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### Govt blocks 16...

with foreign States," the ministry said.

The ministry issued an advisory to private television news channels last week, cautioning them against making false claims and using scandalous headlines.

The blocked YouTube channels include MRF TV LIVE, Saini Education Research, Tahaffuz-e-Deen India and SBB News.

The channels based in Pakistan include AjTak Pakistan, Discover Point, Reality Checks and The Voice of Asia.

### Anganwadi workers, helpers...

the orders passed by the Controlling Authority which said that Anganwadi Workers and Anganwadi Helpers are entitled to gratuity under the 1972 Act.

"This finding was affirmed by a single bench of the Gujarat High Court. However, the division bench of the High Court, on appeals filed by the District Development Officer, set aside the single bench verdict and held that AWWs and AWHs could not be said to be employees as per Section 2(e) of the 1972 Act, and the ICDS project cannot be said to be an industry," the apex court noted.

The top court said that because of the provisions of the National Food Security Act, 2013 and Section 11 of the Right To Education Act, Anganwadi centres also perform statutory duties.

"The Anganwadi centres have, thus, become an extended arm of the Government in view of the enactment of the National Food Security Act, 2013 and the Rules framed by the Government of Gujarat. The Anganwadi centres have been established to give effect to the obligations of the State defined under Article 47 of the Constitution. It can be safely said that the posts of AWWs and AWHs are statutorily posts," Justice Oka said in separate judgement.

The apex court said that Anganwadi workers (AWWs) and Anganwadi helpers (AWH) have been assigned all pervasive duties, which include identification of the beneficiaries, cooking nutritious food, serving healthy food to the beneficiaries, conducting pre-school for the children of the age group of 3 to 6 years, and making frequent home visits for various reasons.

"Implementation of very important and innovative provisions relating to children, pregnant women as well as lactating mothers under the 2013 Act has been entrusted to them. It is thus impossible to accept the contention that the job assigned to AWWs and AWHs is a part time job.

"The Government Resolution dated November 25, 2019, which prescribes duties of AWWs and AWHs, does not lay down that their job is a part- time job. Considering the nature of duties specified thereunder, it is full time employment," the bench said.

It said that in the State of Gujarat, AWWs are being paid monthly remuneration of only Rs 7,800 and AWHs are being paid monthly remuneration of only Rs.3,950. AWWs working in mini Anganwadi centres are being paid a sum of Rs 4,400 per month and the important tasks of providing food security to children in the age group of six months to six years, pregnant women as well as lactating mothers have been assigned to them, it said.

"For all this, they are being paid very meager remuneration and paltry benefits under an insurance scheme of the Central Government. It is high time that the Central Government and State Governments take serious note of the plight of AWWs and AWHs who are expected to render such important services to the society," the apex court said.

## CRIME REPORT

### Man attacked on way to home

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

R S PURA: A man was attacked by two persons when he was on his way to home in R S Pura area on Monday.

As per details, one Raj Pal, son of Munshi Ram, resident of village Sir was attacked by two persons with sharp-edged weapon when he was on way to his house. On hearing hue and cry, locals rushed to the spot and shifted injured to hospital, however attackers fled from the spot. Police has registered a case and started manhunt to nab accused who were identified as Bipin Kumar and Jagir Singh.

### Army Jawan, minor boy found hanging

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: An Army Jawan and a minor boy were found hanging under mysterious circumstances on Monday.

As per details, Neeraj Kumar, son of Ramu Singh, resident of Uttar Pradesh who was posted in Tiger Division, Satwari Cantonment was found hanging in his quarter by his colleagues, who informed police, which rushed to the spot and shifted body to morgue for autopsy.

Meanwhile, Mukesh Kumar, son of Des Raj, resident of Kishtwar, presently staying at Bharat Nagar was also found hanging in his house.

### Driver dies in mishap

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: A driver of a dumper was killed in a road mishap at Khaleeni-Sudhmahadev road on Monday.

As per details, one Altaf Hussain, son of Rustum Lone, resident of Pranu who was driving a dumper, got injured after the vehicle fell into a gorge on Khaleeni-Sudhmahadev road. He was immediately shifted to hospital where doctors declared him as brought dead.

### Kanals of wheat crop burnt to ashes

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

R S PURA: Hundreds of Kanals of wheat crop was reduced to ashes due to a fire that broke out under suspicious circumstances on Monday afternoon in Alla Mai De Kothe area along International Indo-Pak border. The farmers tried to control the fire, but due to strong wind and dry crop, the fire spread rapidly and burnt the wheat crop.

The fire brigade team reached to the spot and brought fire under control after a lot of effort. According to information, the farmers whose crops were damaged in the incident included Narayan Das, Kuldeep Singh, Sardari Lal, Baburam, Bodhram, Bachan Lal, Darbari Lal, Balwant Singh, Nirmal Singh, Darshan Lal, Bhagwan Das, Tarsam Lal, Dayal Singh, Harnam Singh and Garu Ram, all residents of Badaiyal Brahma Deriya.

