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presence of terrorists there, a police spokesman said, adding the search operation turned into an encounter after the terrorists fired at the security forces, who retaliated.

As per police records, all the killed terrorists were part of a group involved in several terror crime cases including civilian atrocities. The killed terrorist Lateef Rather alias Abdullah Bhai was a second time recycled terrorist of LeT/TRF outfit as he was apprehended by Police in a terror crime case in 2001. Post his release from Jail in 2013, he again joined LeT outfit and started operating as a close associate of Top LeT Commander Abu Qasim (Pakistani). As per police records, he was responsible for a Fidayeen attack on June 24, 2013 in Hyderpora area on an Army Convoy in which eight Army Jawans got martyred. Besides, he was also responsible for plotting, planning and martyring of SHO PS Chadoora Martyr SI Shabir Ahmed in year 2013.

Subsequently, he was again arrested by Police in 2013 and prosecuted for his involvement in several terror crime case; however in November-2021 he got released from Jail. Post his release, he again started working for LeT/TRF outfit in Srinagar City and joined the terror folds in February-2022 and assumed the role as Commander TRF. During the year 2022, on the directions of his across border handler Sajjad Gul, killed terrorist Lateef Rather carried out several terror crimes and civilian atrocities.

Moreover, he was also involved in recruiting the gullible youth of Budgam, Pulwama, Srinagar areas to strengthen the terror folds of proscribed terror outfit TRF in these areas.

The other killed terrorist, Saqib Mushtaq was also involved in several terror crimes including killing of DDC Member Sameer Ahmed Dar and firing on non-local labourers in Nowgam area. Besides, terrorist Muzaffar Chopan was recently recruited by terrorist Lateef Rather and was involved in a grenade attack in Khanmoh area. ADGP Kashmir appreciated the joint teams of Police and the security forces for carrying out the operation in professional manner without any collateral damage and eliminating the group of terrorists including wanted terrorist Lateef Rather. He also termed the elimination of the terrorist Commander as a big success as he was wanted by law for his involvement in several civilian killings.

Incriminating materials including huge cache of arms and ammunition have been recovered from the site of encounter. In this regard, a case under relevant sections of law has been registered and further investigation is into progress, the spokesperson added.

**Schools will ignite...**

each in Rajouri and Shopian and rolled out NIELIT courses for 6th to 12th class. The Lt Governor also launched Mentorship Programme, and TALAASH App for mainstreaming of 93,508 identified out-of-school children, besides laying the foundation for 500 Atal Tinkering Labs (250 each in Jammu and Kashmir regions) and 188 Model Kindergartens and 1935 Pre-Primary Sections.

An MoU was signed between Samagra Shiksha J&K and HCL for the TECHBEE programme for students of class 12th in the UT.

Congratulating the School Education Department and the students community, the Lt Governor said, the key initiatives including 84 new School Buildings, launch of NIELIT courses, State Mentoring Project, Talaash App, pre-primary classes and Atal Tinkering Labs as recommended by NEP 2020 will strengthen our Early Childhood Care and education and skilling ecosystem.

The Lt Governor said the infrastructure-projects, initiatives and schemes dedicated to the future generation of J&K would instill in them free thought, scientific temper and consciousness along with playfulness to produce future ready, global citizens of the 21st century.

This new beginning will redefine the teaching-learning process and bring qualitative changes in overall functioning of schools, he added.

Stressing on ensuring access, equity, quality and outcome-oriented quality education for all, the Lt Governor said our effort also focuses on knowledge and values, development of emotional quotient and intelligence quotient to help the child to grow into a well-balanced personality.

The Lt Governor appreciated the efforts of the School Education Department for successfully bringing a large number of out-of-school students, students from underprivileged sections to schools through initiatives like Aao School Chalen,

Dastak and Talaash. He also expressed pleasure for J&K's better performance and ranking in the NISHTHA program than many states in the country.

We have overcome several old constraints and carried out more than 20 lakh surveys to identify and mainstream out-of-school children. The School Education Department has shown major gains in enrolment and retention and bridging the gender gaps, he added.

The Lt Governor noted that the National Education Policy has laid the foundations for developing the capabilities of a child to optimum potential. He further said NEP-2020 takes special care in providing students an opportunity to study the subjects according to their own choice and ability, so that their talent is developed and nurtured without any pressure.

