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Govt bans PFI...

country, thereby endangering the security and public order of the state

The PFI, the notification alleged, is encouraging and trying to enforce a terror-based regressive regime, continue to propagate anti-national sentiments and radicalising a particular section of society to create disaffection against the country, aggravating activities which are detrimental to the integrity, security and sovereignty of the country

The home ministry claimed investigations have established clear linkages between PFI and its associates or affiliates or fronts

It said Rehab India Foundation collects funds through PFI members. Some PFI members are also members of Campus Front of India, Empower India Foundation, and Rehab Foundation, Kerala. The activities of Junior Front, All India Imams Council, National Confederation of Human Rights Organisation and National Women's Front are monitored/coordinated by the PFI leaders, the notification claimed

PFI created these associates or affiliates or fronts to enhance its reach among different sections of the society such as the youth, students, women, Imams, lawyers or weaker sections of the society with the sole objective of expanding its membership, influence and fund-raising capacity, it said

The Centre, through another notification, empowered the state governments to take action against these groups which were affiliated with the PFI and the possible action against them could be seizure of places and arrest of their members

The home ministry said these associates or affiliates or fronts have a 'hub and spoke' relationship

PFI acts as the hub and utilises the mass outreach and fund-raising capacity of its associates or affiliates or fronts to strengthen its capability for unlawful activities and these associates or affiliates or fronts function as "roots and capillaries through which the PFI is fed and strengthened", the ministry claimed

The PFI and its associates or affiliates or fronts operate openly as socio-economic educational and political organisations. But they have been pursuing a secret agenda to radicalise a particular section of the society, working towards undermining the concept of democracy and showing sheer disrespect towards the constitutional authority and constitutional setup of the country, it alleged

Investigations in various cases have revealed that the PFI and its cadres have been repeatedly engaging in violent and subversive acts, the ministry claimed

Criminal violent acts carried out by PFI include chopping off the limbs of a college professor, cold-blooded killings of persons associated with organisations espousing other faiths, obtaining explosives to target prominent people and places and destruction of public property, it said

The notification also mentioned the names of several people who were alleged victims of the PFI's "brutal" violence and most of them belong to Kerala, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu

The home ministry said there had been many instances of PFI's linkages with global terrorist groups and some activists of its PFI have joined ISIS and participated in terror activities in Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan

Some of these PFI cadre were killed in these conflict theatres and some have been arrested by state police and central agencies, the Centre claimed

The home ministry claimed the office bearers and cadre of PFI along with others are conspiring and raising funds from within India and abroad through banking channels, hawala and donations among others as part of a "well-crafted criminal conspiracy", and then transferring, layering and integrating these funds through multiple accounts to project them as legitimate and eventually using these for various criminal, unlawful and terrorist activities in India

The sources of deposits on behalf of PFI with respect to its several bank accounts were not supported by the financial profiles of the account holders and the activities of PFI were not being carried out as per their declared objectives. Therefore, the Income Tax Department cancelled the registration granted to PFI under section 12A or 12AA of the Income Tax Act, 1961 (43 of 1961), it said.

The Income Tax Department also cancelled the registration of Rehab India Foundation.

Meanwhile, the notification banning the Popular Front of India (PFI) under the stringent anti-terror law UAPA will be followed by a number of actions against the outfit, including seizure of its properties, freezing of bank accounts and a complete prohibition of its usual activities.

The central government will also move a tribunal within 30 days from the date of the publication of the notification for adjudication of whether or not there is sufficient cause for declaring the association unlawful.

Rs 5.27 Cr...

traffic police vehicles. "Traffic management has become technology-driven and necessary technological interventions are the need of the hour for effective traffic management and road safety measures across Jammu and Kashmir," Bhatnagar said, addressing the

meeting.

He impressed upon the officers to identify the factors contributing majorly to road accidents. He said due measures should be taken to ensure that the occurrence of accidents is contained to its maximum possible extent.

The advisor also directed to identify critical black spots on highways as well as other roads immediately and rectify them on priority basis.

Bhatnagar asked the officers that in-depth analysis of data obtained through Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS), Road Accident Data Management System (RADMS) and Integrated Road Accident Database (I-RAD) should be done as it will help in devising safety interventions and analysing the causes of road crashes.