BDC Chairman Tarsem Lal Sharma said that concerned department has been directed to assess the damages at the earliest so that farmers can get proper compensation. At the same time, Vini Sharma, Sarpanch has demanded compensation for farmers whose crops have been damaged.

### Excise Department destroys working still, Lahan

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: To curb illegally made liquor in district, Excise Department on Monday carried out various raids under Excise Range Kathua to stop sale of illicit liquor, destroyed a working still and 1,550 Kg Lahan including 40 liters of illicit liquor including 60 pouches. On the instructions of Excise Commissioner, Kishore Singh Chib and Deputy Excise Commissioner (Executive) Jammu Kusum Sharma, the excise team comprising ETO of Excise Range Kathua Virendra Kumar, Inspector Excise Arun Kumar, Razi Ahmed, Arun Kumar, Amit Sharma, SI Bodh Raj, Sanjeev Kumar, J P Sharma Head Excise Guard Naginder Kumar and Excise Guard Kewal Krishna destroyed illegal liquor by raiding villages Jarai, Taraf-Sanji, Kangrayal, Upper Saka-Chakk, Nihalpur and Barnoti in Kathua district and other areas. In this process, in addition to a working still, 40 liters of illicit liquor and 60 pouches of illicit liquor including more than 1,550 Kg Lahan were recovered and destroyed.

### Clash over parking

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A clash erupted over parking of a vehicle in Bakshi Nagar area on Monday.

As per details, Arunradha Singh who was parking a scooter in Bakshi Nagar had heated arguments with a traffic cop, after which cop hit her with stick. Irked over it, woman raised alarm and approached police, which is investigating the matter.

### Terrorist associate nabbed

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: Police on Monday nabbed a terrorist associate working as a

Justice Rastogi also penned a separate but concurring judgement and said the time has come when the Central Government/State Governments have to collectively find out modalities in providing better service conditions to the voiceless commensurate to the nature of job discharged by Anganwadi workers/helpers.

### Three arrested in...

of third additional session judge, also a designated NIA court, the officials said police sought their remand for interrogation.

The court granted 10 days remand of the accused to the police and accordingly they were whisked away for questioning, they said.

### 4,64,910 precaution doses...

precaution doses to all aged above 18 years at private vaccination centres.

All those above the age of 18 who have completed nine months after the administration of the second dose are eligible for the precaution dose.

Over 2.64 crore ( 2,64,96,544) precaution doses have been administered to healthcare workers, frontline workers and to those aged 60 and above so far.

The daily vaccination tally is expected to increase with the compilation of the final reports for the day by late night.

The countrywide vaccination drive was rolled out on January 16 last year with healthcare workers getting inoculated in the first phase. Vaccination of frontline workers started from February 2 last year.

The next phase of COVID-19 vaccination commenced on March 1 last year for people over 60 years of age and those aged 45 and above with specified comorbid conditions.

India launched vaccination for all people aged more than 45 years from April 1 last year.

The government then decided to expand its vaccination drive by allowing everyone above 18 years of age to be inoculated against the viral disease from May 1 last year.

The next phase of vaccination commenced from January 3 for adolescents in the age group of 15-18 years.

India began administering precaution doses of vaccines to healthcare and frontline workers and those aged 60 and above with comorbidities from January 10.

The country began inoculating children aged 12-14 from March 16 and also removed the comorbidity clause making all people aged above 60 eligible for the precaution dose of Covid vaccine.

### Hybrid LeT terrorist...

the name of banned organization JeI in Baramulla.

Acting on specific information about collection of money in the name of banned organization Jamaat-e-Islami in Baramulla town, police and 46RR arrested one person identified as Mohd Amin Ganie son of Ali Mohammad Ganie resident of Microwave Colony Kanlibagh Baramulla who was riding a scooter bearing registration No JK05G-7856, 3 receipt books of Jamaat-e-Islami, 1 mobile phone and Rs 15900. During further investigation, a search was also carried out at his house at Kanlibagh Baramulla where from JK Bank passbooks and blank booklet of Jamaat-e-Islami was recovered.

Accordingly, a case FIR number 68/2022 under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Baramulla and investigation has been started.

### Centre pushed J&K...

this front as well," Mufti said. She said the Centre has put up the land of Jammu and Kashmir for sale, adding, "It is offering a 50-per cent stamp duty reduction for

people buying land here."

The former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister also hit out at Modi for maintaining silence over Muslims facing violence across the country.

"The livelihood of Muslims, their homes and their dignity are being bulldozed in (Delhi's) Jahangirpuri, right near the prime minister's residence, but he is doing nothing about it," she alleged.

Mufti said as a Muslim majority state, Jammu and Kashmir had acceded to India based on the principles of secularism.

"We thought Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs and Christians will live together. But that is not happening now. Muslims, the largest minority in the country, are a scared lot," she added.

Mufti said the prime minister's visit to Jammu and Kashmir comes in the backdrop of him being a "silent spectator" when 20 crore Muslims were "facing bulldozers".

"He comes to visit Jammu and Kashmir, which he left no stone unturned to destroy. Our rights have been snatched.... We have been reduced from a state to a Union Territory. Outsiders are being given preference in jobs here, while people from Jammu and Kashmir are being dismissed," she alleged.

