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committee of the BJP headed by Sunil Sethi sent a notice to Shiekh Bashir, President, Minority Moreha J&K BJP, asking him to submit his explanation within 48 hours as to how the terrorist, Talib Hussain, was appointed an official of the Moreha.

The notice read, "It has come to the notice of Disciplinary Committee that a letter is circulating in media which indicates that you had appointed one Talib as an official of Minority Moreha who has been found involved in terror activities. On enquiry it is found that neither such appointment was authorized by Party President nor it was issued by Media Cell of Party who is central monitoring unit of party in Jammu Kashmir."

"You are directed to explain your position on above issue within 48 hours. Please clarify whether you have issued order in favour of a person who is not even primary member of party as per official records and without checking credentials of the person. If issued, please explain circumstances in which order was issued. Your act of indiscipline, if order is issued by you, has brought adverse publicity to party and is against the National interest. Your reply should reach Disciplinary Committee within 48 hours positively failing which appropriate action will be recommended against you to Party President," it added.

## Crop Insurance Schemes...

chairing SLCCCI meeting approved the implementation of Crop Insurance Schemes viz PMFBY and RWBCIS in the UT of JK.

The committee also approved the modus operandi to be adopted for the successful implementation of these Schemes in the J&K.

The Scheme would cover Paddy, Maize, Oilseeds, Wheat, Apple, Saffron, Mango and Litchi crops.

Dr Mehta emphasized the need for providing insurance cover to the farmers against crop loss due to various weather vagaries.

Additional Chief Secretary Agriculture Production Department, Atal Dulloo; Additional Chief Secretary Finance Department, Vivek Bhardwaj; Financial Commissioner Revenue, Shalena Kabra; Secretary Cooperatives, Yasha Mudgal; Secretary Planning Development and Monitoring, Director Agriculture Kashmir/Jammu, Director Horticulture Kashmir, representatives of J&K Bank and other concerned attended the meeting in person and via video conferencing.

## XEN of Jal...

Jal Shakti (PHE) Mech. Ground Water Drilling Division, Jammu is hereby placed under suspension with immediate effect.

During his suspension, the officer shall remain attached to the office of the Chief Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE), Jammu, the order further said.

## Ex-judges slam...

precedential value, the bar body said in the letter to Ramana.

"AIBA appreciates the views expressed by the judges, since the offending remarks were made by a seasoned leader and a lawyer," it said.

A vacation bench of Justices Surya Kant and J B Parodiwal had on July 1 severely reprimanded Sharma for her comments against Prophet Mohammed, saying her "loose tongue" has "set the entire country on fire" and that she was "single-handedly responsible for what is happening in the country".

Refusing to entertain Sharma's plea for clubbing FIRs lodged in various states against her for the remarks, the bench had said they were made either for cheap publicity, political agenda, or some nefarious activities.

The letter petition has been filed by Delhi resident Ajay Gautam, who claims to be a social activist, urging the CJI to issue appropriate orders or directions... to withdraw their observations in the matter of Nupur Sharma so that Nupur Sharma gets a chance of fair trial.

The statement by the former judges, ex-civil servants and defence veterans was sharply critical of the observations made by the two-judge bench of the Supreme Court.

"By no stretch, these observations, which are not part of the judicial order, can be sanctified on the plank of judicial propriety and fairness. Such outrageous transgressions are without parallel in the annals of Judiciary," their statement said.

Criticising the observations, the statement said, "We, as concerned citizens, do believe that democracy of any country will remain intact till all the institutions perform their duties as per the Constitution. Recent comments by the two judges of the Supreme Court have surpassed the Laxman Rekha and compelled us to issue an open statement."

These "unfortunate and unprecedented" comments have sent shockwaves in the country and abroad, it claimed.

"The observations are too serious to be overlooked if rule of law, democracy has to sustain and blossom and deserve to be recalled with the stance that soothes minds that care for justice," it added.

Noting that Sharma sought access to the justice system before the highest court, the statement said the court's observations have no connect jurisprudentially with the issue raised in the petition and "transgressed in an unprecedented manner all canons of the dispensation of justice".

"She was defacto denied access to judiciary and in the process, there was an outrage on the preamble, spirit and essence of the Constitution of India," it alleged.

In the observations, there is the virtual exoneration of the "dastardliest beheading at Udaipur in broad daylight," it claimed.

It further said, "Legal fraternity is bound to be surprised and shocked at the observation that an FIR should lead to arrest. The observations on other agencies in the country, without notice to them, are indeed worrisome and alarming."

The signatories also defended Sharma's plea for clubbing all FIRs against her citing previous orders of the apex court.

