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7 ITBP personnel...

Those who were injured and are admitted in BB. Cantt Army Hospital Srinagar include ASI/GD Nandan Singh; HC/GD Atar Singh; Ct./ GD Balvant Kumar; HC/GD Daya Ram; Ct./ GD Satish Tiwari; Ct./ GD Bablu Kumar; Ct./ GD Mantu Kumar; ASI/GD Khushal Singh; ASI/GD Inder Singh; ASI/GD Harish Kapari; HC/GD Yad Ram; Ct./GD Bhupender; HC/GD Kumar Nayak ; HC/GD Jitu Prasad; Ct./GD Dinesh Chand; Ct./Cook Nikhil Kumar; Inspr./GD Rakesh Kumar; SI/GD Neel Kanth; Ct./GD Prem Singh; ASI/ GD Ramesh Ram; Ct./GD Govind Kumar; HC/GD Khair Nar Babu; HC/GD Hardik Merad; Ct./GD Ranjeet Boro; Ct./GD Khushpal Singh; ASI/Tele Mahesh Daggar; HC/GD Mohd Qayoom; Ct./GD Jeet Singh; Ct./SK Kaushik Roi ; Ct./GD Naresh Singh ; Ct./GD Dinesh Chand; Ct./GD Tsering Dorje and SGC/T Sheer Khan.

Besides, the above injured SgCt Sheer Khan of IRP 3rd Bn (driver of vehicle) who too was injured is also admitted in BB Cantt. Army Hospital Srinagar:

According to preliminary information, it appears that the brakes failed, but the exact reason will be known after an investigation, an ITBP spokesperson said in Delhi.

The area has treacherous winding roads and had been receiving rainfall, local residents said. President Droupadi Murmu, Vice President Jagdeep Dhanikhar; Union Home Minister Amit Shah, former Congress president Rahul Gandhi and other leaders condoled the loss of lives in the accident and prayed for the speedy recovery of the injured. "The tragic loss of precious lives of ITBP personnel in the unfortunate accident at Anantnag, J&K fills me with sadness. My heartfelt condolences for the bereaved families. I pray for speedy recovery of the injured," Murmu tweeted. "Saddened by the loss of lives of Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) personnel in a bus accident ... My thoughts are with the bereaved families in this hour of grief. My prayers for the speedy recovery of the injured," the Vice President's Secretariat tweeted, quoting Dhanikhar. J&K Lt Governor Manoj Sinha expressed grief over the loss of lives of the ITBP personnel in the unfortunate incident and extended his condolences to the members of bereaved families. "Deeply anguished by the bus accident near Chandanwari in which we have lost our brave ITBP personnel. My condolences to the bereaved families and prayers for the speedy recovery of the injured. All possible assistance is being provided to the injured personnel", said the Lt Governor. Several Union ministers, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, and National Conference vice president Omar Abdullah also took to Twitter to express their condolences.

"... I send my condolences to the families & colleagues of the brave ITBP jawans killed in an accident in Pahalgam today. A number of ITBP personnel have been injured. I send my best wishes for their speedy & complete recovery," Abdullah said.

"I'm deeply saddened by the tragic accident in J&K where 7 ITBP personnel lost lives. My heartfelt condolences to the family of the Bereaved. I stand with them in this hour of grief. We are taking care of the injured & wish for their speedy recovery," Sujoy Lal Thaosen, Director General of ITBP, tweeted.

LG visits injured...

room after performing Amarnath yatra duty. Seven other ITBP jawans died in the incident. "Visited Army hospital, Srinagar and met the injured ITBP Personnel. Gave necessary instructions to provide best of medical facilities," Sinha tweeted.

Ghulam Nabi Azad...

post of Campaign Committee Chairman of Jammu and Kashmir due to health reasons. He has conveyed this to the Congress leadership and has also thanked the leadership for giving him the responsibility," a national news agency quoted Congress sources as saying.

However, a TV channel quoted sources saying that Azad saw the appointments as a demotion for him as he is already a member of the party's all-India political affairs committee. Wani is seen to be close to former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Azad, who was part of the Group of 23 leaders who wrote to Sonia Gandhi in 2020 seeking a large scale organisational overhaul. Tariq Hamid Karra will be the vice chairman of the campaign committee while G M Saroori will be its convenor: according to the statement.

