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search operation, which entered the fourth day on Tuesday, has been intensified in Shahstiar, Gursai, Sanai, Lasana, and Sheendara top in the Surankote belt and adjoining areas in Poonch district, officials said.

While some dense forest areas have been scanned and routes towards Kashmir have been plugged, there has been no trace of the terrorists involved in the attacks so far, they added.

Twenty-two people have been detained for questioning and the authorities are reviewing some CCTV footage for leads, they said.

Posters offering a cash reward of Rs 20 lakh for any information leading to the arrest of the two individuals, believed to be the prime suspects, have been put up in Surankote, they said.

In Rajouri, security forces have launched a fresh search operation and put troops on alert following reports of suspected movement of two people in Sada and Kandi areas that have been cordoned off.

Security measures have been tightened with increased checking of vehicles on busy roads, especially on the Jammu Rajouri-Poonch national highway, which is vital for the twin districts of Rajouri and Poonch -- part of the Anantnag parliamentary constituency going to polls on May 25, they said.

On April 28, a village defence guard (VDG) was killed in a brief encounter with terrorists in the remote Panara village in Udhampur district.

Security agencies have expanded the scope of the search operation to various areas of Doda, Udhampur, and Kathua districts to track down the terrorists.

The ongoing search operation, which entered its 10th day on Tuesday, has been extended to the Bhalessa areas of Doda district, while operations continue in Basantgarh, Dudu, Bani, and Seoj areas of Udhampur and Kathua districts, officials said.

However, there has been no breakthrough in the search so far, they said.

Additional Director General of Police (Jammu zone) Anand Jain had earlier said that the two groups of terrorists are believed to be present in the area after recently infiltrating from across the border, with each group consisting of four and six members, respectively. The twin districts have witnessed several major terrorist attacks in the past two years, indicating a resurgence of terror activities in the region, which was once declared terrorism-free and remained peaceful between 2003 and 2021.

## Properties of 7...

spokesperson said. He identified the handlers as Shabir Ahmad Sofi of Sheikhpora, Ghulam Nabi Alaie of Waripora Payeen, Ghulam Nabi Sheikh of Warpora Bala, Sharief ud din Chopan and Gulla Sheikh of Reshipora Authoora, Mohammad Rafiq Khan of Saloosa and Abdul Hameed Parray of Frashtra Tilgam.

The property was identified during an investigation conducted by police, he added.

## 3 SPOs dismissed...

departmental enquiries initiated against them among and other officials in 2023, they said. The officials said that Daljeet Singh and Bali Ram were arrested in a case of murder registered at the Ramgarh police station but they escaped from police custody. They were disengaged from service for dereliction of duties, they said.

The officials said that Deepak Singh has been disengaged from service for his involvement in a case registered under relevant sections of the NDPS Act at the Samba police station.

## Want 400 seats...

to spoil the game and put a Babri lock on the Ram temple in Ayodhya, he said.

The PM said that about 14 days back, he challenged Congress to give in writing to the country's 140 crore people that it will not give reservation based on religion.

"Secondly, I asked them to give in writing that they will never snatch reservations being given to SCs, STs and OBC and thirdly, to give in writing that they will never give reservations to Muslims through dacoity on the existing OBC quota, but they are not responding and put a lock on their mouths," he said.

Modi claimed the Congress has also talked about giving priority to minorities in sports.

"I wanted to ask Congress, if it wanted to do so, why it divided the country in three parts after 1947. At the same time, the entire country would have been made Pakistan and at the same time, India would have been erased," he said.

The PM said he wants 400 Lok Sabha seats to prevent Congress from "dacoity" of the OBC quota to benefit its vote bank.

Lashing out at Congress for claiming that BJP will alter the Constitution in the third term, Modi said, "We have also used these 400 plus seats to extend SC/ST quota for 10 years, appoint a tribal woman as the country's President for the first time and to provide reservation to women, Modi said.

