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KU PRO, Police...

**an activist, secessionist-narrative peddler and organiser in violent agitations of 2008, 2010 and 2016. He has been at the forefront of these agitations in planning and organising demonstrations especially in Kashmir University campus.** He would often figure in newspaper photographs and other audio-visual media bytes, which stands deleted from internet as on date. He is still influencing young boys and girls towards secessionism who study or seek admission in Kashmir University.

"The likes of Faheem Aslam being placed by the adversary of the Indian state in the seat of highest learning is causing the spread of toxic influence of terror ideology in young minds with consequences that are highly detrimental for national security as well as the youngsters," sources said.

**ARSHID AHMAD THOKER (POLICE CONSTABLE):** Arshid Ahmad Thoker was recruited as a constable in Jammu and Kashmir Police, first in Armed Police in 2006 and later in Executive Police in 2009. After completing his Basic Recruitment Training Course (BRTC) at Lethpora police training centre, he 'managed' his transfer to District Srinagar and remained mostly attached as PSO/ Driver with different police/civil officers and protectees.

Arshid came in contact with a hardcore Over Ground Worker (OGW) of Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) terror outfit Mushtaq Ahmad Ganie, aka RK, son of Mohammad Kamal Ganie resident of Sheikhpora Wathoora, Budgam.

Mushtaq, introduced Arshid to JeM network and thus he became an indispensable conduit and logistic supporter for this dreaded terrorist outfit in Budgam and Pulwama, especially in Chadoora-Kakapora axis.

"By his association with JeM network, Arshid's belief in terror ideology got further strengthened. He became more emboldened to take risks to support terrorism, without caring for adverse impact on his police duties. Instead he took full advantage of his police identity to escape police and security forces naka points. He had absolute clarity about his twin goals. Firstly, financing terrorism to which he was ideologically committed. Secondly, to earn illegal money through narcotic trade, to satisfy his greed," Sources said.

On 31.05.2020 subsequent to a specific information received by Police Station Chadoora about the suspicious movement of terrorists and their associates in the area of Wathoora and Dooniwara. To nab the terrorists/terrorist associates, a joint naka of Police/CRPF/Army was established near Dooniwari Bridge. During checking, he was arrested along with these terror associates: Mudasir Fayaz Mir, son of S/o Fayaz Ahmad Mir, resident of Tanghar Kralpora, Danish Ahmad Sheikh, son of Feroz Ahmad Sheikh, resident of Gopalpora Chadoora, Shabir Ahmad Ganie, son of Mohammad Maqbool Ganie, resident of Sheikhpora Wathoora, Mohammad Issaq Bhat, son of Bashir Ahmad Bhat R/o Narvay Sadipora Shopian, Sager Ahmad Poswal, son of Nazir Ahmad Poswal, resident of Anrohi Karnah. The following recoveries were made from the possession of Arshid and others: One Chinese Pistol with Pistol Magazine, Four Pistol Rounds, One Hand Grenade, Indian Currency of Rs 1,55,000 and 1Kilogram of Heroine.

This was a clear case of narco-terrorism and the liability of Arshid in this case makes him a high grade narco-terrorist. The cash recovered from Arshid and his associates was intended to be used for the purpose of terrorism. He also used vehicles to facilitate/ferry the JeM terrorists.

"Further involvement of Arshid surfaced on June 24, 2022,when two persons namely Younis Manzoor Waza, son of Manzoor Ahmad Waza, resident of Wathoora Chadoora, Budgam and Mehboob Ahmad Sheikh, son of Mohammad Ramzan Sheikh, resident of Bonhar Wathoora, Budgam were arrested by Police along with two vehicles. The arrestees disclosed that these vehicles have been purchased from the proceeds of narcotics provided by Arshid. They also disclosed that they were on way to give delivery of these two vehicles to terrorists for some terror activity which they were not aware of," Sources said.

According to investigators, Arshid evolved to be a highly effective OGW on account of being a policeman, as he took undue and criminal advantage of his uniform and his credentials.

"He would always go unnoticed at police/army naka points by displaying his police identity card which would save him from any search including of those riding with him on motorcycle or in any other vehicle. The narco-terror activities of Arshid remained undetected over the years because of being a member of police force. Instead of helping the department in fighting terror which he was mandated for, he chose to be a mole and a collaborator and betrayed his oath and uniform. Arshid's disloyalty towards the nation and department by becoming an accomplice and OGW of JeM terror outfit has wreaked colossal damage on to the department, society and the state," the investigation report said to have stated.

