

Migrant worker from Bihar shot dead by terrorists in Bandipora

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SRINAGAR: A migrant worker from Bihar was shot dead by terrorists in Bandipora district, the latest in a series of targeted killings, officials said on Friday.

The attack took place late Thursday night in Soadnara Sumbal in Bandipora.

The deceased, identified as Mohd Amrez from Madhepura in Bihar, was a weaver. Amrez was aged around 20.

Mohammad Tamheed, who identified himself as Amrez's brother, said they were sleeping when they heard gunshots around

12:20 am.

"...my younger brother woke me up, saying some shots were fired. I told him to go back to sleep saying such things happen. But he told me that he will take a look as another brother was not in the room.

"He went downstairs and saw him (Amrez) covered in blood. We called the Army. They came and took him to Hajin. The doctors there told us to take him to Srinagar, but he succumbed on the way," Tamheed said.

Tamheed and Amrez's colleagues have appealed to the government to help them take his body back to

Bihar.

Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party leader and former MLA of Bandipora Usman Majid condemned the attack.

"I strongly condemn the killing of non-local labourer Mohd Amrez.... Killing innocents is in no way bravery, but a pure cowardly attack which deserves the highest form of condemnation. My heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family," he tweeted.

Amrez is the fourth non-local to be killed in a targeted attack in Kashmir this year. A total of 14 civilians and six security forces personnel have been killed

in targeted attacks this year.

In January, one policeman was killed in a targeted attack in Anantnag. February saw no such killing.

March saw the highest of seven such killings -- five civilians and an on-leave CRPF jawan in Shopian and a special police officer (SPO) in Budgam. The brother of the SPO also lost his life in the same attack.

In April, two civilians, including a sarpanch, were killed, while in May, five persons -- two cops and three civilians -- were killed. The civilians were Rahul Bhat, a government employee recruited under the prime minister's special package for Kashmir Pandits, TV actor Amreen Bhat, and teacher Rajini Bhatla.

In June, a non-local bank manager and a non-local labourer were shot dead by terrorists, while a sub-inspector of police was also killed. Two non-local labourers have been killed so far in August.

J&K reports 586 new COVID cases, Ladakh 11

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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir reported 586 fresh Covid cases on Friday, taking the infection tally to 4,72,597, officials said.

Of the new cases, 539 were reported from Kashmir and 47 from Jammu, they said.

The death toll stands at 4,777 as no fatality due to the infection was reported in the last 24 hours, officials said.

There are 4,734 active Covid cases in the Union

Territory, while the number of recoveries has reached 4,63,086, they said.

According to officials, there are 51 confirmed cases of mucormycosis (black fungus) in Jammu and Kashmir.

Meanwhile, Ladakh has reported 11 fresh cases of Coronavirus in the last 24 hours, taking the overall infection tally of the union territory to 29,038, officials said.

So far, 228 people have succumbed to COVID-19

in Ladakh. Of these, 168 deaths were reported from Leh and 60 from Kargil, they said.

The number of active cases has increased to 102 in Ladakh with 96 from Leh and 6 from Kargil.

Total 199 samples were tested in Ladakh and 162 in Leh.

In the last 24 hours, 21 patients were cured of the disease and discharged, taking the total number of recoveries to 28,709, the officials added.

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JAMMU: Sub-Divisional Police Officer (SDPO) City South, Gandhi Nagar Jammu, Dr. Sachit Sharma get awarded with the prestigious Home Minister Medal for excellence in investigation 2022.

A total of 151 investigation officers from the whole country has been awarded with this medal.

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He was presented this prestigious award, comprising a gold medal, citation and a cash award of Rs 51,000 by the J&K government in a simple ceremony at the Civil Secretariat, Jammu this morning.

The Jammu and Kashmir government had announced the award for Abhimanyu Sharma on the eve of Republic Day in 2018.

Veteran journalist, who earned his name in the profession at the state and national level with his integrity and excellence in his journalistic pursuits, has an experience of more than three decades to his credit in both electronic and print media.

He has remained associated with Dainik Jagran (J&K), one of the largest circulated Hindi dailies in India, as its distinguished J&K Editor and General Manager for over two decades. In a span of over three decades of his professional journalistic career, Abhimanyu has worked with major publishing houses of J&K including Kashmir Times, besides his successful foray in electronic media, which too spanned around a decade, covering diverse range of subjects including politics and defence.

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National Flag to be hoisted on all Govt buildings, offices across J&K

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SRINAGAR: The Government on Friday decided that all Government buildings/offices across the Union territory of Jammu & Kashmir including Universities, Colleges, Schools, Urban Local Body offices, Tehsils, Blocks, Panchayats, Patwar Khanas etc. shall hoist the National Flag on Independence Day, 2022.

A circular issued by General Administration Department in this regard reads "In connection with Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and commemoration of 75 years of India's Independence it has been decided that all Government buildings/offices across the Union territory of Jammu & Kashmir including Universities, Colleges, Schools, Urban Local Body offices, Tehsils, Blocks, Panchayats, Patwar Khanas etc. shall hoist the National Flag on Independence Day, 2022".

The circular also reads that it has to be ensured that the National Flag is hoisted in an appropriate and befitting manner with due regard to Flag Code, for which the Information Department shall generate awareness amongst all

stakeholders.

The circular adds that all the Administrative Secretaries/Divisional Commissioners/Heads of the Departments/ Deputy Commissioners should strictly adhere to above instructions in letter and spirit.



Outstanding Media Person 2018:

Abhimanyu Sharma gets J&K 'State award'

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JAMMU: Senior journalist and former vice president of Press Club Jammu (PCJ) Abhimanyu Sharma on Friday received 'State Award for Outstanding Media Person' for achieving excellence in Jammu and Kashmir.



Indian Journalists' delegation that accompanied the then President Pratibha Patil to her official visits to Mongolia and Korea in 2011. He also visited Singapore with the top Indian official delegation. He was also a founder member of Press Club of Jammu where he served as the vice president of the Management Committee from 2014 to March, 2022.

Abhimanyu attended All India Editors' Conference in 2009 in Srinagar and again in 2012 in Puducherry. He has also worked as a member of the Advisory Committee of Legislative assembly and Legislative Council.

A well known literary name, Abhimanyu has also been associated with various social and literary organisations, including Sanskriti Manch, Jammu (SMJ) as president and Rashtra Bhasha Prachar Samiti as vice-president, at the state and national level.



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