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Zero tolerance policy...

fight against drugs)," he said.

"The results are encouraging and it shows that it isn't a problem that can't be weeded out completely," said Shah, stressing that all agencies should complement each other's efforts.

For coordination among various central and state agencies, the Narco Coordination Centre (NCORD) mechanism was set up by MHA in the year 2016 to conduct regular meetings.

This NCORD system has been restructured to four tiers up to the district level by MHA in 2019 for better coordination and cooperation and meetings are held regularly, said Shah.

"We have to give more thrust at the district level... if the desired results have to be achieved," Shah noted.

Pointing to the presence of chief ministers of Punjab and Haryana as well as the Punjab governor at the conference, he urged them to devote at least three hours a week and a day a month to the narcotics issue.

"Till the time we do not take this approach and till the time this culture does not start from our office, it cannot percolate down below," he said.

He expressed satisfaction that 21 states have set up anti-narcotics taskforce.

He said the darknet and cryptocurrency are linked to the narcotics trade and the Home Ministry has recently set up a task force in this regard.

Over 500 Amarnath...

commenced from the twin base camps -- traditional 48-km Nunwan-Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag and 14-km shorter Baltal in central Kashmir's Ganderbal -- on June 30.

Over 2.7 lakh pilgrims have so far offered prayers at the cave shrine, housing the naturally formed ice-shivlingam, the officials said.

A total of 1,41,950 pilgrims have left the Bhagvati Nagar base camp for the Valley since June 29, the day the first batch of pilgrims was flagged off by Lt Governor Manoj Sinha.

The yatra is scheduled to end on August 11, on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan.

A total of 36 people, mostly pilgrims, have died during the ongoing yatra.

Besides, 15 pilgrims were killed in the flash floods at the Amarnath cave shrine on July one.

Terrorist killed in...

from the spot but were tactfully apprehended.

During search, two pistols and two pistol magazines along with 11 live cartridges were recovered from their possession.

The arrested duo has been identified as Tariq Ahmad Wani, son of Late Bashir Ahmad Wani and Ishfaq Ahmad Wani, son of Ali Mohd Wani both residents of Old Airfield, Rangreth Srinagar.

Preliminary investigation revealed that the arrested persons are hybrid terrorists of proscribed terrorist organisation LeT and were in constant search of an opportunity to carry out attacks on security forces and civilians.

Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 90/2022 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Dangivacha and further investigation is in progress.

900 devotees leave...

the busting of several modules of terrorist outfit Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) in Jammu, Rajouri and Reasi districts of the Jammu region, apart from the recovery of a huge cache of arms and explosive material and arrests of members of modules last week.

Speed up release...

such prisoners. The District Judges, as Chairpersons of undertrial review committees, can expedite the release of undertrial prisoners, the prime minister said.

Lauding the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) for undertaking a campaign for the release of undertrial prisoners, he urged the Bar Council to encourage more lawyers to get involved in this campaign.

Highlighting the place of legal aid in the Directive Principles of the State Policy, Modi said this importance is reflected in the faith of the citizens in the Judiciary of the country.

"As important as access to the judicial system is for any society, justice delivery is equally important. The judicial infrastructure also has an important contribution to this. In the last eight years, work has been done at a fast pace to strengthen the judicial infrastructure of the country," he said.

CJI Ramana said one of the most important aspects which calls for active consideration and intervention of the legal services authorities in the country is the condition of undertrials.

"The prime minister and the attorney general have also rightly flagged this issue in the recently held conference of Chief Ministers and Chief Justices. I am happy to note that NALSA (National Legal Services Authority) is actively collaborating with all stakeholders in securing the much-deserved relief for undertrials."

He also termed access to justice "a tool for social emancipation" and said only a small percentage of the population can approach courts while the majority suffers

in silence, lacking awareness and necessary means.

Rijiju said the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) has launched a campaign to identify undertrial prisoners who are eligible for release and recommend their cases to review committees.

He said the campaign was launched on July 16 under which district legal services authorities have been mandated to hold weekly meetings of undertrial review committees (UTRCs) to discuss progress, review additional cases and to discuss further action including filing of bails in high courts and the Supreme Court, if required.

