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# Air surcharge 50 paisa for Leh Man kills father in Ramnagar

# Pakistani among 3 terrorists killed in twin encounters

## Police crackdown on terror network in J&K

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Two Lashkare-Taiba (LeT) terrorists, including one from Pakistan, were among three ultras killed in two separate encounters with security forces in Kupwara and Shopian districts on Tuesday, police said.

Based on information about the presence of terrorists in the Chaktaras Kandi area of Kupwara, security forces launched a cordon and search operation, a police official said

The terrorists opened fire on the security personnel who retaliated, he said, adding two ultras were killed in the ensuing encounter.

"Two terrorists of proscribed terror outfit LeT, including one Pakistani terrorist namely Tufail, killed. Search still going on," Inspector General of Police, Kashmir, Vijay Kumar



#### Four arrested in connection with Shopian IED blast

SRINAGAR: Four persons have been arrested in connection with an improvised explosive devices (IED) attack that took place in Shopian district of Jammu and Kashmir last week, in which an army soldier was killed, police said on Tuesday.

#ShopianPolice cracked recent #terror attack case in which terrorists used IED in a vehicle at Shedow Shopian, in which one soldier was #martyred and others were injured. All #terrorist/associates have been arrested. #Congratulations to team Shopian, Inspector General of Police, Kashmir, Vijay Kumar wrote on Twitter.

On June 2, a soldier named Naik Praveen was killed while two others were injured when an explosion took place in a civil vehicle hired by the Army for a cordon and search operation in Patitohalan area of Shopian in south Kashmir.

Meanwhile, another encounter took place in south Kashmir's Shopian district,

the police official said. He said the gunfight took place in the orchards of the Badimarg-Aloora area of Shopian.

One terrorist has been killed so far and the operation was going on, the official

Meanwhile, over a dozen people have been detained by police during raids across Jammu and Kashmir for allegedly being in touch with terrorist commanders in Pakistan, officials said.

The police said many recent target killings and other terror crimes have taken place at the behest of these commanders using local hybrid terrorists.

J-K Police has rounded up a number of individuals and initiated legal action against them as they have been ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

#### J&K Govt upgrades posts of two IPS officers

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The Home Department on Tuesday ordered promotion of two IPS officers to the rank of Additional Director General of Police and Deputy Inspector General of Police.

"Consequent upon the posting of T. Namgyal Kalon, IPS (RR.95), as Director SKPA, Udhampur vide Government Order No.162-Home of 2022, dated June 4, 2022, the post of

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#### Plea in SC challenges validity of certain sections of Places of

#### Worship (Special Provisions) Act STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: A fresh petition has been filed in the Supreme Court challenging the validity of certain sections of the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991, alleging that the Centre has arbitrarily created an irrational retrospective cut-off date and declared that the character of places of worship shall be maintained as it was on

# LG inaugurates 9 World Bank funded projects in J&K



executed by J&K ERA on Tuesday.

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday inaugurated nine projects of the Jhelum and Tawi Flood Recovery Project (JTFRP) funded by the World Bank.

The Lt Governor also unveiled the Upgraded Building Codes for J-K on the occasion, an official spokesman said here. The projects were executed

by J and K Economic

## Srinagar bench of CAT disposed sizeable number

# STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: Jammu and

of service matters: Govt

Kashmir's Srinagar bench of the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) has disposed of a sizeable number of service cases which were received on transfer from the J&K High Court besides fresh litigation filed by the government employees, a statement issued by the personnel ministry on Tuesday said.

Consequent upon re-constitution of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh were created with effect from October 31, 2019, it said.

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Reconstruction Agency (J-K ERA).

While dedicating new projects to the people, Sinha said. It is our commitment to rapidly modernize infrastructure and ensure ease of living for the people.

Many infrastructure projects of JTFRP, which were stalled for years, have been completed. It will pave the way for rapid expansion and modernisation of far-flung areas, strengthening of rural healthcare and enabling emergency service department for effective response,

"Depriving common people from the benefits of public projects is a crime. The benefits of the development works must percolate to every citizen. Available resources and funds must be utilised to meet people's aspirations," Sinha said. The Lt Governor said the

new projects will have a positive impact on the lives

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#### **Govt widens CDS selection pool; serving** or retired Lt Generals, Air Marshals, Vice Admirals to be eligible

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Any serving or retired Lt General, Air Marshal and Vice Admiral under the age of 62 years will be eligible for the post of Chief of Defence Staff, according to notifications brought out by the government.

The officers can be considered for the top post along with serving chiefs of the Army, Navy and the Indian Air Force, according to the amended rules which are aimed at widening the pool from which CDS can be appointed.

