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Two Cops among...

(IS) tried to create a disturbance in the union territory, Hassan covertly began to spread the propaganda and became the mouthpiece of so-called IS in Jammu and Kashmir; it is alleged.

Arshid Ahmad, a teacher, from Awantipora of South Kashmir, was allegedly active in JeI activities. He had become close to the banned terror group Hizbul Mujahideen and supported its terrorist activities under the guise of a teacher.

He had also organised a mob for stone pelting on CRPF personnel in Awantipora. It is learnt Ahmad is also involved in raising funds for JeI and other terror activities.

The order said that police constable Shahid Hussain Rather, hailing from Baramulla of North Kashmir, was also dismissed under the provisions of the Constitution.

Rather, while working as a police constable, took advantage of the cover and started transporting arms and ammunition for terrorists operating across the Kashmir valley.

It is learnt that Shahid's ties became public in June 2021 when he and two of his associates travelling in a swift car were intercepted in Uri and 10 hand grenades, two Chinese pistols and drugs were recovered from them.

He was arrested, and subsequent interrogation led to the arrest of seven more persons and the recovery of a large cache of arms and ammunition.

A nursing orderly of the health department Sharafat Ali Khan from Kupwara in North Kashmir was also dismissed from the service.

Using the cover of a government employee, Khan began working for various terror outfits and even got involved in the circulation of Fake Indian Currency Notes (FICN).

During the arrest of an FICN cartel and in the subsequent investigation, his name surfaced for the first time. He figures in the FIR filed in police station Kupwara.

However, his deep links to terror outfits came to the fore when he was arrested along with police constable Shahid in June 2021 in Baramulla. He has been terminated from the service on March 30, 2022.

Prominent among those dismissed from the service earlier were the two sons of Pakistan-based Hizbul Mujahideen chief Syed Salahuddin and tainted Deputy Superintendent of Police Devender Singh who was caught along with a most wanted terrorist and two others along the Srinagar-Jammu national highway.

The sacking was done as the Lt Governor was satisfied after considering the facts and circumstances of the cases and based on the information available that the activities of these employees are such as to warrant their dismissal from service using provision of Article 311 (2) (c) of the Constitution.

The process of dismissal of employees began in April last year barely a week after the Union Territory administration constituted the committee that is empowered to investigate allegations of involvement in anti-state activities against government employees and recommend dismissal of those found involved.

Govt hikes DA...

impact on the exchequer on account of both Dearness Allowance and Dearness Relief will be Rs 9,544.50 crore per annum.

This will benefit about 47.68 lakh central government employees and 68.62 lakh pensioners, the release said.

In October last year, the Cabinet had hiked the two allowances by 3 per cent to 31 per cent. It was effective from July 1, 2021.

Before that in July, the government had restored the dearness allowance and dearness relief and increased the rate of allowance from 17 per cent to 28 per cent.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the central government had frozen the three additional instalments of the DA and DR, which were due on January 1, 2020; July 1, 2020; and January 1, 2021.

Polls in J&K...

(Amendment) Bill, opposition members had accused the government of delaying the assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

Jammu and Kashmir has been under President's Rule since June 2018, when the BJP walked out of the coalition government with the PDP which was led by Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti.

The Modi government had bifurcated the state into union territories of Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh in August 2019.

Jammu and Kashmir, which is now a Union Territory with a legislative assembly, is under President's Rule under the J&K Reorganisation Act.

Trial against Bitta...

The plea, filed by Roots in Kashmir, has challenged an order of the top court passed in 2017 dismissing the plea saying, "The instances referred in the petition pertain to the year 1989-90, and more than 27 years have passed by since then.

No fruitful purpose would emerge, as the evidence is unlikely to be available at this late juncture".

The plea sought prosecution of Yasin Malik and Farooq Ahmed Daar alias Bitta Karate, Javed Nalka and others, for hundreds of FIRs of murders of Kashmiri Pandits during 1989-90, 1997 and 1998, and which are lying uninvestigated by J&K Police even after nearly three decades.