Rijiju said these meetings are scheduled every week till August 13 and aim for release of maximum number of undertrial prisoners on or before August 15.

Supreme Court judge D Y Chandrachud said justice should not be limited to the socio-economically privileged sections and it is the duty of State actors to secure a "just and egalitarian social order" where justice is not denied due to social and economic disabilities.

Observing that in a nation as vast as India where "graded inequality" exists, Justice Chandrachud called for the use of technology saying it would "taper the digital divide by widening the reach of technology."

Highlighting the achievements by using the technological tools, he said, "The impact of technology on furthering access to justice to every citizen is significant...19.2 million cases were heard on video conferencing by the high courts and district courts as of 30 April 2022. The National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG) has data of 17 crore decided and pending cases."

In his address, Modi also underlined India's leadership in information technology and fintech, and stressed there cannot be a better time to introduce more power of technology to judicial proceedings.

"Under the e-Courts Mission, virtual courts are being started in the country. Courts have started functioning round the clock for crimes like traffic violations. Video conferencing infrastructure is also being expanded in the courts for the convenience of the people," he said.

The prime minister noted that more than one crore cases have been heard through video conferencing in the country.

"This proves that our judicial system is committed to the ancient Indian values of justice and, at the same time, is ready to match the realities of the 21st century," Modi said.

The two-day meeting of DLSAs organised by the NALSA will deliberate on the creation of an integrated procedure to bring homogeneity and synchronisation across DLSAs.

There are a total of 676 DLSAs in the country, each headed by the District Judge. NALSA implements various legal aid and awareness programmes through DLSAs and State Legal Services Authorities (SLSAs).

The DLSAs also contribute towards reducing the burden on courts by regulating the Lok Adalats conducted by NALSA.

Kargil war: Point...

Fire and Fury Corps, also laid a wreath on the solemn occasion, he said.

The ceremony was conducted in the presence of veterans from all artillery regiments, which got the honour title KARGIL in Operation Vijay. Serving officers of the gunner fraternity were also present during the event, he added.

703 new COVID...

officials said. The officials said there were 51 confirmed cases of mucormycosis (black fungus). Meanwhile, Ladakh has recorded 10 fresh coronavirus cases that pushed the infection count to 28,862 in the Union Territory, officials said.

All the new cases were reported from Leh, they said.

On the bright side, 19 more patients were discharged from hospitals after recovering, according to officials. So far, 228 people have succumbed to COVID-19 in Ladakh. Of these, 168 deaths were reported from Leh and 60 from Kargil, according to the officials. The officials said the number of active COVID-19 cases has reached 133 in Ladakh - 118 from Leh and 15 from Kargil.

Of the total 736 samples tested in Ladakh the previous day, 471 in Leh and 255 in Kargil turned out negative for COVID-19, they said.

All the 16 people were discharged from hospital in Leh and three from Kargil after being cured. With this, the total number of recoveries stands at 28,491, the officials said.

Five-letter word...

Malik 'stealing the boat' brought in by the armed forces to distribute the relief material with cameramen clicking shots.

The entire nation had them plunged in support of the Srinagar flood sufferers. Multiple agencies did wonderful job in reaching out to the marooned people. Transport aircrafts of Indian Air Force had carried made continuous sorties with the relief material to the flood hit areas. Air Force helicopters relentlessly rescued the people trapped in flood water, which ironically included Syed Ali Geelani also, though his son denied it later shamelessly. In addition, 250 boats of the army, 150 of NDFC teams were pressed into rescue operations while 5,700 personnel of Border Roads Organisation worked day and night to restore National Highway for traffic.

Till date, no political party or any separatist organization has said a word about the help extended by the armed forces or the IAF. Therefore, expecting them to acknowledge the support now will be too much. Like vultures, they keep waiting for

the opportunities to malign the Army.

Fighter pilot Advitiya...

Amar Rahe' - by the people.

Earlier in the day, Bal's mortal remains arrived in a service aircraft at the Airforce Station here. The cortege was escorted to his house by about a kilometre-long cavalcade of private vehicles and tricolour donned motorecyclists.

Air officer Commanding (AoC) Air Commodore G S Bhullar, Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar, Deputy Commissioner Avny Lavasa and Jammu Senior Superintendent of Police Chandan Kohli laid wreath on his mortal remains.