The campaign committee comprises 11 leaders with PCC president and working president its permanent invitees. Gandhi also set up a political affairs committee with Karra as its chairman and it included Azad, Mir and Saifuddin Soz. The political affairs committee comprises nine leaders with AICC In-charge, PCC president and working president being permanent invitees in the panel. The party also formed an 11-member coordination committee headed by Mir, 12-member manifesto committee under the chairmanship of Soz and nine-member publicity and publication panel led by Mula Ram. A seven member disciplinary committee has been formed with Taj Mohiuddin as the chairman. A Pradesh Election Committee headed by PCC chief has also been set up.

Meanwhile, Congress President Sonia Gandhi has accepted the resignation of Ghulam Ahmed Mir from the post of President, Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC), a party statement said.

According to list issued by K C Venugopal, MP, General Secretary, All India Congress Committee, **Campaign Committee:** Ghulam Nabi Azad (Chairman), Tariq Hamid Karra (Vice Chairman), G.M. Saroori (Convenor), Ghulam Ahmed Mir, Tara Chand, Thakur Balvan Singh, TS Bajwa, Shabir Khan, Neeraj Kundan, Abdul Majeed Wani, Faizroz Khan and PCC President and Working President will be the Permanent Invitees. Political Affairs Committee: Ghulam Nabi Azad, Tariq Hameed Karra (Chairman), Ghulam Ahmed Mir, Saifuddin Soz, Peerzada M. Syed, Taj Mohiyuddin, Tara Chand, Mula Ram, Khemlata Wakhlu and AICC In-charge, PCC President and Working President will be the Permanent Invitees.

Coordination Committee: Ghulam Ahmed Mir (Chairman), Manohar Lal (Vice Chairman), Yogesh Sawhney (Convenor), Jugal Kishore Sharma, Basheer Ahmed Magre, Raman Matoo, Indu Pawar; Mohammad Amin Bhat (Wazigmd), Haji Abdul Rasheed Dar; Abdul Majeed Wani and Shanawaz Chaudhary.

Manifesto Committee: Prof. Saifuddin Soz (Chairman), Adv M.K. Bharadwaj (Vice Chairman), Ravinder Sharma (Convenor), Naresh Gupta, Ghulam Nabi Monga, Zahida Khan, Shameema Raina, Jahangir Mir; Manzoor Ahmed Ghani, Dr. Jahazib Sarawal, Iftikhar Ahmed and Vikram Bhandari.

Publicity And Publication: Mula Ram (Chairman), S.S. Channi (V ice Chairman), Dr. Rashid Chaudhary (Convenor), Ashok Sharma, Vinod Mishra, Bashir Ahmed Khan, Imran Zafar; Satish Sharma and Uday Bhanu Chib.

Disciplinary Committee: Taj Mohiyuddin (Chairman), K.K. Pangotra (Vice Chairman), Shah Mohammed Chaudhary (Convenor), Thakur Balvir Singh, Kanta Bhan, Pranav Shagotra and Abdul Ghani Khan.

Pradesh Election Committee: PCC President (Chairman), Working President, Ghulam Ahmed Mir; Tara Chand, Taj Mohiyuddin, G.M. Saroori, Mula Ram, Haji Abdul Rasheed Dar; Shabbir Ali Khan, Ravinder Sharma, Thakur Balbir Singh, Gulzar Ahmed Wani, Anwar Bhat, Abdul Majeed Wani, Chudhary Mohd Akram, Yogesh Sawhney, S.H. Channi, Mannohan Singh, Chaudhary Shanawaz, Adv. Deepika Pushkar Nath Singh Rejawat and Heads of all Frontal organizations will be the Special Invitees of the Pradesh Election Committee.

‘Several portals peddling...

"... Whereas, there is every apprehension that if the operations of these fake news portals remain unchecked, the peaceful fabric of the district shall be disturbed..." Islam said in his order issued under section 144 CrPC.