DGP stresses for...

technical infrastructure put in place.

With regard to Emergency Response Support System (ERSS), he directed the nodal officers to take all the necessary initiatives to ensure integration of remaining helpline emergency numbers of different departments with ERSS setup as soon as possible.

He also directed to carry out the detailed analysis of all important police related incidents and develop them into case studies for making it an institutionalised learning mechanism, saying it will help in shaping the future policing .

The DGP stressed for submitting regular updates of the elements involved in crimes of special nature.

He directed senior wing heads for preparing detailed reports on different policing issues so that implementation of the recommendations of the conference is ensured in a time-bound manner, the spokesman said.

Referring to the community policing, Singh emphasised on organising increased police-public meetings to further strengthen the ties with the people.

He directed for organising sports competitions including adventure sports events in border villages to engage youth in positive activities, the spokesman said.

Steps underway to...

of Electric Power to J&K has witnessed long-due capacity augmentation of 400 MVA after almost 14 years.

"In addition to the installation of 400 MVA power transformer at 220 KV level, as a major relief to inhabitants of Jammu city, the department has created additional capacity by way of installation of 50 MVA power transformer at 132 kV level at the same grid station, which will particularly cater to the increased summer demand mainly of domestic and commercial installations of Jammu", he added.

The Lt Governor further said that these new projects will benefit more than 6 lakh population of Jammu and the additional capacity augmentation at Gladni and Canal station will ensure quality power to several areas of Jammu city. "The addition of three new power transformers of 50 MVA capacity each (Jaurian, Akhnoor and Canal) shall ensure sufficient and reliable power supply in the rural border areas of Jammu Region", he added.

It was also informed that the 50 MVA power transformer installed and commissioned in the industrial area of Bari Brahmana is another step towards ensuring adequate power capacities to boost Industrial Growth.

"16 new sub-stations have also been built to provide adequate power to the existing industries, ensuring sustained economic activities", the Lt Governor observed.

The Lt Governor further noted that last year till December 2021, the UT administration was able to achieve the capacity augmentation of up to 231.5 MVA, but in the last three months, it has been increased to 601.5 MVA, which has strengthened the power system in the industrial areas of Jammu, Samba and Ghatti.

The Lt Governor observed that inauguration of a string of power projects in the last three months in both Jammu and Kashmir Division is a testimony to the UT government's commitment to improve the quality of life of 1.25 crore citizens of J&K.

"As a result, in the transmission sector, a total capacity addition of 2540 MVA has been achieved at different voltage levels by way of creation/augmentation of 33 no. grid sub stations. Similarly, in the distribution sector, a cumulative capacity addition of 2260 MVA has been achieved by way of creation/augmentation of 225 no. 33/11 kV Receiving Stations, besides addition/augmentation of 6475 no. Distribution Transformers", he added.

The Lt Governor observed that the measures will not only resolve the power crises in peak season but will also open a host of employment opportunities by meeting the growing demand for opening of new industries in the UT.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor complimented the J&K Power Development Department for setting new standards in project planning and execution. He commended the efforts of employees for completing the installation and commissioning of the new 400 MVA transformer at 220 kV level 400 MVA at Gladni Grid Station a month before the stipulated deadline.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, congratulated the Power Development Department for the much needed capacity augmentation of Gladni and other grid stations to ensure reliable, quality power supply to the people of Jammu.

Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary, Power Development Department, in his welcome address, highlighted the efforts of PDD for completion of the Gladni augmentation project before the set deadline.

Chander Mohan Gupta, Mayor JMC; Dr RP Singh, Chairman JKPCIL; Rohit Kansal, Principal Secretary to Government, Information Department; Dr. Raghav Langer, Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Anshul Garg, DC Jammu; Chief Engineers, and senior PDD officials were present on the occasion.

ACB nabs XEn...

