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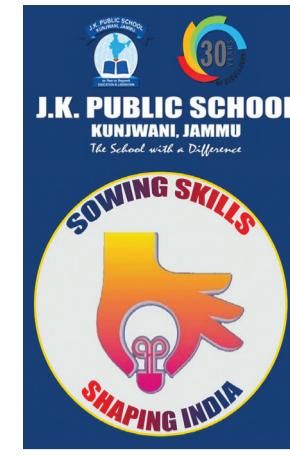
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**DG J&K Funds Org among 12 Directors Finance reshuffled**

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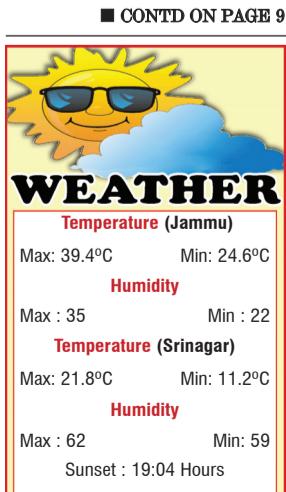
NEW DELHI: Terror group Lashkar-e-Taiba's (LeT) member Sheikh Sajjad alias Sajjad Gul, who was responsible for the killing of journalist Shujaat Bukhari in Srinagar in 2018, was designated as a terrorist by the Centre on Tuesday.

Gul is the sixth individual to have been designated as a terrorist by the Centre in the last fortnight.

The Union home ministry said Gul is absconding in a case pertaining to recovery of arms and ammunition in Jammu and Kashmir and has been actively radicalising, motivating and recruiting youngsters in Jammu and Kashmir to support the LeT. He has also been involved in terror funding, the ministry said.

Gul was found involved in hatching a criminal conspiracy, in connivance with other members of the LeT, to eliminate Bukhari, a

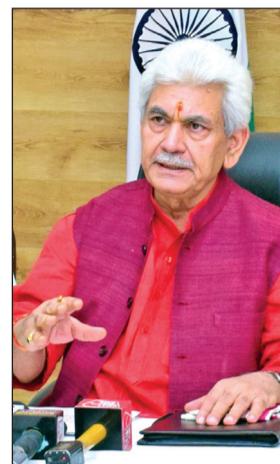
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Humidity  
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Temperature (Srinagar)  
Max: 21.8°C Min: 11.2°C  
Humidity  
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Sunset : 19:04 Hours  
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06 The unsung victims of Pakistani atrocities  
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"An Officer who has already served in any District as Principal District & Sessions Judge may be posted in the Courts of special jurisdiction having independent character or tribunals. Judicial Officers in District Judges cadre, who are comparatively senior in position, shall ordinarily be sent on deputation on posts, requiring appointment of District Judge cadre

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SRINAGAR: About 60-80 terrorists, believed to be Afghan returned mercenaries, are getting trained at reactivated launch pads across the Line of Control (LoC) and are expected to push into Kashmir during the summer, officials here said.

The officials, however, feel that Pakistan will have to think several times before pushing them into the Indian side as Islamabad continues to be in the "grey list" of the Financial Action Task Force, and its sincerity could be gauged if it dismantles the

terror infrastructure. The officials said that after the 2019 pounding by the Indian army, the Pakistani side steered clear of the launch pads till early months of last year when they briefly emerged for some weeks and later disappeared again.

However, from August last year around 60-80 terrorists are present at these re-activated launch pads across the LoC and according to intelligence inputs and monitoring by the field units, the terrorists seem to be Afghan war returnees who are mostly Pakistani mercenaries.

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DG Prosecution gets Addl charge

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JAMMU: The Government on Tuesday assigned additional charge to an IPS officer.

"Deepak Kumar, IPS (AGMUT:93), Director General of Prosecution Department J&K and holding additional charge of the post of Managing Director, Jammu and Kashmir Police Housing Corporation, shall also hold the charge of the post of Director Prosecution Kashmir, in addition to

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Terrorists fire on SFs in Shopian; arms, ammunition seized in Kupwara

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SRINAGAR: Terrorists on Tuesday opened fire on security forces guarding a minority village in Jammu and Kashmir's Shopian district,

but there was no report of any damage, officials said here.

The ultras opened fire towards a bunker of the security forces guarding a village inhabited by members

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On the occasion of the National Panchayati Raj Day, 2022.

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J&K's security situation better than before: DGP

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JAMMU: Asserting that Jammu and Kashmir's security situation is much better than before, DGP Dilbag Singh on Tuesday said militants are being "neutralised" within the shortest possible time of committing an act of terror.

Terror groups and their handlers in Pakistan are hurt by the peaceful atmosphere in Jammu and Kashmir

which is evident from the increased attempts to smuggle weapons from across the border and replacing local stooges with Pakistani terrorists, he said.

The security situation is far better than before and counter-insurgency operations are being carried out successfully on a daily basis.

There is no doubt that terror elements are doing their actions but those involved in such attacks are being identified and neutralised soon," the director general of police (DGP) told reporters at Palli



village in Samba district.