Terming the teacher's role as vital in the holistic development of students, the Lt Governor said that the Mentorship Programme: Student Teacher Engagement for Educational Reinforcement (STEER) will revolutionize the school education system by identifying learning gaps and understanding the constraints of the children, their capabilities, besides providing the teachers an opportunity to bring changes in their teaching methods.

Under this mentorship programme, more than 21,000 schools have been covered and five lakh students mapped. Moreover, 40,000 teachers have been trained to mentor the students in 1:10 ratio, it was informed.

The Lt Governor further asked the School Education Department, teachers and student community to actively participate in "Har Ghar Tiranga campaign". He also asked the department to give dedicated focus to redress the issues like rationalization of teachers.

The Lt Governor felicitated the 10th class toppers for their remarkable performance in the examination. He also inspected the innovative models and projects put up for display by various school students.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor in his address, congratulated the School Education Department and the student community for the new future-oriented initiatives aimed at transforming the education system in the UT.

JK Singh, Secretary, School Education, in his welcome address briefed about the efforts being made by the department to implement National Education policy in J&K and ensuring quality education to all. He also informed in detail about the new initiatives launched on the occasion.

Deep Raj Kanethia, Project Director Samagra Shiksha, J&K presented the Vote of Thanks.

Pandurang K. Pole, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, Secretary to the Government, Tribal Affairs Department; besides HoDs, senior officials, principals of various schools, teachers and students in large numbers were present on the occasion.

Sheetal Nanda, Commissioner/Secretary to the Government, Social Welfare Department, besides officials, teachers & students from different parts of the UT joined through virtual mode.

**DI Akshay Labroo...**

Besides this, it was decided that Recruitment Rules of Information Directorate shall be revised to bridge the gap between contemporary needs and existing employee pool. The Director also instructed the Divisional Joint Directors to initiate the process of empanelment / de empanelment as per the due process stipulated in Media Policy to encourage healthy journalism and subvert plagiarism and irregularities.

The Joint Director HQ, the Divisional Joint Directors, Deputy Director Central, Deputy Director Audio Visuals, Deputy Director Public Relations, Culture Officer, Jammu, Information Officer(s) and the Administrative Officer were present in the meeting.

The Director instructed the concerned officials to complete the implementation of above mentioned deliverables in a stipulated timeline and ensure that the functioning of the Directorate of Information is effectively governed by the rules stipulated under Media Policy 2020 and that objective standards are benchmarked for vibrant, contemporary and healthy multi-sectoral communication of government with the citizens.

**Justice U U...**

November 8 after holding the charge as the CJI for nearly three months.

While Supreme Court judges retire on attaining the age of 65 years, judges of the 25 high courts retire at 62.

Justice Lalit will be the second CJI who was directly elevated to the apex court

bench from the Bar. Justice S M Sikri, who became the 13th CJI in January 1971, was the first lawyer to be elevated directly to the top court bench in March 1964.

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (2) of Article 124 of the Constitution of India, the President is pleased to appoint Shri Justice Uday Umesh Lalit, judge of the Supreme Court, to be the Chief Justice of India with effect from 27 August, 2022," a law ministry notification said.

Justice Lalit has been part of several landmark judgements including the one which held the practice of divorce through instant triple talaq among Muslims illegal and unconstitutional.

A renowned senior advocate, he was appointed a judge of the Supreme Court on August 13, 2014.

He shifted his practice to Delhi in January 1986, and in April 2004, he was designated as a senior advocate by the apex court.

He was appointed a special public prosecutor for the CBI to conduct trial in the 2G spectrum allocation case.

He has since been involved in delivery of several landmark judgements of the apex court.

In the triple talaq verdict, while the then CJI J S Khehar and Justice S Abdul Nazeer were in favour of putting on hold the judgement for six months and asking the government to come out with a law to that effect, justices Kurian Joseph, R F Nariman and Lalit held the practice as violative of the Constitution.

Justices Khehar, Joseph and Nariman have since retired.

**SIA J&K files...**

intruders were killed on February 6, 2022.

