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30 new COVID-19 cases in J&K

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday logged 30 new COVID-19 cases that pushed its tally to 4.53,720, while no fresh death due to the viral disease was reported, officials said. The death toll stood at

4,750, they said. Of the fresh cases, two were reported from the

Jammu division and 28 from the Kashmir division of

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Two Cops among 5 more J&K Govt employees sacked for terror links

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir administration on Wednesday sacked police constable Tawseef Ahmed Mir, who has been accused of actively working for Hizbul Mujahideen and trying to kill two of his colleagues, and four more employees for alleged links with terror groups.

The Union Territory administration terminated the services of the employees following a recommendation of a designated committee constituted under Article 311 (2) (c) of the Constitution that allows dismissal without an inquiry in the interest of the security of

The number of employees sacked using the special provisions has gone up to 34 since last year.

Under this provision, the sacked employees can only approach the High Court

with their plea. The committee comprising officials from police and state home department was constituted to identify and weed out government employees who have terror links and are working as overground workers (OGW) for such outfits.

According to the official order, it has been learnt that Mir's father was a terrorist of the Al-Jihad outfit and he was killed during an encounter in 1997.

Mir subsequently joined the police force but covertly started working for terror outfit Hizb Ul Mujahideen and over the years he became close to several of its terror commanders.

He also allegedly provided logistics to five terrorists in Shopian district and in June 2017, he along with terror associates tried to kill an

He also allegedly tried to kill a police constable in Shopian.

Later on, he is alleged to have begun recruiting youths for the terror outfit and when

his activities became known, an FIR under the Public Safety Act was filed against Tawseef at Shopian Police station.

Although he was suspended from the service in July 2017, he was not dismissed. Considering him as a grave threat to national security, the government has decided to terminate him from service, the order said.

Others who faced action are constable Shahid Hussain Rather, Gulam Hassan Parray (computer operator), Arshad Ahmed Dass (teacher) and Sharafat Ali Khan (orderly), it said

Parray was an active member of the banned Jamat-e-Islami (JeI).

He was booked in 2009 by the police for organising a violent protest in Parimpora and it is alleged that he was tasked by the separatist groups to motivate youth to join terror ranks. When the banned Islamic State

Steps underway to ensure energy security for J&K people: LG

Inaugurates 6 Power Infra Projects costing Rs 64.10 Cr

Govt hikes DA by 3 pc for Central Govt employees; new rate effective from Jan 1, 2022

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NEW DELHI: The Union Cabinet on Wednesday hiked Dearness Allowance (DA) and Dearness Relief (DR) by 3 per cent to 34 per cent to compensate for the price rise, benefitting over 1.16 crore central government employees and pensioners.

The additional instalment will be effective from January 1, 2022, said an official release after the Cabinet meeting.

"The Union Cabinet...has given its approval to release an additional instalment of DA to central government employees and $\bar{\mathrm{D}}\mathrm{R}$ to pensioners w.e.f. January 1, 2022, representing an increase of 3 per cent over the existing rate of 31 per cent of the Basic Pay/Pension, to compensate for price rise," an official statement said.

The increase is in accordance with the accepted formula, which is based on the recommendations of the 7th Central Pay Commission, it added. The combined

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Polls in J&K after delimitation exercise: Amit Shah

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday said assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir will be held once the delimitation exercise is over and after consultation with political parties.

"We have no interest in keeping Jammu Kashmir under President's Rule," Shah said in Lok Sabha while responding to concerns raised by members on Kashmir during the discussion on the Delhi Corporation



(Amendment) Bill.

Shah said that he had made it clear that first panchayat elections will be held in Jammu and Kashmir, then this would be followed by the

delimitation exercise, after which assembly elections will be held, and then J-K's statehood will be restored.

"Panchayat elections have been held, without any violence. Zilla panchayat elections are over. Delimitation is on the verge of completion. I would like to say this once again, that once delimitation is completed we will hold elections after consultation with political parties," Shah said. During the discussion on the Delhi Municipal Corporation

Trial against Bitta Karate begins in Srinagar Court after 31 years

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ing of senior officers here

new initiatives and technolo-

gies in counter-terrorism

operations and other security

He also directed for

increasing usage of various

modules of the Inter-

Operable Criminal Justice

System (ICJS) for investiga-

tion and crime prevention, a

police spokesman said.

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SRINAGAR: The Srinagar sessions court on Wednesday (March 30) started trial of militant Bitta Karate, who had admitted killing over 40 Kashmiri Pandits during 1990s.