**MURAWATH HUSSAIN MIR (REVENUE OFFICIAL):** Murawath Hussain Mir, was appointed as a Junior Assistant in 1985 in Revenue Department. He got thickly involved in terrorism as soon as Pakistan sponsored terrorist and secessionist campaign commenced in J&K in 1990. Not only he became ideologically a hardcore proponent of secessionist mythos, but he was also a point-man for several proscribed terror outfits like Hizbul Mujahideen (HM) and J&K Liberation Front (JKLF), allowing them free access to interfere in the affairs of Tehsil office of Pampore.

Sources said, Murawath was a conduit of terrorists to extort monthly 'donations' from fellow employees.

"As, it is a known fact that terrorist outfits in early 1990s, would collect monthly funds from government employees on their salary day, the deductions came to be sort of institutionalized wherein cashiers and accountants of almost all departments of the government routinely did this. He would be the main facilitator for such extortions in Tehsil offices of Pampore and Tral," Sources said.

Murawath Hussain did not restrict himself to being an extortion facilitator for terrorist outfits.

"Eventually, he evolved as one of the most important and trustworthy over ground workers (OGW) for both HM and JKLF, getting baptised in active terrorism, with total commitment. He abundantly misused his position in the government and his close proximity with magistracy. While arranging logistics for terrorists and transporting weapons/ammunition, Murawath Hussain would navigate police/SF checkpoints by virtue of his identity as a member of local magisterial setup," Sources further added.

Investigation has revealed that in October 1995, he was arrested by security forces in Rajbagh, Srinagar along with 4 other terrorists of HM and JKLF. Interrogation had then revealed that they were planning to blow up a vital installation in Srinagar city for which they had arranged a substantial quantity of explosives/bombs which was later recovered from their possession.

"Murawath was behind bars for Only 8 months before getting released and managing re-entry in the government. That all checks and balances of the system so far has failed to even initiate a modicum of accountability of the misdeeds of Murawath Hussain despite a lapse of 28 years is evidence of near state capture by the adversary," sources observed.

Subsequently, Murawath Hussain Mir for his deep connections with secessionist-terrorist ecosystem and being an active member of such system, obtained the admission of his son Harris Murawath in MBBS in Pakistan with the blessings of United Jehad Council and its proxies in Kashmir.

"In 2007, Murawath Hussain founded Falah-e-Behbood committee in Pampore town and became its founding president and continues to be so till date. Intelligence inputs suggest that this committee has played an important role during public unrests of 2008, 2010, 2016," sources added.

It is pertinent to mention that as a Lieutenant Governor of J&K UT, Manoj Sinha has adopted the policy of "Zero Tolerance Against Terrorism". So far, he has successfully broken the back of terrorism and systematically dismantled the terror eco-system that was thriving in J&K prior to abrogation of 370. With the latest three termination order, the count has climbed to 52 officers who have been sacked for their link with terror outfits. Recently, Manoj Sinha had terminated two doctors, Dr Nighat Shaheen Chilloo and Dr Bilal Ahmad Dalal, who had hatched a conspiracy with PAK ISI, Terror Outfits and its assets within Kashmir to falsify post-mortem report of Asiya and Neelofar of Shopian, who had unfortunately died by accidental drowning on 29th May 2009.

In August last year, Lt Governor, Manoj Sinha had sacked Ms. Assabah-ul-Arjamand, a KAS officer and wife of dreaded terrorist, Bitta Karate. Assabah had developed deep links with secessionist-terrorist networks, especially JKLF, within and outside the country. In the same month last year, Manoj Sinha had terminated the services of Syed Abdul Mueed, son of Hizbul Mujahideen founder and a most wanted terrorist Syed Salah-ud-din. The terrorist son was given a government job in 2012 as a manager IT in JKEDI. Soon after his appointment in 2012, a series of attacks followed between 2013-2019 there were at least 03 terrorist attacks in and around JKEDI complex at Sempora in Pampore. This continued with intermittent gaps till 2019. In one such terror attack in October 2016, the hostel and the main building suffered extensive damage and also several security force personnel lost their lives.

