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Entire world passing...

has only one work -- to break society, divide the people, and grab power and loot Uttar Pradesh. "Is this game acceptable to you?" he asked.

He said that during the previous government in the state, only 800 houses were built for the poor in Mirzapur, but the Adityanath government has sanctioned 40,000 houses, 28,000 of which have already been built.

"Will you vote for those who built 800 or who gave 28,000?" he asked.

"Working hard is not in the dictionary of dynasts. They do not have time for helping and worrying for the poor. They cannot make the country and UP strong," he said, adding this is time to stand unitedly.

"Your vote this time around is for making the country capable and realise the dream of a strong UP," he said.

Mentioning the Covid pandemic, he said even big countries appeared helpless, but in India "we provided free ration to 80 crore people".

"We sent Rs 30,000 crore directly in the bank accounts of women, more than Rs 1.25 lakh crore to the account for farmers. In the biggest crisis of the century, the BJP gave priority to the life of poor," he said, talking about the free coronavirus vaccines being given to people.

Attacking the Congress over corruption, he said, "There is Modi and Yogi now. When money is released from Delhi, entire 100 paise reaches the beneficiary. Such double engine government is needed for the development of UP."

Court work to...

Court, District Court, other Subordinate Courts, Commission and Tribunals shall remain suspended on March 5, 2022," it stated.

"The members of J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu to discuss the unwarranted incidents and current prevailing situation concerning the legal fraternity in a meeting to be held on March 5, 2022 at 12.00 Noon in the Bar Library High Court Complex, Jammu," the handout reads and added "It is requested to all the members of the J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu to participate in the aforesaid meeting."

Udhamposted as...

and posted as Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Jammu (North), vice Mohd Farooq, JKAS, who has been posted as Deputy Secretary, Department of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj.

56 killed, nearly...

kilograms of explosives were used in the blast, which took place in the third row of the mosque.

An emergency has been declared in the hospital and doctors on leave were summoned. Officials said the condition of some of the injured is stated to be critical.

Capital City Police Officer Peshawar Ijaz Ahsan said two attackers tried to enter the mosque and fired at the policemen standing guard. One policeman was killed while the other was critically injured, he said.

The blast occurred following the firing incident, he added.

President Arif Alvi condemned the blast and expressed grief over the precious lives lost.

Prime Minister Imran Khan strongly condemned the blast and directed authorities to provide medical treatment to the injured. He also sought an inquiry report from the authorities concerned.

Interior Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed sought a report of the incident from the Chief Secretary and IG of the province.

"No threat alert was received we had a meeting a couple of days ago but no threat was received; we had no information about it," the interior minister said.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Mahmood Khan condemned the blast and vowed to bring the perpetrators of this heinous act to justice.

He said targeting people in a place of worship is an inhuman and cruel act and directed authorities to ensure the best medical care to the injured.

He has convened an emergency meeting at Chief Minister's House to review the overall

security situation in the province, bordering Afghanistan.

"Heart-wrenching terrorist incident in Peshawar in which so many precious lives have been lost. Words can't adequately condemn the sheer brutality. Terrorism continues to remain our foremost national challenge. Prayers & condolences are with the bereaved families!" PML-N President and Leader of the Opposition in the National Assembly Shehbaz Sharif tweeted.

Former President Asif Ali Zardari said that the attack would not have happened if "nurseries of terrorism had been destroyed".

Chairman Pakistan Peoples Party Bilawal Bhutto Zardari also condemned the terrorism incident in Peshawar in a separate statement, saying the terrorists attacked humanity by targeting innocent worshippers.

Ukraine war: Aviation...

The IAF has deployed C-17 military transport aircraft for the evacuation exercise.

The civilian flights are being operated by Indian carriers such as IndiGo, SpiceJet and Air India. "So far, over 9,364 Indians have been evacuated by 43 special civilian flights," the statement noted.