The hearing in the case began after nearly 31 years following a plea by the family of Satish Tickoo, one of the victims. Several Kashmiri Pandit families have come

ferings during the exodus of Kashmiri Pandits from the Valley following the release

A Kashmiri Pandit organisation had also moved a curative petition in the Supreme Court seeking a probe either by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) or National Investigation Agency (NIA) into the mass murders and genocide of Kashmiri Pandits during 1989-90.

DGP stresses for adopting new initiatives,

technologies in counter-terror operations

of the movie 'The Kashmir Files' recently.

ACB nabs XEn PDA red handed while accepting bribe

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SRINAGAR: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) Muzaffer arrested one Ahmed Dada, Executive Engineer, Pahalgam Development Authority (PDA) Anantnag for demanding and accepting bribe of Rs 10,000 for passing bill of complainant.

As per an official spokesperson, "Sleuths of ACB received a complaint therein that Muzzaffer Ahmed Dada, Executive Pahalgam Authority (PDA), Anantnag is demanding a bribe of Rs 20,000 from complainant for

Engineer, Development PAN to become inoperative after March 2023 if not one carried 'ID card of media': Police

STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: The Income Department Wednesday said non-linking of PAN with Aadhaar by March 31 would attract penalty of up to Rs 1,000, functional for one more year

linked to Aadhaar

but such PAN will remain till March 2023, for filing ITR, claiming refunds and other I-T procedures. The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), which is the apex decision making body on direct taxes, has

extended the deadline for

linking Permanent Account

(PAN) Aadhaar many times and the last date now is March 31. As per a circular issued by CBDT on Wednesday, PAN not linked to Aadhaar, would become "inoperative" after March 31, 2023. Those taxpayers who link their PAN with biometric Aadhaar by

June 30, 2022, would be

required to pay late ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9



passing bill for balance payments. "Complainant, who is a contractor by profession, had done work titled RCC Footpath Foundation and Boundary Walls work of Amarnathji Yatra Track fromChandanwari to Pissotop from 1 Km to 3 Km in PDA. In his complaint, he alleged that Muzzaffer Ahmad Dada, Executive Engineer, PDA is demanding bribe of Rs 20,000 for releasing pending amount of Rs 8,044,72," said official, adding "On receiving complaint prima facie offence under sections 7 of Prevention of Corruption ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Two Lashkar-

e-Taiba (LeT) terrorists were

killed in an encounter with

security forces in the

Rainawari area of the city on

The encounter had broken

out in the Rainawari area of

Jammu and Kashmir's sum-

mer capital around midnight

following a cordon and

search operation in the old

city area, a police official

Inspector General of Police,

Kashmir zone, Vijay Kumar

said of the two terrorists

killed in the brief gunbattle,

one was carrying an "ID card

Wednesday, police said.

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday said the government is taking revolutionary steps to ensure energy security for the people of Jammu and Kashmir and a systematic programme of adding, upgrading and improving the distribution and transmission infrastructure is going on across the Union

He was speaking after ded-Power icating sixInfrastructure Projects costing Rs. 64.10 crores to the public. These projects will add another 660 MVA capac-

2 LeT terrorists killed in encounter,

Territory.



to public of J&K UT on Wednesday.

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On March 25, the Lt

Governor Manoj Sinha

had said that the CBI has

been given consent to

probe Malik's allegations

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Malik, the last Governor

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Station, besides new 50 MVA, 132/33 KV Power Transformers each at Gladni, Canal, Bari Brahmana-I;

Jaurian and Akhnoor Grid Fire at Civil Secretariat, brought under control after an hour

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: A fire broke out inside the Civil Secretariat complex, the seat of Jammu and Kashmir administration, here on Wednesday, officials said.

Flames were first noticed at a room used by the rural development department around 9:45 am. The blaze quickly spread to adjoining rooms, they said.

A fire tender from the secretariat fire station was joined by one from city station to put out the blaze. Senior officials have rushed to the spot, the officials said. The fire was brought

The Lt Governor highlighted that the Gladni Grid Station- -the Gateway

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The meeting at the police headquarters here was convened to discuss the follow up

matters.

JAMMU: Jammu and Director Generals of Police Kashmir Director General of and Inspector Generals of Police Dilbag Singh on Police Conference 2021 and their implementation by var-Wednesday chaired a meetious wings and zones of J-K and stressed for adopting Police, he said.

of the recommendations of

While discussing the installation of CCTV cameras and technology-driven other policing aids, the DGP stressed for mission mode work on adopting new initiatives and technologies in counter-terrorism operations, crimes and other secu-

rity matters. Singh directed the officers for developing the system to harness benefits of

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LG launches MyGov robust citizen engagement platform for J&K

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU:

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday launched My Gov-the robust citizen engagement platform for the union territory, in an effort to bring the administration closer to the common man.

