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Terrorists kill Hindu teacher in Kulgam; KPs threaten mass migration from Kashmir



(1) Family members of teacher Rajni Bala (Inset) wailing at Samba (2) DIG Jammu Vivek Gupta and family members of deceased carrying coffin (3) people staging protest against Pakistan at Samba.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A Hindu woman teacher was shot dead on Tuesday by terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir's Kulgam district, following which Kashmiri Pandits, employed under the PM package, threatened to undertake mass migration from the valley if they were not relocated to safe places within the next 24 hours.

The killing of Rajni Bala (36), who belonged to Jammu's Samba district but

was posted at a government school in Gopalpora, Kulgam, is the second killing of a non-Muslim government employee in May and the seventh targeted killing in Kashmir this month.

Police officials said Bala was injured in the attack and taken to a nearby district hospital where she was declared dead.

An official said the area was cordoned off and a man-hunt launched to track down the assailants.

Killers will be given unforgettable response: Sinha

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday condemned the killing of a Hindu woman teacher by terrorists inside a government school in Kulgam, saying the assailants will be given an "unforgettable response".

"Terrorist attack on a school teacher Rajni Bala is the most reprehensible act. My deepest condolences to the bereaved family. Terrorists and their sympathisers will be given unforgettable response for dastardly attack," Sinha tweeted.

Veteran Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad also condemned the attack.

"I am pained to learn about the heart wrenching incidents of targeted killing of two women in Kashmir within one week, Amreen Bhat and Rajani Bala. I strongly

"Those involved in this gruesome terror crime will be soon identified and neutralised," a police spokesper-

son said adding that a case under relevant sections of law and initiated investigation. Officers continue to

work to establish the full circumstances of the terror crime. The whole area has been cordoned off with the

Protests erupt in Jammu over killing of school teacher

JAMMU: Protests against the killing of a Hindu schoolteacher in Kulgam district rocked several parts of Jammu city on Tuesday, with protesters burning an effigy of the administration and raising slogans against Pakistan.

Terming the killing a "cowardly act", the protesters said assurances given by the Centre and the Jammu and Kashmir administration to ensure the safety of minorities in the Valley have proved to be false.

Some even demanded that members of the minority community be provided arms licences to enable them to possess weapons for their protection. Kashmiri Pandits took out a rally in the Durga Nagar area here to protest Bala's killing and the administration's

help of reinforcement and search in the area is going on.

The woman's killing evoked

widespread condemnation in the Valley.

"Very sad. This is yet another targeted killing in a

long list of recent attacks directed at unarmed civilians. Words of

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JKNPP founder Bhim Singh passes away

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Founder of Jammu and Kashmir National Panthers Party Prof Bhim Singh passed away in Jammu on Tuesday after being unwell for about a month. He was 81.

The former legislator hailed from Udhampur district's Bhugterian village. He has left behind his wife Jai Mala and son Ankit Love, who lives in London.

Singh breathed his last at GMC Hospital here.

Expressing his condolences, Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted,

"Prof Bhim Singh Ji will be remembered as a grassroots leader who devoted his life for the welfare of Jammu and Kashmir. He was very well read and scholarly. I will always recall my interactions with him. Saddened by his demise. Condolences to his family and supporters. Om Shanti."

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said he was deeply saddened to learn about the passing away of Singh. "My heartfelt

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Many similar complaints against tutorials pending in Jammu Aakash Institute's Chemistry teacher arrested; invited 15-yr-old girl student to hotel

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Tuesday arrested a teacher of Aakash Tutorial Gandhi Nagar for allegedly making an attempt to outrage the modesty of a 15-year-old girl student, whom he invited to Shivam Hotel Railway Station road, on the pretext of his birthday party.

When the girl reached the hotel, she found no one in the room. Sensing trouble, she asked about the other guests but the accused faculty member, identified as Rambaran Tyagi, started kissing and

touching her private parts. Tyagi also tried to lock the room from inside but the girl managed to flee.

In sheer frustration, she narrated the incident to her parents who lodged a police complaint. Accordingly, an FIR 151/22 under sections A/354-B-354/511/376 was registered against Tyagi.

Acting swiftly, police traced and nabbed the accused, who was trying to flee to Delhi.

This is not the first incident reported from the Aakash Tutorials. A, number of cases

have earlier also been reported with parents avoiding to lodge formal complaints, police said, adding, "We always assure the parents that their identity will be kept secret but still very few cases are reported."

STATE TIMES has got the list of other tutorials also against whom such complaints are lying pending. Lack of evidences has led to delay in dispensation of justice in many cases. However, a senior police officer said such institutes must be

named in public and the accused faculty members exposed on all social media platforms, so that parents can know about the character of the teachers.

Aakash Institute made several threatening calls to STATE TIMES after the news of their faculty member's arrest was posted. The callers threatened the scribe, "How did you carry such a report as there is no such faculty in the Aakash Tutorial". The caller appeared to

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Two terrorists killed in Awantipora encounter

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Two local terrorists were killed in an encounter with security forces on Tuesday in the Pulwama district, police said.

The encounter broke out at Rajpora in the Avantipora area of Pulwama district late on Monday night after security forces launched an anti-militancy operation, a police official said.

Two local terrorists were killed in the gun battle. Two AK rifles and incriminating material were seized from the scene of the encounter, he said.

Inspector General of Police, Kashmir zone, Vijay Kumar said the slain duo were involved in killing civilians, including a government employee.