Calling for augmentation and upgrading the traffic department, the advisor enjoined upon the officers that the traffic policemen should be trained and necessary equipment should be provided to them so that they can perform their duties effectively and efficiently.

Centre gives 4...

the employees on the exchequer is estimated at Rs 6,591.36 crore per annum and Rs 4,394.24 crore in 2022-23 (8 months from July, 2022 to February, 2023).

In case of dearness relief, the impact would be Rs 6,261.20 crore per annum and Rs 4,174.12 crore in the current fiscal.

Railway minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, who was also present at the briefing, said that the bonuses for rail employees are being processed and will be given by next week.

The bonuses are usually given to rail employees ahead of Dussehra.

Lt Gen Anil...

officer also tenanted important staff appointments including the charge of Director General of Military Operations.

Earlier, the officer had also served as a United Nations mission to Angola.

Lt Gen Chauhan continued to contribute to national security and strategic matters even after his retirement as he has been associated with the National Security Council Secretariat.

For his distinguished and illustrious service in the Army, Lt General Anil Chauhan (retired) was awarded the Param Vishisht Seva Medal, Uttam Yudh Seva Medal, Ati Vishisht Seva Medal, Sena Medal and Vishisht Seva Medal.

The post of Chief of Defence Staff has been lying vacant since the death of Gen Rawat in a helicopter crash on December 8 last year.

On January 1 2020, Gen Rawat took charge as India's first CDS with a mandate to bring convergence in the functioning of the Army, the Navy and the Indian Air Force and bolster the country's overall military prowess.

Another key mandate of the CDS was to facilitate the restructuring of military commands for optimal utilisation of resources by bringing about jointness in operations, including through the establishment of theatre commands.

In June, the government amended rules paving the way for appointment of any serving or retired Lt General, Air Marshal and Vice Admiral under the age of 62 to the post of Chief of Defence Staff (CDS).

The change in rules allowed three-star officers to become the CDS along with serving chiefs of the three services.

Officials said Lt Gen Chauhan (ret'd) will assume the rank of General once he takes charge as the CDS.

Mysterious explosion in...

being scrutinized to ascertain the cause abnf nature of blast.

Sources informed that this bus returned from Basantgarh today evening. There was no one inside the bus when the mysterious explosion took place. Police and intelligence agencies reached the spot to investigate the nature of blast. The area was barricaded and the vehicular traffic on the National Highway was halted. Police didn't issue any statement over the incident till the filing of the story.

Policy decisions of...

Affairs which falls within the realm of the policy decision by the Government of India whereby the Government of India have powers to fix the Overseas Allowance according to the grade and work assigned to those personnel deployed in Formed Police Unit with UN Peace keeping Mission. Thus, the order impugned which has been issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs with regard to the Overseas Allowance for CPFs personal deployed in UN Mission (MONUC) falls within the realm of policy decision of Government of India and the same is not susceptible to judicial review as no fault can be found with regard to the aforesaid policy.

Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal further observed that since the United Nations, Department of Peace Keeping Operation has deployed Formed Police Units of various members countries for maintaining peace in the Kosovo, Congo, Liberia, Sudan, etc., according to UN Mandate, MoU was signed between Government of India and UN Peace Keeping Mission relating to payment that would be made by UN to Government

of India on account of deployment of two Formed Police Units on self-sustainment basis with the requisite taking into account the strength of FPU as the structure of FPU and Command & Control may differ from country to country. "Government of India has the power to fix the amount of OSA to be paid to Officers, Subordinate Officers and Other Ranks. Even in Army deployed with UN Peace Keeping Mission, the amount to be paid to Officers, Subordinate Officers and Other Ranks is fixed by the Government of India. Since the MoU was signed between the Government of India and the Peace Keeping Mission relating to the payment that would be made by the UN to Government of India, as such, it is within the domain of the Government of India to fix the amount of MSA to be paid to Officers, Subordinate Officers and Other Ranks. Since the aforesaid policy, which has been framed by the Government of India, has the reasonable classification with the object sought to be achieved by personnel of Formed Police Units cannot be equated in terms of payment of OSA and, thus, no fault can be found with regard to the aforesaid policy as all the personnel of BSF/ITBP have been paid MSA as per the rate prescribed for Gazetted Officers/Subordinate Officers/Other ranks as decided by the Government along with pay admissible to them, which by no stretch of imagination, can be considered an illegal enrichment of some members of the formed Police Units as prayed by the petitioner," the Court observed.