"Modi is asking for 400 seats so that the Congress does not hand over the country's vacant land and islands to other countries, it does not take away reservation given to SC/ST/OBCs and give it to its vote bank and does not declare all castes of its vote bank as OBC overnight," he said.

Without naming Lalu Prasad, Modi said a big alliance partner of the INDIA bloc has endorsed what he used to say about their plan to end the reservations for SC, ST and OBCs.

"Their leader who has eaten the animal's fodder (alluding to Lalu Yadav's conviction in fodder scam) and convicted by the court, even by the Supreme Court in the corruption case and out on bail due to health."

"Congress is making him dance on their head. He is saying not only Muslims should get reservations but all the reservations should be given to Muslims. Means they want all the reservation to Muslims by snatching it from SC, ST and OBC," Modi said.

He alleged the Congress had stabbed Ambedkar, who had opposed the religion-based reservation, and the Constitution in the back.

"The Congress has started saying that he (Ambedkar) had a very little role in framing the Constitution and Pandit Nehru made the most significant contribution," he said and pointed out that Ambedkar was given the Bharat Ratna when Congress was not in power.

He said if Congress has its way, it will say its vote bank has the first right to live in India and asserted "till Modi is alive, he will foil attempts to erase India's identity in the name of fake and pseudo-secularism".

## CS inaugurates 'SBL'...

Automatic Teller Machines (ATMs) of the bank besides having the facility to extend different products like credit cards, opening of bank accounts and others offered by this largest public sector bank of the country.

Dulloo called it a very welcome step towards provisioning financial services under one roof by the country's largest and trusted bank. He anticipated that many more features of digital banking would get added to this point of contact in future.

This point of contact designated as 'SBI e-Corner' is a compact place where thousands of employees working in the twin complexes of Civil Secretariat and Legislative Assembly besides visitors to these offices there.

On the occasion the bank authorities present gave out that the facilities made available includes Automatic Deposit Withdrawal Machine (ADWM), ATM that would provide cash deposition and withdrawal facility round the clock.

It was further detailed out that these facilities are synchronised with SBI YONO features that would enable users to use both the facilities of cash deposit/withdrawal without using Debit card at any hour of the day.

## LG for solarizing...

maintenance and timely replacement of street lights.

The Lt Governor discussed important matters related to the functioning of Jammu Kashmir Energy Development Agency (JAKEDA) and Jammu Kashmir Science Technology & Innovation Council (JKST&IC).

He took stock of the key solar power projects and schemes including Rooftop Solarization of Government and Residential buildings, Solar Power Plants installed under Smart City Project and Floating Solar Power Plants.

The meeting also discussed various other issues related to development of solar energy, Sub Regional Science Centre-Srinagar, Industrial Bio-Technology Park and IEC Activities under the Science and Technology field.

The meeting was attended by Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Santosh D Vaidya, Principal Secretary, Finance Department; Dr. Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to the Lt Governor; Saurabh Bhagat, Commissioner/Secretary, Science & Technology Department and senior officers of NHPC, Central and UT Government.

## Sinha reviews functioning ...

and Cooperative Super Bazaars.

The Lt Governor appraised measures taken for modernization and upgradation of existing Super Bazaars, with a focus on devising a comprehensive roadmap to strengthen these essential retail hubs.

He called for exploring avenues for enhancing the infrastructure, services, and market reach of Super Bazaars to better serve the consumers and promote economic growth. He said the dedication, determination, faith and collective efforts of cooperatives will pave the way to prosperity.

The meeting also reviewed the functioning of Common Service Centers (CSCs). The Lt Governor directed for ensuring CSCs compliance with regulatory standards.

He emphasized the importance of enhancing transparency and accountability in the delivery of services through CSCs, reaffirming the administration's commitment to citizen-cen-

tric governance.

He directed the officials to take effective steps to address the issues pertaining to pesticide distribution and underlined the need for stringent quality control measures to safeguard farmers' interests.

