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Another targeted terror...

Kashmir over the last seven months. The targeted killings had started in October, the victims being mostly migrants from outside Jammu and Kashmir who came in search of jobs.

In October, seven civilians were killed in five days -- among them a Kashmiri Pandit, a Sikh and two non-local Hindus.

Security forces have intensified their operations and launched a major crackdown on alleged separatist supporters.

The Congress has the BJP-led Centre of failing to protect the people.

"The situation in Jammu and Kashmir is getting worse with every passing day and both Kashmir and Kashmiriyat are in danger. No one knows where the BJP, which has been doing politics in the name of Kashmir for years, is missing nowadays," the Congress had tweeted.

Ten SSPs get...

from April 4 to May 13, 2022," reads the order issued by R.K Goyal, Financial Commissioner/ Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department.

As per order, Mubassir Latifi Ameer, CO IR-15th Bn has been given additional charge of CO SDRF 2nd Bn, Jammu while Firdous Iqbal, SSP, Div. Comdt. HG(K) will hold the additional charge of CO SDRF 1st Bn.

Randheer Singh, SSP, SO to ADG HG to hold additional charge of Div. Comdt. HG Jammu, Monika Sagar, SSP, IR-18 Bn (Camp Commander CID Cell New Delhi) was given additional charge of SSP CID Cell New Delhi.

Manoj Kumar Pandit, SSP, AIG (Communication) PHQ will hold additional charge of AIG (Buildings) PHQ while Joginder Singh, SSP, Anti Corruption Bureau will hold the additional charge of Director SSF J&K.

Zahoor Ahmed Wani, ASP, CIK will hold the additional charge of SSP CID, CI Kashmir while Saifdar Hamid Hassan, Dy. CO IR-6th has been given additional charge of CO IR-6th Bn.

Surinder Kumar, SP, Dy. CO IR-9th will hold the additional charge of as CO IR-9th Bn and Hafizullah, ASP, PCR Jammu will hold the additional charge of SSP PCR Jammu.

Five ARTOs transferred...

has been posted as I/C ARTO Budgam; Mubashir Jan, I/C ARTO Baramulla, has been posted as I/C ARTO BOI Srinagar; and Jamshed Rasool, I/C ARTO Budgam, has been posted as I/C ARTO Baramulla.

Indian troops in...

continuously making attempts to disturb peace (in Jammu and Kashmir)," Lt General Singh said, replying to a query about the possibility of increased infiltration attempts from Pakistan with the melting of snow along the possible infiltration routes.

"We are keeping a watch on the situation and our counter-infiltration measures are in place to foil all their attempts," the army officer said.

Asked about intelligence inputs suggesting increasing activity of terrorists on the launch pads across the LoC, he said, "There is no alarming situation that a lot of people had gathered on the launch pads." "The number of terrorists on launch pads is an assessment and nobody has seen them physically. There are many agencies and inputs do come, but there is variation in these inputs. We do not have any input like a lot of them had gathered on the launch pads," he said, adding "if the numbers are compared with last year's, there are minor variations." On the threat posed by the use of drones by Pakistan to drop weapons on this side, he said such activities are mostly taking place along the IB being guarded by the BSF.

"No major action of drones was noticed along the LoC till date. As far as IB is concerned, the BSF is alive to the challenge and are tackling it effectively," he said.

Asked about his assessment of the challenge being posed by Pakistan and China, the GOC said the major challenge for his troops is definitely Pakistan as White Knight Corps does not share borders with China.

On recent incidents of terror attacks in Rajouri, he said "whenever there is peace and development, the enemy is not happy and makes an attempt to disturb it." "Such type of sporadic incidents (are happening)...to give anyone a grenade and he hurls it is the work of a coward. It did not need a lot of courage, so such type of work can be done by our enemy alone," he said.

However, he said the army and the people are together and "I am sure that our enemy will not be able to break our strength and we will emerge as successful. Some of our friends who are misled by any reason will join us as well and the enemy will fail in its design." He lauded the people for enthusiastically participating in the Rajouri Day' celebrations and said "we all have joined hands and will move together for peace and development of this region." "Rajouri is a beautiful valley having a

lot of tourism potential. We are making attempts to bring the Rajouri festival on the national calendar," he said.

Bar, Bench two...