He said it has become important to prevent the dissemination of fake news in the district by banning the operations of these portals with immediate effect.

"Any person associated with these fake news portals shall be immediately booked under the extant rules governing the subject, if found operating in the district and peddling fake news," the order said, directing the Senior Superintendent of Police of Ramban to implement it in letter and spirit.

Terrorists gun down...

group claimed responsibility for the attack but security forces believe it to be an act by the terrorists of banned Jaish-e-Mohammed.

Heated arguments were witnessed outside the residence of the victim when officials from the administration visited the family. The brother of Balkrishen Bhat confronted the officials and accused them of failing in their duties to ensure the safety of minorities.

"After my brother was shot, I personally met the Deputy Commissioner of Shopian and Divisional Commissioner of Kashmir for our safety. They told me nothing can be done and we should continue to stay where we live," Anil Bhat claimed.

An agitated Bhat held the administration responsible for the killing and alleged it has failed in its duty to safeguard people's safety.

There are only two or three Kashmiri Pandit families in Chotigam, nearly 10 km from the Shopian district headquarters and 70 km from Srinagar. The region is a hotbed of terrorism and is considered a stronghold of the terrorist groups like Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Moahmmed.

The increased terror attacks in the past week have left the security agencies worried as the terrorists have now again started targeting members of minority community, police personnel and outside labourers.

A policeman was killed in Nowhatta on Sunday and a migrant labourer was shot dead in Bandipora last week. Two grenade attacks took place in Budgam -- in which a Kashmir Pandit civilian was injured -- and in the Police Control Room at Srinagar on Monday.

Thursday's killings saw widespread condemnation from administration and political parties.

Condemning the killing, National Conference leader Omar Abdullah tweeted, "Terribly sad news from South Kashmir today. An accident and a militant attack have left a trail of death and suffering. I condemn the militant attack in Shopian unequivocally in which Sunil Kumar was killed and Pinto Kumar injured. My condolences to the family."

PDP president Mehbooba Mufti while condemning the killing said Jammu and Kashmir has become cannon fodder in "Delhi's quest for manufactured normalcy".

"Terribly sorry to hear about the targeted killing in Shopian. Condolences to the deceased's family. GOI continues to behave like an ostrich with its head buried deep under the sand. Every resident of J&K has become cannon fodder in Delhi's quest for 'manufactured normalcy'," she said. BJP spokesman Altaf Thakur said, "Strongly condemn the dastardly act of terror on innocent minority community members at Shopian in which Sunil Kumar was killed and another injured. Terror has no religion. Killers should be punished." People's Conference chairman Sajad Gani Lone condemned the attack as a "heinous act of violence" and expressed his condolences to the family of the victims.

Kashmiri Pandit Conference (KPC) strongly condemned the barbaric killing of an innocent Kashmiri Pandit Sunil Kumar and seriously injured his brother Pinto Ji , who even not left the valley during the turmoil also. Kundan Kashmiri, President KPC said that such unending barbaric acts continue to happen from the last 32 years. He said these terrorist strikes has further created a sense of insecurity among the Kashmiri Pandit residents living in Kashmir including PM package employees and others, as they have become soft target for these gun-totted youths who are killing the KP's for sadistic pleasure. He also demanded that Government must revisit its Kashmir policy and urgent steps taken for consolidated rehabilitation all displaced KPs at 'one place " in valley with fool proof security. Other KPC leaders and activists which include Dr. H.L Saraf, Tej Pandita, MK Raina, Sushel Ji Bhat, R.L Raina and others expressed their similar view and sentiments over this gruesome incident. Former minister and senior National Conference leader, Ajay Kumar Sadhotra on Tuesday condemned the terror attack on two brothers, belonging to minority Kashmiri Hindu community, in Shopian, rendering one dead and another critically injured. "This is the most inhuman and barbarous act", Sadhotra said in a statement issued here this afternoon, adding that no words are enough to express shock and grief over the demise of Sunil Kumar. Sadhotra wished speedy recovery to Sunil Kumar's brother, Pinto Kumar, who were working in their apple orchardists when the barbaric terrorists struck and made them their victims. Several groups staged protests against the killing and demanded adequate measures to ensure safety of the minority community members in the valley. The protesters, who gathered at different places including Rani Park, Press Club and Panama chowk in the heart of Jammu, also raised slogans against Pakistan and the terrorists besides criticising the government for its alleged failure to stop targeted and selective killings. A group of people also staged a protest at district headquarters in the border town of Poonch.

