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KP employee shot dead by terrorists in Tehsil Office Budgam Those behind despicable terror attack won't go unpunished: LG

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Two Lashkare-Taiba terrorists entered a crowded government office and shot dead a Kashmiri Pandit employee in Budgam district in central Kashmir on Thursday, in a targeted killing that drew strong condemnation from political parties and employees' associa-

Rahul Bhat (35), who was posted in the Tehsil office in Chadoora under a special employment package for Kashmiri Pandit migrants, was rushed to the premier SMHS Hospital in Srinagar but succumbed to his injuries soon after.

The two terrorists, belonging to the Lashkar-e-Taiba outfit entered the Tehsil office around 4.30 pm when it was full of employees and people, and shot at Bhat.

Bhat was living in a colony Sheikhpura in Budgam dis-



Family members of Kashmiri Pandit Rahul Bhat (inset), who was shot by terrorists, mourning, in Jammu. (Pic by Shilpa Thakur)

Tarun Chugh condemns killing of KP employee, terms it cowardly act SRINAGAR: BJP national general secretary and in charge of

Jammu and Kashmir, Tarun Chugh on Thursday condemned the killing of Kashmiri Pandit employee in Chadoora area of Budgam district. Chugh told media that this is cowardly act and

killing innocent has no justification. He said that those involved in this heinous crime should be brought to justice as soon as possible. Chugh also expressed his heartfelt sympathies and condolences with the bereaved family.

He is survived by wife, fivevear-old daughter and parents. His father is a retired police officer.

Bhat is the Kashmiri Pandit to have been killed by terrorists in the last seven months. A prominent member of the Kashmiri Pandit community, Makhan chemist Bindroo, was shot dead by terrorist on October 6, 2021. As many as 14 people belonging to Jammu and

Kashmir's minority Hindu community, including Kashmiri Pandits, have been killed by militants in various parts of Kashmir between August 2019 and March 2022. Those targeted included prominent businessmen, sarpanchs and block development council members.

There has been a spurt in attacks on non-Muslims and outsiders living in Kashmir since the abrogation

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Sudhanshu designated as SP Spl Crime Wing Jammu

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government on Thursday designated Sudhanshu Verma, IPS (RR:2015)Superintendent of Police, Special Crime Wing (SCW), Jammu

"In partial modification of Government Order No.124-Home of 2022 dated May 4, 2022, it is ordered that Sudhanshu Verma, IPS (RR:2015), under orders of transfer as 'Additional

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One ICAS, Nine JKAS officers transferred

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government on Thursday transferred one Indian Civil Accounts Service (ICAS) and nine Jammu ands Kashmir Administrative Services (JKAS) officers.

According to the order issued by Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Principal Secretary, General Administration Department (GAD), Anu Behl, JKAS,

Programme Officer, ICDS,

AC defines dev contour for all departments, approves deliverables for FY 2022-23

Tangible targets to be achieved on monthly, quarterly, half-yearly, yearly basis

■ STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: Administrative Council (AC) which met here under the chairmanship of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Thursday Sinha, on approved an exhaustive list

of developmental deliverables to be achieved in the financial year 2022-23, for all departments. Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Arun Kumar

Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K and Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor attend-



The decision to assign deliverables to all departments is a first-of-its-kind and innovative initiative of the Government aimed at propelling growth and development in the Union territory by prioritizing transformative action in all areas.

These deliverables broadly define the priority areas towards ensuring greater efficiency in the overall governance of Jammu and Kashmir, and lay down monthly, quarterly, half-yearly and yearly targets for all departments.

These developmental contours not only define the quality and quantity of departmental services to be ensured in a time-bound manner, but also

At least 168 terrorists operating in J&K, 75 killed this year: Army

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMII: At least 168 terrorists are operating in Jammu and Kashmir while 75 have been killed in encounters with security forces this year, officials said. Among those neutralised include 21 foreign

mercenaries, they pointed out. In the past 11 months, 11 terrorists were

encountered and 12 infiltration bids were

foiled in the vicinity of the Line of Control (LoC) alone, they said.

"The intensity of (counter-terrorism) operations will continue to be high till all of the residual 168 plus terrorists surrender or are eliminated," a senior army officer told PTI.

He said the overall situation is progressive ly improving due to the proactive army-guided deployment, leading **CONTD ON PAGE 9**

'Kashmir to be connected with rest of country through railway in '23'

(USBRL),

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Kashmir would be connected to Jammu and rest of the country during 2023 by providing efficient railway connectivity to the Valley. The all-weather and cost-effective connectivity shall be a boon for the economy of Jammu and Kashmir.

