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India hits out at Pak, OIC for raising Kashmir issue at UNHRC

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NEW DELHI: India on Wednesday castigated Pakistan and the OIC for raising the Kashmir issue at the UN Human Rights Council, saying it does not need lessons from a "failed state" and the "epicentre of terrorism" and chided the 57-nation bloc for "helplessly" allowing itself to be held "hostage" by Islamabad.

At the 48th session of the UNHRC, India mounted a blistering attack on Pakistan, saying it has been globally recognised as a country openly supporting, training, financing and arming terrorists including UN proscribed terrorists as a "matter of state policy".

India's response was delivered by Pavan Badhe, the first secretary in its permanent mission in Geneva.

Exercising the right to reply to comments made by Pakistan and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) on

Kashmir, Badhe said India does not need lessons from a "failed state" like Pakistan which is the "epicentre of terrorism and worst abuser of human rights".

He also said the OIC has helplessly allowed itself to be held hostage by Pakistan, which holds the chairmanship of their Geneva Chapter, to "subserve its own agenda". Badhe said it has become a habit for Pakistan to misuse the platforms provided by the council to propagate its "false and malicious propaganda" against India.

"The council is aware of Pakistan's attempts to divert the council's attention from serious human rights violations being perpetrated by its government, including in the territories occupied by it," he said.

"India, as not only the world's largest democracy but a robustly functional and vibrant one, does not need lessons from a failed state like Pakistan which is the

epicentre of terrorism and worst abuser of human rights," he said.

The Indian diplomat said Pakistan has failed to protect the rights of its minorities, including Sikhs, Hindus, Christians and Ahmadis.

"Thousands of women and girls from minority communities have been subjected to abductions, forced marriages and conversions in Pakistan and its occupied territories," Badhe said in his statement.

"Pakistan has been engaged in systematic persecution, forced conversions, targeted killings, sectarian violence and faith-based discrimination against its ethnic and religious minorities," he said. Incidents of violence against minority communities, including attacks on their places of worship, their cultural heritage, as well as their private property have taken place with impunity in Pakistan, the Indian diplomat said.

He said a "climate of fear"

continues to drastically impact the daily lives of minorities in Pakistan.

"Pakistan is a country which has been globally recognised as a country openly supporting, training, financing and arming terrorists including UN proscribed terrorists, as a matter of state policy," he said.

"The relevant multilateral institutions have been raising serious concerns on its failure to stop terror financing and lack of effective actions against terror entities," he noted.

He said dissenting voices from civil societies, human rights defenders, journalists are muzzled daily in Pakistan, with the support of the government.

"Enforced disappearances, extrajudicial killings, murders and abductions have been used as a tool for subjugation and to muzzle any form of dissent or criticism. The impunity with

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J&K reports 156 fresh COVID cases, 1 death

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday recorded 156 new COVID-19, 32 from Jammu division and 124 from Kashmir division,, thus taking the total number of positive cases in the Union Territory to 327296.

There was one death in the Jammu Division due to the virus in the last 24 hours, officials said. In the district-wise breakup,

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Under Secy, JKAS officer transferred

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government on Wednesday transferred Under Secretary and JKAS officer.

According to the order issued by Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Commissioner/Secretary General Administration Department (GAD), Ata-um-Munim Tak, JKAS, presently posted in the office of Chief Executive Officer, Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY has been

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Created enabling environment for transforming agriculture sector in J&K: LG



LG Manoj Sinha attending Lieutenant Governors' conference on Agricultural Sector at New Delhi on Wednesday.

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NEW DELHI: "We have created an enabling environment for transforming Agriculture and allied sectors of J&K to increase the income of our famers in line with the National targets, create jobs, ensure food security, speed up the economy and enhance the contribution of agriculture and allied sectors in the Gross Domestic Product of the UT", observed Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at the Lt Governors' conference on agricultural sector organized by Ministry

of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on Wednesday.

The Lt Governor shared J&K's perspective on the broad approach of the UT Government taking Agriculture and allied sectors on the path of sustainable and inclusive growth.

Sinha expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar for extending liberal financial assistance to support efforts in widening the development of Agriculture

and allied sectors in Jammu & Kashmir.

The Lt Governor highlighted the reformative interventions made by the government leading to sweeping changes in J&K's Agriculture sector during the past one year.

We are working on an integrated approach. From reducing input cost & increasing quality at pre harvest stage, facilitation of our farmers to link them with domestic and international markets has become a

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4 terrorists active in Srinagar: IG



■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: There are four terrorists active in Srinagar district and security forces are on the job to neutralise them, a senior police officer said on Wednesday.

When asked by reporters, on the sidelines of a function

here, about the rise in number of attacks on security forces, Inspector General (IG) of Police (Kashmir Zone) Vijay Kumar said police are investigating this.

In the last one week there have been two grenade attacks and a police officer was recently shot dead.

"There are four terrorists active in Srinagar," IG Kumar said.

"We will catch them or eliminate them in an encounter. There is not much to worry about it," he said.

Kumar said the slain chief of The Resistance Front, Abbas Sheikh, had

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Misappropriation of funds; ACB files charge-sheet against ex-Warden KGBV Boniyar, others

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Anti Corruption Bureau on Wednesday produced charge-sheet before the Court of Special Judge Anti-Corruption Baramulla for judicial determination against three accused public servants in FIR 29/2014 for misappropriation of government funds.

