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India's "new normal" in punishing terror acts linked to Pakistan and vowed to go after terrorists and their sponsors with equal ferocity in case of any future terror incidents on the Indian soil.

The Council of Ministers, which generally meets in a few months but has no fixed frequency, unlike the Union Cabinet's, and key government policies are discussed threadbare in the presence of top bureaucrats.

On April 22, terrorists martyred 26 civilians in the popular Kashmir destination, igniting nationwide outrage and calls for retribution.

Sanjeev Verma appointed...

appointed as Chief Electoral Officer, Jammu and Kashmir," reads an order issued by M Raju, Commissioner Secretary, General Administration Department.

"Sanjeev Verma, IAS shall also be Commissioner/Secretary to the Government, Election Department," it stated.

Sinha attends 'Telangana...

we call Indianness. This very spirit constantly inspires us to create a self-reliant and developed India. With unwavering commitment, we must ignite the flames of patriotism across all communities, and unite the society to shape a powerful future of our country," the Lieutenant Governor said.

India to get...

of the S-400 Triumf missile system, a state-of-the-art air defence platform capable of engaging multiple aerial threats at long ranges. Three squadrons have already been delivered.

On the potential expansion of defence collaboration, Babushkin expressed openness to further dialogue.

"We are open for promotion of this partnership for the discussion of the expansion of dialogue on air defence systems," he said, noting the strategic importance of such cooperation in the current global security environment.

Commenting on the growing threat of drones, particularly in light of their extensive use during the India-Pakistan clash, the deputy chief of mission highlighted Russia's experience in countering such challenges.

"We are facing this threat for several years already, and I think that our systems are being modernised constantly. I think it would be a joint interest from both sides how to counter this threat and lead to some other cooperation," he said, adding that anti-drone systems are already part of the ongoing India-Russia defence dialogue.

Babushkin also provided an update on a possible visit by Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov to India. "The exact dates are not yet finalised, but it can happen anytime soon. We expect this month," he said.

Enhance surveillance, deploy...

He also directed the officers to enhance surveillance and threat detection capabilities by utilising advanced technologies and real-time monitoring.

The meeting concluded with a resolve to ensure the highest level of preparedness and coordination for the smooth and successful conduct of all the events, the spokesperson said.

67 unexploded shells...

demolitions with utmost caution, he said, adding that the affected areas are first cordoned off, and civilians are temporarily relocated to ensure no harm during the controlled explosions.

Local residents have expressed relief and gratitude for the Army's efforts as these shells are potentially dangerous, the army said, reiterating the commitment to safeguarding border communities.

The Army is continuing area sanitisation and disposal operations wherever shelling has taken place, the spokesperson said.

He said the Army remains vigilant not only in responding to hostile actions but also in ensuring that post-shelling dangers like unexploded ordnance do not cause further casualties. "The clearance mission will ensure that all potentially dangerous munitions are rendered harmless," the spokesperson said.

ACB presents charge-sheet...

cuttings/without the signatures of the concerned Block Officials.

It was further found that in some of the cases, measurements of the work was not in consonance with charged measurements and some of the work diverted from the original sanctioned place of work to other during the financial year 2012-13 and 2013-14, official said.

Bhupinder gets addl...

J&K Government, New Delhi, and Administrative Secretary, Hospitality and Protocol Department, till further orders.

Northern Army Commander...

preparedness of the formation," the Army's Northern Command said in a post on X. "Additionally, he reviewed security measures for the #AmarnathYatra to ensure its safe and seamless execution," the Northern Command said.

The yatra is scheduled to begin July 3.

It said the Army commander commended all ranks for their steadfast commitment, exceptional professionalism, and resilience in challenging conditions, while underscoring the need for sustained vigilance.

Bomb threat at...

searched, checked and cleared but nothing suspicious was found, the official said.

He said the process of identification of the caller is going on.

Officials said the joint search operation at the railway station continued for several hours during the intervening night of Sunday and Monday.

Sniffer dogs and metal detectors were also utilised during the search operation which was carried out under the direct supervision of senior police officers, they said, adding security has been further beefed up at the railway station.