Rajnath hands-over...

It said the infantry protected mobility vehicles and assault boats will enable the troops deployed along the borders to respond to any "challenge in a befitting manner".

The ministry said these vehicles will provide mobility and more protection to a large number of infantry soldiers posted at the Northern borders, adding quick reaction fighting vehicles will enhance mobility of the troops in eastern Ladakh.

"It facilitates quick deployment of troops and will enable much faster reaction...It will facilitate in creating moral ascendancy in our Northern borders," the ministry said about the advantages of these vehicles.

GoI approves ASHAs...

J&K initiated the first survey of the transhumant tribal population. It was aimed at welfare planning in the wake of the long-felt need for focused development. For catering the health care needs of such nomadic population, J&K has got the sanction of Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs). The ASHAs for these areas will be chosen among nomadic population which is surveyed by tribal department.

Mission Director, NHM J&K, Yasin M. Choudhary while giving details informed that as per the report received from the Tribal Affairs Deptt, more than 80 thousand transhumant populations undertake biannual migration between valleys or villages and highland pastures, along with livestock. To provide better healthcare services to these nomads, we have got the approval of about 334 ASHAs from the Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, New Delhi. ASHAs being engaged by NHM, J&K are working as abridge between Health Department and the community. All the health schemes of NHM/ J&K Govt. are being implemented by ASHAs at the grass root level. ASHA is a link through which the health care needs of the people are being catered. At present, J&K has engaged about 13000 ASHAs who are serving the rural as well as urban population of J&K. All the health schemes, whether Centrally sponsored or State Govt. schemes are being implemented by ASHA at the grass root level. Tribal ASHA shall be a literate woman from within the tribal community who shall be trained for implementing all the health schemes of NHM/ J&K Govt. among her Tribal community. By engaging the ASHAs for nomadic population, J&K Govt. shall provide access to health care services to this big transhumant tribal population, which they are lacking till now, Yasin added.

Over 75 pc...

have been completed, the official said. He said the work on the project is going on in full swing and "we are hopeful about commissioning the final phase to connect Kashmir with the rest of the country next year." Referring to the completion of the overarch deck of Chenab railway bridge in Reasi district with the laying of the 'golden joint' on August 13 as a milestone, the official said the "minor" works on the nearly 1.3 km bridge is expected to be completed by November this year. The paradigmatic bridge is located 359 m above the Chenab riverbed in Kauri village and is 30 m higher than the Eiffel Tower in Paris. Once completed, the bridge will be able to withstand winds with speed up to 260 kmph and will have a lifespan of 120 years, the official said. The project has other firsts like the longest railway tunnel having overall length of 12.75 km situated between Sumber and Arpinchala in Sangaldan area of Ramban district which has been made through on February 15 and first cable-stayed bridge which when completed would be an engineering marvel of 21st century. In addition, the official said a 205-Km access road has also been completed which provides connectivity to far flung and inaccessible remote areas, leading to socio-economic development of the local residents. The cumulative expenditure on Katra-Banihal section up to June is Rs 23,071 crore, he said. The officials said the electrification work on the railway line from Banihal to Baramulla is in progress and is likely to be completed by October.

Advisor Bhatnagar hoists...

school children. While extending his Independence Day greetings to the participants, Advisor Bhatnagar in his address said that 'Jammu & Kashmir is an integral part multi-cultural and multi ethnic India. "August 5, 2019 marks a new dawn in the history of J&K and since then, the region has embarked on a journey of impartial and equitable governance", he said.