Briefing Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta here, Manager Northern Railway (NR), Ashutosh Gangal on Thursday gave the status of the ongoing works on Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Railway Link

CAOconstruction CSC services to be

extended to citizens

through FPS network

SRINAGAR: In a significant

step towards improving pub-

lic service effectiveness a

MoU was signed between the

Department of Food, Civil

Supplies and Consumer

Affairs (FCS&CA) and CSC

e-Governance Services India

Limited, to extend all types

of CSC and PDS services to

Fire incident in Law

Department in civil sectt

Director Estates J&K appointed

as Enquiry Officer

JAMMU: To inquire into the

fire incident in the

Department of Law, Justice & Parliamentary Affairs on May 1, 2022, the

Government on Monday appointed Director, Estates

'Subash Chhibber, JKAS,

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Director, Estates, J&K has

J&K as Enquiry Officer.

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STATE TIMES NEWS

Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Railway Link Khandelwal; PCSC NR, A N Mishra; DRM Firozpur,

Seema Sharma also accompanied GM NR. GM Northern Railway briefed the Chief Secretary about the works that have been finished, or nearing completion, works under progress, and the adherence to the set timelines to dedi-

Chief Secretary informed about the work on the intervening 111 kms of Katra-Banihal section

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The State

Investigation Agency has

presented charge sheet

before the Court of 3rd Addl.

Session Judge Jammu in

FIR No. 05/2021. The FIR

was registered in Police

Station JIC Jammu on

November 14, 2021 on the

information that one Mohd

Rafiq Khan, son of Abdul

Brahmana) Tehsil Manjakot,

Distt. Rajouri is involved in

illegal cross border/LoC

activities and is in contact

with Abdul Hameed Khan

(suspected to be ISI agent)

Panjgrain

resident

(Ghambir

at the earliest.

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NIA files chargesheet against 4 JeI members of Ganderbal in terror-funding case Shalabughi has been solic-

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEWDELHI: National Investigation Agency (NIA) Thursday filed a chargesheet in a court here against four members of the banned Jamaat-e-Islami (JEI) in a terror-funding case, an official said.

SIA's crack down on anti-national network; charge-sheet

filed against two for operating terror module

presently residing in Kotli

PoK, and constantly sharing

information relating to

Indian strategic assets in

through encrypted social

media applications and VoIP.

Resultantly, instant case

was registered under section

18 of UA (P) Act 1967 read

with section 3 of the Official

Secrets Act 1923 against

The Investigation revealed

a well-knitted conspiracy by

Pakistani agents of LeT to

destabilize the Government

in the State of Punjab and

Union Territory of Jammu

and Kashmir. Mohd. Rafiq

Mohd. Rafiq Khan.

Rajouri/Poonch

The chargesheet against Javaid Ahmad Lone alias "Shalabughi", his brother Aadil cate the project to the people Ahmad Lone, Manzoor Ahmad Dar and Rameez Ahmad Kondu, all residents of central Kashmir's Ganderbal district, was filed in the NIA special court, Patiala House, a spokesperson of the agency said. Shalabughi is charged

with various sections of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and Arms Act read with Indian Penal Code, while the rest three were booked under different sections of Arms Act and IPC, spokesperson said.

The NIA said the case was registered against members and cadres of Jamaat-e-Islami, J&K, for their involvement in separatist and secessionist activities, even after its declaration as unlawful

Khan on the instructions of

his Pakistani handler, Abdul

Hameed Khan had deposited

Rs. 10,000/- in the account

of one Darshan Singh of

Sangroor Punjab. The

account number of Darshan

Singh was provided to

Mohd. Rafiq Khan by

Gurpal Singh. This Gurpal

Singh has a criminal back-

ground and had developed

friendly relationship with

one Sajid Bukhari, who is a

Pakistani national lodged in

Sangroor Jail alongwith

Gurpal Singh. Since Gurpal

Singh was in need of money,

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association on February 28, 2019.

They had been collecting funds domestically as well as from abroad through donations, particularly in the form of Zakat, Mowda and Baitul-Mal' purportedly to further charity and other welfare activities but had instead used it to encourage violent and secessionactivities," spokesperson said.

The NIA had registered the case suo-moto on February 5, 2021. "Investigation in the case

has revealed that accused

Mission Amrit Sarovar: Govt constitutes UT-level Committee for implementation

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government on Thursday constituted a UT level Committee for effective implementation and coordination of the Mission Amrit Sarovar.

"Sanction is accorded to the constitution of a UT Committee for effective implementation and coordination of the Mission Amrit Sarovar in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir," read an order issued by Manoj Kumar Principal Dwivedi. Secretary, General Administration Department As per order, the

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iting funds and organising meetings in the name of JEI, J&K.

In these meetings, he has been giving hateful anti-India speeches and exhorting people to donate according to their status,' the spokesperson said. The NIA said the Lone

brothers had acquired firearms and ammunition, "ulterior motives' from the co-accused per-

Further investigation in the case continues, the spokesperson said.

Senior opposition leader told me becoming PM twice is enough: Modi ■ STATE TIMES NEWS him, Modi said. He was not

BHARUCH: Prime Minister Narendra Modi asserted on

Thursday that he has no intention of slowing down while recalling an opposition leader's observation that $_{\mathrm{PM}}$ becoming twice was enough accom-

plishment. Modi was addressing via

video link beneficiaries of Gujarat government's financial assistance schemes for widows, elderly and destitute citizens.