Need 'whole of...

he asserted. Lt Gen Singh said the Army identifies "hostile" profiles on social media and offers counselling to their owners.

"We remain active on this front on social media. In joint efforts with police, we identify hostile profiles and undertake counselling of several of them," he said.

The radicalised youths are booked as overground workers (OGWs) of terrorist organisations and dealt accordingly, he added.

The GoC said, "To get the youth into the mainstream is the agenda of the government and the Army is aligned to it, because it will take the youth on the path of development and peace. The enemy will not succeed in its agenda".

He said the Army organises educational, sports and cultural initiatives to provide opportunities to the youth so that they do not fall into the trap of radicalisation being initiated by the adversary through social media campaigns.

Attacking Pakistan, he said the country launched the "thousand cuts" plan to disturb peace in Jammu and Kashmir in the 1990s.

"They wanted to bleed India through a thousand cuts but the troops of the White Knight Corps stood up against it. Today, we see peace progress and development in Jammu region. One thousand terrorists have been killed in the region since then," he said.

Replying to another question about the challenges that the Army is facing, he said, narcotics are being smuggled from across the border in addition to weapons and infiltration bids.

The Army is capable to stop it and has a surveillance grid, fencing and soldiers performing 24-hour duties so that the enemy is not able to infiltrate, he said.

The second challenge is the enemy using vulnerable points on the LoC for infiltration, he said. "Pakistan is trying to infiltrate terrorists, and smuggle ammunition and narcotics. But we have a counter-terrorism grid to ensure the terrorists are eliminated," he said, adding that it was a "good thing" that the people of the south of Pirpanchal were "anti-militants". "We have seen no support (for terrorists) from the population and this is a healthy sign for us. We want to encash on it," he added.

"So far, the violence in Jammu is significantly low. We have a strong anti-infiltration grid and we are concentrating on securing the hinterlands for which we have a strong anti-terror grid," he said.

On the issue of use of drones by Pakistan to drop weapons and narcotics here, he said the phenomenon is more common in Punjab. "There is less sighting of drones in our (White Knight Corps) areas and we suspect the ones seen here are a reconnaissance by the enemy, hence we are soon getting an anti-drone mechanism, he said. "We have our plans. Equipment is coming in order to foil drone threats," he said.

SSP transferred amid...

Cafeteria-Mehar sector in Ramban district.

On Monday, the fruit growers of Kashmir staged a demonstration in Srinagar against the alleged failure of the administration to facilitate hassle-free movement of the trucks along the highway en route to terminal markets of the country.

Woman detained with IED like object in Poonch

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POONCH: Security forces in Poonch on Wednesday evening detained a woman who was carrying an IED like object.

As per the details, a woman hailing from Qasba village of Poonch was roaming in Poonch town. A team of forces intercepted the woman on suspicious grounds in the main town of Poonch and during frisking she was found carrying an IED-like object. The woman was detained and her questioning was going on.

Surgical strike day fulfilled Bhagat Singh's dream of 'Strong India': Yudhvir

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party is the only party which has 'will and spine' to protect national interest unlike its opponent parties which never miss a chance to make compromise just for the sake of handful of votes.

This was stated by Yudhvir Sethi, BJP Vice President, J&K in a statement issued on the anniversary of surgical strike conducted by the Indian Army on September 2016.

The senior BJP leader said that as per the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the people of the country should also celebrate the day for surgical strike along with the birth anniversary of Bhagat Singh on September 28.

Sethi said that September

28 is an important day of 'Amrit Mahotsav' when the birth anniversary of Bhagat Singh was celebrated.

He said that Surgical Strike Day has fulfilled dream of Shaheed E Azam Bhagat Singh's dream of strong India.

"Let us take inspiration from our freedom fighters, following their ideals and build the India of their dreams. The memorials of martyrs, the names of places and institutions named after them inspire us with a sense of duty," he said.

The senior BJP leader said that we are proud of our forces and because of them we are safe and secured today. They act as a shield and enable us to lead a normal life. They are spending sleepless night and

keeping constant vigil and looking after our security of border," he said in the praise of the Indian Army.

Asserting that Modi government has a "zero tolerance" approach to terrorism, he said, there cannot be any compromise on terrorism or on sovereignty of India".