The Advisor said that due to the events post-reorganisation of Jammu and Kashmir, over 20 thousand PoJK refugees have been provided democratic rights and are being recognised equal citizens of the nation while being provided opportunities to be a part of India's march towards progress. They have also been provided a relief ofworth Rs 5.5 lakh per household, he added

To provide robust healthcare system to the citizens of Jammu & Kashmir", the Advisor said that during the Covid pandemic, all efforts were made to ensure that there is no shortage of oxygen supply or hospital beds. He highlighted that all individuals above 18 years of age have been vaccinated. Similarly, 87 percent kids in the 12-14 age group have been provided the first dose and 77 percent of them have also received the second one', he continued.

To strengthen the health sector, 5 hundred projects worth Rs 7000 crore have been taken up. 2 AIIMS, 7 Government Medical Colleges and 15 new Nursing Colleges are being set up in addition to 2 Cancer Institutes and 2 Bone and Joint Hospitals', he continued.

The Advisor lauded implementation of the PMJAY SEHAAT scheme and said that it is the only Union Territory of the country to provide free universal health insurance cover of Rs 5 lakh per family, since its implementation from December 2020. '108 Jan Aushadhi Centres have also dedicated towards the welfare of the public since April this year: 80 percent families have been registered under the insurance scheme and 72.57 lakh Golden Cards have been issued under the scheme', the Advisor remarked.

ROADS

Speaking on infrastructure, the Advisor said, 'J&K ranks third in works under PMGSY for constructing 6452 km roads over the past two years. In the year 2021-22, 7610 km roads were black topped, and a goal of 8 thousand kilometres has been set for present financial year as well'. '208 bridges were built during the past financial year while construction of 150 odd bridges has been aimed at during the present financial year.

The twin tube Qazigund-Banihal tunnel has been completed at a cost of Rs 3127 crore under PM Development Fund and has been set open for traffic already.' 'Works have been sanctioned on4.38 km Marog-Digdol and 3.2 km Digdol-Khooni Nala four-lane twin tube tunnel; 6 km long viaduct between Mompai-Sherbibi and another viaduct tunnel between Nashri-Ramban section. Once completed, the projects would shorten travel distance between Jammu and Srinagar up to four and half hour.'

'Works are ongoing at the 6 lane Delhi-Amritsar-Katra expressway at a sanctioned cost of Rs 6861 crore and the project is expected to complete by 2024. The double lane project over Akhnor-Poonch road is also set to complete by March 2024 at a projected cost of Rs 3109.27 crore'. 'Double lane project, at a cost of Rs 4034 crore, over NH-244 spanning Chenani, SudhMahadev, Goha, Khalleni, Kishtwar; Chhatru, KhanabalKhadd is also being completed with deadline of August 2023. The 58 km long 4-lane ring road project would also finish by December this year', the Advisor continued.

HAR GHAR NAL SE JAL

'The UT government has already made substantial efforts in successful implementation of the Har Ghar Nal Se Jal scheme of the Union Government. In this regard, we have already provided tap water to 58 percent households of Jammu & Kashmir so far. 23160 schools, 24163 Anganwadis, 3324 health institutions and 1666 gram Panchayat Bhavans have been provided tap water under the mission and all targets are set to be achieved by 2024', the Advisor remarked.

He highlighted that the Union Government has given nod to Ujh Multipurpose Project while as the ShahpurKandi Dam project is also slated to be complete by March 2023.

POWER

'Projects worth Rs 12922 crore have been sanctioned to ensure that people of J&K are

provided round the clock power supply by 2025. In just two years, the government has revived power projects which would generate additional 3000 MW electric power. Paperwork has completed for generation of additional 3284 MW power at a cost of Rs 29600 crore', the Advisor said.

'Underground cable project at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi shrine has also been taken up. The Amarnath Shrine has also been connected with grid to ensure uninterrupted power supply at a cost of Rs 13.55 crore' he added.

AGRICULTURE

Speaking on agriculture sector, the Advisor said, "Rs 1999.12 crores have been transferred to bank accounts of farmers of J&K under PM KISAN and Kisan Credit Cards have been issued to 91 percent of them so far".He added that J&K stands 3rd in monthly farmer household income and 5th in overall performance in farming sector:

Tourism

Tourism is an indispensable sector of J&K; the Advisor remarked and said that tourist influx to the region has increased manifolds during the past couple of years. 'More than 1 crore visitors, including 4523 foreigners have come to J&K in this calendar year so far' he said. '37 new tourist places in Jammu and 38 in Kashmir regions have been identified to be developed by the government andto boost border tourism in Jammu region, Beating the Retreat parade ceremony has been started in the RS Pura sector also', he said.