Act 1988 was found made out. Consequently, case FIR No. 04/2022 was registered at Police Station ACB Anantnag and investigation taken up." During course of investigation, a trap team was constituted which caught Muzzaffer Ahmad Dada, Executive Engineer red handed while demanding and accepting bribe of Rs 10,000 from complainant. He was arrested on the spot and bribe money was also recovered from his possession in presence of independent witnesses.

LG launches MyGov...

Abhishek Singh, CEO MyGov congratulated the LG-led J&K Government for becoming the first Union Territory to launch MyGov platform, which is a unique initiative to connect the people with the Government & enabling them to contribute towards good governance.



LG Manoj Sinha launching MyGov- the robust citizen engagement platform for J&K.

Later, the Lt Governor also launched the UT Dashboard. The dashboard will monitor development works and flagship schemes of various government departments for ease of decision-making. The UT dashboard facilitates a graphical overview of the performance of various schemes pertaining to different departments based on Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).

Perna Puri, Secretary to Government, Information Technology Department highlighted the initiatives taken by the department for empowering common citizens through digital initiatives.

All possibilities are being explored to develop a unified portal for public services, she informed.

Amit Sharma, CEO Jammu and Kashmir e-Governance Agency (JaKeGA) briefed the meeting about the measures taken by JaKeGA to ensure increased transparency, and efficiency of citizen services delivery to common people.

Administrative Secretaries, HoDs, besides senior officials were present on the occasion.

Fire at Civil...

under control after about an hour, they said.

Preliminary investigation suggested that the fire was caused by a short circuit in

the first floor of a prefabricated double storey structure on the back side of the main building, officials said.

2 LeT terrorists...

other terrorist has been identified as Hilal Ahmad.

Giving details of the operation, Kumar said on Wednesday evening police got information that two terrorists were hiding in the Rainawari area of the city.

"Police laid a cordon and during searches, the terrorists opened firing leading to an encounter. Two terrorists were killed in the gunfight. Both are local terrorists belonging to Anantnag district," the Inspector General of Police said.

Kumar said one of the slain men, who have been identified from the press ID card as Rayees Bhat, was a journalist before joining the militant ranks in 2021.

He was involved in several killings in the Anantnag district, the police officer said. "Bhat had come to Srinagar looking for soft targets. We got timely information leading to the operation. He was involved in civilian killings and had two FIRs lodged against him," the Inspector General of Police said.

Sounding a word of caution, the IGP said the Information Department and journalists should follow the Press Council of India guidelines. "Else, police will act."

He alleged that social media was being misused by Pakistan and by some journalists in Kashmir.

"I request the journalists to avoid getting involved in anti-national activity, instigating people or spreading fake news," Kumar added.

IGP congratulated Srinagar Police and the CRPF for carrying out the anti-terrorist operation in a professional manner without any collateral damage.

He said that J&K police is trying hard to bring the misguided youth who have joined terrorist ranks back to their normal life with the help of their family members and respectable citizens.

On yesterday's petrol bomb attack by a Burka clad lady in Sopore, IGP said, "We have identified the lady and soon she will be arrested".

Four JKAS officers...

ARI and Trainings Department and Perna Puri, IAS (AGMUT:2006), Secretary, Information Technology Department, shall hold the charge of the post of Chief Executive Officer, Jammu & Kashmir e Governance Agency, in addition to her own duties, till further orders.

As per another order, Ajeet Singh, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD, has been posted as Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Development Authority, Bani-Basholi with Hqr at Basholi and Rajesh Lakhan, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD has been posted as Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Development Authority, Billawar-Duggan with Hqr at Billawar.

Court issues summons...

made personal allegations against the NC leaders and even gone to the extent of their character assassination, it is alleged.

Wani's counsel said that bare perusal of the contents of the excerpted comments, it is manifest that the comments made are "not only vile, reckless, unsubstantiated but are also absolutely uncouth and per se defamatory and disparaging and have incoherently tarnished and harmed the reputation goodwill and public image of the complainant herein".