2021, passed by the trial Magistrate in ex parte against the petitioners, is not being considered on its merits expeditiously. It also appears that there has been some exchange of harsh words between the counsel for the petitioners and the Magistrate, which forced the petitioners to approach Chief Judicial Magistrate, Srinagar seeking transfer of proceedings from Court of trial Magistrate. The Chief Judicial Magistrate has, vide impugned order rightly declined to transfer the proceedings from the Court of learned trial Magistrate, but while doing so, the Chief Judicial Magistrate has made certain sweeping remarks against advocates by stating that advocates level unnecessary allegations against the Judicial Officers in order to facilitate their personal convenience.

Justice Sanjay Dhar further observed that there can be no doubt, that the grounds urged by petitioners, seeking transfer of their case from the Court of trial Magistrate to any other Court of competent jurisdiction, are not cogent.

Justice Sanjay Dhar observed that the sweeping remarks that have been made by the Chief Judicial Magistrate, were uncalled for and unnecessary for the decision of the case. There may be stray incidents where the advocates have resorted to leveling of allegations against the Judicial Officers in order to seek transfer of their cases from one Court to other to suit their convenience, but then this cannot be generalized. "Advocates are the officers of the Court and deserve the same respect and dignity as is being given to the Judicial Officers and Presiding Officers of the Courts. Bench and Bar are two wheels of the chariot of justice. Both are equal and no one is superior to the other. The members of the Bar, as such, deserve the utmost respect and dignity. There may be some rotten apples in the profession, as is true of every profession, but to say that the advocates generally adopt these tactics is not the correct position. The remarks of Chief Judicial Magistrate, as such, deserve to be expunged," observed Court, and added that while upholding the order declining to transfer the case passed by Chief Judicial Magistrate Srinagar, remarks made by the learned Magistrate against the advocates are expunged and it is directed that the same shall not form part of the impugned order. A further direction is issued to trial Magistrate to dispose of the application of the petitioners for modification of order dated November 8, 2021 expeditiously, preferably within a period of 15 days from date a copy of this order is made available to the said Court.

Facilities being set...

interaction, the members of the club apprised the Lt Governor about various activities through which they raise awareness about a host of social causes.

They also discussed concerns of women cyclists and sports enthusiasts.

Sinha also extended Baisakhi greetings to the club members.

Tehsildar Sunderbani among...

order an inquiry, officials said.

Tehsildar Ravi Shanker and agricultural employee Chandar Mohan had a heated argument over some issue at Shanker's residence in Sunderbani before they attacked each other, they said.

The officials said Shanker, Mohan and two more people were injured in the clash and hospitalised. Tehsildar Ravi Shanker was later shifted to GMC Jammu for treatment.

Police have registered two FIRs in the case, while Deputy Commissioner, Rajouri, Vikas Kundal ordered an inquiry.

In his order, Kundal appointed Additional Deputy Commissioner, Kalakote, Krishan Lal as the inquiry officer and asked him to submit a report within a week.

Two Jr Engs....

while demanding and accepting bribe of Rs 2,60,000. They were arrested on spot by ACB team and bribe money was also recovered from their possession in presence of independent witnesses. The role of Junaid Ahmad Mir, Assistant Executive Engineer and Manzoor Ahmad Bukhari, Assistant Engineer of KPDCL, Special Sub Division, Tangmarg is also being investigated in the matter," he said, adding that further investigation is going on.

Woman Sarpanch disqualified...

the Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Rajouri.

They said an inquiry was ordered against Kumari following a complaint that she had managed to get the certificate despite her family not belonging to Scheduled Caste.

The ADC, who is also the appellate authority under J&K Panchayat Raj Act, ordered the cancellation of the SC certificate.

Kumari had contested for the post of Sarpanch in Panchayat Halqa Bhajnowa as an SC candidate and won the election in November 2020, officials said.

a cruel manner, which were rescued under the operation 'Kamdhenu'. In this regard, FIR Nos 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 & 75/2022 were registered at Police Station Batote, FIR Nos 71, 72 & 73/2022 were registered at Police Station Chanderkote and FIR Nos 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137 & 138/2022 were registered at Police Station Ramban under relevant sections of law and investigation started. The overall rescue operation was made by police parties under the command of Insp Sudhir Sadhotra, SHO Batote, Insp P D Singh SHO Chanderkote and Insp Sandeep Charak SHO Ramban under supervision of Pardeep Singh Sen Dy. SP HQ Ramban with overall supervision of SSP Ramban, Mohita Sharma.