YOUTH

Addressing the youth, the Advisor said, 'Polytechnics and Industrial Training Institutes are being set up to make our youth employable. MoU has been signed on establishment of two Centres of Excellence under academic-industrial accord with Tata Technologies. Two centres of automotive engineering are also being set up at IITI Kathua in collaboration with Ashok Leyland.' 'Mission Youth has been launched for the empowerment of young population of J&K. They are also being provided free coaching under Parvaaz scheme of the mission. The scheme also involves collaborations with top institutions of the country and establishment of over 5 thousand clubs with membership of over 1 lakh youngsters.'

'Youth are being provided Small Electric Vehicles on subsidised rates under MUMKIN scheme. In the year 2021-22, 4482 youth was provided loans worth Rs 4482 crore and government subsidy of Rs 16 crore. Similarly, more than 2 thousand women entrepreneurs were provided financial support worth Rs 102 crore for setting up their enterprises.'

'Brilliant students are being provided scholarships worth Rs 1 lakh each under the Hon'ble LG-75 and Super B-75 Scholarship schemes. Free coaching is being provided to aspirants of competitive exams whose annual family income is less than Rs 8 lakh', Advisor said.

INDUSTRY

'The Union Government has helped in giving boost to industries in J&K with the New Industrial Policy at a budget of Rs 28400 crore. Project proposals to the tune of Rs 54 thousand crore have been received by the UT government so far. Land has been allotted to projects costing Rs 34 thousand crore already. Single window clearance is being provided through singlevindowjk.gov.in which provides 150 e-services of over 18 departments at a single point', the Advisor said.

SCHOOL EDUCATION

'J&K is among the leaders in implementation of the National Education Policy-2020. The government is also making efforts to strengthen sports sector from the grass root level in the UT'.

In the school education sector, the Advisor said that J&K ranks above the national average according to the National Achievement Survey (NAS) and is among the top ten ranking states of India.

PROJECTS

'The Administrative Council has approved setting up of Inter Model Station at Katra. 271 projects of Smart City have also commenced at an estimated budget of Rs 7216 crore. 35197 works have been completed during the financial year 2021-22 and another 45836 works have been planned to complete during the current financial year at a cost of Rs 22126.93 crore.'

'3444 sites have been identified for development under AmritSarovar out which work has already commenced on 1500 sites and completed on 1287 others', Advisor Bhatnagar said.

REVENUE

'Under the Digital India Land Record Modernization Programme of Revenue Department, 'ApkiZameenApkiNigrani' digital portal has been launched. Land passbooks are being issued in Hindi, Urdu and English. Total 24 services are being provided under Public Service Guarantee Act for the facilitation of public', he said.

JOBS

Speaking on jobs, the Advisor said, 'The UT government is going to fill 26330 vacant gazetted, non gazetted and class-4 posts on mission mode. Since 2019, the number of jobs shortlisted by recruitment agencies for filling stands at 19982.'

'The UT administration has adopted 'zero tolerance stand' against corruption and all payments are therefore being made digitally. We are taking phenomenal strides in implementation of digital services to ensure that the public is benefiter through the Public Service Guarantee Act. It is due to such efforts that Jammu & Kashmir has ranked top among all Union Territories in the national e-governance rankings', the Advisor continued, adding thatreal time citizen feedback is being gathered through 200 online services.

Among others, Mayor JMC, Chander Mohan Gupta; Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor; Nitishwar Kumar; Additional Director General of Police Jammu, Mukesh Singh; Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar; Deputy Commissioner Jammu, AvnyLavasa besides Administrative Secretaries, PRI members and officers and officials of all the departments participated in the independence day celebrations.

LG Sinha hoists...

The celebrations of the 76th Independence Day remembered the sacrifices of our brave-hearts and martyrs, and rekindled the spirit of the Indian freedom movement.

