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Hizb 'commander' killed...

said, adding that the second IED has been recovered.

He received an amount of Rs 30,000 in his Jammu and Kashmir Bank account on March 23 for the blast he carried out in Udhampur as promised by Khubaib, the ADGP said.

Singh said the amount was deposited in Sohil's account by Khurshed Ahmed on the directions of Khubaib.

"Khurshed's brother-in-law, named Bilal Ahmed Butt, is a trained terrorist of the LeT," he said.

The third arrested accused, Nisar Ahmed Khan, was a trained LeT terrorist and remained active in Doda district between 2001 and 2006, he said.

On the directions of Khubaib, he picked up two IEDs -- in December 2021 and January 2022 -- from Belicharana in Jammu, the police officer said.

The investigation in the case was underway and more people are expected to be arrested, the ADGP said, adding 15 people have been identified for questioning in connection with various other terror incidents.

SIA Jammu conducts...

the investigation of an important case of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act of Police Station JIC, Jammu. The team visited various important locations on the border and conducted search and seizure.

It is worth mentioning here that Director SIA after reviewing the working of SIA Jammu has issued strict directions to speed up investigations and all efforts be made to Uneath terror networks.

Six dead, 7...

One person died on the spot and the other three succumbed to injuries in hospitals, the officials said.

The other accident took place in Kunche village in Ramban district, they said, adding two people lost their lives in it.

Meanwhile, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha expressed grief over the loss of lives in a tragic road accident in Poonch district.

"Deeply anguished by the tragic road accident in Poonch. My deepest condolences to the families of those who lost their loved ones and I pray that the injured recover quickly," said the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor directed the district administration to ensure the best possible treatment to the injured.

Series of efforts...

Another article shared by the prime minister listed economic agreements with Australia and the UAE, and India's export of over 20 crore COVID-19 vaccines to over 100 countries to highlight his government's quest to make India "aatmanirbhar" (self-reliant).

The article said, "It is also due to the same Aatmanirbhar Bharat vision that India's exports have hit record highs while even foreign investment in India is at a record level. Clearly, the world wants to trade with India and considers it a reliable partner in the post-COVID world order." PTI KR.

AP cadre ex-IAS...

would hold the position till November 19, 2023.

Chandra, an IAS officer of 1986 batch, attained superannuation in November 2021. Chandra, who has held several key positions in AP, also served as Special Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu.

Employees posted in...

said. Meanwhile, few thousand families of Kashmiri Pandits, who have got jobs in the valley under Prime Minister's employment package, have reached here along with their families and said an environment of apprehension is prevalent in the valley owing to the recent spate of targeted killings by terrorists.

J&K Judicial Academy organises refresher training on Bail Jurisprudence for Distt, Sessions, Civil Judges



Justice Mohammad Akram Chowdhary, Judge High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Rashid Ali Dar, Former Judge, High Court of J&K and others during the training programme.

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Judicial Academy under the patronage of Justice Pankaj Mithal, Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, (Patron-in-Chief, J&K Judicial Academy) and guidance of Justice Dhiraj Singh Thakur, Chairman, Governing Committee for J&K Judicial Academy and Justice Sindhu Sharma, Justice Javed Iqbal Wani, members of governing committee for J&K Judicial Academy, on Saturday organized one day refresher training programme on Bail Jurisprudence - Basic Principles, Parameters and Conditions u/s 437, 438, and 439 CrPC, Special Provisions on Bail under POCSO, NDPS Act, Reasonable Exercise of Judicial Discretion, Order

Writing for District and Sessions Judges and Civil Judges (Sr. Division) of Kashmir Province at Judicial Academy, Srinagar on 4th June, 2022.

The training programme was inaugurated by Justice Mohammad Akram Chowdhary, Judge High Court of J&K and Ladakh while Rashid Ali Dar, Former Judge, High Court of J&K was the resource person in the programme.

In his special remarks delivered in the inaugural session, Justice Rashid Ali Dar exhorted upon the Judicial Officers to consistently strive for excellence in all pursuits of administration of justice. He underlined the importance of continuous upgradation of knowledge for enhancing judicial performance and encouraged them to work efficiently within the

settled principles of laws while dealing with matters, particularly those relating to the liberty of an individual.