Retired employee should...

are hereby directed to pay the interest on the delayed payment of retirement benefits to the appellant, from the date of retirement till the actual payment was made, subject to the final decision that may be taken by the government on the objections to the enquiry report that may be filed by the former secretary and/or the college and it will be open for the college/management/trustees to recover the same from the person, who, ultimately is held to be responsible for the delay, the bench said.

The top court said that as there was a delay in making the payment of retirement benefits and settling the dues for which the appellant is not at all responsible, he is entitled to interest on the delayed payment.

Even the division bench of the high court has observed in the impugned judgment and order that the appellant is entitled to the interest on the delayed payment, it said.

It noted that the division bench of high court was informed that the government has conducted an enquiry and fastened liability on the college and a former secretary of the college was allegedly responsible for delay in disbursement of terminal benefits to the retired employee. The apex court also noted it was pointed out to the high court that the former secretary was unwell and therefore, he could not file objections to the enquiry report.

It said there is an inter se dispute between the secretary, management and the government as to who is responsible for the delay in making the payment.

In that view of the matter, subject to the further final order that may be passed by the government, the college/management is first liable to pay the interest on the delayed payment of retirement dues subject to the final decision, which may be taken by the government, after hearing the management and the former secretary, it said.

However, because of the inter se dispute between the management, secretary and the government on who is responsible for the delay in making the payment and/or settling the dues, the retired employee should not be made to suffer for no fault of his, the bench said, while setting aside the high court order which had denied interest on delayed payment of retirement benefits. It said payment of interest on delayed payment of retirement benefits be made within six weeks. The associate professor had retired from the college, which is an aided college, in June 2011 and there was a delay in paying the retirement benefits to him despite several correspondences. He had filed a petition before the high court and during the hearing, it was told that entire terminal benefits have been settled.

Thereafter, the issue remained was regarding interest on the delayed payment of pensionary benefits. The petitioner had urged the single judge of the high court that action be taken against the erring officers for the delay and he be paid the interest on the delay in payment of retiral benefits.

The single judge had disposed of the plea in July 2020 and asked the associate professor to make a representation to the Director of Collegiate Education to take appropriate action against the erring officers. Later, he had filed an appeal before the division bench of high court.

LeT terrorist injured...

he said. Incriminating materials, arms and ammunition, including a pistol, a pistol

magazine, eight pistol rounds, a hand grenade, an AK magazine and 20 AK live rounds were recovered from their possession, he said.

Friday prayers resume...

being made to ensure COVID-19-appropriate behaviour is followed in case congregational prayers are allowed to resume.

The historic mosque remained mostly closed for congregational Friday prayers since August 2019. The COVID-19 pandemic also forced its closure for a long time.

J&K logs 33...

Jammu and Kashmir did not report any fresh cases.

There are 412 active COVID-19 cases in the union territory. So far, 4,48,006 people have recovered from the viral disease, the officials said.

There are 51 mucormycosis (black fungus) cases in Jammu and Kashmir. No fresh case has been reported since last evening, they said.

Meanwhile, Ladakh has reported 23 fresh COVID-19 cases, taking the overall caseload to 28,084 while the active cases in the union territory has gone down to 137, officials said.

Since the beginning of the pandemic in 2020, Ladakh has recorded 228 Covid-related deaths -- 168 in Leh and 60 in Kargil, they said. There was no death reported from union territory on Thursday, they said.

As many as 24 patients were cured and discharged from hospitals in Leh. With these, the total number of cured patients is 27,719, they said.

Of the total of 23 fresh cases from union territory, 22 such cases were reported from Leh district and one from Kargil, they said.

With this, the total number of COVID-19 active cases in Ladakh is 137 including 135 from Leh and two from Kargil.

