Riaz (HOD Urdu), Dr. Mukesh Kumar (Director Physical Education), Prof. Shobha Rani (HOD Dogri), Prof. Suresh Chander (Faculty Dogri), Prof. Rashmi Gupta (Faculty Physics).

The entire session was organised under the guidance of Dr. Udhey Bhanu, Principal GDC Ramnagar. The organising members of the session were Prof. Divya Puri (Coordinator Psychological Counselling Cell), and Prof. Ritika Mahajan (NSS PO).

CEO inspects offline classes



CEO Poonch Abdul Majid inspecting offline classes at Shaheed DySP Manjeet Singh Memorial Model Boys HSS Poonch.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: CEO Poonch Abdul Majid along with DEPO Poonch visited Shaheed DySP Manjeet Singh Memorial Model Boys HSS Poonch to inspected school in the presence of Principal Sudershan Kumar Sharma. They inspected the ongoing classes when Lecturers Ghulam Rasool, Shabi ul Hassan, Mukesh Sharma and teachers Nusrat Shah Shivani Raina and Koshal Sharma were teaching in the classrooms. They also appreciated the establishment of ICT hub in the school in the presence of incharge ICT Lab Mahipal Sharma.CEO Poonch also distributed face masks among students and warned no compromise with quality education.

GDC Jindrah concludes week-long ‘Winter Special Camp’ under NSS

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JINDRAH: A week long Winter Special Camp from 19 Feb to 25 Feb was concluded at Government Degree College (GDC), Jindrah by the NSS unit of the college amid great enthusiasm and zeal. The camp remains a hub of rejuvenation, and overall development of volunteers throughout the week where different activities were clubbed to make adopted site, i.e. Jindrah village a more

learned, aware and developed society with the efforts of NSS team and Volunteers.

A valedictory ceremony was organised on the concluding day where Prof. Rajshree Dhar, the Principal congratulated the whole NSS team for the successful completion of the camp and appreciated the efforts of the team and their remarkable contribution in the area. Dr. Rajiv Katoch presented a formal welcome address.

Dr Ashok Kumar, Prof. Paramjeet Singh, Prof.poonam Rainu and Dr. Vikesh also presented their views on the occasion. Prof. Jasneet Kaur presented a formal vote of the thanks at the end. Dr. Sunil Sharma, Program officer, NSS Unit of GDC Jindrah organized all the activities during the long week camp and Dr. Seema, Librarian and member of NSS team compiled and reported all the activities carried out.

GDC Nowshera, Forest Division organise plantation drive



Students, faculty along with forest officials during the drive.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NOWSHERA: Forest Department, Nowshera Division in collaboration with IQAC, Department of Botany, and NSS unit of Government Degree College, Nowshera organized 'Plantation Drive' on Friday to commemorate "Azadi Ka Arut Mahotsav".

Neelima Shah (IFS), DFO, Nowshera Division, Dr. Surinder Kumar, Principal, GDC Nowshera, Sudesh Kumar,Range Officer, Nowshera, Prof. Joginder Kumar, Prof. Pooja Devi, Head, Department of Botany, NSS Program Officers, Prof. Inam Ul Haq, along with other faculty members of college, NSS volunteers, non-teaching members participated in the drive.

Neelima Shah (IFS) and

Dr.Surinder Kumar, Principal, initiated the drive by planting a sapling in the lawn of the newly designed Botanical Garden in the premises of GDC, Nowshera. Addressing the gathering, Dr.Surinder Kumar, Principal, GDC Nowshera in his benign and mesmerizing attire thanked the Forest Department officials of Nowshera for their

cooperation in the plantation drive and threw light on the importance of planting more trees and plants.

On this occasion, Neelima Shah (IFS), stressed that college students must be connected with sapling plantation and awareness programmes, which are key factors to encourage citizens to protect environment by planting trees.

300 plant saplings of different varieties such as Lawsonia, Jamun, Bottle Brush,Silver Oak,Bamboo, Pinus etc were planted by faculty members and NSS Volunteers. In order to ensure that the saplings survive, their ownership is being entrusted to the individuals planting them.

The whole programme was conducted under guidance of Conservator of Forests, West Circle Rajouri Vivek Verma.