It is averred that the defamatory, disparaging and scurrilous comments made with malevolent intent and malicious design to expose the complainant to public hatred, contempt and ridicule, a fortiori, are deleterious enough to harm or injure incoherently the reputation of the complainant, besides lowering his image before the general public, the complaint alleged.

In support of the claims raised in the complaint, the statement of the complainant along with the identifier has been recorded and forms part of the record, the court order said.

PAN to become...

fees of Rs 500. Beyond that, the penalty would rise to Rs 1,000.

In order to mitigate the inconvenience to taxpayers, as per notification dated March 29, 2022, a window of opportunity has been provided to taxpayers up to March 31, 2023 to intimate their Aadhaar to the prescribed authority for Aadhaar-PAN linking without facing repercussions, the CBDT said, adding such intimation would have to be accompanied by late fees.

"However, till 31st March, 2023 the PAN of the assessee who have not intimated their Aadhaar, will continue to be functional for the procedures under the Act, like furnishing of return of income, processing of refunds etc," the CBDT statement said.

After March 31, 2023, the PAN of taxpayers who fail to intimate their Aadhaar, as required, shall become inoperative and all the consequences under the Act for not furnishing, intimating or quoting the PAN shall apply to such taxpayers, the CBDT added.

As per data available, till January 24, 2022, more than 43.34 crore PANs have been linked with Aadhaar. Over 131 crore Aadhaar cards have been issued so far. PAN-Aadhaar linkage would help in eliminating duplicate PAN and curbing tax evasion.

AKM Global, Tax Partner, Amit Maheshwari said "It is advisable for taxpayers to check their income tax portal and ensure that Aadhaar and PAN are linked. NRIs may have some concerns since in some cases they do not have Aadhaar."

Nangia Andersen LLP Partner Neeraj Agarwala said, while PAN is used for various transactions like opening a bank account, purchase of immovable property or proof of identity, inactive PAN will trigger domino effect and individual who have not linked their Aadhaar may face multiple challenges.

"Once your PAN becomes inactive, the person will be restricted from doing financial transactions (where quoting of PAN is mandatory like mutual funds), subjected to TDS at higher rates and penalty under section 272B," Agarwala said.

For those who do not have access to income tax portal, the linking process is made available through SMS also, he added.

30 new COVID...

the union territory, according to the officials.

Srinagar district recorded the highest number of fresh cases at 24, followed by four in Baramulla district. Seventeen of the 20 districts in the union territory did not report any fresh cases.

There are 146 active COVID-19 cases in Jammu and Kashmir: So far, 4,48,824 people have recovered from the disease, the officials said.

Vision of becoming Vishwa Guru lies in restoring eternal order: VGBBVSS



Trust members during a press conference at Jammu.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Vishwa Guru Bharat Bharatiya Vedic Sanatan Sanskriti (VGBB-VSS) Trust has been founded by one Chamail Singh (Thakur) from Padar, Kishtwar with its Founder & President Rupali Sharma Dutta from Jammu but settled in Bangalore. Social Reformer Anil Padha, former secretary at Indian Red Cross Society, Jammu (J&K) was inducted in Board of Trustees. All three trustees have blessings of guidance of Padmashree Prof Vishwamurti Shastri, a renowned Sanskrit scholar and professor, who have affirmed his full support to

VGB BVSS Trust and has accepted to be the Patron of the trust.

Padmashree Prof Vishwamurti Shastri, while highlighting objectives of Trust, said that the Trust has been founded to restore past Glory of Akhand Bharat. He added that we have to save five elements of nature i.e., Water, Air, Fire, Earth & Sky, which stands ignored by civil society at large.

Chamail Singh (Thakur), said that our Sankalp (Determination) is based on All India Vedic Scientific Sanatan Dharma which is the most ancient scripture. Rupali Dutta, Founder &

President said that vision of Vishwa Guru lies in restoring eternal order by means of our historical teachings & way of life, relevantly adopted into current era of existence.