Cultural pageantry with themes of national integration demonstrated our shared commitment to fundamental values of social harmony, and the artists representing the glorious composite heritage also exhibited the glimpses of a new and resurgent J&K. Energetic performances of Bhand Pather and Bhangra dance were also presented on the occasion.

The Lt Governor handed over cash prizes to the student groups who excelled in the cultural items. The winners of the National Anthem singing competition were also felicitated at the UT level Independence Day event. Among those present on the occasion at Cricket Stadium Srinagar were Justice Pankaj Mithal, Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh; K. K. Sharma, State Election Commissioner; Judges of the High Court; Chairpersons of District Development Councils; Junaid Azim Mattu, Mayor SMC; Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Dilbag Singh, DGP; Lt General Amardeep Singh Anjla, GOC 15 Corps; former legislators; senior Civil, Police, and Army officers, political and social activists, prominent citizens and media persons.

LG hosts ‘At...

them. The customary 'At Home' was attended by Justice Pankaj Mithal, Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh; KK Sharma, State Election Commissioner; Judges of the High Court; Chairpersons of District Development Councils; Junaid Azim Mattu, Mayor SMC; Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Dilbag Singh, DGP; Lt General Amardeep Singh Anjla, GOC 15 Corps; Vice Chancellors of the Universities; former legislators; PRI representatives; leaders of various social and political organizations; eminent citizens; National Awardees; prominent artists; sportspersons; media persons; besides senior Civil, Police and Army officers, ex-Servicemen and senior government officials.

217 new COVID...

taking the infection count to 29,085 in the Union Territory, officials said. However; the number of active cases in the region dropped to 65 after 16 more patients recovered from the disease during the past 24 hours, the officials said.

According to officials, Ladakh has so far recorded 228 fatalities linked to the pandemic since its outbreak. Of the total fatalities, Leh accounts for the highest 168 deaths followed by 60 in Kargil, they said. A total of 2,853 people, including 2,111 air travellers, were screened for COVID-19 in the twin districts on Monday and eight of them tested positive for the viral disease in Leh, the officials said. They said the number of recoveries has reached 28,792 after 16 patients were discharged from a hospital in Leh after undergoing successful treatment for COVID-19.

The active case count in Leh now stands at 60, while the rest of five cases are in Kargil district, the officials said.

National Lok Adalat: 1,902 cases settled in Reasi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

REASE Under the insightful directions of Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey, Executive Chairman, JKLSA and radiant guidance of R.N. Watal Chairman DJSA Reasi (Pr. District & Sessions Judge Reasi). District Legal Services Authority Reasi today organized Third National Lok Adalat of the calendar year 2022 in District Reasi. A total of 2031 cases were taken up for amicable settlement out of which 1902 cases were settled and an amount of Rs. 59,75,864 was realized as settlement amount. Five Benches for settling the referred cases were constituted. The Bench No.1 consisted of R.N. Watal, Pr. District & Sessions Judge, Reasi, Rekha Kapoor Nischal, Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Reasi and Senior Advocate K.K. Dubey, District Court Complex, Reasi. The Bench No.2 consisted of Sudesh Sharma, Chief Judicial Magistrate (Sub-Judge), Reasi, and Advocate Pawan Khajuria, President Bar Association, Reasi. The Bench No. 3 comprised of Priyanka Mahajan, Additional Mobile Magistrate, Reasi, Advocates Rashi Barni, and Shazia Punjabi, District Court Complex, Reasi; while the Bench no.4 comprised of Manoj Kumar Parihar; Sub Judge, Katra, Sandeep Sen, Munsiff, Katra and Advocate Akhil Prashar; President Bar Association, Katra and Bench No. 5 consisted of Mahavir Singh, Munsiff, Mahore, Abdul Gani Bhatt, President Bar Association, Mahore and Advocate S.S. Sahni, Tshil, Mahore. The matters placed before the Benches included Civil, Criminal Compoundable, Cheque Bounce, Recovery matters, MACT, Matrimonial, Public Utility Services, Pre- Litigation matters and also Traffic challans.