Justice Mohammad Akram Chowdhary, Judge, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh in his inaugural address, emphasized that justice delivery is an essential activity for maintaining order in the society and described Article 21 as being at the heart of the Constitution and the most cherished right in a civilized society paving the way for the triumph of justice by preventing encroachment upon personal liberty and deprivation of life except according to procedure established by law. He also underlined the indispensability of the concept and mechanism of bail in any criminal justice system as a saviour of the fundamental right to liberty as

envisioned under the constitution. He advised the participants to employ reasonableness and judiciousness while exercising discretion of grant or refusal of bail and exert restraint while laying down conditions for grant of bail simultaneously ensuring the right to speedy trial and access to justice in addition to due procedure and fairness. Director, J&K Judicial Academy, Shahzad Azeem, presented welcome address and gave an overview of the programme. He stated that the legal system is constitutionally obligated to protect its citizen's freedom and liberty as contemplated under Article 21, forming the background for the development of law relating to Bail which is an integral part of criminal jurisprudence. He highlighted the essence of bail as an interplay between individual

rights and the collective interests of the society and referred to the general principle of presumption of the innocence of accused till proven guilty as well as the parameters governing the grant or refusal of bail.

In the first technical session, resource person Justice

Rashid Ali Dar educated the Judicial Officers on basic principles, parameters and conditions governing bail u/s 437, 438 and 439 CrPC. He also referred to the procedure involved in the process and extensively discussed case law on the topic.

In the second technical session, detailed deliberations were made on provisions on bail under special laws including POCSO and NDPS Acts.

The participants were educated on the concept of reasonable exercise of judicial discretion and the process of Order

writing on the subject matter.

The training programme was mostly interactive during

which the participants

deliberated and discussed

various aspects of the sub

ject topic and raised queries

which were satisfactorily

settled by the resource

persons.

Kirtan Darbar held to commemorate Martyr's Day of Guru Arjan Dev

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: On occasion of Martyr's day of Guru Arjan Dev, an impressive Kirtan Darbar was organized at Gurdwara Baba Chanda Singh, Jain Bazar, which was attended by a large Sangat from surrounding areas of Jammu city. On the occasion the Guru Ka Langar and Chhabil (sweetened water) was also organized for visiting devotees and public.

Speaking on the occasion, Sukhbir Singh welcomed the decision of Government to hold elections for District Gurdwara Parbandak Committees. He further said that it is really sad that no constituency has

been reserved for women and delimitation of constituencies have also not

been done, which should have been done before elections as per law. The members also highlighted a number of issues and urged the Government for resolving the same at the earliest, which included renaming Kunjwani Chowk as Baba Banda Singh Bhahdur Chowk, removing shops of Municipal Committee in Chand Nagar, implementation of Ansari Commission report, declaring Martyr's Day of Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur as a gazetted holiday etc.

Prominent members

present on the occasion

included Amarjeet Singh,

Jagbir Singh Deepu,

Janmeet Singh, Dr

Tejinder Singh, Jagjeet

Singh and Gurpreet

Singh.

ASI Baldev Singh

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soft targets, including minorities and Kashmiri Pandit employees, in the Valley.

They 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.

They demanded justice for the Kashmiri Pandits, who are living in fear due to security not being provided by the BJP-led Central Government.

Referring to the recent killings of minorities in a terror attack in the Kashmir Valley, the NC leaders mentioned that the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir is a major issue that must be considered seriously. The Youth NC leaders demanded that the government should come up with a foolproof security strategy to ensure the safety of all, especially the minority community in the

Valley.

They called for urgent measures to stop terror attacks on



YNC activists raising slogans during a protest in Jammu.

JAMMU: The Youth National Conference held Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) responsible for the unabated killings in the Kashmir Valley as the BJP-led Government at the Centre has miserably failed to ensure the safety of minorities in the Valley.

Led by Sandeep Singh Wazir Zonal President and Gaurav Kapoor Vice President Youth Jammu, the activists

posted as DIG Rajouri-Poonch Range; Javid Ahmed Koul, IPS, SO to ADGP Traffic, J&K, holding additional charge of DIG Traffic Kashmir and DIG Traffic, Jammu, has been transferred and posted as Incharge DIG Traffic Kashmir. He shall also hold the charge of the post of SO to IGP Traffic, J&K.

Shahid Mehraj Rather, IPS, Commandant IR 6th Bn, has been transferred and posted as incharge DIG Armed Kashmir.

KP employees' transfer...

on social media platforms is a big security breach as terrorists now have a clear idea who is posted where," BJP spokesman Altaf Thakur said in a statement.

He urged the government to take strong note of the leak and zero in on the people who made the list public at a time when targeted killings are taking place in the Valley.

The BJP spokesman said that officers involved in the act should be reprimanded and action be taken against them.