As per the charge sheet, the duo was in contact with Pakistan-based narco-terror handlers and some Punjab-based persons, in respect of whom investigation is still going on. The terrorist gangs adopt the modus operandi of enticing and inciting individuals especially youths of border area of Punjab for destabilizing the economic security of India, by smuggling huge consignment of narcotics, which has now become new terror front of proxy war being unleashed by the adversaries from across the border, the statement said.

The charge sheet said that it is long term damage to the monetary stability of India because the proceeds obtained from such transactions become part of regular supply chain of economy.

The smuggling of narcotics and weapons are well thought strategies of Pakistan to give shape to their nefarious design against India and a part of such transactions also land in the hands of anti-national elements for subversive activities, it said.

With respect to other accused, the investigation is going on.

The statement further said that the supplementary charge sheet shall be produced by the investigating agency in the court vis-à-vis all the involved characters soon.

**J&K Bank profit...**

year ago, Jammu & Kashmir Bank said in a regulatory filing.

During the quarter, the bank's Net Interest Income (NII) rose 6.7 per cent on an annual basis to Rs 1,034.23 crore. The Net Interest Margin (NIM) was 3.46 per cent as against 3.41 per cent recorded on March 31, 2022, it said.

The lender's gross non-performing assets fell to 9.09 per cent of the gross advances as on June 30, 2022. In the same period a year ago, it was 9.69 per cent. However, net NPAs (Non-Performing Assets) rose to 3.02 per cent from 2.94 per cent.

The overall provisioning and contingencies for June quarter was increased to Rs 381.45 crore as against Rs 360.62 crore in year ago quarter.

Deposits grew 6 per cent to Rs 1,12,145.18 crore from Rs 1,05,688.89 crore recorded during the corresponding quarter last year, while advances have increased 7.71 per cent year-on-year from Rs 66,779.52 crore to Rs 71,926.56 crore.

During the quarter, the bank continued to maintain its CASA (Current Account Savings Account) ratio well above 55 per cent.

The bank's capital adequacy ratio stood at 13.02 per cent, well above the regulatory requirement and up 101 basis points year-on-year when compared to 12.01 per cent recorded last year.

Baldev Prakash, MD and CEO of the bank, said the reported capital adequacy ratio does not take into account the quarterly profit of Rs 165.97 crore, which otherwise would have made a positive impact of around 20 basis points.

"However, we are adequately capitalised and will get further cushion to comfortably fund our future growth plans after the board-approved capital raising plan of Rs 2,000 crore for the current financial year gets realised," he added.

**Aakash BYJU'S launches 'Education for All' towards empowerment of girl child**

Management of Aakash BYJU'S launching 'Education for All' towards empowerment of girl child initiative.

**Drug-peddler arrested, contraband substance recovered****STATE TIMES NEWS**

SOPORE: Continuing its efforts to eradicate menace of drugs from society, Police on Wednesday arrested a drug peddler in Sopore and recovered contraband substance from his possession.

As per details, a party led by SHO Police Station Panzalla under the supervision of SDPO East Syed Zaheer Abbas Jafari led by SHO Bahu Fort Inspur Nayat Ali while on patrolling duty near Rajiv Nagar, Narwal rounded up a suspect. On search 50 gm heroin along with Rs 50,000 cash and an electronic weighing machine was recovered. The suspect, identified as Rayees Ahmed Khan, son of Wazir Ahmed Khan, resident of Boniyar Baramulla was arrested and FIR No. 206/2022 under sections 8/20/21/27 of NDPS Act was registered against him at Police Station Bahu Fort.

The overall rescue operation was made by police parties under command of SHO Inspur Padam Dev Singh and Inspur Rakesh Jamwal SHO Batote under the supervision of Pardeep Singh Sen, Dy SP Headquarters with overall supervision of SSP Ramzan, Mohita Sharma.

Meanwhile, a party of Police Station Chenani headed by SHO Chenani Inspur Om Parkash under supervision Anwaar Ul Haq Addl SP Udhampur and Ahmad Shafi SDPO Chenani established a Naka at Motorshed Chenani for checking of vehicles and signaled a vehicle (JK14F 2945) to stop.

Instead of stopping vehicle, driver accelerated the speed and fled away a few meters away leaving behind vehicle. On checking, the vehicle was found laden with 75 bovines, which were rescued. FIR No. 122 & 123/2022 was registered in Police Station Chenani and FIR No. 160/2022 was registered at Police Station Batote under relevant sections of law.

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