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Pak ‘commander’ of ...

has been identified as Suhail Ahmad Ganie, a resident of Terigam in Kulgam, while the one killed in Ganderbal has been identified as Adil Ahmad Khan, a resident of Badarkund Ganderbal.

"As per police records, the killed terrorists were categorized terrorists and part of a group involved in several terror crime cases, including attacks on police/security forces and civilian atrocities. The killed Pakistani terrorist Kamaal Bhai was active since 2018 in Shopian-Pulwama areas.

Terrorist Adil Khan killed in Ganderbal was involved in attack on a BJP district vice president in October 2020, civilian killings in Srinagar, besides facilitating grenade attack at Towheed Chowk and Chappargund, Ganderbal. He was also involved in motivating youth to join terror folds, the spokesman said.

Inspector General of Police, Kashmir Vijay Kumar termed the killing of the wanted Pakistani terrorist a big success and complimented the forces for conducting successful anti-terrorist operations without any collateral damage.

He also exhorted officers to speed up anti-terrorist operations so as to make the valley terror-free.

Panchs, Sarpanchs soft ..

"Pakistan wants to create law and order problems. The militants are carrying out such activities on the directions of Pakistan. We are taking preventive measures and carrying out operations without any loss (damage) to religious places or any collateral damage," he said.

A Pakistani militant of Lashkar-e-Taiba was killed in a brief shootout with police near the Hazratbal shrine here on Thursday.

His aim was to attack the shrine guard and snatch his weapon, Kumar had said.

Congress Working Committee...

plummeting to a meagre 2.33 percent and most of its candidates losing security deposits.

Rahul Gandhi had resigned as Congress president after the party suffered its second consecutive defeat in general elections in 2019. Sonia Gandhi who took over the reins of the party again as interim president had also offered to quit in August 2020 after an open revolt by a section of leaders, referred to as G-23, but the CWC had urged her to continue.

Sunday's CWC meeting is likely to see some fireworks as the G-23 dissident leaders, who have questioned the leadership and pressed for organisation overhaul, have indicated that these issues will be raised again.

However, party spokesman Randeep Surjewala on Sunday dismissed as "wrong and mischievous" reports claiming that the Gandhi family members will resign from all party positions, thus ruling out any major tectonic shift in the party.

The reports of alleged resignations are unfair, mischievous and incorrect, he said on Twitter.

"It is unfair for a TV channel to carry such unsubstantiated propaganda stories emanating from imaginary sources at the instance of ruling BJP," Surjewala said.

Congress whip in Lok Sabha Manickam Tagore said, "All those rumourmongers will have egg on their faces tomorrow."

Party president Sonia Gandhi has, meanwhile, convened a meeting of the party's parliamentary strategy group at her residence on Sunday morning to discuss plans for the remainder of the budget session.

The second part of the budget session starts on Monday after a recess.

Gandhi is also the chairperson of the Congress Parliamentary

The G-23 leaders had suggested corrective measures after the previous round of assembly polls, when the Congress lost Puducherry and failed to make a mark in Kerala, Assam and West Bengal, but there had been little movement on that front.

These leaders had met on Friday evening at the residence of senior leader Ghulam Nabi Azad to evolve their strategy ahead of the crucial CWC meeting.

CRPF personnel martyred...

7-10 days with off-duty security personnel, mainstream political workers & civilians targeted in attacks. My heartfelt condolences to the family of the deceased CRPF Jawan Mukhtar Ahmed. May he find place in Jannat, Abdullah said in a tweet.

The People's Conference termed the killing barbaric.

"Very unfortunate and condemnable act of terror. Killing an unarmed CRPF person in Shopian, who had come home on leave, is barbaric and gruesome. Human lives in Kashmir have no values. The security situation in Kashmir is seriously concerning. Prayers for the departed soul," the party wrote on Twitter.

North India’s first...

has ground-based observations for atmospheric studies, research lab for astrophysics, atmospheric sensing and glacier studies laboratory for better use of large quantities of water stored in the form of seasonal snow, ice and glaciers in the rivers of north India.