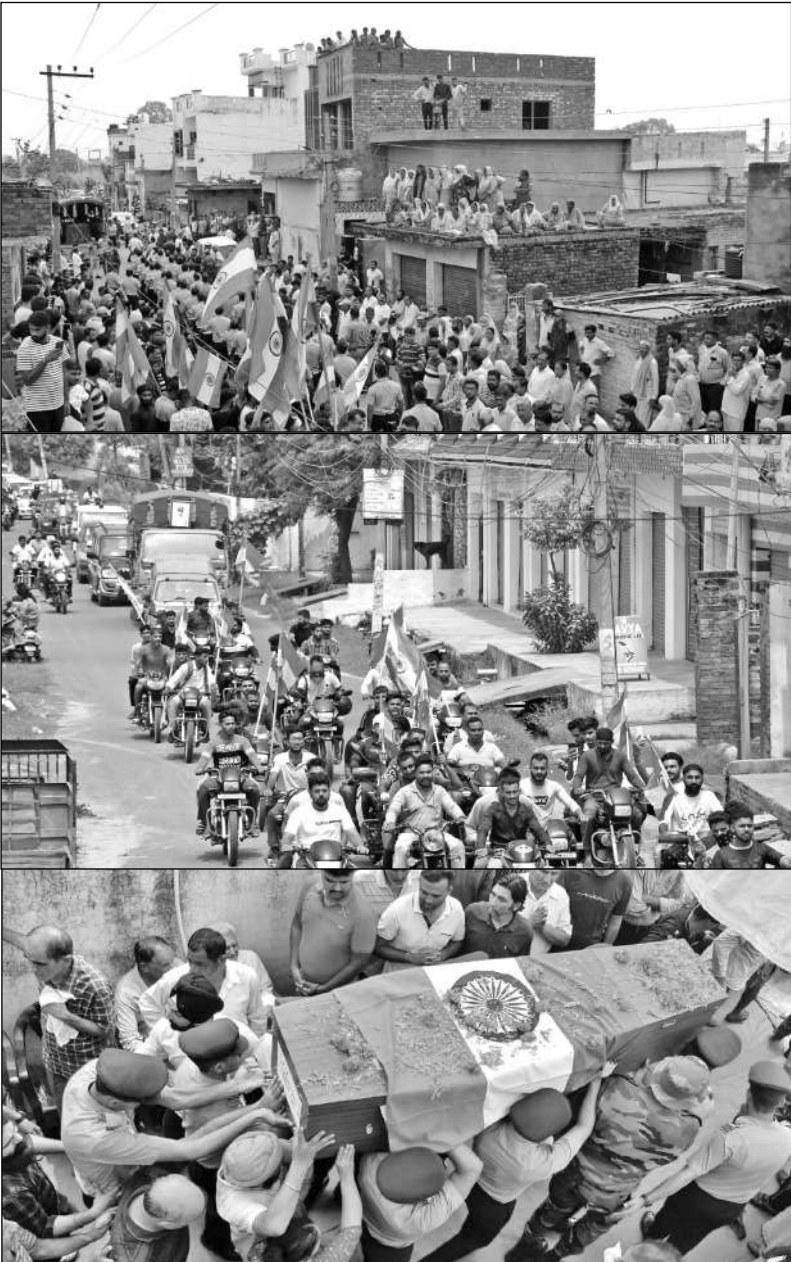
Since early morning, thousands of people had gathered at his home to bid adieu to their hero. The IAF pilots -- another being Wing Commander M Rana from Himachal Pradesh -- were martyred on Thursday night when their twin-seater MiG-21 trainer aircraft crashed during a training sortie near Barmer in Rajasthan.

Bal's family members expressed regret saying he died while flying an "ailing" aircraft "instead of 'fighting enemies'".

They urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh to immediately retire the entire fleet of ageing MiG-21 jets so that no more lives are lost. Several locals said Bal was a "new age role model" for their children and they were proud of his martyrdom.

One of them was Sanjay Singh, who is preparing for the National Defence Academy (NDA) examination gateway for candidates aspiring to join the defence forces. Bal had celebrated his 27th birthday on July 18, the family members said.