Collaborative efforts between the government, cooperatives, and other stakeholders are must to streamline processes, enhance service delivery, and promote inclusive growth in the cooperative sector; the Lt Governor said.

Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Santosh D Vaidya, Principal Secretary, Finance Department; B. Sridhar; CGM NABARD; Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Babila Rakwal, Secretary to Government, Cooperative Department, representatives of RBI and other senior officials attended the meeting.

## HC imposes Rs...

payable by the petitioner to the Advocates' Welfare Fund within a period of four weeks from today.

Briefly stating the facts in the instant petition are that a civil miscellaneous appeal came to be preferred against the order dated 02.01.2024 passed by learned Sub Judge (CJM), Jammu, whereby and where-under; the status quo has been directed to be maintained with respect to the service status of the petitioner herein (respondent No.1 therein) with the prayer for setting aside the same. The leave application arises out of a civil miscellaneous appeal which has been filed by the respondent no.5 herein against the order dated 02.01.2024 passed by the learned Sub Judge, Jammu, whereby the said court has proceeded to pass orders of status quo as regards functioning of the plaintiff (petitioner herein) as Managing Director of Jammu Tehsil, Cooperative Marketing Society Ltd. Government undertaking who had since completed his service tenure on 15.07.2020 in terms of the Resolution dated 16.07.2020.

A suit came to be preferred by the plaintiff (petitioner herein) before the court of CJM, Jammu on 14.12.2023 restraining the defendants from terminating the services of the plaintiff or interfering into the working of the plaintiff as Managing Director of Jammu Tehsil Cooperative Marketing Society Ltd on the strength of a resolution adopted on 16.07.2020. The plaintiff did not array the respondent no.5 as a party in the suit before the Trial Court and obtained ex parte order, whereas, the fact remains that the respondent no.5 happens to be a proper and necessary party to the proceeding as directly affected by the order impugned dated 02.01.2024.

The petitioner herein filed a suit for permanent prohibitory injunction restraining defendants from terminating the services of the plaintiff or interfering into the working of the plaintiff claiming to be the Managing Director of Jammu Tehsil Cooperative Marketing Society Ltd in view of the resolution adopted in general body meeting.

The Trial Court vide order dated January 2, 2024 directed the parties to maintain status quo with respect to the service status of the plaintiff till next date of hearing and feeling aggrieved of the aforesaid order; an appeal came to be preferred by the respondent no.5 before the appellate court.

The appellant (respondent no.5 herein) claimed to be Chairman of the Jammu Tehsil Cooperative Marketing Society Ltd was aggrieved of the order impugned and sought leave of the Court to file the appeal on the ground that the plaintiff had proceeded to file suit without arraying the appellant as a necessary party in the suit and obtained ex parte order which if allowed to sustain, the plaintiff would perpetuate his stay in the organization, when the fact remains that the same was not legally permissible on any count and thus, the appellant was directly affected by the said order dated January 2, 2024 and hence leave was sought to file an appeal.

The specific objection was taken before the appellate court by the petitioner that the appeal was time barred because the order which was impugned in the appeal was passed on January 2, 2024, whereas, appeal along with application for leave to appeal was filed on February 23, 2024, which was barred by limitation.

Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal after hearing both the sides observed that the law has been settled that suppression of any material fact amounts to abuse of the process of law and amounts to fraud and would deprive an unscrupulous litigant from availing equitable or discretionary remedies. In the present case, the petitioner has not approached the trial court with clean hands and has suppressed the material facts by way of misrepresentation and playing fraud on the court by deliberately omitting the affected party from the array of the respondents knowing fully well that he is the aggrieved party and the issue stands already clinched by this court.

Court observed that since the appellant has raised substantial issue that whether the trial court could have passed such order having regard to the nature of the material placed by the respondent and also in the light of the law laid down by a coordinate bench of this court and the circular issued by the Government governing the said policy, the appellate court has rightly overruled the objection raised by the petitioner herein in granting leave to file appeal. Thus, the order of the appellate court, which is impugned in the present petition, wherein, various issues of legal as well as factual importance have been raised, cannot be faulted and the same is accordingly upheld.