The senior BJP leader said that on one side there are parties which have been exposed badly for continuously deceiving the common masses for years together

and on the other it is BJP which has a cadre from top to bottom working day and night only to satiate the aspirations of people and addressing their issues which were earlier disregarded and misused for petty political gains by dynastic rulers.

CBC J&K organises programme on Poshan Maah

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: As part of Poshan Maah Celebration, Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting,

Government of India, J&K in collaboration with ICDS Department, Gajansoo organised a programme on Poshan Maah at Manohar Resort Gajansoo of Marh Block.

Programme Officer ICDS, Renu Bhasin, BDC member Surinder Kumar and Jyoti Bhau, BMO were also present in the programme.

A healthy baby show was organised in which child from 0-6 years of age group participated.

A team of doctors headed by Dr. Anu Radha, MO

Gajansoo Marh checked the health of the babies. Expert lecture on the theme was also delivered by Anjali Kumari, Pooja Bhagat, Pooja Honda and Renu.

An open quiz contest based on Poshan Maah was also conducted.

Private Registered Troupe of Central Bureau of Communication, Government of India, Jammu M/s Milan Cultural Group and Social Organization presented cultural programme on the theme.

The function was culminated by presenting prizes to the participants of various activities conducted by Central Bureau of Communication, Jammu.

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JAMMU: Two-day National Conference on Emerging Trends in Genetic Engineering and Molecular Biology (ETGMB-2022), organized by the Centre for Molecular Biology, Central University of Jammu started on Wednesday, in collaboration with UT administration, Science and Innovation Council, DST. The inaugural session started with a welcome address by Director, Prof Mushtaq Ahmed while Vice Chancellor CUJ, Prof Sanjeev Jain presided over the event and felicitated guests. Addressing a pool of intellectuals, scholars and students, he emphasized on quality research and innovations. Prof Manoj Dhar, former Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu was



Dignitaries during the inaugural session of conference.

the Chief Guest and advised students to focus on concepts of basic sciences before going towards advanced research.

Prof H B Singh, former Professor, Institute of Agricultural Sciences, BHU Varanasi the Guest of Honour and enlightened young minds about the importance of traditional Ayurveda and plant sciences thereby connecting it to the modern research. Several delegates from different universities, institutes & colleges

namely ICGBE Delhi, IIIM-Jammu, SKUAST-Jammu and Kashmir, participated in the conference. Others present on the occasion included Prof B S Bhau, Dean School of Life Sciences CUJ; Dr Shelly Sehgal, Dr Audesh Bhat, Dr Ashok Yadav, Dr Kancherla Prasad, Senior Sr. CSIR IIIM, Dr Mohd Jamal Dar and Dr Anjali Dharwas. The event ended with distribution of certificates and awards were among participants.

'Zindagi to bridge gap between two neighbouring countries'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Shailja Kejriwal, one of the most celebrated names in TV industry, has created path breaking content with Zindagi, with an aim to bridge gap between two neighbouring countries viz India & Pakistan.

While talking to reporters in Jammu on Wednesday, Shailja Kejriwal said that launched in 2014- 'Zindagi' was widely appreciated across India for its original storytelling.

"The channel managed to become an instant hit within Indian viewers with serials like 'Zindagi Gulzar Hai', 'HumSafar' and 'Noor Bano'. Now, the channel has been revived and it is expected that 'common entertainment' platform will indeed rekindle the hearts of two nations once again," said Shailja, adding that earlier this year, Zindagi was launched once again on Indian television as a 'Value



Added Service' on DTH platforms like Tata Play, Dish TV and D2H. After its successful launch as a value-added service on DTH platforms, Zindagi was recently launched on Airtel as a Value-Added Service and will bring to audiences an exciting line-up of shows each month.

"Line-up for October includes Sher-e-Zaat start-uping October 3 at 5:30 PM starring Mahira Khan, known for her acting prowess. To entertain and engage the viewer's further, Zindagi brings to audiences Diyar-E-Dil on Indian screens. Starting on October 14 at 7 PM, the show stars versatile actor Sanam Saeed and Maya Ali in pivotal roles. Set against the backdrop of war, Zindagi will also bring to audience, Dhoop Ki Deewar; starring Ahad Raza Mir and Sajal Aly in pivotal roles, on October 26 at 5:30 PM," she informed.

