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AC approves establishment of SIA in J&K, creation of 252 posts

Gives big relief to houseboat owners, Shikarawalas

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Administrative Council (AC), which met here under the chairmanship of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, has approved the proposal of Home Department to create new posts under different categories for establishment of State Investigation Agency (SIA) in Jammu and Kashmir.

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 attended the meeting.

In terms of territorial division of jurisdiction of the State Investigation Agency, there will be two divisions, one each for Jammu and Kashmir provinces. Each province will be headed by one SSP rank officer.

The Administrative Council approved the creation of 252 posts in different categories including Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG), Senior Superintendents of Police (SSP), Superintendents of Police (SP), Deputy Director of Prosecution (DDP), Chief Prosecution Officers



(CPOs), Deputy Superintendents of Police (Dy.SP), Senior Prosecution Officers (Sr.PO), Inspectors, and Sub-Inspectors (SI) among others.

The State Investigation Agency (SIA) will be the Nodal Agency for coordinating with the National Investigation Agency (NIA) and other central agencies, with the mandate to take such measures as may be necessary for speedy and effective investigation and prosecution of terrorism-related cases.

The Administrative Council also gave a big relief to the houseboat owners and Shikarawalas of Jammu and Kashmir, and approved the proposal of Tourism Department to provide subsidized timber for repairs and maintenance of houseboats and taxi Shikaras.

The decision will provide timber for minor/periodical repairs and maintenance/upkeep of registered houseboats on 50 per cent concessional rate upto a maximum of 70 per cent requirement or 30 Cft, whichever is less, through the Forest Department. The timber will be provided to the beneficiaries once in six years.

Similarly, for reconstruction and major repairs of houseboats, the timber will be provided on one-time basis, on 50 per cent concessional rate upto a maximum of 70 per cent of the requirement or 80 CFT, whichever is less. In case of registered taxi Shikaras, the timber will be provided for periodical repairs/ maintenance on 50 per cent concessional rates to a maximum of 70 per cent of requirement or 15 CFT, whichever is less, once in five years.

Under this initiative, the eligible houseboat owners and Shikarawalas will be identified by the Director Tourism, Kashmir, who will purchase the required quantity of timber to be further distributed; through e-auction from the J&K Forest Development Corporation Limited.

2 soldiers injured in landmine explosion

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: Two Army personnel were injured on Sunday in a landmine explosion near the Line of Control (LOC) in Poonch district, officials said.

The landmine, part of an anti-infiltration obstacle system, went off when the soldiers were busy extinguishing a forest fire in Balakote area, they said.

The injured personnel were taken to a hospital,

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J&K ranks highest among UTs in national e-governance service delivery assessment

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Jammu and Kashmir, assessed for the first time, ranked the highest among Union Territories with an overall compliance of nearly 90 per cent for national e-governance service delivery assessment (NeSDA), according to an official report on Sunday.

Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh will release on Monday the NeSDA

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5 LeT terrorists killed in 3 encounters in Kashmir

Second assassin of martyr Reyaz neutralized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorist Adil Paray, who was involved in the recent killings of two police personnel, was killed in a "chance" encounter with a "small team" of police here on Sunday, taking the number of ultras killed in Jammu and Kashmir in the last 24 hours to five.

"LeT #terrorist Adil Paray of #Ganderbal who was involved in #killing of 02 JKP personnel Gh Hassan Dar in Sangam and Saifulla Qadri in Anchar Soura and injuring a 9 year old girl, killed in a chance #encounter with a small team of police," Inspector General of Police (IGP), Kashmir Vijay Kumar wrote on Twitter.

The encounter took place in the Kreesbal Palpora Sangam area here.

Paray's killing took the number of terrorists killed in the last 24 hours to five and



the number of ultras killed in the valley so far this year to 100.

One terrorist was killed in Kulgam, while another was killed in Pulwama on Saturday. On Sunday morning, two more ultras were killed in the Pulwama encounter -- taking the number of terrorists killed in the operation to three.

A police spokesperson said acting on specific information regarding the presence of terrorists in Pulwama's Drabgam village, a cordon-

and-search operation was launched by the security forces in the area on Saturday.

As the security personnel approached the suspected spot, the terrorists hiding there fired indiscriminately upon them, which was retaliated effectively, leading to an encounter, he added.

In the ensuing gunbattle, three local terrorists of proscribed outfit LeT were killed and their bodies retrieved from the site of

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Sonia admitted to hospital due to post-COVID issues

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Congress president Sonia Gandhi was admitted to the Sir Ganga Ram Hospital here on Sunday owing to post-Covid issues.

Congress general secretary and chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala said Gandhi is stable and will be in the hospital for a few days.

"Congress President, Smt. Sonia Gandhi was admitted to Ganga Ram Hospital today owing to Covid related issues. She is stable and will be kept at the hospital for observation," Surjewala

wrote on Twitter. "We thank all the Congress men and women as also all well wishers for their concern and good wishes," he added.

Earlier, sources at the hospital said Gandhi visited the facility for a routine medical check-up and was being examined by doctors.

Gandhi (75) tested positive for COVID-19 on June 2 and was recuperating. She was to appear before the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on June 8 and

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JMC passes resolutions to rename two city squares in Jammu

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Two city squares here were renamed following separate resolutions passed by the general house of the BJP-led Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), officials said on Sunday.

The proposal to rename Amphalla Chowk as Hanuman Chowk and Sheikh Nagar to Shiv Nagar was submitted by the concerned councillors on Saturday, they said.

The resolutions were passed unanimously by the house, they added.

Earlier in 2020, the JMC renamed the historic City Square as Bharat Mata Chowk, Panjthirithi as Atal Ji

Chowk and Narwal Square as Raja Mandlik Chowk.