As a necessary corollary, the challenge thrown by the petitioner to the same by invoking the powers of this court under Article 227 of the Constitution of India is ill founded and thus, the writ petition deserves dismissal being devoid of any merit and accordingly, the same is dismissed in limine for the reasons stated hereinabove, Court ordered.

The petitioner has not come to this court with clean hands by playing mischief before the Trial Court, wherein, the petitioner was aware that respondent no.5 was a necessary party and yet, deliberately omitted him from the array of respondents and obtained interim direction against him. Thus, the act of petitioner falls within the realm of playing fraud with the court and such unscrupulous litigants, who play mischief with the court, cannot go scot-free and thus, this court deems it proper to burden the petitioner with costs to the tune of Rs.20,000/- to deprecate such practice of suppression of material facts and playing mischief with the court, which shall be payable by the petitioner to the Advocates' Welfare Fund within a period of four weeks from today, Court ordered.

## Ration kept rotting...

government's concerted efforts over the past decade to uplift and empower tribal communities. He highlighted various initiatives aimed at enhancing their pride, respect, and overall well-being.

The significant turnout at the public meeting served as a testament to the positive impact of these initiatives on tribal communities.

Chugh underscored the importance of strong leadership and governance in driving India's progress.

He contrasted this with the purported desire of Pakistani leaders to see a Congress leader ascend to the Prime Minister's office.

According to Chugh, a strong and resolute government led by Modi is essential for India's continued growth and security.

Chugh reflected on Prime Minister Modi's humble beginnings, highlighting his upbringing in poverty. He asserted that Modi's life experiences serve as the inspiration behind every welfare scheme aimed at uplifting the poor.

Chugh noted that Modi's emotional connection with beneficiaries stems from his first-hand understanding of poverty and suffering. Chugh expressed concerns about corruption and governance issues plaguing states like Punjab. He lamented the prevalence of target killings, the influence of mafia groups, and the escalating financial debt. Chugh emphasized the need for transparent and accountable governance to facilitate genuine development.

## Woman drug peddler...

trade of selling narcotics to the drug addicts of Khanpur area as well as its adjoining area and had kept a huge quantity of narcotics substance in her possession, they said.

## 110 yr-old...

district administration with proper magisterial, observer and security arrangements. Similarly, a Postal Voting Centre was also set up at Shopian to facilitate Postal Voting of essential service staff, who were not earlier able to cast their vote due to their election day duties. A total of 586 voters shall cast their vote during the three day period. DEO Shopian, Faz Lal Haseeb also visited areas to oversee the process.

Meanwhile, Ali Mohammad Rather, a visually impaired person, was the first to vote for the election to Srinagar Lok Sabha constituency on Tuesday under the new home voting facility.

The facility was started by the Election Commission for the 2024 Lok sabha elections for those who are not able to visit polling stations to exercise their franchise.

Rather, 75, hailing from the Dara area of the Hazratbal assembly segment in Srinagar district became the first person in the Kashmir Valley to cast his vote through the home voting facility; an official of the District Election Office, Srinagar, said.

"The first home vote has been cast and sealed in a ballot box at Dara for blind voter (People with Disability) Ali Mohd Rather in part 68 of 19-Hazratbal segment," the official said.

Voting for the seat will be held on May 13 in the fourth round of the seven-phase general elections.

The other early voter was a 90-year-old woman from the Harwan area of the city.

The nonagenarian, who goes by the mononym 'Fazl', was beaming with pride after casting her vote from her home at Harwan.

A team of officials from the district election office on Tuesday went to various places in Srinagar, including the Dal Lake area, to facilitate voters who had registered themselves under the home voting facility to exercise their franchise.