One day a very big leader met me. He regularly opposes us politically, but I respect

happy over some issues, so he had come to meet me, the PM added. $_{\mathrm{He}}$ said. Modi ji, the

country has made you prime minister twice, so what more do you want now.

He was of the opinion that if one becomes prime minister twice then he has achieved everything, the PM said.

He doesn't know that Modi is made of a different mettle. The land of Gujarat has made him. That's why I do not believe in taking it

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CBI nabs two Agriculture Department officials for accepting bribe

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Central Bureau of Investigation has arrested Devinder Sharma. Plant Protection Officer (PPO) and Rajinder Kumar, Field Assistant, both officials of Directorate of Agriculture, Govt. of J&K, Jammu for demanding and accepting bribe of Rs. 12,000 from the complainant.

An official said that a case was registered on a complaint against both the accused on the allegations of demanding bribe.

It was alleged that the complainant (a member of agriculture cooperative society

engaged in sale, stocking and distribution) had filed an application with the Plant Protection Officer, Jammu for addition of pesticide products of certain firms in the license of his cooperative

It was further alleged that the Plant Protection Officer (PPO) and Field Assistant, both demanded bribe of Rs. 15,000 from the complainant for approval of his application. Later, the bribe amount was negotiated at Rs. 12.000, he added.

The CBI, he said that laid a trap and caught the accused while demanding and accept-

ing bribe of Rs. 12,000 from the Complainant.

Accordingly, a trap was laid by CBI and the accused Devinder Sharma, Plant Protection Officer (PPO) and Rajinder Kumar, Field Assistant, both officials of Directorate of Agriculture, Govt. of J&K, Jammu were caught red-handed while demanding and accepting bribe of Rs. 12,000 from the complainant. Searches were also conducted at the office and residential premises of the accused at Jammu and Kathua. Both the arrested

accused namely ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Army Chief begins 3-day visit to Ladakh region; reviews security scenario

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Army Chief Gen Manoj Pande on Thursday carried out a comprehensive review of India's military preparedness along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh as he began his first visit to the strategically key region nearly two weeks after taking the reins of the Indian Army.

On the first day of his three-day visit, senior commanders briefed Gen Pande at the headquarters of the Fire and Fury Corps in Leh about the overall security situation in eastern Ladakh where Indian and Chinese troops are locked in a standoff at a number of friction points for over two years.

It is Gen Pande's first visit



outside Delhi after taking charge as the Army Chief on

April 30. "The Army Chief was briefed on the security situation along the borders with

special focus on Eastern Ladakh. The high level of operational readiness being maintained by the forces while maintaining a high tempo of capability development was highlighted," the Army said in a statement. Later, Gen Pande, accompanied by General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Northern Command Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi and Lt Gen A Sengupta, General Officer Commanding of the Fire and Fury Corps, called on Lt Governor RK Mathur. "This was followed by a

detailed discussion on issues related to civil-military cooperation and the role of Indian Army in developmental activities in the Union Territory of Ladakh," the Army said.

It said Gen Pande will visit forward areas in eastern Ladakh and interact with troops deployed along the LAC in the most difficult

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J&K Bank crosses Rs 500 Cr mark in annual net-profit after 7 yrs considerably to 8.67 % and

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Posting its highest annual profit after FY 2014-15, J&K Bank today registered annual netprofit of Rs 501.56 Cr for the Financial Year 2021-22 witnessing 16%YoY growth when compared to Rs 432.12 Cr recorded last financial year, while delivering net profit of Rs 112.20Crfor Q4 of the current financial year.

The bank declared its annual and Q4 results on Thursday after the Bank's Board of Directors approved the numbers in a meeting held here at the bank's Corporate Headquarters.

While funding its liabilities including non-financial ones on voluntary basis by making one-time provisioning, J&K

Bank today delivered net profit of Rs 501.56 Cr for the Financial Year 2021-22 and registered Rs 112.20 Cras net profit for January-March quarter of the FY 2021-22.

During the fourth quarter, the Bank's other income rose 10%YoY to Rs 196.45 Cr while as the total income increased by 7% to Rs 1171.95 Cr.

With Cost of Deposits improving from 4.10% to 3.65% on YoY basis, the Bank's NIM was recorded at 3.50% for the year ended March 2022. CD and CASA Ratios stood at 61.37% and 56.56% respectively for the reviewed financial year.

The Bank's gross and net NPA as percentages to gross and net advances improved

2.49 % respectively when compared to 9.67% and 2.95%,recorded last year.

NPA Coverage Ratio of the Bank witnessed marked improvement to 84.26% when compared to 81.97% a

After raising over Rs 1100 Cr as capital during the FY 2021-22, the Bank's Capital Adequacy Ratio witnessed marked improvement from 12.20% to 13.23% thus ensuring availability of growth capital in addition to maintaining the regulatory requirements.

Posting growth of over 5% in its business, the Bank's deposits have increased by $6\% \mathrm{to}\;\mathrm{Rs}\;114710.38\;\mathrm{Cr}$

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