Ensure timely completion...

are already under active execution, while the rest are in various stages of tendering or allotment.

Out of the 153 approved projects, 99 focus on improving water supply systems, 04 are related to sewerage and seepage management and 50 are aimed at water roadies rejuvenation. He said that the goal is to provide 100 percent of households in AMRUT towns with functional tap connections.

The meeting was informed that a large number of these projects have already been tendered and some are under execution, while a few are still awaiting allotment.

The Chief Secretary directed the concerned to stick to timelines, expand coverage to urban areas and ensure efficient water management. He also gave directions for timely construction and upgrading of sewage treatment plants, decentralised systems and seepage management units. He said that the government is committed towards achieving 100 percent safe disposal and reuse of wastewater to reduce contamination and environmental damage.

The Chief Secretary highlighted the importance of these projects not only for infrastructure development but also for enhancing the quality of urban life. He reiterated that AMRUT 2.0 represents a major shift in urban policy and that the government is focused on citizen engagement, environmental sustainability and integrated urban planning.

He instructed all the concerned departments, urban local bodies and implementation partners to resolve pending allotments without delay, speed up civil works and maintain high standards during project execution. He expressed confidence that with consistent effort, Jammu and Kashmir will emerge as a model in effective implementation of these national urban missions.

He also had assessment of SNA sparsh onboarding, Jal hi Amrit initiative, Amrit Mitra initiative, GIS based Master Plan for class II towns, PMU and financial progress on ongoing projects.

It was informed that 26 towns have been approved with Rs. 23.40 crore assistance for GIS based Master plans.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner Secretary H&UD, Commissioner SMC, Commissioner JMC, Chief Engineers Jal Shakti, Kashmir, Jammu, Special Secretary, H&UD, SEs and other concerned.

Lieutenant Governor greets...

In his message, the Chief Minister said that the festival is a symbol of communal harmony and brotherhood, reflecting the rich pluralistic ethos that has defined Jammu and Kashmir for centuries.

He emphasized that such festivals reinforce the spirit of unity and the cultural heritage that binds the people of Jammu and Kashmir together.

The Chief Minister prayed for peace, harmony, progress and prosperity in the state and urged all sections of society to strengthen the age-old bonds of togetherness and mutual respect.

Highlighting the significance of the occasion, Omar Abdullah noted that Mela Kheer Bhawani has always stood as an epitome of inter-community harmony.

He expressed hope that with the return of peace, Kashmiri Pandits would come back to their homeland with honour and dignity, reclaiming their rightful place in the Valley's social and cultural fabric.

DC Kishtwar discusses action plan to enroll out-of-school children through ULLAS framework

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KISHTWAR: Deputy

Commissioner (DC) Rajesh Kumar Shavan reviewed the progress achieved under the education sector, including the implementation of ULLAS Scheme, status of school infrastructure and progress of ongoing development projects in the district.

The DC urged all stakeholders to intensify efforts to strive for 100% literacy & holistic development of pupils through co-curricular activities.

The review focused on critical issues, including school dropout rate, the status of out-of-school children and the implementation of the ULLAS Scheme, which focuses on improving literacy and critical life skills among individuals aged 15-85.

The Deputy Commissioner asked stakeholders to put in extra efforts to identify out-of-school children to integrate them into the literacy program through the ULLAS framework. "There

is an immediate need to conduct detailed research and planning to ensure 100% enrolment of targeted groups," he added.

Additionally, detailed discussion was held on ongoing developmental projects and infrastructure requirements in schools. The DC directed the officials from R&B and SAMAGRA Shiksha to ensure the completion of works as per the set deadlines.

He also directed school authorities to sensitize the students in morning Assembly regarding Swacchata Abhiyan, Nasha Mukti Bharat Abhiyan, besides laying special emphasis on vocational training and sports activities.

The meeting was attended by Chief Planning Officer Shah Nawaz Bali; Tehsildar HQA Sunali Rani; Deputy Chief Education Officer Masood Ahmed Qazi; Executive Engineers, ZEOs and representatives from DIET.