The post of Chief of Defence Staff has been lying

DGP reviews security arrangements at

vacant since the death of Gen Bipin Rawat in a helicopter crash on December 8.

The government has issued separate notifications on Monday as part of the Air Force Act, the Army Act and the Navy Act to make the provisions to make any serving or retired Lt General, Air Marshal or Vice Admiral eli-

"The Central Government may, if considered necessary, in the public interest, so to do, appoint as Chief of Defence Staff, an officer who is serving as Air Marshal or

gible to be appointed as the

Air Chief Marshal or an ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

# Former BJP MLA Rajesh Gupta dies after prolonged illness

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Senior BJP leader

and former MLA Rajesh Gupta died on Tuesday after a prolonged ill-

here. He was 53. Gupta is survived by his wife and three children two daughters and a son, a

ness at a hospital

BJP leader said. Principal Government Medical College and Hospital

Shashi Sudan Sharma said Gupta was suffering from brain tumour for the last

"He was admitted in the

#### J&K maintains top rank among UT category in food safety index 2021-22 STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: In a significant achievement, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir has maintained its first rank among the UT category in Food Safety Index 2021-22 conferred by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) to the states / UTs.

Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare,

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### **COVID:** 7 new cases in J&K, 1 in Ladakh

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir reported seven new Covid cases on Tuesday that took the infection tally to 4,54,290, officials said.

Of the new cases, six were from Jammu district while was detected in Baramulla district, they

There are 55 active cases while the overall recoveries

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Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 50 Min: 28 Sunset: 19:37 Hours Sunrise: 05:25 Hours

Max: 31.3°C

#### hospital for 15 days and was discharged recently after feeling better. He was brought back to the hospital around 2 pm with

aspiration (pneumonia) breathed his last around 5.40 pm, she told PTI.

Jammu K a s h m i r Lieutenant Governor Manoi Sinha expressed

grief over Gupta's demise and called him a dynamic leader who tirelessly worked for public welfare. "Deeply saddened to learn about

**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

BENGALURU: A suspect-

ed Hizbul Mujahideen ter-

rorist has been arrested

here following a joint oper-

ation by the Karnataka

and Jammu & Kashmir

Hussain was arrested on

June 5, police sources said

According to sources,

Hussain had fled Jammu

and Kashmir with his wife

and children as the hunt

for him was intensified by

the armed forces, and was

Hussain had allegedly

taken shelter at a mosque

hiding in Bengaluru.

The

accused, Talib

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# 3 magnetic IEDs with timer set dropped by drone recovered in border area of Jammu

Jnanendra said the state

police has begun a probe

following Hussain's arrest.

The state police are coor-

dinating with their Jammu

and Kashmir counterparts

and intensified investiga-

tion to identify those indi-

viduals and organisations,

which harboured him, he

Stringent action will be

taken and cases will be

registered against those

local individuals who gave

the suspected terrorist

refuge, provided mobile

phone and helped procure

He also said a police

team left for Jammu and

documents.

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The police have recovered three magnetic IEDs dropped by a drone in the border area of the Jammu district in a fresh attempt to smuggle explosives through the aerial route, officials said on Tuesday.

The IEDs, with their timers set and packed inside tiffin boxes, were recovered from the Kantowala-Dayaran area of Kanachak in the Akhnoor sector, Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Jammu, Mukesh Singh said.

On Monday night, BSF troops resorted to firing briefly along the India-Pakistan border in the Jammu district after hearing a humming sound which led to a suspicion that a drone was flying around. A police party was immediately deployed and

they followed anti-drone standard operating procedure in the area.

Around 11 pm, security forces noticed the

used to deliver sermons

Chief Minister Basavaraj

Bommai today confirmed

Hussain's arrest from the

Asked if the terrorist was

arrested, Bommai told

"Generally police keep an

eye on people like them.

We will provide whatever

assistance is required to

the Jammu and Kashmir

police. In the past too,

such arrests had taken

Bhatkal." "The Jammu

and Kashmir police have

taken this very seriously,

he explained. Meanwhile,

in Sirsi and

reporters,

place

in Srirampura here and Home Minister Araga

"Yes."

during Friday prayers.



Magnetic IEDs fitted Tiffin boxes dropped by drone in Kanachak sector.

drone in the Dayaran area of Kanachak and fired at it again, the ADGP said.

"The payload attached was brought down but the drone could not be shot," he said, adding the IEDs were diffused through a controlled

## explosion and a case has been registered. Hizbul Mujahideen terrorist held in Bengaluru 'Vector and Scorpion'

#### drone to undergo test trial along LAC **■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Serving in the war zone between Russia and Ukraine, the latest state-of-"Vector the-art Scorpion" drone, which is India's longest-range drone with a 65-kilometre telemetric range, is all set to undergo test trials along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Ladakh in July, ahead of its possible induction into the

armed forces. The two-in-one unmanned aerial system (UAS) is an intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) drone, providing capabilities to both the military and other

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### base camps for Amarnath Yatra **STATE TIMES NEWS** SRINAGAR: Jammu and

Kashmir Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh reviewed the security arrangements at the Baltal and Domail base camps for the annual Amarnath Yatra on Tuesday.