This is a historic day not only for Jammu but for the entire north India because space technology was restricted to south India. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on one hand, the unlocking of space for private players was ensured, and on the other, a decision was taken to open space technology institutions in other parts of the country, the minister told reporters.

Singh, who also inaugurated the conference 'Frontiers of Space Technology and Applications for Humanity', said that at his suggestion, the centre was named after the former ISRO chairman as he was a resident of Jammu and Kashmir, and a real pride of the Dogra community.

He (Satish Dhawan) went to Bangalore (now Bengaluru) from here and it was because of him that the headquarters of the space research organisation was set up in Bangalore and not Delhi as he was working on several important projects, Singh said.

The minister said most of the space technology institutes were in the past confined to southern states, and the Indian Institute of Space and Technology imparting engineering, aeronautics and other streams, the only-of-its-kind, was located in Thiruvananthapuram.

We will start the first course of B.Tech in Aviation and Aeronautics this year and the intake capacity will be 60 students. The selection criteria will be IIT-JEE so that there will be no allegations of discrimination or anything else, he said.

The students, after studying aviation and aeronautics from the new institute, would be able to make a career in space technology not only in India but in space institutes such as National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), he said.

He said the opening of the space centre and India's only second-of-its-kind institute in Jammu and Kashmir in the 75th year of Independence marks the march of space journey from Kerala to Kashmir under Modi .

The new avenues provided by PM Modi are more lucrative than government jobs and we need to reach out to the people, the minister said, adding the newer avenues such as drones and space technology have made inroads in every sector, including housing, smart cities, railways and highways.

Asking the youth to become self-reliant, he said, the purple revolution started by IIM Jammu (Council of Scientific and Industrial Research - Indian Institute Of Integrative Medicine) is spreading fast across the country.

Purple Revolution is Jammu and Kashmir's contribution to start-ups in India. Also called Aroma Mission', it was launched by the Union Ministry of Science and Technology through the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research.

National Lok Adalat...

well before the date of National Lok Adalat so that parties may get one or more chances for entering into negotiation/dialogue with the opposite parties.

Also, webinars were organized to sensitize the officers of Legal Services Authorities/Committees, Panel Lawyers and PLVs about the importance of Lok Adalat as a mode for Alternate Dispute Resolution.

Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey, Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority inaugurated the National Lok Adalat at District Court Complex Srinagar.

After inaugurating the Lok Adalat, Justice Magrey inspected different benches of the National Lok Adalat in District Court Complex as well as in the Srinagar Wing of the High Court to have first-hand information about the cases being taken up and disposed off in the National Lok Adalat.

As per the information received from the districts, out of a total number of 89447cases taken up by 155 Benches in the day long National Lok Adalat at various courts across the UT of J&K, 72343 cases were disposed of and an amount of Rs. 71,43,58,269/- was awarded as compensation/settlement amount in civil, criminal, labour disputes, Electricity and Water Bills cases, Land Acquisition, Family matters, cheque dishonor and Bank Recovery cases.

Likewise in Ladakh, a total of 535 Cases were taken up by eight benches and 357 cases were disposed off and an amount of Rs. 1,21,63,989/- was awarded as compensation/settlement amount in civil, criminal, labour disputes, Electricity and Water Bills cases, Land Acquisition, Family matters, cheque dishonor and Bank Recovery cases.

As per the directions of NALSA, Law students were nominated at every district headquarter as well as High Court wings of Jammu and Srinagar to study the impact of the National Lok Adalat. These law students were trained in advance by the NALSA before the Lok Adalat. The proposal to conduct such survey was approved by Justice U.U.Lalit, Executive Chairman, NALSA on the scheme of Data and Evidence for Justice Reforms (DE JURE).

M.K.Sharma, Member Secretary, J&K and Ladakh Legal Services Authorities thanked all the participants including the Judicial Officers, Secretaries DLSA's, Advocates, representatives of insurance companies & banks, staff of the courts & Legal Services Institutions & litigants for their pragmatic approach in settlement of cases in such a large number.