Govt constitutes Apex...

order issued by Manoj Kumar Dwivedi. Principal Secretary, General Administration Department, the Apex Committee will be headed by Chief Secretary, J&K as its Chairman while Secretary, Information Technology will be its Member Secretary and Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary), Finance Department; Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary), Home Department; Additional Chief Secretary, Health and Medical Education Department; Financial Commissioner (Revenue); Principal Secretary, Housing and Urban Development Department; Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department; Principal Secretary, General Administration Department; Commissioner Secretary, Revenue Department; Deputy Director General, NIC Headquarters New Delhi; Director IIT Jammu; Chief Executive Officer, JaKeGA; IT-Consultant; State Informatics Officer, NIC-J&K as its Members.

"The Apex Committee shall oversee the Digital Jammu and Kashmir programme and to provide policy and strategic directives for its implementation in mission mode and to resolve interdepartmental issues (if any)." The order stated and added it shall also issue necessary directives for integration of services, end-to-end process reengineering and finalize services levels of the mission mode programme.

The meeting of the Apex Committee shall be held every fortnight, it added.

Working Committee will be headed by Principal Secretary, General Administration Department as its Chairman while Secretary, Information Technology Department will be its Member Secretary and Deputy Director General, NIC; Director IIT Jammu or his representative; IT Consultant; Chief Executive Officer, JaKeGA; State Informatics Officer, NIC; Head, CSC J&K; Head, Aadhar J&K; In charge CDAC, Data Centre-J&K; Any other member as may be co-opted by the Committee will be its Members.

"The Working Committee shall oversee and monitor overall architecture/framework and service delivery mechanism at the programme level and also to look at inclusion and adoption of standards, utilization of cloud and mobile platforms and consideration of security related aspects." It stated and added, "It shall also monitor the progress of implementation of the 'Digital Jammu and Kashmir' programme on weekly basis."

Fire at hospital...

officials were evacuating patients and their attendants from the building.

There were no reports of any injuries so far.

GDC Neeli Nallah organises national-level awareness programme on cyber crime

STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: NSS Unit, GDC Neeli Nallah Udhampur, organised National Level Awareness Programme on Cyber Crime under "Cyber Jaagrutika Divas" on Friday. The programme was organised under the guidance of Dr. Satinder Kaur, Principal of the College. Dr. Bhisham Dubey, presently posted as SDPO Rammagar, Trained Police Officer in Cyber Crime, was the resource person of the programme.

The programme was started with a welcome

note by Dr. Radha Rani. The proceeding of the event was conducted by Dr. Satinder Kaur, Principal. During her address, Principal apprised the students that cyber security, now-a-days, is a serious issue. She stressed that the motive of such programmes was to make students and general masses aware about the recent cyber crimes.

Further, speaker of the event, Dr. Bhisham Dubey, initiated his talk, with a power-point presentation with a brief introduction

of the theme Cyber Crime, mode, types, latest trends etc. He also stressed on the steps that one should take to secure personal information. He also explained case histories in his talk. The students from various Degree Colleges of JK (UT) and also from the Colleges and Universities all over the India have joined the session. The formal vote of thanks was presented by Prof. Shaista Yasmeen. The event was organised by Dr. Radha Rani, Prof. Swati Dutt and Prof. Shaista Yasmeen.

Crime Report

Lovers commit suicide in hotel

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A boy and girl committed suicide in a hotel at Jewel area, as their parents did not allow them to get married. As per details, Raju, son of Vijay Kumar, resident of Rammagar and a girl resident of Nowabad were found unconscious in a room of Arjun Hotel at Jewel, by staff members who informed the police. After receiving information, police rushed to the spot and shifted duo to hospital where they succumbed during treatment. During investigation, it was learnt that duo were in love and wanted to marry but their parents were against the same forcing them to take such an extreme step. Police is further investigating the matter.

Rape case reported

STATE TIMES NEWS

AKHNOOR: A rape case was reported in Khour on Friday. As per details, a girl from Khour lodged a complaint with police that one Arun Kumar, resident of Rakha Mal, raped her on several occasions on pretext of marriage but now accused is refusing to marry her. After medical examination of victim, police has registered a case and started investigation.