## DGP,BSF Special...

dynamics related to infiltration.

BSF IG Dinesh Kumar Boora, who participated in the discussions, provided valuable analytical insights and actionable points for enhanced coordination to address new challenges, the officials added. The discussions also covered election deployment, terrorist activities in the Basantgarh area and threats in Rajouri and Poonch.

## Around 62 pc...

Shah voted at a polling booth in Ahmedabad.

Shah (Gandhinagar) is among the bigvigs in the fray along with Union ministers Jyotiraditya Scindia (Guna), Mansukh Mandaviya (Porbandar), Parshottam Rupala (Rajkot), Pralhad Joshi (Dharwad) and SP Singh Baghel (Agra).

The stakes are high for the BJP in this round as it had won an overwhelming majority of these seats, including all in Gujarat, Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh, in the last election.

Both the BJP and the INDIA bloc claimed that they had the upper hand after the third phase.

"Across all the states and UTs, voters from all walks of life have placed their faith in the NDA and our development agenda. INDI Alliance is losing even more steam, thanks to their regressive economics and outdated votebank politics," Modi said on X. The Congress claimed that the BJP has been wiped out in the south and reduced to half of its strength after the three phases

"It's very clear that for the BJP, it is South mein Saaf, North mein Half," Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said on X.

In Uttar Pradesh, where several members of Samajwadi Party patriarch Mulayam Singh Yadav's family are contesting, party chief Akhilesh Yadav alleged that the BJP workers were trying to "loot booths" in Mainpuri and people from opposition parties were being detained in police stations.

Yadav cast his vote in Saifai (Etawah) in Mainpuri constituency where his wife and sitting MP Dimple Yadav is contesting.

Sporadic incidents of violence marred the polling in the four constituencies in West Bengal as TMC, BJP and Congress-CPI(M) workers clashed with each other in various parts of Murshidabad and Jangipur seats.

According to state election officials, Murshidabad registered the highest voter turnout of 76.49 per cent followed by Maldaha Dakshin (73.68 pc), Maldaha Uttar (73.30 pc), and Jangipur (72.13 pc).

The TMC, BJP, and the Congress-CPI(M) alliance lodged separate complaints related to poll violence, voter intimidation, and assaults on poll agents.

The EC received 182 complaints by 9 am, most of which were from Murshidabad and Jangipur constituencies.

In Murshidabad seat, Left-Congress combine candidate Mohammed Salim claimed that he caught a "fake booth agent" in the Rabinagar area of the constituency. Salim faced "go back" slogans as he tried to enter a booth there.

"The TMC has unleashed a reign of terror in the entire constituency. Strict action must be taken by the Election Commission," Salim said.

In the Karimpur area of the seat, clashes were reported between the TMC and the CPI(M) supporters outside a few booths.

Clashes were reported between the TMC and the Congress activists from the Domkol area.

BJP candidate Dhanajoy Ghosh faced protests by TMC cadres in the Jangipur area as he tried to enter some of the booths in the constituency.

A scuffle broke out between Dhananjay Ghosh and TMC block president Goutam Ghosh, with both parties accusing each other of intimidating voters.

In the Englishbazar area in Maldaha Dakshin seat, the BJP accused the TMC of beating up their booth agents, similar complaints were lodged by the Congress against the state's ruling party from the Ratua area in Malda.

In some areas, TMC workers held protests alleging that central forces were assisting BJP workers in "intimidating" voters at booths in the Maldaha North constituency.

In Uttar Pradesh, Agra witnessed 53.99 per cent polling, Aonla 57.08 per cent, Budaun 54.05 per cent, Bareilly 57.88 per cent, Etah 59.17 per cent, Fatehpur Sikri 57.09 per cent, Firozabad 58.22 per cent, Hathras 55.36 per cent, Mainpuri 58.59 per cent and Sambhal 62.81 per cent.

## Postal ballot voting...

centre is well-organized, providing a streamlined process for employees on essential duty to cast their votes and to strengthen democracy.