As per details, Abdul Samad was arrested in a nocturnal raid from his house in Ganistan, Sumbal village of Bandipora district and was lodged at police station Sumbal. Further, he was shifted to sub-jail Bandipora and in morning, PSA was slapped over him and subsequently shifted to Kot Bhalwal Jail, Jammu.

Eleven other people, who were involved in 'unlawful and subversive' activities, were slapped with PSA and were subsequently shifted to different jails. Those who were booked under PSA included Kaiser Ahmad Parray, son of Nazir Ahmad Parray, resident of Parray Mohalla, Ashan; Zahoor Ahmad Dar, son of Ghulam Nabi Dar, resident of Chewa village; Mohd Saleem Parray, son Mohd Ramzan Parray, resident of Khos Mohalla Hajin; Irfan Ahmad Lone, son of Mohd Afzal Lone, resident of Bangar Mohalla; Hajin, Irfan Ahmad Bhat, son of Abdul Aziz Bhat, resident of Syed Mohalla; Naseer Ahmad Parray, son of Bashir Ahmad Parray, resident of Kathpora Hajin and four others.

The drop in the mercury in the valley was the result of rainfall under the influence of western disturbance which is presently active over Jammu and Kashmir, the official said, adding Srinagar recorded 5.3mm of rainfall on Wednesday.

According to IMD, most parts of Kashmir valley and some places in the high altitude areas of Jammu region recorded light to moderate rains since Tuesday night.

The weather is expected to remain cloudy with light rain likely at many places in Kashmir and some places in Jammu on April 14, the official said, adding that the next spell of light to moderate rain is likely on April 20 and 21. As per IMD, light snowfall in the upper reaches of north Kashmir, including Razdan top on Bandipora-Gurez road, was reported.

In another incident, Ramban Police acting on specific inputs regarding transportation of bovines, different police parties of Police Stations Batote, Chanderkote and Ramban intercepted 22 vehicles (JK03C/9318, HP11/4861, JK18C/7694, JK22/4311, JK19/5769, JK02AQ/0845, JK03E/4098, JK14D/6790, JK14D/0201, JK03E/5467, JK02AP/7318, JK02CT/5899, JK19/8370, JK03D/9538, JK19/7658 and JK03B/0924). During checking, all vehicles were found loaded with 334 bovines in

According to section 6 sub section 3 of Panchayat Raj Act, 1989 and Panchayat Raj Rule, 1996, a person who becomes a member of halqa panchayat on the basis of a fake SC or ST (Scheduled Tribe) certificate shall be disqualified from the date on which it is found that he/she had become a member or office bearer on the basis of a false caste certificate and shall remain disqualified for six years, officials said.

More arrests likely...

was absconding and would be traced soon.

Shah had also disclosed names of his foreign associates, including Javed and Khatib of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, Farooq Khan of Toronto (Canada), officials said.

Investment in armed...

players and stakeholders in the safety and security of the nation," he said.

General Naravane also advised students of the university to do whatever they feel passionate about, and not because their parents asked them or out of peer pressure.

He said the Army has also opened up more avenues for women.

"We have made it more and more easy, and more avenues have been opened up for women to join the armed forces in more and more streams," he said, adding that even the Army Aviation wing has been opened up for women, and two of them will be graduating sometime in July.

"As time goes, more avenues will be available to women in the armed forces," he said.

General Naravane also talked about cooperation between the Indian Army and the Rashtriya Raksha University.

He visited the university's School of Information Technology where he was briefed about works done on cyber security, artificial intelligence and digital forensics, and how they can contribute to the national security.

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Imtiyaz Ahmad, Mohd Saleem Mir, Raies Hassan, Tawseef Ahmad and Mohd Anzer from Kashmir Zone.

Moreover, Insp. Mohammad Azmat has been repatriated from SSG (AWP) to his parent Zone (Armed) and further transferred to Kashmir Zone on alongwith post basis for further duties with immediate effect.

Inspector Sunil Kumar has been detached from PTI Vijaypur to Armed Zone and further transferred to Jammu Zone (AWP) while Inspector Chanchal Singh of Jammu Zone has been attached to PTI Vijaypur for further duties.

In addition, eight Inspectors of Armed Zone shall continue their duties in the Zones/Units till further. Vishal Shore will continue his duties in Jammu Zone, Arun Sharma in SSF, Harvinder Singh, Vikram Kundal, Iftikhar Hussain, Zia-Ur-Rehman, Arif Hamid and Mir Kazam in Kashmir Zone.