He had joined the IAF in 2014 and was taught at Sainik School, Nagrota. His father Swaran Lal and uncle Karamveer have retired from the army.



Thousands turn up to pay their last respects to MiG Fighter pilot Martyr Advitiya Bal in R S Pura.

His uncle said Bal had spoken to him over phone on Tuesday to congratulate his nephew Vaibhav on his 11th birthday. Bal lived in a joint family with his grandparents, parents, uncles and their families.

Yasin Malik back in Tihar Jail, still on IV fluids

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Kashmiri separatist leader Yasin Malik, who was admitted to the RML hospital here following a fluctuation in blood pressure, has returned to Tihar Jail, officials said on Saturday.

They said Malik returned to the prison on Friday evening. He has refused to eat anything and is still on IV fluids, the officials said.

Malik was hospitalised on Tuesday after fluctuation in his BP levels. He had submitted a letter to the doctors at the medical facility, saying he did not want to be treated.

The 56-year-old chief of

the banned Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) began an indefinite hunger strike on July 22 after the Centre did not respond to his plea that he be allowed to physically appear in a Jammu court hearing the Rubaiya Sayeed abduction case, in which he is an accused.

The separatist leader, who was kept in solitary confinement in a high-risk cell in Tihar's prison number 7, was shifted to the prison's Medical Investigation (MI) room where he was being given IV fluids.

Malik is serving a life sentence in a terror-funding case.

DB directs to de-seal building at Gandhi Nagar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A Division Bench Jammu & Kashmir High Court comprising Justice Tashi Rabstan and Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal quashed a notice dated January 2, 2018 issued by JMC and directed the concerned to de-seal the premises of petitioners located at Gandhi Nagar with immediate effect.

While allowing petition, DB after hearing Adv Rohit Kohli for petitioners, observed that in a democratic polity governed by rule of law, the state by no stretch of imagination, can deprive a citizen of his/her property without sanction of law, besides complying with procedure envisaged in the

statutory provision. The petitioners are aggrieved of sealing of their property consisting of three halls, one each at ground floor, first floor and second floor, constructed over a plot at House No. 84 B/B, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu; sealed vide notice bearing No. JMC/CEO/594-96 dated 02.01.2018 issued under Section 8 (1) of Jammu and Kashmir Control of Building Operations Act, 1988. The petitioners, husband and wife, are aggrieved of the notice impugned, having common cause of action and, therefore, have preferred the present petition jointly.

DB after hearing Adv Rohit Kohli for the petitioners whereas Sr. AAG S S

Nanda for the UT observed that a perusal of the record revealed that while issuing notice under Section 8(1) of the Act with regard to the sealing of the premises of the petitioners, no opportunity of being heard was given to the petitioners and even no show cause notice was ever served upon them and consequently, depriving the petitioners from their property without adopting due course of law amounts to violation of their rights as enshrined in the Constitution of India and, thus, the act of sealing the premises by the respondents without hearing them by virtue of impugned notice amounts to violation of their constitutional as well as statutory rights. Allowing

the petition, the DB issued directions to the respondents/authorities to de-seal the premises of the petitioners with immediate effect. However, quashment of the impugned notice shall not confer any right on the petitioners to make or continue with any unauthorized erection or re-erection of building/premises. DB further said that the Respondents/Authorities are not precluded to take appropriate action under law (if the situation so warrants) strictly in conformity with Sections 7 & 8 of J&K Control of Building Operations Act of 1988, after providing an opportunity of being heard to petitioners.

BJP to provide national flags for 'Har Ghar Tiranga' Abhiyaan: Raina

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Under the "Har Ghar Tiranga" Abhiyaan, Jammu and Kashmir Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) to provide National Flags (Tiranga) to be hoisted by the common masses in J&K, said Ravinder Raina at party headquarter, here on Saturday.

J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina, J&K BJP Seh-Prabhari Ashish Sood, MP (Lok Sabha) Jugal Kishore Sharma, former Dy. CM Kavinder Gupta, J&K BJP General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul, NEM & Headquarter Incharge Priya Sethi accompanied by other senior leaders inaugurated the window.