The BJP swept the JMC polls, winning 43 of the 75 wards after the urban local bodies elections were held in

Amphalla Chowk renamed as Hanuman Chowk Sheikh Nagar as Shiv Nagar

the erstwhile state in four phases from October 8 to 16 in 2018 after a gap of 13 years.

"It was not my personal opinion to rename Amphalla Chowk. The renaming was done at the demand of the local residents and shopkeepers for their benefit," BJP Corporator Sunner Raina said.

He said the people had complained of facing difficulties as a chowk nearby is also known as Amphalla.

BJP corporator Sharda Kumari said she moved the

resolution for changing the name of Sheikh Nagar in the general house.

"This was the demand of the local residents because of the confusion as the area was also known by different names like New Bahu Fort and G D Colony besides Sheikh Nagar," she said and hoped that the renaming will end the confusion.

11 new COVID-19 cases reported in J&K

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir reported 11 new coronavirus cases on Sunday, taking the infection tally to 4,54,348, officials said. Of the new cases, six were reported from Jammu and five from Kashmir, they said. There are 88 active cases of COVID-19 in the Union Territory, while the number of recoveries has reached 4,49,508, officials said.

The COVID-19 death toll stands at 4,752 as no fatality was reported in the last 24 hours, they said.

According to officials, there are 51 confirmed cases of mucormycosis (black fungus) in Jammu and Kashmir.

Will ensure honourable return, rehabilitation of KPs: Union Minister

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Asserting that the terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir is "taking its last breath", Union Minister Prahlaad Singh Patel on Sunday said the central government would ensure honourable return and rehabilitation of displaced Kashmiri Pandits in the valley.

He said the government and its agencies are alert to the tactics of a handful of people who are jealous of the nation touching new heights under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and are creating communal tension in the country.

The minister also said that

the crown of India is incomplete without Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK).

We salute to the Kashmiri Pandit community for their determination in braving the challenges of the past three decades. The situation is changing fast and the terrorism is taking its last breath, Patel told reporters on the sidelines of a function organised by the BJP's displaced Kashmiri unit here.

He said the fight against terrorism has reached in decisive stage and we are moving towards the victory.

The central government is alive to the problems of

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Land acquired after possession and payment of compensation vests with State: SC

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Land acquired by authorities after its possession and payment of compensation under the Land Acquisition Act vests with the State, free from all encumbrances, the Supreme Court has said.

A vacation bench of justices M R Shah and Aniruddha Bose agreed with the view of the Allahabad High Court that any person retaining possession of the land thereafter has to be treated as a trespasser.

The apex court was hearing a plea filed by a Uttar Pradesh resident, challenging a notice dated February 2 issued by the Greater Noida Industrial Development Authority, asking him to remove unauthorised encroachments over a piece of land situated under its notified area.

The top court noted that the petitioner's land was acquired, its possession

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Aadil arrested for stoking communal tension in Doda; curfew continues in parts of Chenab Valley

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BHADARWAH/JAMMU: One person was arrested for allegedly stoking communal tension as curfew and strict restrictions under prohibitory orders remained in force in parts of Jammu region's Chenab valley for the fourth successive day on Sunday, officials said.

The accused Aadil Gafoor Ganai was arrested from his house during an early morning raid on Sunday by police at his residence at Chinar Mohalla locality in curfew-bound Bhaderwah town of Doda district, the officials said.



Security personnel at the curfew-bound Bhadarwah.

They said Ganai is accused of delivering an inflammatory speech from Markazi Jamia Masjid Bhaderwah on June 9 during a protest rally against recent remarks on

Prophet Mohammad by two now-suspended BJP leaders and social media posts by a few local right-wing activists in their support.

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Lightning strike takes life of soldier in Baramulla

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A lightning strike took the life of an Army soldier along the Line of Control (LoC) in Baramulla district, officials said on Sunday.

Rifleman Lokendra Singh (30) was deployed at a forward post along the LoC in Gulmarg Sector in north Kashmir, an Army spokesperson said.

Around 10.15 pm on Saturday, he was struck by lightning while observing the enemy from a surveillance post, the official said.

Singh sustained grievous injuries and was

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Security conference focuses on increased synergy for upcoming Amarnath Yatra



GOC, Delta Force, ADGP Jammu Mukesh Singh and other senior officers during the security conference at Dharmund Army Garrison in Ramban district.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A security conference attended by senior Army and police officers in Jammu region's Chenab valley called for increased synergy, interaction and coordination between the civil and military agencies for the success of the upcoming Amarnath Yatra, a defence spokesperson said on

Sunday.

The meeting, jointly presided by the General Officer Commanding, Delta Force and Additional

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Gambhir targets 'secular liberals' for silence on threats to Nupur Sharma

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: BJP MP and former cricketer Gautam Gambhir on Sunday extended support to suspended party leader Nupur Sharma against threats to her following her insulting remarks against Prophet Mohammad, and hit out at "secular liberals" for their "silence".

He tweeted, "Silence of so called 'secular liberals' on the sickening display of hatred & death threats throughout the country against a woman who has apologised is surely deafening."

Sharma's remarks made in a TV debate last month had drawn condemnation from many Islamic countries and sparked protests from Muslims in different parts of



India.

The BJP had suspended her in its bid to defuse the row which, however, continues to simmer; with some extremists issuing death threats to her. An AIMIM MP, Intiaz Jaleel, recently demanded that she be hanged.

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Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 42.0°C Min: 29.1°C

Humidity

Max: 31 Min: 19

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 27.7°C Min: 16.3°C

Humidity

Max: 74 Min: 44

Sunset : 19:39 Hours

Sunrise : 05:23 Hours