Thakur said while the government was taking serious steps for the protection of Kashmiri Pandits, some officials were playing spoilsport.

Five fresh COVID...

Meanwhile, Ladakh's coronavirus tally increased to 28,271 as two more people tested positive for the viral disease during the past 24 hours, officials said.

The fresh cases were detected in Leh, they said.

The death toll remained unchanged at 228 -- 168 deaths from Leh and 60 from Kargil.

The number of active COVID-19 cases in Ladakh stands at eight. So far, 28,038 patients have recovered from coronavirus in Ladakh, the officials said.

SSP ACB, 2...

masters and lectures, was conducted when Suresh Kumar was Director School Education Jammu in 2000. Despite the fact, number of times fake promotions orders were issued from time to time by overlapping and manipulating the seniority lists.

This time, the top hierarchy of the department has become proactive to effect the promotions and order placements with some of the staffers under consideration include those who had left the department five to six years ago.

The department has a record of promoting fake Post Graduate degree holders as Lecturers and it had manifested in lodging of two FIRs with the then People's Vigilance Organisation, now (Anti Corruption Bureau). The cases pertain to many fake degree holders in science discipline having been promoted as Lecturers despite the fact that the then J&K PG Teachers Association had strongly opposed the move.

After STATE TIMES' expose, two FIRs were registered against two IAS officers, the then Directors School Education and the Chief Education Officers (CEOs) for their involvement in promotion of fake degree holder teachers as lecturers. However, the quantum of fraud was so huge that the ACB failed to compile the data till date to charge-sheet the case. Both the FIRs (29/15, 30/15), of year 2015, are still under investigations with the ACB.

Interestingly, the J&K UT School Education Department is currently under the administrative control of an Indian Forest Officer (IFS) B K Singh, designated as Principal Secretary, School Education Department.

Declaration of new...

on May 23 this year, and similar news reports were published the next day, according to which, a new born was found to be alive after being declared dead by the hospital.

PIL alleging illegal appointment of SPOs as Constables DB directs petitioner's counsel to assist court on maintainability of PIL

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a PIL seeking a CBI probe into alleged illegal appointments of Special Police Officers (SPOs) as constables from 2018 till March 2020, a Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court, Srinagar wing comprising Chief Justice Pankaj Mithal and Justice Dhiraj Singh Thakur directed Counsel for the petitioner to assist the Court on maintainability of Public Interest Litigation in Service matters.

In the PIL, seeking details of all the candidates who had been recruited/ appointed on basis of field operations

districts of Anantnag, Pulwama, Shopian and Kulgam.

It was also submitted that the persons so appointed were either working as personal security officers for high-profile bureaucrats or were performing duties at residences of police officers and other bureaucrats. "By indulging in this act, SSP Anantnag and DGP J&K police have indulged in mass-scale irregularities," petitioner alleged, adding that there was a nexus in police department which allowed such recruitments to be made with impunity.

"The appointees are illegal

ly shown to have participated in Operational Duties, particularly in South Kashmir,

when there is no scope of their proximity in field operations. The SPOs detailed as personal guards have no occasion to perform Operational Functions, therefore, to lift the veil, the jurisdiction of this court is sought to achieve public interest," the petitioner sub-

JK Govt should restore confidence of minorities: Altaf Bukhari on targeted killings

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party president Altaf Bukhari on Saturday sought an end to the senseless targeted killing of innocent people in Kashmir and appealed to the people of the valley to come forward and support the government's efforts in restoring confidence among the minorities.

Bukhari said the government

should ensure safety and security of the people working in various government departments and avoid posting of members of minority communities in far-flung areas.

"The protection of the life of the minorities is the responsibility of the government. In these circumstances, the confidence of the people can be restored by providing them adequate security at their workplace and

witnessed eight targeted

killings since May 1. Three of the victims were off-duty policemen and five were civilians.

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should ensure safety and security of the people working in various government departments and avoid posting of members of minority communities in far-flung areas.

"We demand an end to the senseless targeted killing of innocent people in Kashmir which has spread fear among minorities," Bukhari said.

"The protection of the life of the minorities is the responsibility of the government. In these circumstances, the confidence of the people can be restored by providing them adequate security at their workplace and

and accommodation," he said.

Govt should take stern action against violence mongers: Abhinav

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Senior Advocate, Abhinav Sharma, Spokesperson BJP J&K condemned the killing of civilians in Valley and urged the government to take stern action against the violence mongers to restore normalcy as soon as possible.

He said that people behind this ill-conceived plan to spread

terror and turmoil are the same who conventionally ruined the Valley and the time