The PDP president further alleged that the BJP-led Centre has "not only bulldozed democracy, but the Constitution as well".

Asked about elections in Jammu and Kashmir, she said she has not heard anything about it.

"The way they (Centre) are controlling Jammu and Kashmir by a remote control, we do not foresee any news about elections," Mufti said.

In his first visit to Jammu and Kashmir after the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution in August 2019, Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stones of several projects worth around Rs 20,000 crore for the Union Territory on Sunday.

In a message to the youngsters of Jammu and Kashmir, the prime minister said unlike their parents and grandparents, they would not have to live a life of trouble.

### Centre committed to...

technological innovations for effective cost and time management.

Meanwhile, various issues hampering the path of overall progress were thoroughly discussed in the meeting which the minister assured shall be taken into consideration for their timely resolution. The deputy commissioner of Baramulla and other officials of the district administration were present in the meeting, the statement said.

### 3 Kashmiri students...

for the Jammu and Kashmir Students Association (JKSA) to find a lawyer for them. Advocate Madhuvan Dutt Chaturvedi a Mathura-based lawyer who had completed his law graduation from Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar University represented the students at the court. Chaturvedi's decision to represent the Kashmiri trio in Agra did not sit well with some sections of the legal community. As per earlier updates on the case, the judge did not attend the hearing for bail on four separate occasions.

### J&K logs 14...

district, the Kashmir division reported the other seven cases with Budgam recording three followed by two each in Baramulla and Srinagar districts.

There are 50 active cases of the disease in the Union Territory, while the number of recoveries has reached 4,49,203, the officials said.

### India creates Guinness record for simultaneous waving of highest number of national flags: Govt

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: India has entered the Guinness Book of World Records for waving the maximum number of national flags simultaneously, the Ministry of Culture said Monday.

It said 78,220 tricolors were waved at the Veer Kunwar Singh Vijayotsav programme organised at Duler Ground in Jagdishpur in the presence of Home Minister Amit Shah.

The event was held to pay a tribute to the victory of the then King of Jagdishpur, Veer Kunwar Singh, one of the heroes of the freedom struggle of 1857, the ministry said.

The event was organised by the Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Culture under the 'Azadi Ka Amit Mahotsav', the 75th anniversary of India's Independence.

The attempt was witnessed by representatives of the Guinness Book of World Records and attendees were asked to wear bands for the physical identification. The complete event is documented in video form, the culture ministry said.

The previous world record was of about 56,000 when Pakistani flags were waved at a function in Lahore in 2004.

In his address at Jagdishpur, Home Minister Shah said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has envisioned that in 2047, India should lead globally and this can be "our true tribute to all brave freedom fighters like Veer Kunwar Singh".

Babu Kunwar Singh was also a great social reformer and he had placed the idea of ??welfare of the backward and downtrodden before the nation at that time. History has been unjust to Babu Kunwar Singh, as he was not given the place he deserved, based on his valour, merit and sacrifice.

"However, today the people of Bihar have paid their tribute to Babu ji and have once again immortalized Veer Kunwar Singh's name in history," Shah said.

Union ministers RK Singh, Ashwini Choubey and Nityanand Rai were also present during the program. Deputy chief ministers Tarkishwar Prasad and Renu Devi were also present. Together with thousands of people gathered, they raised the tricolor for five minutes and sang the national song 'Vande Mataram', the ministry said.

### IPL betting racket busted, Rs 10 lakh seized

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Monday busted IPL betting racket going on at Gandhi Nagar and seized Rs 10 lakh from the spot.

As per details, acting on an input about betting over IPL matches, Gandhi Nagar police raided a suspected location and arrested some accused. An amount of Rs 10 lakh was also seized from the spot and questioning of accused is going on.

### 10 arrested for illegal extraction & transportation of minerals

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BUDGAM: Police on Monday arrested 10 persons and seized 10 vehicles



involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals in Budgam.

As per details, a party from Police Post Soibagh at a checkpoint established at Wadwan intercepted & seized 10 Tipplers (JK03B-2907, JK01D-1370, JK01J-3308, JK04-7055, JK01F-9413, JK04-6684, JK02AV-0717, JK04-0832, JK14B-6598 & JK04B-1587) loaded with illegally extracted minerals. 10 persons identified as Fayaz Ahmed Bhat, resident of Hakermula; Shabir Ahmad Dar; resident of Nasrullahpora; Imran Ali Ganie, resident of Parisab; Mohammad Imran Shah, resident of Hajibagh; Showkat Ahmed Shah, resident of Hajibagh; Mudasir Ahmed Malla, resident of Dooru Sebdan; Murtaza Ali Bhat, resident of Hakermula; Mohammad Yasin Qazi, resident of Waterwani; Mohammad Iqbal Dar, resident of Allahpora & Zahoor Ahmed Sheikh, resident of Tengpora were arrested for commission of crime. In this regard, FIR No. 119/2022 under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Budgam and investigation initiated.

The fire