Anil Padha, Trustee & Administrator of the Trust laid emphasis on Five 'G' concept of Trust which is Rock Bed of our system in India. He said, "Ganga, Gau, Gyatri, Gita & Guru are five basic sources of our strength and need to be put on the front stage. Through the trust activities, we shall focus on the Purity of water all across our Nation by the Inspiration of Holy Ganga." He also explained the benefits of reciting Gayatri Mantra that far sighted wisdom can be created by imbining this mantra in our daily routine. Gayatri Mantra enhances our capacity to think positively & act decisively. Prominent among others present on the occasion included Dr Shreyansh Jain, O P Sharma, Anil Gaiind, Yash Sharma, O P Bakshi, Vijesh Sharma and Jawahar Jyoti.

JTC expresses concern on supply of filthy water

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A meeting of Jagti Tenement Committee/ Soan Kashmir Front J&K was held under leadership of its President Shadi Lal Pandita, during which he said that water supply being provided to migrants is totally filthy due to which people often get ill. JTC/ Soan Kashmir Front members said that lakhs were spent on private contractors every month but people often get sick due to dirty drinking water. "In rainy months, water is supplied only once or twice a month as flood water collects in water tank. Crores of rupees are being spent on repairing quarters but the nothing is being done to repair water leakage from ceiling, bathroom etc. All is being done deliberately so that corrupt officers can be booked under law, he added, urging LG for immediate investigation so that looting of public exchequer can be saved. Various other demands were also highlighted on the occasion including enhancement in monthly cash relief.

India earning millions through launch of foreign satellites: Dr Jitendra

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is earning millions of Dollars and Euros through the launch of foreign satellites from Indian launching sites.

This was disclosed here on Wednesday in the Lok Sabha by Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh in response to a question by a member of the House.

He said that NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), a CPSE under Department of Space/ ISRO has earned a Foreign Exchange revenue of about 35 Million US Dollars and 10 Million Euros during the last three years 2019-2021, through launching satellites of various private and international agencies.

In his reply, Dr Jitendra Singh said, NSIL has already launched 45 international customer satellites on-board ISRO's PSLV during the last three years and has secured 4 Dedicated Launch service contracts for foreign satellite customers.

The Minister said, with the emergence of Global Broadband communication

needs, NSIL envisages launches of several of these foreign satellites on-board ISRO's SSLV, PSLV and GSLV-MkIII. NSIL through participation in various international conferences and exhibitions is ensuring a better foot print of ISRO's expertise in building earth observation and communications satellites, providing launch and mission support services including establishment of ground segments for foreign customers to ensure enhanced Foreign Exchange revenue earnings for the country.

Dr Jitendra Singh further informed that the Government has opened up the Space sector for private players with the announcement of space sector reforms and formation of IN-SPACE,

an independent body under Department of Space which will regulate and promote private sector activities. He said, there are 48 applications received to IN-SPACE for undertaking space activities and their applications are being processed for further action. Out of these, the applications with respect to authorizing the space activities to Non-Government Private Entities (NGPEs) are 16 and sharing of technology and facilities of DoS to NGPEs are 23 and Consultancy & Promotion are 9. All the proposals of NGPEs are at different stages of approval.

In response to another question, Dr Jitendra Singh said that 7 satellites are likely to be launched by ISRO during the current year.

Congress condoles demise of Justice Raina

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu Kashmir Pradesh Congress committee has expressed grief and sorrow over the passing away of Justice G L Raina, a retired judge of J&K High Court, yesterday. JKPCC Chief Spokesperson Adv Ravinder Sharma Ex MLC has expressed profound grief and shock over the demise of Justice Raina,

who served as a judicial officer, judge of high court and different commissions for a long time, with honesty, sincerity and commitment. Justice Raina was a humble judge and a noble soul, who always tried to help the aggrieved and dispense justice. The party has shared the grief of the family members including Vinod Raina and prayed for peace to the departed soul.