Russia strikes near...

forces captured Mariupol's eastern outskirts, tightening the armed squeeze on the strategic port.

Taking Mariupol and other ports on the Azov Sea could allow Russia to establish

a land corridor to Crimea, which it seized from Ukraine in 2014.

In his nightly video message, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy encouraged his people to keep fighting.

It's impossible to say how many days we will still need to free our land, but it is possible to say that we will do it, he said from Kyiv.

In multiple areas around the capital, artillery barrages sent residents scurrying for shelter and air raid sirens wailed. Britain's Defense Ministry said Russian ground forces massed north of Kyiv for most of the war had edged to within 25 kilometers (15 miles) of the city center and also spread out, likely to support an attempted encirclement.

As artillery pounded Kyiv's northwestern outskirts, black and white columns of smoke rose southwest of the capital after a strike on an ammunition depot in the town of Vasylkiv caused hundreds of small explosions. A frozen food warehouse just outside the capital also was struck in an apparent effort to target Kyiv's food supply.

Ukraine's military and volunteer forces are preparing for a feared all-out assault. Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko has said that about 2 million people, half the metropolitan area's inhabitants, have left and that every street, every house is being fortified.

Russia's slow tightening of a noose around Kyiv and the bombardment of other population centers with artillery and air strikes mirror tactics that Russian forces have previously used in other campaigns, notably in Syria and Chechnya, to crush armed resistance.

The Ukrainian Embassy in Turkey said 86 Turkish nationals, including 34 children, were among the people who had sought safety in Mariupol's mosque of Sultan Suleiman the Magnificent and his wife Roksolana, which was modeled on one of the most famous and largest mosques in Istanbul.

Before Mariupol became a target of the biggest land conflict in Europe since World War II, the city promoted the white-walled building and its towering minaret as a scenic attraction. The death toll in Mariupol passed 1,500 on Friday, from 12 days of attack, the mayor's office said.

With electricity, gas and water supplies knocked out, aid workers and Ukrainian authorities described an unfolding humanitarian catastrophe in the surrounded and shelled city. Aid group Doctors Without Borders said residents are dying for lack of medication and draining heating pipes for drinking water.

Russian forces have hit at least two dozen hospitals and medical facilities since they invaded Ukraine on February 24, according to the World Health Organisation.

Ukrainian officials reported Saturday that heavy artillery damaged a cancer hospital and several residential buildings in Mykolaiv, a city 489 kilometers (304 miles) west of Mariupol.

The hospital's head doctor, Maksim Beznosenko, said several hundred patients were in the facility during the attack but no one was killed.

Russia's invaders have struggled far more than expected against determined Ukrainian fighters.

Resolution of Ladakh...

to maintain dialogue via military and diplomatic channels to reach a mutually acceptable resolution of the remaining issues at the earliest," the joint statement said.

PM rues lack ...

participation of women in the defence sector now. "Even NCC is witnessing (greater) participation of women... Be it Olympics, science, education or security, women are leading from the front, he said.

"While retaining the influence of uniform, one should never leave the values of humanity behind," Modi advised the students.

As many as 1,090 students were conferred degrees at the first convocation.

RRU was set up in 2020 to meet the need for trained manpower in policing, criminal justice and correctional administration.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Gujarat Governor Acharya Devvrat and Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel were among those present on the occasion.

J&K reports 19...

Positive (107in Jammu Division and 145in Kashmir Division), 448421 have recovered and 4749 have died; 2326 in Jammu division and 2423 in Kashmir division.

Meanwhile, Ladakh has reported seven new coronavirus cases, continuing with the downward trend of new daily infections, officials said, as the overall tally reached 28,160. The number of active cases in the union territory dropped to 69 with recovery of 13 more patients in Leh, they said.

According to the officials, there was no Covid-related death in the region, which has so far recorded a total of 228 fatalities linked to the pandemic since its outbreak.

Of the total fatalities, Leh district accounts for the highest 168 deaths among 22,887 cases followed by 60 in Kargil which has recorded a total of 5,273 cases.