"The charge-sheet was produced against Sajad Hussain Mir, the then Warden KGBV Boniyar, Mehraj-ud-din Ahanger, the then Head Clerk in the office of ZEO Boniyar and Khalid Hussain Khan, the then ZEO Boniyar for commission of offences

under Section 5(1) (C) (D) read with 5 (2) J&K PC Act Svt; 2006 and 120-B RPC," ACB official said.

"The case was registered on the outcome of a verification conducted into the allegations that these public servants have abused their official positions and have misappropriated a huge amount of Govt funds that were released during the financial year 2013-14 for meeting out necessary scholastic, non-scholastic, curricular and other infrastructural activities in KGBV Boniyar," official said adding that the investigation conducted

revealed that the Govt. released an amount of Rs. 62,18,767 under SSA Scheme for expenditure on account of purchase of uniforms, books, stationary items, medicines, bus fare, excursions and other necessary infrastructural activities in KGBV Boniyar during the financial year 2013-14.

Besides an amount of Rs. 92,857 was also available as previous balance in the official account No. 1766 of KGBV Boniyar making the total as Rs. 63,11,624, ACB official added.

The investigation, he said, revealed that only a meager

amount of Rs. 8,26,620 was incurred for meeting out various requirements/activities in KGBV Boniyar while the three accused public servants abusing their official positions and in league with one another and in furtherance of criminal conspiracy hatched among themselves have dishonestly and fraudulently misappropriated an amount of Rs. 29,55,050 and thus caused a huge loss to the State exchequer.

The investigation, ACB official added, also revealed that an addition amount of Rs. 20,00,000 was

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Delhi resident charge-sheeted for faking Cong MP's letter to ex-J&K Health Minister

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Crime Branch Kashmir on Wednesday filed charge-sheet against a resident of New Delhi pertaining to fake DO letter of former parliamentarian in 2012 to ex-Health Minister in the J&K government for adjusting some people in the department as casual labourers and nursing orderlies.

A police official said that the charge-sheet in case FIR 33/2014 under Section 420 RPC of Police Station Crime Branch Kashmir was filed against Mohamed Shahid Khan, son of Mohamed Saleem Khan of

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Parliament more about policy than politics: Modi

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NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Wednesday that Parliament is not only about politics but policy too and described content as "connect", saying this is as much applicable to the parliamentary system as to the media.

Launching Sansad TV, which has been created by merging Lok Sabha TV and Rajya Sabha TV, jointly with Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu and Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, he said it is very important that the common man connects

with Parliament and feels he is part of it.



Parliament is in fact more about policy than politics, Modi said. The new channel adds

another important chapter in the country's parliamentary system, he said.

Noting that the launch coincides with International Day of Democracy, Modi reiterated that India is mother of democracy, saying democracy is not just a system but an idea and not merely a constitutional structure but spirit.

Democracy in India is not just a collection of the Articles of the Constitution but it is our life stream, the prime minister added.

HC refuses to quash proceedings in fake arms license scam

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Justice Rajnesh Oswal of Jammu & Kashmir High Court dismissed petition filed by one Dalip Singh seeking quashment of proceedings before the CBI Court in fake arm license scam.

The brief facts of the case are that on the basis of a communication received from Special Cell, Delhi Police dated 10.09.1998, FIR No. 8/1999 was registered by the Crime Branch, Jammu against unknown persons on 06.07.1999 with regard to the issuance of large number of fake arms licenses to the non residents of District Jammu between the years 1994 to 1998 from the office of the District Magistrate/Additional

District Magistrate, Jammu. Subsequently, vide notification dated 27.12.2001, the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension (DP&T), Government of India, New Delhi with the consent of Government of Jammu and Kashmir conveyed through notification vide SRO 467 dated 10.12.2001, investigation in FIR bearing No. 8/1999 of Police Station, Crime Branch, Jammu was entrusted to the Central Bureau of Investigation, respondent herein for further investigation and the case was re-registered as RC-7(S)/2002/SIU-4/CBI/SCR-1, New Delhi. During the course of investigation, 20 arms licenses were

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 34.5°C Min: 24.0°C

Humidity

Max : 73 Min : 55

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 30.5°C Min: 15.7°C

Humidity

Max : 73 Min: 38

Sunset : 18:39 Hours

Sunrise : 06:16 Hours



DGP Dilbag Singh chairing a meeting at Police Headquarters Jammu.

video conferencing.

The DGP complimented the officers for an outstanding understanding with other forces and agencies and for jointly meeting the security challenges successfully.

The DGP while interacting with the officers stressed for further aug-

menting the intelligence and security grids so that no room is given to the elements inimical to peace in view of the ongoing attempts of infiltration from across the border and increased drone activities by rogue and anti national elements.

He said the personnel on the

ground should be briefed regularly, and there should be enhanced synergy at the grassroots level for better results.

He directed for effective dominance and surveillance in their respective areas and emphasized the need to keep a close watch on subversive elements by strengthening the border as well as the highway grids.

He also reviewed the security of the road tunnels in the Zone and gave necessary directions regarding their security.

He directed the officers to take review of the preparedness on ground deployments .

The DGP impressed upon the officers to upgrade their investigation quality and interrogation centres.

While referring to the Capacity building

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