GDC Ramgarh, SWD organize summer internship counselling session

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RAMGARH: In a commendable initiative aimed at enhancing the employability and entrepreneurial capabilities of its students, Government Degree College (GDC), Ramgarh organized a Summer Internship Counselling Session for upcoming 5th semester students. The event was conducted in collaboration with SANKALP - Hub for Empowerment of Women (HEW), Mission Shakti, Social Welfare Department, Samba.

The session was held under the esteemed guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Meeru Abrol, Principal, GDC Ramgarh, who has consistently emphasized the importance of skill development and career readiness for students, particularly women.

The counseling session was coordinated and conducted



Faculty members along with SWD officials during the programme.

by Dr. Snobar, Convener, Entrepreneurship Cell, with active support from other dedicated member of the cell, Mr. Ashok Kumar.

The event witnessed vibrant interactions between students and a distinguished panel of resource persons. Dr. Ruchi Thakur, District Mission Coordinator; Social Welfare Department, Samba, graced the session and highlighted the department's continuous efforts towards women's

empowerment and student skill development.

Ms. Mansi Abrol and Ms. Ritika Banotra, Gender Specialists, SANKALP, HEW, Social Welfare Department, Samba, provided valuable insights into the objectives and schemes under Mission Shakti, with a focus on skill-based learning and achieving financial independence. They introduced various training programs offered through the

SANKALP Hub, including Bakery and Culinary Arts, Resin Art and Craft, Handicrafts and Tailoring, Beauty and Wellness Training, and encouraged students to participate actively and explore alternative career opportunities.

The session also featured Ms. Isha Bali, State Lead of REACHA Foundation, and Ms. Monika Gupta, Owner of Creamy Foundation, as resource persons. They

84 Bn CRPF celebrates 40th Raising Day

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RAMBAN: 84 Battalion CRPF proudly celebrated its 40th Raising Day at the Battalion Tactical Headquarters in Chanderkote, Ramban. Raised on 1st June 1985 at Group Centre CRPF New Delhi, the Battalion has been dedicated to serving the nation with unwavering commitment across various conflict zones including Jammu & Kashmir, Northeast India, and Punjab.

Since 2010, 84 Bn CRPF has been deployed in Jammu and Kashmir, entrusted with the critical task of securing the strategic National Highway 44 (NH-44), the vital lifeline connecting Kashmir Valley with Jammu and the rest of India, over a 47 km stretch in Ramban district.

The day's celebrations commenced with a solemn prayer at the Sarv Dharm Prarthna Sthal, where personnel gath-

ered for a joint prayer seeking success and safety in the year ahead. The Unit paid homage to its martyrs who laid down their lives in the line of duty. A new flag was hoisted at the Quarter Guard followed by the Commandant receiving the Guard of Honour.

In his address to the Unit personnel during the Sainik Sammelan, the Battalion Commandant, N. Ranbir Singh extended his heartfelt greetings to all members and their families. He lauded the Battalion's glorious legacy and valiant service, urging all to uphold the highest ideals to keep the Battalion, CRPF, and the nation's flag flying high.

As part of the Raising Day activities, 20 personnel voluntarily donated blood in collaboration with the District Hospital Ramban, reinforcing the Unit's commitment to social responsibility. To promote environmental sustain-

ability, 20 saplings were planted within the campus and its surroundings.

In the lead-up to the Raising Day, various competitions including physical endurance, weapon handling, firing, badminton, volleyball, and lawn tennis were organized to foster camaraderie and esprit de corps among the personnel.

The day culminated in a vibrant cultural evening performance graced by DIG CRPF, Vivek Bhandral, as the Chief Guest. Special felicitation was accorded to a CRPF Veer Naari Rabeena Begum, and resident of Maitra, Ramban, for her exemplary dedication. Certificates and prizes were distributed to blood donors and winners of the competitions.

The celebrations concluded with a grand Bada Khana attended by officers, personnel, and their families, symbolizing the spirit of unity and dedication that defines 84 Battalion CRPF.

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POONCH: Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal chaired a meeting to review the implementation of the Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP) in the district. The meeting aimed to strengthen coordination among agriculture and allied sectors and ensure timely execution of key government initiatives benefiting the farmers.