In May 2022, Lt Governor, Manoj Sinha had terminated Altaf Hussain Pandit, Professor in Chemistry Department of Kashmir University. Altaf was an active terrorist for approximately three long years. He joined terrorist ranks in 1990 and had crossed LoC. After obtaining arms-ammunition training in Pakistan he

returned to Kashmir in the same year. He was provided with appointment in 2004 though he remained deeply associated with JeI cadre and secessionists during his study at Aligarh Muslim University. It is evident that there was no change in Altaf Hussain Pandit as far as his intention to use his new status as an academic for spreading secessionist-separatist ideology. Anees-ul-Islam, grandson of Syed Ali Shah Geelani was terminated by Lt Governor, Manoj Sinha in October 2021. Altaf Ahmad Shah @ Fantosh was among the first founder members of Islami Jamat-e-Tulba (IJT) J&K; student wing of Jamat-e-Islami, and remained its Nazim-e-Zilla (District President) Srinagar. Over a period of time with his deep rooted connections in JeI, he became one of the executive member of Tehreek-i-Hurriyat led by his father in law Syed Ali Shah Geelani. Shahid Yousuf, Syed Ahmad Shakeel, the other two sons of Salah-ud-din were terminated by the Lt Governor in July 2021.

Lt Governor, Manoj Sinha is razing the ecosystem that has abetted J&K terror so far. His crackdown on terrorists, terror eco-system and supporters are seen as last nail in the coffin of terrorism.

Infiltration bid foiled...

of July 16-17 in the Krishna Ghati Sector of Poonch district, he said, adding arms and ammunition were also recovered from the site.

The spokesperson said the operation was launched after the alert troops noticed suspicious movement from across the LoC towards the Indian side near the Poonch River.

Army and J and K Police personnel set up anti-infiltration posture in multiple tiers to prevent any terrorist from entering or escaping, he said.

The exchange of fire began in the early hours and the two terrorists were hit. "One of the terrorists fell on the spot while the other terrorist was observed falling in the Poonch river," he said.

"Operation Bahadur in Poonch Sector: A major infiltration bid was eliminated in a joint operation by Army and Jammu and Kashmir Police during the night of July 17 in Poonch Sector: Two infiltrators have been eliminated," the White Knight Corps said in a tweet.

The spokesperson said efforts are underway to trace the body of the terrorist who fell in the river.

Major "war like stores" including one AK-74 rifle with magazine, 11 rounds and other items for sustenance were recovered, the spokesman said.

The army also released thermal images showing the infiltration bid.

The security Forces continue to remain alert on the Line of Control and are fully prepared to thwart such attempts in the future too, spokesman said.

An increase in infiltration bids have been witnessed this year in the twin border districts of Rajouri and Poonch.

On July 11, one terrorist was killed when army troops foiled an infiltration in the Nowshera area along the LoC in Rajouri district.

An Indian Army soldier was injured in an exchange of fire with terrorists attempting to cross the Line of Control in the Poonch district on June 24.

Eight days before that, an infiltration bid was foiled along the LoC in Poonch and a large consignment of arms and ammunition was seized on June 16.

Two terrorists were killed when an infiltration bid was foiled in Machail area along LoC on June 14.

Three terrorists were killed when an infiltration bid was foiled in Poonch on May 31. On May 20, one terrorist was killed in Poonch when the army foiled an infiltration bid.

Two IEDs found...

spokesman said. The spokesman said the team immediately cordoned off the area.

"The positive identification of IEDs was carried out by the Indian Army's highly trained explosive detection team equipped with explosive detectors army Dog," he added. A bomb disposal team destroyed the IEDs through a controlled detonation, the spokesman said. A thorough search operation was still underway in the forest area for the possibility of more IEDs or hiding terrorists, he added.

J&K tops in...

the country including J&K through which central government's grant upto 80% is applicable for common facility centre projects and 70% for development of Industrial Estates.

J&K has received 10 projects from Ministry of MSME for the development of Industrial Estates and Common Facility Centers (CFCs). MSME-DFO Jammu, field office of Union Ministry of MSME, takes lead role in implementation of various schemes including Cluster Development projects for the benefit of MSME sector of the region.

The total project value of CFC's and ID's in J&K is Rs. 90.73 crore approximately. Recently, the Union Ministry called for Geo Tagging all the projects under MSE-CDP for all states including J&K. An app was also developed by Ministry, used for tracking the performance, including completion, percentage of completion of the projects sanctioned under MSE-CDP, which are monitored online based on the photographs taken through the Geo app.

In Jammu and Kashmir, two teams were appointed for Jammu and Kashmir divisions for completing this task. The teams worked with full spirit and completed the Geo Tagging of all the projects, completed and ongoing across J&K.

LG reviews preparedness...

of prominent buildings, organising various events in the schools and colleges. The meeting was attended by Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; RK Goyal, ACS Home; Dilbag Singh, DGP; RR Swain, Special DG CID; Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; Vijay Kumar, ADGP Kashmir; Administrative Secretaries and senior officials of Police and Civil Administration.

Chugh condemns Punjab...

the Modi government to open an office of the Narcotics Control Bureau in Amritsar. He said the way Bhagwant Mann has failed to control the problem of drugs in the state it was essential that the Central agencies take over the vigil of the border towns of the state which have been seeing steep rise in smuggling of drugs from Pakistan.