11 AAOs, 5...

Secretariat has been posted as AAO, School Education Deptt. Civil Secretariat; Mukhtar Ahmad Zargar, AAO, Directorate of Handicrafts and Handloom, Kashmir as AAO, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K; Kumar Ji Raina, AAO, General administration Department as AAO, Health & Medical Education Department, Civil Secretariat; Imtiyaz Ahmad Shah, AAO, Power Development Department, Civil Secretariat as AAO, Police Headquarters, J&K; Javid Ahmad Dar, AAO, School Education Deptt. Civil Secretariat as AAO, Directorate of Handicrafts and Handloom, Kashmir; Bilal-Ur-Rehman Pandit, AAO, Industries & Commerce Deptt. Civil Seet as AAO, General administration Department; Avtar Singh Bali, AAO, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K as AAO, Hospitality & Protocol Deptt, J&K; Gurmeet Singh, AAO, Hospitality & Protocol Deptt, J&K, as AAO, Horticulture Department Civil Secretariat; Showkat Hussain Rather AAO, Horticulture Department Civil Secretariat as AAO, Power Development Department, Civil Secretariat; Suresh Kumar, AAO, Health & Medical Education Department, Civil Secretariat as AAO, PW (R&B) Department, Civil Secretariat; Manzoor Ahmad Wantoo, AAO, Police Headquarters, J&K as AAO, Directorate of Skill Development, J&K.

As per another order, five Accounts Assistants have been transferred. Mohammad Maqbool Macha, Accounts Assistant, Information Technology Department as Accounts Assistant, School Education Department; Aanchal Kapoor, Accounts Assistant, General Administration Department as Accounts Assistant, Estates Department; Mohsin Ahmad Malik, Accounts Assistant, J&K Special Tribunals as Accounts Assistant, Crime Headquarter, J&K; Ahmad Mustafa, Accounts Assistant, Transport Commissioner, J&K as Accounts Assistant, Directorate General of Accounts & Treasuries, J&K, and Ishfaq Ahmad Malik, Accounts Assistant, Crime Headquarter, J&K as shall report to Director, Accounts & Treasuries, Kashmir for further posting.

COVID: 12 new cases in J&K

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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir reported 12 fresh Covid cases on Wednesday that took the infection tally to 4,53,909, officials said. Of the new cases, two were reported from the Jammu division while the rest were from Kashmir division, they said.

Srinagar district recorded eight new cases while Budgam registered two new infections, officials said.

Seventeen of the 20 districts in the Union Territory did not report any fresh case.

There are 77 active cases while the overall recoveries has reached 4,49,082, they said.

The COVID-19 death toll stands at 4,750. No Covid-related fatality was reported in the last 24 hours, officials said.

There were 51 confirmed cases of mucormycosis (black fungus), they added.

Heat wave continues in Jammu, light rains lash Kashmir

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JAMMU: Heat wave conditions continued to prevail over the Jammu region on Wednesday, while light rains in Kashmir brought down the day temperature to normal after almost a month, an IMD official said.

Jammu recorded the maximum temperature at 38.5 degrees Celsius and minimum at 24.8 degrees Celsius. While the day temperature is 6.4 degrees above season's average, the night temperature is also 5.6 notches above normal, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) official said.

Katra, the base camp for the pilgrims visiting Mata Vaishno Devi shrine, recorded a high of 34.6 degrees Celsius and a low of 22.8 degrees Celsius. The weather, on the other hand, was pleasant in Kashmir region where Srinagar recorded a high of near normal 20.6 degrees Celsius and a low of 11.8 degrees Celsius, which was 4.2 notches above normal, the official said.

The drop in the mercury in the valley was the result of rainfall under the influence of western disturbance which is presently active over Jammu and Kashmir, the official said, adding Srinagar recorded 5.3mm of rainfall on Wednesday.

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Committed towards women empowerment: AWWA President

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NOWSHERA: Veena Naravane, President Army Wives Welfare Association, interacted online with all the ladies working in AWWA invested, useful, micro ventures of Pooneh and Rajouri districts of J&K. These projects empower the women and make them self-dependent. Naravane lauded the efforts put in by these ladies. These ventures have facilitated in uplifting their social standards. In Lam, Nowshera efforts of Seema Devi, Priya and Meenak