Hollow policies of BJP Govt increased sufferings of people manifold: Bhalla

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla on Wednesday asked party cadre to be in "ready-mode" for the assembly elections. This was stated by former Minister while interacting with prominent persons of Rajiv Nagar in Bahu constituency as a part of his continuous mass contact programme to listen to their grievances and also mobilize public opinion against BJP Govt's anti-people policies in J&K.

Prominent among those present on the occasion include Latish Sharma, Deewan Chand, Panehs Gagan Bral, Kuldeep, Raj Kumar, Harvinder Kour, Parasram Ram Baloria, Khalid Hussain, Dharam Lal, Parvati Gari, Banbari Baba, Gopal Sharma Vishal, Purina Natta, Pragi Gari, Narinder Gupta beside others.

Speaking on the occasion,

Bhalla said that party is all ready for assembly elections, whenever they are held here. He said that the party will fight the polls with full strength and win with full majority and form the government in the UT.

He castigated the central government stating that the hollow policies of government have only resulted in increasing the sufferings of the people manifold.

He said that BJP befooled the people with its hollow promises before the elections and the common people today realize that they have been totally betrayed by the party.

He said the young lot has suffered a lot due to anti-youth policies adopted by the centre. Asserting that the people desperately want assembly elections for the first time in the history of Jammu and Kashmir, Bhalla said that Jammu has major role to play in

upcoming elections by isolating the divisive forces that are bent upon destroying peaceful communal atmosphere.

"The political alienation of the people is widely being felt that is why there is desperation for assembly elections for the first time unlike the past," said Bhalla.

Bhalla lashed out at the government for the betrayal with daily wagers who were on roads, seeking justice. He said that the entire BJP leadership has promised to regularize the daily wagers but after coming to power they failed to pay them regular wages. He demanded that government should formulate a regularization policy for all categories of daily wagers, casual, need based workers and temporary, contractual employees so that they would have a sigh of relief in this highly inflation period.

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JAMMU: Like every year Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh Foundation and Jewel Bazar Traders Association organized a function to celebrate the 115th Birth Anniversary of Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh at Shaheed Bhagat Singh Chowk, here on Wednesday.

A large number of people from all walks of life paid floral tributes to Shaheed-e-Azam on the occasion. Government Ayurvedic Hospital Jammu organized a free medical camp on the occasion. In this camp more than 520 people were benefitted. Doctors and paramedical staff under the leadership of Dr. Garima MD. Dr. Ity Mahajan, Dr. Neelam Sharma, Sudhir, Satpal rendered their services during the camp.

Kulbir Handa, SP Jammu was awarded with the Shaheed Bhagat Singh Citizens award for his contribution towards the upliftment of the society.

Speaking on the occasion, he

thanked the organizers and the citizens of Jammu for granting such prestigious award. He further said that we should work for the drug free society and the parents have vital role to play in this regard. An oath was taken by the participants under his command. Chief Guest Dr. S.P. Varma Padamshri noted Gandhian of international repute while paying floral tributes to the martyr said that sent by almighty to grant us freedom from brutal British rule.

He said that youth should come forward for the nation building. He appreciated the efforts of Foundation to keep the spirit of Shaheed Bhagat Singh alive among the citizens of Jammu Kashmir since last 40 years. Speaking on the occasion Dr. Taran Singh President Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh Foundation(Regd) and Jewel Bazar Traders Association said that Martyrs laid down their lives to give independence to

our generation. This is now our duty to protect the independence earned after paying heavy price. We have to fight not only external enemy but also internal enemy in shape of anti social elements, Drug mafia which has become big challenge for our independence.

Davidar Bakshi while paying floral tributes to the martyr said that independence is our birth right and the need of the hour is fight hard to protect it by all means. K.S. Risam Ex. Vice Chancellor SKUAST Jammu, Annil Suri were special guests on the occasion.

Advocate Kamal Gupta General Secretary Jewel Bazar Traders Association, Pawan Gupta, Jaswinder Singh KUKU, Mohinder Singh, Mohinder singh fro Paddar, Satish Sharma President Mata Devi Pindi Management Committee, Pawan Kumar, Brijja Mehra, Neeraj gupta, Surinder Jandyal along with other members also presented tributes on the occasion.