Roshni land Scam...

Act. The price fixation committee headed by Khurshid Ahmad Ganie the then Divisional Commissioner Kashmir decided that lessee has created the third party interest over the leased property as such the case is not covered for vesting of ownership right. The same committee also sought guidance from the Administrative Department & the Administrative Department directed to proceed for resumption of the land under relevant provisions of law. After three years the accused No. 6 again filed a fresh application for vesting ownership rights of said land in his favour and at that time the committee headed by Bharat Dhar the then Divisional Commissioner Kashmir in the meeting held on July 19, 2007 and April 28, 2007 relied upon the earlier report & decided to confer the vesting of ownership right of whole land measuring 07 kanal 07 marla at the rate of Rs.45 lakhs per kanal and the committee treated the said property as commercial property and directed the applicant/accused No.6 to pay 60 per cent of adopted amount which comes to Rs 1,98,45,000 minus 25 per cent rebate if payment made within the three months. The said committee did not make any reference to the earlier recommendation of the Government for resumption of land and deliberately ignored the direction of the Government to give undue advantage to the accused no 6. Moreover, the committee in violation of the provision of the said act and decided to bestow the ownership right to the accused No. 6. The committee also in violation of the section 4-1(a)(ii) State land (vesting of ownership rights to occupants) Act recommended vesting of ownership right of whole land for which the accused No. 6 was not entitled. As per that provision for interior roads like Shaheed Gunj - Karan Nagar Road 50 feet from the Center of Road cannot be considered for vesting ownership right and portion of the land is within these parameters. The price fixation committee headed by Mehboob Iqbal the then Divisional Commissioner in the meeting held on August 09, 2007 on the request of accused No. 6 treated the land as residential category not commercial and assessed the amount payable under category of rule 13(1)(iii)(a) for 02 kanals of land @ 40 per cent of adopted rate and for remaining 5 kanal 07 marlas under category 13(1)(iii)(b) @ 50 per cent of adopted amount, so the total amount payable as per the committee was 1,56,37,500 instead of 1,98,45,000. (minus rebate of 25 per cent if paid within three months). The change of the nature of land category from commercial to residential caused loss to the tune of Rs.31,55,625 to the exchequer and corresponding gains to the accused No. 6.

The same committee has deducted more than 11 marlas of land in the case of K.K. Amila and 16 marlas of land in case of Mustafa Bachcha located at M.A. road Srinagar in respect of land falling within ceiling limits ie, 75 feet from the Center Road, but the same standard was willfully ignored in this case to give undue advantage to the accused No. 6. The land of Dhar which is adjoined to the land under discussion has been treated as commercial category but to give undue benefit to the accused No. 6, the land under discussion has been treated as residential category.

It shows that accused No. 1 to 5 by abuse of their official position have bestowed undue benefit in favour of accused No. 6. So far the offence of Criminal conspiracy is concerned the criminal conspiracy can be established by adducing evidence. The contention that there was no direct evidence on the said aspect of the controversy, it is noticed without going into great details, that the essence of criminal conspiracy in an agreement to do an illegal act and such an agreement can be proved either by direct evidence or by circumstantial evidence or by both and it is matter of common experience that direct evidence to prove criminal conspiracy is rarely available. The circumstances proved before and after the occurrence have to be considered to decide about the complicity of the accused {2017(15)SCC-560}. The ingredients of the offence U/Sec. 420/RPC are not made out, therefore, offence U/Sec. 420/RPC stand dropped, Court said.

Court further observed that keeping of view the above said discussion, the evidence assembled by the investigation agency on its face value reveals that the accused No. 1 to 5 in league with accused No. 6 have abused their official position as public servant & bestowed undue benefit upon the accused No.6 by vesting ownership rights of Prime location State Land for which the (A-6) was not entitled to & caused huge loss to the exchequer. At this stage it cannot be said that there, is no sufficient ground for proceeding against the accused persons and discharge is the only remedy. Hence, the prima facie case is made out for framing the charge U/Sec. 120-B/RPC r/w section 5(1)(d)/5(2) of J&K PC Act. Svt. 2006 against accused 1 to 6 and they have been charge-sheeted accordingly.

Over 6,700 kg...

(ANTF) in collaboration with the Narcotics Control Bureau, police, and judi-



ary, the official said. He said the contraband was incinerated in a controlled manner in line with prescribed rules to avoid any harm to the environment. The contraband also included 6,136 kg of poppy straw, 1.07 kg of brown sugar, 4,871 bottles of a banned cough syrup, 1.22 lakh banned medicines, 1.6 kgs of ganja, and 800 grams of opium, the official said. Additional Director General of Police, Jammu zone, supervised the destruction of the material done under the of 'Nasha Mukht Bharat' overall campaign, the official said.