J&K BJP All Morecha Prabhari Munish Sharma, Secretary Arvind Gupta, Spokesperson Dr. Darakhshan Andrabi, Office Secretary Tilak Raj Gupta,

Media Secretary Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Library Incharge Prof. Kulbhushan Mohtra, Social Media Incharge Ankit Gupta, Addl. Protocol Incharge Bawa Sharma and others were also present. Ravinder Raina, while inaugurating the window for the availability of the "Tiranga" said that the party has today opened up the window for the easy access of the National Flag to party activists as well as public. This facility will also be extended to party's district headquarters soon, he added.

Ashish Sood, on the occasion, said that BJP's policy has always remained on the "Nation First" stance in its every plan and action.

To make the mission of Modi ji to spread message of unity, we appeal every citizen to collectively raise our Tiranga atop our houses.

GCET Jammu organises series of events to celebrate Digital Week 2022

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: NSS Unit of Government College of Engineering and Technology (GCET) Jammu on Saturday organized a series of events in virtual mode in order to celebrate the Digital Week 2022, under the banner of Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav.

These events were held under the patronage of Principal Prof. (Dr.) Sameru Sharma.

In her message she told the students that the digital India programme was launched by Prime Minister of India with a vision to transform the country into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy.

The event was started by Jaanvi Sharma and further she was joined by Bhawya Gupta and Sunidhi Sharma to share their views on the Digital Week 2022.

Agitation for relocation: 5 KP employees transferred from Kashmir to Jammu

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir administration has transferred five Kashmiri Pandit employees from Kashmir to Jammu, a step welcomed by the community members who have been on a strike for over two months in support of the demand for their relocation over safety concerns.

The Landscape division of the Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) last week ordered the transfer of five in-charge assistant engineers, all Kashmiri migrant employees, from Kashmir Valley to Jammu.

It was not clear immediately whether these were stand-alone transfers or the administration was planning to relocate these employees. In three separate orders issued by the Executive Engineer of the Landscape Division Kashmir on July 19 and 22, the engineers -- Neetu Koul, Sumaina Raina, Sidharth Bhat, Sawan Koul and Sami Pandita -- were directed to report to the Assistant Executive Engineer (R&B) Landscape Subdivision 3rd in Jammu.

Nearly 4,000 Kashmiri Pandits are working in different departments in the valley after their selection under the prime minister's employment package. They have been on an indefinite strike in support of their demand for their relocation outside the valley since the killing of their colleague Rahul Bhat.

Jugal, others listen public grievances



MP Jugal Kishore Sharma and others listening to public issues.

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JAMMU: Member Parliament, Jammu-Poonch Lok Sabha constituency, Jugal Kishore Sharma, BJP Spokesperson & Ex-MLC, Girihari Lal Raina, along with J&K BJP Secretary Venu Khanna, listened to the grievances of a large number of people from different areas of Jammu at BJP headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

The people in deputations as well as individually from various areas of region reached party office, narrated their

woes and shared their grievances related to different departments like PDD, PHE, PWD, Health etc.

The problems presented in the grievances camp were taken up with the concerned officials of the departments by Jugal Kishore and most of the problems were resolved on the spot to the satisfaction of the aggrieved persons.

Jugal said that the whole exercise has further cemented the belief of the people in BJP's policy to serve everybody and to empower everybody.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Three days course on "Human Trafficking" culminated in S.K Police Academy Udhampur. About 13 police officers from all over the state attended the training programme.

Sunmati Gupta, Asstt. Director (Q) S.K Police Academy Udhampur was the chief guest on the occasion of valediction. During his valedictory address Gupta invariably expressed the importance of learning legal provisions to deal with Human Trafficking, Child Trafficking, Forced labour, Sex trade etc. which is the one of the emerging challenge to the Law enforcement agencies. The increased frequency of Crimes in Human Trafficking requires that we have to equip over selves



Certificate being given to participant officer.

to tackle this ever increasing menace. Eminent Speakers from the Academia, faculty and various units of J&K Police had delivered lectures to the course participants on different topics. Sunmati Gupta, congratulated the academy faculty for making necessary arrange-

ments to ensure successful completion of the training programme. The certificates of participation were also given away by the Asstt. Director (Q) SKPA and his team. The course was coordinated by Sh. Sanjeev Gupta, Inspector and Paramjeet Singh, Inspector member faculty.