The officials said all the seven fresh cases were reported in Leh, taking the number of active cases in the district to 69. Kargil, on the other hand, has no active COVID-19 case. The total number of recovered patients now stands at 27,863, the officials said.

JKCCTU holds 4th State delegates' Conference, highlights issues

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JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir Co-Ordination Committee of Trade Unions (JKCCTU) held its 4th State delegates' Conference on Saturday at Press Club Jammu, dedicated in memory of Late Sukomal Sen, and attended by 160 delegates representing more than a dozen Government and semi Government employees and workers Unions/Associations of J&K. On the occasion, the flag of JKCC-TU was hoisted by senior Vice President Haji Gh Mohamad and condolence resolution was moved by Dr Shashi pal Singh Provincial President JKCCTU Jammu.

The conference was inaugurated by Subash Labha, Chairman All India State Govt Employees Federation (AISGEF), who said that the GoI led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi while pursuing disastrous Neo-liberal economic and anti-people and anti-working class policies ruthlessly, wants to privatize all PSUs and Government Departments and has devised a policy



Committee members addressing media in Jammu.

called as National Monetization policy which will worsen already deteriorating situation. He alleged that using the COVID pandemic situation, huge concessions were given to corporates like Ambanis and Adanis to the tune of more than rupees five lakh crores by reducing corporate and wealth-tax on one hand besides putting burden on working-class and common masses by reducing subsidy on essential items. He congratulated recent successful struggle of Kisans against three Farm laws and urged working class of J&K to observe a nation-wide strike on March 28-29 called by central Trade Unions includ-

ing AISGEF. While delivering presidential address, Mohd Maqbool explained the present economic scenario and anti-employees role of UT administration. He said that the LG's administration has not only failed to address the long pending and agreed demands of employees and workers but has created an atmosphere of fair and harassment among employees by attacking democratic and Trade union rights and other draconian measures.

Gurmeet Singh, General Secretary, while introducing Secretaries report explained in details present anti-employee policies and recent struggle launched on burning

issues of employees and workers. 16 leaders and delegates, who spoke during the conference included Farooq ahmed Tantray, Surinder Kumar, Satpal Singh, Hura Bano, Nazir Ahmed, Fareeda, Mariyama, Ravinder Singh Raina, Mohd Shabir, Ajay Sharma, Surinder Sharma and Raj Kumar.

The Conference also elected a 39-member state committee with Md Maqbool as President, Gurmeet Singh as General Secretary and Sharifudin Wagay as Cashier. The conference also elected 11 members of JK Govt Pensioners Association with Girdhari Lal Chanda as President and Nazir Ahmed Wani as General Secretary.

ABVP holds seminar on personality development

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JAMMU: Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) Jammu Mahanagar, Study circle unit organised a workshop cum Seminar on topic 'Spoken English & Personality Development'. Journalist Vikas Sharma was the Chief Guest on the occasion who informed participants about personality development and ways to improve one's ability to speak English. He further informed participants that there is a link between spoken English and personality development because these days English speaking is very important for a person's personality development.

ABVP Jammu Mahanagar Secretary, Chahat Anand was also present on the occasion. Other Karyakartas and students present on the occasion included Hari Om Sharma, Dhanak, Danish Veer Magotra, Navtish, Aman and Manik Goswami.

CS directs to make every village ‘Swachh Gram’ by August 15

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SAMBA: Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, on Friday chaired a meeting to review functioning of the district administration, Samba, where he battled for stepping up execution of works, increased skilling of uneducated youth and development of aspirational tourism circuit in the district for creating livelihood opportunities for the people.

The Chief Secretary said there has been a paradigm shift in the execution of the developmental schemes following introduction of a rule based financial order in UT.

Dr Mehta informed that nowhere is it more evident than in the number of works likely to be completed during the year;

He said around 50000 works are likely to be completed during this fiscal year.

He said, "the district administration is expected to complete 1500 works during the year, which is nearly 30 times the previous best performance shown by the district during the last five years."

Dr Mehta hailed the efforts of the district administration, saying that the district officers deserve the appreciation for their efforts.

