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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 Unearth 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 Kunchi 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.

The Pandits said they have heaved a sigh of relief on reaching their township at Jagti in the outskirts of Jammu after spending sleepless nights in their rented accommodations in the Kashmir over the past few weeks.

### Reshuffle in J&K...

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 over-lapping and manipulating the seniority lists. This time, the top hierarchy of the department has become pro-active 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 State 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 has 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 duties by the Director General of Police (DGP) and Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Anantnag in the last three years, petitioner submitted that SSP Anantnag in connivance with DGP J&K had recruited/ appointed Special Police Officers (SPOs) who had taken no part in field operations as Constables on basis of operational functions in

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 illegally 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-

mitted. The petition further said that neither the government nor the police department uploaded the appointment orders of these constables on their website, which further points towards irregularity and arbitrariness, on the part of the authorities. "The approach of the respondent police needs to be ascertained and looked into by an agency other than the one which directly controls the Department. Therefore, in fitness of things, the Central Bureau of Investigation needs to be directed to take the case into its hands and investigate the matter thoroughly besides submitting report to the Court," the petitioner sought. When the matter was camp-up hearing, DB observed that it appears that the controversy involved in the PIL is regarding the service matter of SPOs as Constables and directed the counsel for petitioner to study the matter if a PIL can be maintained in respect of service matters.

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

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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. His remarks came days after a 29-year-old bank manager from Rajasthan and a labourer from Bihar were killed in Kulgam and Budgam districts. Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed eight targeted

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

said. He also appealed to the people of Kashmir Valley to come forward and support the government for the restoration of confidence among the minorities. "We demand an end to the senseless targeted killing of innocent people in Kashmir which has spread fear among minorities," Bukhari said. On Saturday, Advocate Dimple Kumar Mottan from R S Pura and Advocate Manmeet Singh from Jammu joined the Apni Party in the presence of Bukhari. He welcomed them into the party and hoped that their joining would strengthen the organisation.

### Poonch Brigade conducts Divyaang T-20 Cricket match

■ STATE TIMES NEWS POONCH: To promote Paralympic sports culture and bring the achievements of Divyaang Cricketers from J&K, Poonch Brigade organised a Divyaang T-20 Match for specially-abled sportsmen on Saturday at Poonch Cricket Stadium. The match was played between teams Divyaang Red and Divyaang Blue. Unique of it's kind, the event was organised in Poonch District for the first time and was appreciated by the local populace. Cricket match was technically supervised by Pawan Kumar PEL, Fitness Trainer BCCI NCA, JKCA. To mark the event and further encourage the rich sports culture of Poonch city, Indian Army felicitated the participating Divyaang cricketers and the students of Chandak High School with Cricket equipments.

## 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.

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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

envisaged 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 subject topic and raised queries which were satisfactorily settled by the resource persons.

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

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JAMMU: On occasion of Martyr's day of Guru Arjan Dev, an impressive Kirtan Darbar was organised 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 Parbhandak 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 done before elections as per law. The members also highlighted a number a 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 Teg 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.

## Police organises youth awareness programme



A resource person expressing views.

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UDHAMPUR: District Police Udhampur held a Youth awareness Campaign at Florance Nightingale Polytechnic College, Jaganoo Roun Domail and delivered informative and motivating lectures to the young students and spread the awareness regarding the ill effects of narcotic drug addiction, alcohol abuse, visible crime, Prevention of children from sexual Offences, traffic

rules and many other important things among the students. The event was organised on the directions of SSP Udhampur Dr. Vinod Kumar, ASI Baldev Singh from Police Post Roundomail chaired the event alongwith Ms. Devika Sharma (Drug Councillor), Afia Nazir Social Worker of Women Rights project at special cell Women Police Station Udhampur. ASI Baldev Singh inter-

acted with the students and delivered informative/motivating views and spread awareness about the prevailing criminal activities in which the local youth is getting involved, new traffic rules and appealed them to obey traffic rules, wear helmets while riding, he also made the students aware about frauds through social media, cyber crimes, he further appealed to the students to remain alert and protect themselves from falling prey in the hands of criminals. While speaking on the occasion Afia Nazir highlighted the achievements made by women in different fields. Devika Sharma, Drug Councillor (Drug De-addiction centre DPL Udhampur) in her address about the ill effects of drugs on society and its remedies.

## YNC protests against deteriorating security situation in Kashmir



YNC activists raising slogans during a protest in Jammu.

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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 NC Jammu, the activists

assembled near Press Club of Jammu and raised slogans against the Central Government. Talking to reporters, the youth NC leaders expressed serious concern over the deteriorating security scenario in the valley leading to a series of targeted killings of innocents, including members of minority communities. They called for urgent measures to stop terror attacks on