Sumo driver dies in mishap

STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMBAN: A sumo driver got killed in a road mishap at Ramban on Friday. As per details, a sumo, on its way to Srinagar from Jammu, on reaching Panthal area of Ramban, fell into gorge as the driver lost control over the vehicle. On receiving information, police rushed to spot and shifted driver to hospital where doctors declared him as brought dead. The deceased was identified as Zahur Ahmed, resident of Balipora, Baramulla.

Suspicious death case solved; wife, paramour arrested

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Gharo police has solved suspicious death case of a man and arrested his wife & paramour: As per details, on February 5, one Ravi Kumar, son of Madan Lal, resident of R S Pura presently staying at Kalri Bhawal was found hanging in his house, following which police registered a suspicious death case and started investigation, during which it was learnt that deceased's wife had an affair with a student and many times, he had objected over it. As his wife never listened to him, he took the extreme step and ended his life. Police has arrested wife of deceased and her paramour.

Fake registration number case: BJP leader bought car from Haryana; failed to produce documents

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In fake registration case, the BJP leader has failed to produce documents of vehicle, which he had purchased from Haryana. As per details, a BJP leader from Kashmir was caught by Udhampur police on February 21 for driving a vehicle with a fake registration number. During interrogation, he told that he had bought the vehicle from Haryana for Rs 6 lakh. The BJP leader is now on bail, however police is still investigating other links over car purchase issue.

House burgled at Bishnah

STATE TIMES NEWS

BISHNAH: A house was burgled in Bishnah area on Friday and thieves decamped with gold and silver ornaments. As per details, a family from village Babliyana lodged a complaint with police that thieves targeted their house and decamped with gold and silver ornaments. Police has registered a case.

Illegal encroachment removed in Sunderbani

STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: District Administration removed an illegal encroachment on Friday from a chunk of land in village Kund of Sunderbani, paving way for construction of a road. The directions for removal of the encroachment were issued by Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal after which a team of revenue officials led by Tehsildar Sunderbani along with police personnel launched an anti-encroachment drive and removed the encroachment. Tehsildar Sunderbani said that encroachers were creating hurdles in construction of a road in the area, and as per directions of DC Rajouri, the encroachment was removed and construction work started.

Two absconders arrested

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Two absconders evading their arrests since 9 years and 17 years were arrested on Friday.

As per details, an absconder namely Ranbir Singh, son of Mukh Raj, resident of

Gurha Brahmana, who was absconding since 2013 i.e., from 9 years in FIR No 287/08 registered with Police Station Domana, was arrested.

Similarly another absconder namely Rashid Ahmad, son of Noor Mahi, resident of Ranjan, who was absconding since 2005 i.e., for 17 years in FIR No 04/2005 under section 188 of IPC registered at Police Station Gangyal was also arrested. As per details, informations were received about absconders through reliable sources, after which teams of concerned police stations viz Police Station Domana led by SHO Insp Mahesh Sharma and Police Station Gangyal led by SHO Insp Joginder Singh Chah, after putting in strenuous efforts and with help of local intelligence generated, arrested the absconders from suspected locations. Finally, both the absconders were produced before the Court for further proceedings.

Two missing persons traced, reunited with families

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Friday traced two missing persons and reunited them with their families. As per details, a complaint was lodged at Police Post Phallain Mandal, by the legal-heirs of a woman stating that she went missing from her home. In this regard, missing report vide DD No 20 dated March 2, 2022 was registered at Police Post Phallain Mandal and investigation started. On this, special police teams under supervision of SDPO South Sachi Sharma were constituted. A team led by SHO Satwari Insp Sameer Jeelani assisted by Incharge Police Post Phallain Mandal PSI Ajesh Singh Jamwal, after putting in hectic efforts, traced the missing woman successfully. Subsequently, family-members of missing woman were informed and she was handed over to them after completing all legal formalities.

Similarly another missing report was lodged at