The meeting was attended by the Chief Agriculture Officer, Chief Horticulture Officer, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, District Sheep Husbandry Officer, District Sericulture Officer, Assistant Director



Fisheries, Assistant Floriculture Officer, Area Grading and Marketing Officer and the District Head of Krishi Vigyan Kendra Poonch.

Detailed discussions were held on the progress of

major schemes including the Kisan Credit Card (KCC) and PM-KISAN. The Deputy Commissioner reviewed the targets set under these schemes, the achievements made so far and the existing gaps. He

Doda Admin finalises Eid-ul-Azha arrangements

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DODA: The arrangements for Eid-ul-Azha were today reviewed and finalized here at a meeting of stakeholder departments held in the Mini Conference Hall, DC Office Complex Doda with Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Anil Kumar Thakur in the chair.

The meeting discussed action plans and tasks entrusted to different departments. Officials from police, Traffic police, Municipal Bodies, Animal and Sheep Husbandry Department, JPDCL, Jal Shakti, Food civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs gave updates on the arrangements made by their respective departments.

The ADC reviewed the arrangements made for sanitation around mosques, Eid-gahs and slaughterhouses, availability of clean drinking

water, lighting in streets and markets and overall security. He directed the Municipal authorities to deploy sanitation teams and ensure street lights are functional.

The Animal and Sheep Husbandry Department was instructed to carry out health checks of sacrificial animals to prevent the spread of diseases. The Health Department was asked to set up medical aid camps near large congregation areas and keep emergency services standby.

The ADC also directed the formation of special market inspection teams to monitor the availability and pricing of essential commodities. The Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department was tasked with maintaining adequate stock of essential commodities and preventing black marketing or hoarding.

The Fire and Emergency

Services department was instructed to station fire tenders at key locations. Departments such as PWD (R&B), Jal Shakti and JPDCL were directed to take measures to maintain roads, water pipelines and the power distribution network during the festive days.

Stakeholders including representatives from the Beopar Mandal, Bazaar Association, Butcher Association and Legal Traders Association also shared their concerns and suggestions.

ADC Anil Kumar Thakur emphasized the importance of maintaining communal harmony, field-level monitoring and close inter-departmental coordination for a safe and joyous Eid-ul-Azha celebration. The meeting was attended both in person and virtually by SDMs, officers from various engineering wings, law enforcement and civil departments.

shared their journeys and practical insights into entrepreneurship and self-employment, further motivating students to think innovatively and build their own ventures.

Principal Dr. Meeru Abrol, in her concluding remarks, appreciated the collaborative efforts of the Entrepreneurship Cell and the Social Welfare Department for organizing such a meaningful and informative session.

Dr. Snobar, in her address, emphasized the vital role of entrepreneurship in building a self-reliant and empowered future, urging students to take initiative and make the most of the opportunities provided. Other faculty members also shared their insights and encouraged students to step forward with confidence, creativity, and a spirit of innovation.

DC Udhampur finalises Eid-Ul-Azha arrangements

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UDHAMPUR: To finalize the necessary arrangements in connection with ensuing Eid-Ul-Azha festival, a meeting of concerned District Officers was held today under the Chairpersonship of Deputy Commissioner Saloni Rai here in the Conference Hall of DC Office Complex Udhampur.

Senior Superintendent of Police Amod Ashok Nagpure; Additional District Development Commissioner, Rajinder Singh; Additional Deputy Commissioner, Prem Singh; CEO PDA, Chief Planning Officer and other District Officers besides civil society members attended the meeting.

Detailed discussions were held on the necessary arrangements for the celebration of Eid-Ul-

Azha. The officials of concerned departments were asked to take measures for adequate drinking water supply, uninterrupted power supply, First Aid, deployment of Fire tenders, market inspection to ensure sale of quality eatables of government approved rates and proper sanitation in the city.

To keep a check on overpricing and ensure quality of the eatables, a team of officers was constituted to conduct frequent market inspections.

The Chief Medical officer was directed to make provision of the Medicare facility at Eid Gah and Jamia Masjid Udhampur during the festival days, while District Police authorities were directed to deploy adequate police and traffic personnel to regulate traffic in congested areas.