## 6,351 pilgrims leave...

officials said. Of these, 4,864 are males, 1,284 females, 56 children, 127 sadhus, 19 sadhis and one transgender, they said.

They said 2,028 pilgrims heading for Baltal base camp were the first to leave in 88 vehicles around 3.35 am followed by the second convoy of 151 vehicles carrying 4,323 pilgrims for Pahalgam camp in Kashmir.

The annual 43-day pilgrimage commenced on June 30 from the twin base camps -- Nunwan in Pahalgam of south Kashmir's Anantnag and Baltal camp in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district.

Till today, over 72,000 pilgrims had offered their prayers at the cave shrine, housing the naturally formed ice-Shivlingam, the officials said.

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

## Will not allow...

also lay nearby. We did not disturb them and waited for the first light of the day to ensure that they were not able to escape, Ahmad said.

Iqbal said four of them went inside the premises on Sunday morning and two others stood guard outside. Once they realised that the terrorists had hidden their arms inside a bag, they decided to get their hands on it first.

We tactfully snatched the bag containing the huge cache of arms and ammunition and then pounced upon them. Shah resisted and tried to break free and even reached the door of the house during the hour-long scuffle inside. Mushtaq slapped the terrorist several times and we brought him under control, he said.

Iqbal said they could overcome their fear because the army and police have been regularly interacting with them and delivering motivational lectures to tackle such a situation.

Mahore was once a hotbed of militancy and the people had heaved a sigh of relief when the menace was wiped out by the army over a decade ago. We stand with our army and police and will not allow terrorism to take roots here once again, Mushtaq said.

Their bravery drew appreciation from all across with Lt Governor Manoj Sinha and Director General of Police Dilbag Singh immediately announcing a cash reward of Rs five lakh and Rs two lakh respectively for their courageous act.

I salute the bravery of villagers of Tukson Dhok, Reasi, who apprehended two-most wanted terrorists. Such determination by the common man shows the end of terrorism is not far away. UT Govt to extend Rs five lakh cash reward to villagers for the gallant act against terrorists and terrorism, the office of LG had tweeted.

The villagers said they have taken a grave risk and their families have to live under constant threat from now, but the six men now want to join the police or any other security force.

We want the government to provide us jobs in the police or any other security agency. We are ready to don the uniform to safeguard our family and serve the nation, Mushtaq said.

The villagers said they had not seen the terrorists before and they were apparently moving from Rajouri to south Kashmir's Kulgam district which is linked to Mahore through mountain routes.

Shamsuddin said terrorists have no religion and those taking up arms against the country are enemies of the people.

God has made us all and we are proud to be Indians where we all live together in communal harmony and brotherhood, he said.

The Director General of Police, Dilbag Singh, who visited Mahore on Monday to personally appreciate the villagers for their bravery, said Pakistan and its agencies through terror groups are making repeated attempts to revive terrorism in Jammu province but Jammu police have played an appreciable role in thwarting their attempts.

The villagers "have given clear-cut message that we will not allow a revival of terrorism, the DGP had said.

He said the people of remote areas have seen the brute face of the menace when the terrorists used to forcibly intrude into their homes, take shelter and even exploit women.

The villagers have done a great job which is praiseworthy. The people need to imitate them in elsewhere as well as these terrorists are shedding innocent blood at the behest of Pakistan and its agencies, he said.

## 7 JKAS officers...

DIC, Jammu; Rajeev Kumar Khajuria, JKAS, Assistant Commissioner, Survey and Land Records, J&K as Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Marh. He shall also hold the charge of the post of Sub Registrar, Marh, in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

Naser Ali, JKAS, Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Marh, holding additional charge of Sub-Registrar, Marh has been transferred and posted as Assistant Commissioner, Survey and Land Records, J&K.

As per another order, Government promoted Mohammad Ayub Dar, Senior Private Secretary of the Jammu and Kashmir Private Secretaries to Head of Departments (Gazetted) Service, as Principal Private Secretary, in the level 12 (Rs 78,800-2,09,200) with effect from May 13, 2022.

## ED raids 44...

laundry case after taking cognisance of a recent Delhi Police (economic offences wing) FIR against a distributor of the agency based in Jammu and Kashmir where it was alleged that few Chinese shareholders in that company forged their identify documents.

The ED sleuths also raided VIVO Office in Jammu at Surya Tower, near Bahu Plaza.

The ED suspects this alleged forgery was done to launder illegally generated funds using shell or paper companies and some of these "proceeds of crime" were diverted abroad or put in some other businesses by skirting Indian tax and enforcement agencies.