As per the guidelines of ECI, the District Administration has worked diligently to assist voters to cast their vote via postal ballot while maintaining the required guidelines of the postal ballot system, he added. He said the initiation of postal ballot voting in Budgam demonstrates inclusive participation of all in the electoral process. The DEO said that as the voting period at the Postal Voting Centre continues for three consecutive days for the segments falling under Srinagar PC i.e., 7th, 8th and 9th of May, District Administration Budgam will maintain its efforts. Meanwhile, employees from essential service departments of the District were seen actively and enthusiastically participating in casting their vote.

## NT arrested red...

Naib Tehsildar. The complainant approached ACB for taking necessary action against the Naib-Tehsildar and his clerk namely Aijaz Ahmed. On receipt of the complaint, a Case FIR No. 02/2024 U/S 7 PC Act 1988 was registered at PS ACB Anantnag and investigation taken up. During the course of investigation, a trap team was constituted. The team laid a successful trap and caught the accused Maqbool Hussain Dar, resident of Nooripor, Pattan, presently posted as Naib Tehsildar, Khrew, District Pulwama, red handed while demanding and accepting bribe amount of Rs 10,000 from the complainant and the Sg Constable Ajaz Ahmad, attached with the Naib Tehsildar was also arrested for facilitating the commission of offence. Further investigation into the case is going on.

## TMAA students shine in Kalaripayattu Championship

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Students of Tiger Martial Art Academy won three medals including two gold and one bronze in Jammu District Kalaripayattu Championship held at Baby Caterer's Hall Rehari Colony, here recently.

Kyra Thakyal won gold medal in 18 kg while Kavyansh Patyal bagged gold medal 45 Kg category and Bhavyam Verma grabbed bronze in 20 kg weight category.

The championship was organised by Kalaripayattu Association of Jammu and Kashmir. The students trained by Suresh Kumar.



Medal winners along with coach Suresh Kumar.

## BSF School Jammu felicitates SOF winners

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: BSF School Jammu felicitated SOF winners in the morning assembly. The National Science Olympiad, International English Olympiad, International General Knowledge Olympiad and International Mathematics Olympiad was held in the school during the session 2 0 2 3 - 2 4 under the supervision of Dr. S.K Shukla.



240 students appeared in these Olympiads. Out of which 46 students were awarded Gold Medal of Excellence.

Gold medal of excellence in IGKO was awarded to Guransh Thakur, Aarish Verma, Ruhan Radha, Tejasvi Sharma, Sonakshi Thapa, Suhana Kandhari, Kumari Navya, Deepak Sharma and Garima Sharma.

Gulam Murtaza, Manya Gupta, Aagya Baru, Rishi Rawat, Adveeka, Aditya Sharma, Aarav Sharma, Gauri Singh, Smarath Bhat, Vaishnavi Pandita and Kushboo Bala were given Gold Medal of Excellence in NSO whereas Aditya Kotwal, Arjun Sharma, Shubhra Sharma, Manya Gupta, Sharan Gupta, Antriksh Salaria, Adarsh Tickoo, Yuvraj Salotra, Divyansh Tyagi, Samarath Bhat, Dickshu, Harish Dev Rathore and Soham Mamar got Gold Medal of Excellence in IMO.

Avantika Sharma, Yoshita Bhardwaj, Gurangini Rawat, Abhilasha Gogoi, Hargun Singh, Divyanshi Kalsi, Enisha Singh, Neeraj Bhagat, Pratibha Singh, Ridhi Bhat, Vanshika Dhar and Bhagirathi were awarded Gold Medal of Excellence in IEO. Dr. S.K Shukla, Principal BSF School Jammu felicitated the achievers by giving certificates and Gold Medal of Excellence. He extended his heartiest congratulations to the winners and their teacher mentors Arjun Sharma, Sunita Soni and Sonu Sharma for their excellent accomplishment.