"Singh visited the base camps at Baltal and Domail and reviewed the security arrangements at these important points and along the route of the Amarnath Yatra," a police spokesperson

He said the DGP, who was accompanied by special DGP, CID R R Swain, interacted



DGP Dilbag Singh meeting security personnel at Amarnath Yatra Base camp.

with the officers and jawans of police and the Central Police (CRPF) at Baltal. During the visit, the DGP

reviewed the security and logistical arrangements at Baltal, Domail and along the route of the annual

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# Names of bureaucrats for promotion as Botany lecturers deleted; SED

### VIVEK SHARMA

JAMMU: Finally, Jammu and Kashmir Government has revised the placement list of masters/teachers in the discipline of Botany.

Acting on STATE TIMES report, the J&K School Education Department (SED) issued the list on June 6, 2022, which reads, "In continuation to letter of even number dated May 18, 2022, I am directed to enclose herewith revised placement list of PG masters/Teachers in the discipline of Botany regarding the subject Revised Placement list of PG Masters/Teachers of Botany." with the requested to verify the service particulars on the incumbents and provide information regarding presplace of posting, expired/retired/left the department joined other discipline and drop

outs with respect to vide GO 230 of

2019 dated July 15, 2019 and GO:

320 Edu of 2019 dated October 16.

2019, if any."

"The information should reach this office within 2 days positively," the letter signed by Umesh Sharma Deputy Secretary, School Education Department further

STATE TIMES in its edition dated June 5, 2022 published a report under caption "Outdated J&K School Education Dept strugfor updating existence....SSP ACB, 2 Directors, senior bureaucrats continue to remain in teachers' seniority list for promotion as Botany Lecturers," stating that that the School Education Department has gone public in seeking objections for promoting teachers/masters Incharge Lecturers in the Botany stream notwithstanding some of the 'eligible' incumbents, figuring in the

list circulated this week, ceasing to

be staffers of education department

since and holding very important

positions in the police and civil administration in Jammu and

The previous seniority list of teachers for proposed promotion as Incharge Lecturers in Botany in School Education Department included a Senior Superintendent of Police, two Directors, Joint

Directors Special Secretaries to Government, U n d e r Secretaries, inferring that School Education



Department has no clue about who's who of its human resource, despite having a full-fledged wing equipped with whopping staffers, drawing hefty salaries.

No one had used even the minimum common sense to find out the authenticity of the list? Why did

they chose to push forward the obsolete list as a piece of paper but not a valid document. Is it job of the public or the stakeholders to update the outdated department?

Didn't any of the staffers used common sense to find out the authenticity of the list? Why did they chose to push forward the

obsolete list as a piece of paper but not a valid document. Is it job of the public or the stakeholders to update the outdated

IMPACT depart.

These are the questions that should bother the administration as accountability and efficiency as Sources told STATE TIMES that

has been very casual in its working. Shockingly, the School Education Department had sought the verified service details of the prospective

Incharge Lecturers vide No: Edu-HRM/2022 dated May 18, 2022, signed by the Under Secretary to Government School Education Department (H&M Section) Civil Secretariat Mayank Sharma, JKAS, Under Secretary to Government, which reads "...I am directed to enclose herewith the list PG Masters/Teachers in the discipline of Botany regarding the subject cited above (Placement of PG Master/Teachers in the discipline of Botany) with the request to verify the service particulars of the incumbents and provide information regarding Present Place of Posting, Expired/Retired. Left the Department case/joined other discipline and drop out, if any. The information should this office withthe School Education Department in two days".

Tracing some records pertaining to the past two decades, STATE TIMES had found that in the list of incumbents.

Superintendent of Police Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) Sandeep Wazir, stands at serial number 121 of the seniority list for proposed promotion issued on May 18, 2022 Director Finance ARI & Trainings Suresh Kumar Koul, (S No 68) Joint Director, ICDS, Social Welfare Department Devinder Singh Katoch, (S. No122) Jatinder Singh, Director Floriculture, Jammu, (S.No 75) ceased to be the members of the J&K School Education Department since the year 1999. Didn't anyone in the department bother to update the list from time to time?

Similarly, many Special

Secretaries and Under Secretaries were in in the proposed promotion list of Botany Lecturers. The newly revised list has been

signed by Umesh Sharma, Deputy Secretary School Education Department.