Lt Governor Manoj Sinha along with the police chief visited Palli panchayat, the venue of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit on National Panchayat Day on April 24, to oversee the arrangements.

Asked about the recent spurt in terror attacks, including the latest killing of a Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel in south Kashmir's Pulwama district and owning of the attack by two terror groups, he said, they are all basically Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) affiliates who

are indulging in such activities on the directions from their handlers across the border.

It is like mushroom growth in the rainy season. Such types of groups have no existence on ground and one action is claimed by four groups. We are alive to the situation and those actually involved are being identified and we are hopeful neutralising them soon, he said.

The DGP said police had got solid clues with regard to Monday's attack on RPF personnel and those involved in the incident will be brought to justice soon.

He referred to the recent killing of two Pakistani terrorists involved in an attack on CRPF party in Srinagar and said, "When local stooges fail, they are replaced by Pakistani terrorists who are given fake Aadhar cards (to move freely). Both the terrorists were killed within seven days after

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**Launch pads active across LoC; Pak army uses ceasefire to strengthen its defence**

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ing ceasefire since last February and officials said that the Pakistani army, after facing severe reverses in 2019, has used this time for fortification of its positions along the border with around 8,000 tonnes of defence material.

The Pakistani army has also moved in around 60 heavy caliber guns besides strengthening its air defence system, artillery and mortars while taking advantage of the ceasefire which has been holding good since last year, the officials said.

They said that while the Indian Army maintains

strategic advantage along the LoC, the time has also been used for further strengthening its position to ensure that designs of Pakistani army to push in terrorists during approaching summer is foiled.

The officials said that the anti-infiltration grid and surveillance along the LoC has been further beefed up to meet all kinds of challenges.

Following talks between the Directors General of Military Operations of India and Pakistan over hotline, a joint statement was issued on February 25, 2021 in

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Rare TMJ surgery done in Army dental unit in Jammu

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JAMMU: In a first, a 15-year-old girl was operated for Temperomandibular joint (TMJ) ankylosis in an army dental unit here, a defence spokesman said on Tuesday.

The patient, daughter of a serving Junior Commissioned Officer (JCO), was operated by Dr V Gopalakrishnan and his team in an Army Dental Unit, under the leadership and guidance of Dr Kavita Makkar, the spokesman said.

He said this was the first such case which has been operated in a peripheral centre. The girl had a fall

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JAMMU: Chief Judicial Magistrate Jammu Amarjeet Singh Langoh on Tuesday dismissed the bail application of ex-Minister Jitinder Singh alias Babu Singh, son of Shamsher Singh, resident of Ward-1, Kathua, as police report would show that applicant is allegedly involved in FIR 73/2022 for offences under sections 13, 17, 18 of ULP (special statute).

It needs to be noted that it is special court which has jurisdiction to entertain any matter arising out of aforementioned special statute, including the application, the CJM

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**Hawala Transaction: Ex-Sports Minister Babu Singh's bail plea dismissed**



court observed.

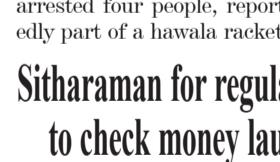
On April 9, the police had arrested Babu Singh for his alleged role in Hawala case and subsequently shifted to Jammu for questioning.

On April 6, the police had issued a lookout notice against Singh after his name surfaced in the case on March 31 when the police arrested four people, reportedly part of a hawala racket.

Rs 7 lakh had been seized from Mohd Shareef Shah (64), who was arrested in Gandhi Nagar, Jammu. The money was reportedly meant to be handed over to Babu Singh. The police had claimed the money was meant for subversive and anti-national activities.

Mohd Shareef Shah had disclosed that he was tasked by Singh to collect money from a person named Omer in Srinagar. He revealed the names of his local and overseas associates - Javed and Khatib from Pakistan-occupied Kashmir and

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Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh during the Trial Run of newly installed Solar Plant at Palli Panchayat in Samba on Tuesday.

The Minister was accompanied by Jugal Kishore Sharma, Member of Parliament and Chetan Prakash Jain, CMD, Central Electronics Limited (CEL) in Union Ministry of Science & Technology which had taken the responsibility of installing a solar plant at a short notice on the eve of the Prime Minister's visit. A team of around a dozen senior scientists and senior officers from the Union Ministry of Science & Technology were also present at the site during the Minister's visit.

Dr Jitendra added that the 500 Kilowatt Solar Plant installed on a total area of 6,408 square metres will provide clean electricity and light to

over 340 houses in the Panchayat. He said, a twenty-five member team had been working round the clock to complete the Rs 2.75 crore project. He said the electricity generated will be distributed to the village, having a daily requirement of about 2,000 units through the local grid power station.

It may be recalled that a series of meetings were held in New Delhi between Union Ministers Dr Jitendra and Giriraj Singh to fine-tune exhibition themes for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Jammu event in the last fortnight.

Dr Jitendra said that senior officers from different participating Ministries and Departments of Government of India that took part in the meeting included Rural Development, Panchayati Raj and six science Departments of Science & Technology, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, Biotechnology, Space, Atomic

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