Sinha said the innovative platform to build the partnership between citizens and the administration will promote participatory governance and policymaking.

MvGov will bring the J&K administration closer to the common man while providing them opportunity to share

opinions, ideas and suggestions on a range of issues for socio-economic transformation of the UT, the Lt Governor said.

We are setting new benchmarks of participatory governance, providing technology driven solutions, real time monitoring of government schemes and programmes, and making public services easily accessible to the people of J&K, he said.

Governance process is a two-way street. Citizens' suggestions are essential for people-centric policy making and MyGov platform will ensure are incorporated in planning and decision making, the Lt Governor said.

Dedicating the new initiative to the citizens of J&K, the Lt Governor reiterated the government's commitment to fulfill aspirations of the people.

Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, while speaking on the occasion, asked the officials to reach out to citizens in a more effective manner and put dedicated focus on ensuring that the facilities and services created for people are being utilized by them to the fullest.

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Court issues summons to JKRF Chairman for CBI begins probe into ex-Guv defamatory remarks against Farooq Abdullah, others Malik's allegations of bribe offer ordered that summons be SRINAGAR: A local court

STATE TIMES NEWS

here has issued summons to Sandeep Mawa who runs a civil society group - Jammu and Kashmir Reconciliation Front - after he allegedly made defamatory remarks against formerChief Minister Farooq Abdullah

A complaint was filed by President Provincial National Conference Nasir Aslam Wani before Chief Judicial Magistrate Farooq Ahmed Bhat alleging that Mawa had given an interview to a web portal in which he had made derogatory remarks against Abdullah, his son Omar and the com-

The court after hearing the Wednesday

served to Mawa and posted the matter for April 6.

"One of the killed cate-

gorised local terrorists of

proscribed terror outfit LeT

was carrying identity card of

media. It indicates a clear

case of misuse of media,

"Perused the contents of the complaint along with the statements of the complainant and the identifier, accordingly I am satisfied that cognisance in respect of the offence under section 500IPC (defamation) has to be taken against the accused.

"Therefore the cognisance in the said offence is taken, as such a summons is issued to the accused for his appearance before this court on next date of hearing. Let the summons be sent to SHO Police Station Karan Nagar, Srinagar for execution upon the accused along with a copy of the complaint," the order said. Mawa had

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October last year claimed SRINAGAR: The CBI on that he was offered Rs 300 Wednesday began its crore bribe to clear a file belonging probe into the allegations "Ambani" and an "RSSmade by former Jammu & Kashmir Governor Satva affiliated man" during his Pal Malik that he was

Currently the Governor of Meghalaya, Malik said that he cancelled the deals, and praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for supporting his decision by saying there is no need to compromise on corrup-

The officials said the CBI had taken over the investigation of the case into the allegations.

and commenced its probe Malik is also likely to be questioned during the as he had signed the file before making the allegations, the officials said. Addressing a press con-

course of the investigation

ference in Jammu, Sinha said, "If someone sitting on such a high post has said anything, then it needs to be probed. We have sent our consent to the CBI to probe both allegations.

Sinha said that he considered the allegations and decided that truth needs

Malik in his allegation last year had said that he was offered a bribe of Rs 150 crore each for clearing two files, one of them related to Ambani and

other to a former minister in the previous Mehbooba (PDP-BJP Mufti-led

coalition) government. He had also alleged that the minister was said to be someone "very close to the prime minister"

"I was informed by secretaries in both the departments that there is a scandal involved and I accordingly cancelled both the deals.

The secretaries said to me 'you will get Rs 150 crore each for clearing the files' but I told them that I had come with five kurtapyjamas and would leave with that only," Malik had said at an event in Jhunjhunu in Rajasthan.

Four JKAS officers transferred, IAS officer gets addl charge

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: The Government on Wednesday transferred four JKAS officers and assigned additional charge of

a post to IAS officer. According to the order issued by Manoj Dwivedi, Principal Secretary, General Administration Department, Aijaz Ahmad Shigon, JKAS, Private Secretary in the office of Inspector General of Registration, J&K, has been transferred and posted as Deputy Secretary, Irrigation Flood and Control

Department. As per separate order, Amit Sharma, JKAS, Chief Executive Officer, Jammu and Kashmir e-Governance Agency, has been transferred and posted as Secretary,

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