The action is being seen as part of the Union government's continued crackdown against Chinese entities and their linked Indian operatives indulging in serious

financial crimes like money laundering and tax evasion while operating here.

Premises of a number of Chinese smartphone makers, their distributors and linked associates were raided across the country by the Income Tax Department in December last year and it later claimed to have detected alleged unaccounted income worth over Rs 6,500 crore due to violation of the Indian tax law and regulations.

## Pratik D Punjabi...

brings a wealth of knowledge and rich experience to the CFO position in the Bank. With 22 years of professional experience in finance, he has functioned mainly with MNCs Banks with focus on contemporary finance that primarily includes Financial Control, Financial Compliance, MIS, Strategy, Business Finance, Branch Profitability Analysis, Setting-up systems, Process studies and evaluation of projects and viability studies. He has been in Finance-leadership roles for over 8 years.

Notably, the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) is a c-suite executive responsible for managing the financial matters of a company and defined among Key Managerial Personnel (KMPs) as per Section 2(51) of the Companies Act 2013. The appointment is in compliance to the regulatory requirements of RBI which prescribe that the CFO should be a qualified Chartered Accountant with professional experience of fifteen years in overseeing financial operations, preferably accounting and taxation matters, in banks/large corporates/PSUs/ FIs/financial services organizations, of which 10 years should be in Banks/FIs (of which five years should be at senior management level).

## Agnipath Recruitment Rally...

website today. He added the registration for aspirants will be open with effect from July 05, 2022 to August 03, 2022 on www.joinindianarmy.nic.in.

Meanwhile, Div Com appealed to the youth of valley to avail this golden opportunity to get enrolled into Indian Army as Agniveers.

He asked all the Deputy Commissioners to paste the recruitment notice on notice boards in DC offices for the information of general public.

For further details, aspirants can contact at arosrinagar123@gmail.com or 0194-2311282 or 0194-2310164.

## IAF receives 7.5...

any recruitment cycle, this time 7,49,899 applications have been received," it added. Under the Agnipath scheme, those aged between 17-and-a-half and 21 years would be inducted into the armed forces for a four-year tenure and 25 per cent of them will be inducted for regular service subsequently.

The government had, on June 16, increased the upper-age limit for recruitment under the scheme to 23 years from 21 for the year 2022 and subsequently, announced a slew of placatory steps such as a preference for "Agniveers" in central paramilitary forces and defence public sector undertakings on their retirement.

Many BJP-ruled states also declared that "Agniveers" -- soldiers inducted into the armed forces under the Agnipath scheme -- will be accorded priority for recruitment in the state police forces.

The armed forces have said those who have indulged in violent protests and arson against the new recruitment scheme will not be inducted.

## Free coaching for...

totalling around Rs 4 lakh, he said.

Lt Governor Manoj Sinha had recently said the Jammu and Kashmir administration accords top priority to the education of tribal students and is launching many schemes aimed at providing and supporting their quality education.

In line with schemes like Technology-Enabled Education Scheme, enhancement of diet catches and tuition rates in hostels, the tribal affairs department has launched NEET/JEE coaching scheme with immediate effect, the secretary said.

Deputy Director (Administration), Tribal Research Institute, Abdul Khair said under the 'Top-50' sub-scheme applications have been invited from meritorious tribal students and 50 students with the highest marks, above 80 per cent in the Class 12 board exam, will be selected for coaching.

Under the 'Host-50' sub-scheme, students enrolled in hostels will be selected through a screening test, Khair said.

The department has notified 50 per cent quota for girl students under hostel category while 25 per cent seats are reserved for girl students in the 'Top-50' scheme for NEET, he said, adding there is no income bar for the coaching scheme.

## J&K records 84...

have been reported from the union territory so far.

There are 594 active cases, while the number of recoveries has reached 4,50,124, the officials said. Meanwhile, Ladakh has reported six fresh cases of COVID-19 in the last 24 hrs, pushing the overall infection tally to 28,519, officials said.

All positive cases were reported in Leh. 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 total number of active cases in the union territory has been recorded at 143. Of the total 228 sample reports tested in Ladakh, 105 reports in Leh and 117 in Kargil were found to be negative, they said.

Meanwhile, 13 people were discharged from hospitals in Leh after recovering from the disease. With this, the total number of recoveries in the union territory has increased to 28,151, the officials said. As many as 187 passengers were screened at the Leh airport while 580 passengers, including the drivers and helpers of trucks, light motor vehicles were screened at Khatse, and 310 at Upshi check post on highway, they added.

## Mentally-challenged man...

(30), a resident of Nepal, they said.