Earlier, Deputy Commissioner, Anuradha Gupta, while giving a detailed overview of the physical and financial achievements of the various sectors informed that although 998 projects have been completed under district capex so far during the current financial year,1500 works will be completed by the time the financial year draws to a close.

Anuradha said 112 schemes have been identified under Jal Jeevan Mission, out of which83 schemes have been contracted out and work on 53 is underway.

She said all schools, anganwadi centres and hospitals in the district have been provided with water facility.

It was further informed that all habitations have been connected with fair weather roads although some roads remain to be blacktopped.

CE, PDD informed that the situation on peak power demand and peak power availability in the district remains largely under control except in Ramgarh sector, which is being addressed.

DC, Samba said that several mega projects are being executed in the district including AIIMS and Ring Road and their execution is continuing apace and is expected to be completed within timelines.

She said social security schemes have been largely saturated in the district and performance under self employment schemes have vastly improved since the last review.

Anuradha said the process of mapping/profiling of uneducated youth in the district is presently underway and once it is completed it will help better match their requirements with the employment opportunities on offer in the private sector.

She also gave details of other ongoing projects including commissioning of 160 MVA grid station, 5 Common Effluent Treatment Plants with 4.50 MLD capacity, Green Samba initiative, IAR GHAR Champion, AMULYA NIDHI, Panchayat Darpan Portal, 100% swtch over to e-office, augmentation and modernization of health sector etc.

The Chief Secretary directed for connecting all habitations in the district by June 30 and insisted upon strengthening enforcement

in power sector for efficient energy supply/management.

He said all jal jeevan mission works will be completed by 15th August in line with the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of har ghar nal.

Dr Mehta asked for operationalizing a Nari Niketan in Samba district by 15th April.

He said that effort should be made to ensure that all eligible beneficiaries under PMAY(G) are covered and added that performance under MGNREGA should be upped to atleast 50 % of the actual potential inherent in the programme.

Dr Mehta directed for making every village a swachh gram by 15th August and said that SBM 2.0 should be implemented in real earnest for all around cleanliness in the district.

He said youth clubs should be involved in the cleanliness effort by branding members of youth clubs as champions of sanitation.

The Chief Secretary urged for enhancing the membership of women SHGs in the district to more than 50000and giving them marketing opportunities for showcasing their products/ wares. He also pitched for setting up rural haats in the districts for providing marketing platform to the women SHGs.

Dr Mehta urged the district administration to launch campaigns in the district to apprise people about the ongoing welfare schemes and the digital push that the government is making, especially about the web platforms like Jan Baghidari, Aapki Zameen Aapki Nigrani, Mera Haspatal etc.

Later, Chief Secretary also met the deputations of District Development Council members, Block Development Council members, Women Sarpanchs,

Industrial Associations, Local Bodies Chairman etc .

Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, Dr. Raghav Langer, MD JKRLM, Dr. Syed Sehrish Asgar, Director Tourism, Vivekananda Rai, Director Command Area, Rajinder Singh Tara, Director SWD, Vivek Sharma, Director I&C, Anoo Malhotra, MD SIDCO, Samita Sethi, Director RDD, Director School Education, Project Director Samagra Shiksha besides other HODs of Jammu division and district officers were present in the meeting.

National Lok Adalat organised for motor accident claims in UT of J&K & Ladakh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A National level Lok Adalat was organized in UT of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh on Saturday where Shri Ram General Insurance Company Limited also participated for settlement in Motor Accident Claims Tribunal (Third Party Claims). Sr. Legal Executive Paramvir Singh and Legal Executive Kulbushan Sharma, Jammu Branch claimed that their company settled above 30 third party claims in the National Lok Adalat/Pre Lok Adalat organized in High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and District Courts of J&K.

The official informed that this has been done successfully with efforts that this has been done successfully with the efforts of Shriram General Insurance Company Limited team Zonal Manager Praveen Kumar Chippa, and Sr. Legal Executive Paramvir Singh and Legal Executive Kulbushan Sharma, Jammu.