Over 6,200 pilgrims..

6,648 pilgrims left in a convoy of 241 vehicles for the twin base camps in Kashmir to undertake the onward journey to the 3,880-metre-high cave shrine of Lord Shiva. Officials said 3,686 pilgrims, headed for Pahalgam, left in a convoy of 132 vehicles while another convoy of 109 vehicles carrying 2,998 pilgrims left for the Baltal base camp at 3.30 am and 3.45 am, respectively. The 62-day annual pilgrimage commenced from the twin tracks of Pahalgam in Anantnag district and Baltal in Ganderbal district on July 1. The yatra is scheduled to conclude on August 31.

J&K BJP Chief serves defamation notice on former MLC Surinder Choudhary

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir BJP president Ravinder Raina on Monday served a defamation notice on former MLC Surinder Choudhary for his remarks against him while quitting the party recently.

Choudhary's remarks coincided with his joining National Conference after quitting BJP. He had over year-long association with the national party. Choudhary had earlier quit Peoples Democratic Party before joining the BJP.

Raina, in his legal notice, sought an unconditional apology from Choudhary within a week for his attempts to damage his reputation among the masses and the party ranks, warning of a defamation suit worth Rs five crore against the politician after the expiry of the deadline.

In the legal notice, Navyug Sethi, J&K High Court lawyer, representing Ravinder Raina, said the intentional defamation of his client was a designed move coinciding with the joining of Choudhary in National Conference and his client has suffered serious damage to his name, reputation and goodwill besides suffering from mental trauma.

"You may choose any political party that suits your ambition, yet the choice of words in the tweet on July 11 are purely inappropriate, rather defamatory to my clients and the BJP, despite you knowing well that my client was not involved in any of the alleged acts," the legal notice read.

Sethi said it was clear that in order to damage his client reputation and years of goodwill as an honest upright politician, the allegations have tarnished his reputation amongst the general public as also in his party circles and relatives.

He said his client is well within his legal rights to invoke remedies both under civil and criminal law against Choudhary.

Six-member panel to verify service records of employees whose appointment orders aren't available

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government on Monday constituted a high-level committee to scrutinize/ verify service records of the employees whose initial appointment orders are not available.

According to the order issued by Sanjeev Verma, Commissioner Secretary, General Administration Department the committee headed by Principal Secretary Finance Department shall scrutinize/verify the entries recorded in the service books of such employees whose initial appointment orders are not forthcoming/available with reference to the other near analogous/ supporting/ancillary record, which may be available with the departments and/or their subordinate offices to establish the genuineness/veracity of the said service record.

The five-member committee shall also comprise of Director General, Accounts & Treasuries, representative of GAD (not below the rank of additional secretary), representative of ARI & Trainings Department (not below the rank of additional secretary) and representative of Department of Law, Justice & Parliamentary Affairs (not below the rank of additional secretary).

As per its terms of reference, the panel shall after establishing the genuineness/ veracity of the records of such employees, make appropriate recommendations to the concerned administrative departments for release of their salaries.

The committee has been empowered to make specific recommendations to the General Administration Department within one month in respect of the cases where the genuineness of service records could not be established beyond reasonable doubt.

ISRO successfully performs second orbit-raising manoeuvre of Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BENGALURU: The Indian Space Research Organisation has successfully performed the second orbit-raising manoeuvre (Earth-bound apogee firing) of the Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft.

"The spacecraft is now in 41603 km X 226 km orbit", the national space agency headquartered here said on Monday.

The next firing is planned for Tuesday between 2 pm and 3 pm. it said.

The Chandrayaan-3 mission to the Moon was launched on July 14.

Encounter breaks out between terrorists, SFs

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: An encounter broke out between terrorists and security forces during a search operation in border district of Poonch on Monday, Army said.

The encounter started shortly after army troops and the Special Operation Group (SOG) of Jammu and Kashmir Police launched a joint search operation at Sindarah and Maidana in Surankote tehsil to track down hiding terrorists, it said.

"Based on specific intelligence a joint cordon and search operation was launched in General area Sindarah & Maidana near Surankote tehsil, Poonch by troops of IndianArmy and SOG, JmmuKmrPolice," Army's Jammu-based White Knight Corps said in a tweet. It said contact was established with the hiding terrorists, leading to an intense gunfight.

The encounter was continuing when reports last came in.