He was detained by the Army in Digwar sector after he was found moving in a suspicious manner, the officials said.

They said Kumar was taken to a hospital where doctors conducted his physical examination and found him mentally challenged.

The Army later handed over him to police, the officials said.

## NSS Summer Camp commences at GDC Udhampur

### STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: The NSS Units of GDC Udhampur organized a one week NSS summer camp. The camp commenced on Tuesday in the college premises under the overall guidance of the Principal, Prof(Dr) Romesh Kumar Gupta.

It is being conducted under the supervision of the NSS Pos Dr Rippy Bawa, Dept. of English and Dr Ajay Sharma, Dept. of Mathematics.

The theme of the seven day camp is Youth For National Integration and Social Harmony.

The inaugural ceremony of the camp initiated with the lighting of the traditional lamp

by the principal of the college accompanied by the NSS Pos and other faculty members.

It was followed by a Ganesh Vandana by Rahul Sanmotra, an nss volunteer. The formal welcome address was given by Dr Rippy Bawa wherein she detailed the proceedings of the week-long camp and the various activities which would be taken up each day.

These activities include poster making, cleanliness drive, Food without Flame including all the local food items, Nukkad natak on Drug Abuse to be performed at the adopted village, Sui.

A cultural rally would be taken out on the valedictory day which would be followed by

a cultural programme and prize distribution.

Towards the end of the inaugural session, a pledge was taken against drug use where the volunteers took an oath 'Say No To Drugs and Yes To Life'. Principal, Prof Romesh Kumar Gupta said that the youth is the backbone of our society and stressed upon the need of making it more strong by focusing on character building, fighting against drugs and indulging in community services.

He also highly appreciated the NSS Unit for its immense dedication shown at all the platforms and wished them good luck for future endeavours.



Sikh Sangat paying obeisance at Gurdwara Talli Sahib during Parkash Purab celebrations of Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib.

## Cultural troupe of DIPR Kathua presents Bhajans for Amarnath Yatris

### STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: The cultural troupe of Kathua unit of Department of Information & Public Relations (DIPR) on Tuesday organised Bhakti-Bhajan programme here at Chann Arorian Langar site and Lakhampur Facilitation Centre.

At Chann Arorian, the Cultural programme featuring bhajans in Hindi, Dogri and Punjabi languages were presented by the artists of the District Information Centre which enthralled the devotees and captured the audience with rapt attention.

Some of the yatris also performed bhajans during the programmes. The popular devotional songs per-

formances got repeated thunderous applause from the gathering present there.

The management of the Moga Langer appreciated the efforts of DIPR for organizing the devotional event at the langer site which they said uplifted the spirit of the devotees.

Similar devotional programme was also organized at Lakhampur, the reception centre for Shri Amarnath Ji Yatris which was also liked and praised by the devotees who witnessed the programme.

Nodal Officer for Cultural programmes for Amarnath Yatris Kulbhushan Khajuria(PO ICDS) was also present on the occasion.

## DC Kathua reviews Eid-ul-Adha arrangements

### STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rahul Pandey on Tuesday chaired a meeting of officers to take stock of arrangements for Eid-Ul-Adha in the district.

The meeting was attended by SSP, R.C Kotwal; ADC, Atul Gupta; XEN PDD, XEN Jal Shakti Department, AD FCS & CA, CEO Kathua MC and other district officers. Besides, ADC Basohli, ADC Billawar, SDM Hiranagar and Tehsildar Bani joined the meeting virtually.

The DC directed the concerned departments to ensure the availability of water supply, First Aid, Fire tenders, uninterrupted power supply, security arrangements and proper

cleanliness in the district.

The DC instructed the concerned officers to keep a strict vigil on profiteering and black-marketing of essential commodities during the festive days besides ensuring quality of eatables.

The DC directed the FCS&CA department to ensure distribution of ration among the people, making sure availability of essential commodities besides displaying rate lists of eatables by the shopkeepers in the District.

The team was asked to conduct frequent visits to the market particularly during the festival days to keep a check on overcharging and ensure that good quality eatables are provided to the people.

The Chief Medical officer

was directed to provide Medicare facilities at Eid Gah during the festival, while District Police authorities were asked to deploy adequate police personnel at traffic jam prone places of the town, besides ensuring traffic regulation by the Traffic police.

Directions were also passed to PDD and Jal Shakti Department to ensure uninterrupted power and water supply especially during the Eid days. He also directed the Municipal authorities to undertake cleanliness drives in the localities so that it wears a festive look. He also said that proper arrangements should be put in place at Eid Gahs as per the past practice for the convenience of the devotees.