"Killed terrorists identified as Shahid Rather of Tral and Umar Yousuf of Shopian. Besides other terror crimes, terrorist Shahid was involved in the killing of a woman Mst Shakeela of Aripal and a govt employee/peon Javid Ahmed of Lurgam Tral," the IGP Kashmir tweeted.

In this regard, a case under relevant sections of law has been registered and

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J&K Govt relieves Naveen Choudhary for Mizoram

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The J&K UT Government on Tuesday ordered to relive the senior IAS Officer Naveen Choudhary, who was transferred to Mizoram. Soon after the transfer of Naveen Choudhary to Mizoram, his charge of Principle Secretary Health and Medical Education was given to Manoj Dewedi, Commissioner Secretary GAD. However, as Naveen Choudhary didn't join at Mizoram, the GAD issued his relieving order from J&K today. Soon after the registration of two FIRs against Naveen Choudhary and subsequent raids at his houses in Jammu, Srinagar and Bihar, Naveen was posted as Principal Secretary Health and Medical and in couple of days, was shunted out to Mizoram. Following delay in his joining at Mizoram, the J&K UT Govt on Tuesday issued his relieving orders.

ED grills Farooq Abdullah for over 3 hours in JKCA scam case

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Enforcement Directorate on Tuesday questioned National Conference president Farooq Abdullah for over three hours in connection with a money laundering case linked to alleged financial irregularities in the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association.

The Lok Sabha MP from Srinagar reached the ED office at Rajbagh here around 11 am. Before going

inside the ED office, the former chief minister linked his



questioning by the ED with the forthcoming assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

I won't say much (about the

summons) there are elections to be held and they will trouble us till then, he said.

He looked relaxed while leaving the office after being grilled for nearly three-and-a-half hours but refused to take questions from the media waiting outside.

On May 27, the ED had summoned Abdullah to its Srinagar office in connection with the case. The 84-year-

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Indus Water Treaty: Officials from India, Pakistan hold talks

■ AGENCY

ISLAMABAD: Officials from India and Pakistan have discussed a wide range of water-related issues during a meeting as part of the Permanent Commission on Indus Waters (PCIW), the Foreign Office said on Tuesday.

A six-member delegation led by Pakistan Commissioner for Indus Waters Syed Muhammad Mehar Ali Shah attended the 118th meeting of the Pakistan-India Permanent Indus Commission (PIC)

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Eastern Ladakh row: India, China agree to hold next round of military talks soon

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: India and China on Tuesday agreed to hold the next round of the Senior Commanders' meeting at an early date to achieve complete disengagement from all friction points in eastern Ladakh to create conditions for the restoration of normalcy in bilateral ties.

It was the only decision taken at a virtual meeting of the Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination (WMCC) on the India-China Border Affairs as there was no concrete forward movement to

resolve the over two-year-old standoff in eastern Ladakh. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said the two sides reviewed the situation along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the Western Sector of India-China border areas and agreed to hold the next round of the Senior Commanders' meeting "at an early date".

The previous meeting under the framework of the WMCC had taken place in November while the 15th round of military dialogue was held on March 11.

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Tarun Chugh grieves over killing of female teacher at Kulgam

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SRINAGAR: BJP General



secretary and incharge Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh Tarun Chugh on Tuesday grieved over killing of Female teacher who was killed by terrorists in Gopalpora area of Kulgam. As per the statement

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Revenue official suspended over alleged accepting bribe, enquiry initiated

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Pandurang Kondbharao Pole has on Tuesday ordered for suspension of a revenue official in Ganderbal district on allegations of accepting bribery.

"Pending enquiry into the complaint of accepting bribe, Ghulam Hassan Shiekh, Patwari Phalipora, Tehsil Lar, District Ganderbal is hereby suspended with immediate effect", reads an order.

"The Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Ganderbal shall conduct inquiry into the complaint and submit his report to this office within 15 days", the order reads further.

WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 38.9°C Min: 23.5°C

Humidity
Max: 40 Min: 23

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 24.7°C Min: 13.7°C

Humidity
Max: 59 Min: 53

Sunset : 19:33 Hours
Sunrise : 05:20 Hours



LG Manoj Sinha speaking at UT-level event in connection with Garib Kalyan Sammelan at SKICC on Tuesday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday said that increased allocations for rural infrastructure and rural health have reduced the inequalities and gap between urban and rural areas in Jammu and

Kashmir. "Under the guidance of Prime Minister, accelerated development and transformation is taking place across the Union Territory, the Lieutenant Governor said while presiding over the UT-level event in connection with

Garib Kalyan Sammelan, held here at SKICC.

Pertinently, 'Garib Kalyan Sammelan' marks the completion of eight years of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the office. During this one of the largest ever nationwide interactions,

Set new benchmarks to curb corrupt practices: LG tells ACB, GAD

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday urged the Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) and General Administration Department (GAD) to adopt anti-corruption measures and preventive actions using the latest technologies, and work in collaboration to set new benchmarks in curbing corrupt practices.

Inaugurating the additional office block of Anti Corruption Bureau Headquarters at Srinagar, the Lieutenant Governor said the vigilance clearance has become online in which GAD, ACB has issued more than 30,000 vigilance clearances since June, 2021. Sinha observed that

Prime Minister interacted with the beneficiaries of wide-ranging government run schemes and programmes, and received first-hand feedback regarding the impact of these schemes on the lives of beneficiaries.

Prime Minister also

released the 11th installment of financial benefit under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme. An amount of around Rs 21,000 crore to more than 10 crore beneficiary farmer families was

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