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Three IEDs recovered in Ramban. -Excelsior/Pervaiz

3 IEDs found: major terror plot foiled

Out explosions under bridges in the district has been averted. Photographs of three bridges were also found along with the explosives suggesting that they were apparently on the target of the militants who abandoned the bag. The bag was found lying in Bashra-Dharam forests of Sangaldan in Gool sub-division by a joint search party of the Army and police late Wednesday night. Six packets of explosives, 49 rounds of assorted ammunition, one

each safety fuse, battery and detonator and 20 metres electric wire were also recovered from the bag. The officials said the search was launched in the area following inputs about suspicious movement of some people in the area. No arrests were made during the operation, they said, adding that a Bomb Disposal Squad opened the bag this morning and found the three IEDs. A case under relevant sections of law has been registered.

Govt notifies revised minimum wages for all categories

It said skilled work means work which involves skill or competence acquired through experience on the job (for more time as compared to semi-skilled in similar nature of work) or through training as an apprentice in a technical or vocational institute and the performance of which calls for initiative and judgment. Highly skilled work means which calls for a degree or perfection and full competence in the performance of certain tasks including clerical work experience for certain reasonable period and required of worker to assume full responsibility for the judgment or decision involved in the execution of tasks. The order said a notification was published in the Government gazette under the Minimum Wages Act whereby the proposal for revising the minimum rates of wages was issued for inviting objections/suggestions/comments from the persons likely to be affected, within a period of two months. "In pursuance to the notification, 20 objections/suggestions/comments were received by the department within the stipulated period of two months, which were placed before the Advisory Board constituted under the Act, for consultation. The subsequent recommendations made by the Advisory Board were taken into consideration by the Government," the order read. The Advisory Board had earlier said it considered written objections and suggestions expressed by

Azad meets LG, raises issues

Mr. Azad apprised Hon'ble LG about the problems being faced by the fruit growers. Of late, it has turned into a nightmare for them as their fruit laden trucks are being made to wait for days together on Srinagar - Jammu National Highway at some vulnerable spots; resulting in the rotting of the fruits due to long wait to ply. Hurdles in the smooth movement of fruit laden trucks has put the fruit growers to a huge loss. Azad emphasised that fruit laden trucks must be treated like ambulances and allowed hurdle free movement. "This problem, being faced by the fruit growers, needs immediate intervention," Azad said. He further discussed the electricity supply position in the Valley which gets hampered during winters. Azad requested the LG to instruct the concerned authorities to take adequate measures to ensure proper electricity supply during the winters as the cold spell of the season has begun. Azad was assured of all steps to be taken in this direction by the UT administration.

SC delivers split verdict on Hijab row

holding permitting a community to wear its religious symbols will be an "antithesis to secularism" and the other insisting that wearing the Muslim headscarf should be simply a "matter of choice". While Justice Hemant Gupta dismissed the appeals challenging the March 15 judgement of the Karnataka High Court which had refused to lift the ban, Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia held there shall be no restriction on the wearing of hijab anywhere in the schools and colleges of the State. With the Apex Court delivering a split verdict, the High Court's judgement still holds the field. However, the split verdict held off a permanent resolution of the vexed row over Hijab as both Judges suggested placing the matter before a larger bench for adjudication. Writing a separate 73-page judgement, Justice Dhulia said, "By asking the girls to take off their Hijab before they enter the school gates, is first an invasion on their privacy, then it is an

India for normal ties with neighbours

"credible, verifiable and irreversible actions" to not allow any territory under its control to be used for cross border terrorism against it. Minister of State for External Affairs Meenakshi Lekhi said this while addressing the 6th Summit of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) in Astana, Kazakhstan. "Pakistan is the global epicentre of terrorism and continues to be the source of terrorist activities

Home Dept orders in-depth enquiry against Prosecuting Officer arrested with narcotics

rank. "Without prejudice to provisions of the Public Servants Inquiries Act, 1977, no order (other than an order based on facts which had led to his conviction in a criminal court or by a court-martial) of dismissal, removal, or reduction in rank shall be passed on a person who is a member of a civil service, or holds a civil post under the State unless he has been informed in writing of the grounds on which it is proposed to take action and has been afforded adequate opportunity of defending himself", Rule 33 States. The Rule further read: "The grounds on which it is proposed to take action shall be reduced in the form of a definite charge or charges which shall be communicated to the person charged, together with a statement of allegations on which each charge is based and of any other circumstances which it is proposed to take into consideration in passing orders on the case". The proceedings shall contain a sufficient record of the evidence and statement of the findings and the grounds thereof and the competent authority may inquire into the charges itself or if it considers it necessary so to do, it may appoint an Inquiry Officer for the purpose. Management System (eHRMS), induction of officers into the prestigious Indian Administrative/Police Service, conduct of timely DPCs for smooth career progression, updating recruitment

SC to hear petitions challenging J&K Delimitation report on Nov 16

and sought for it to be tagged with the main matter. "How can we tag? The IA can't be heard with this", the Bench said while issuing in that matter. The Ministry of Home Affairs, on behalf of the Union of India and the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir had filed a response along with the Election Commission of India before the Supreme Court in the first week of October, opposing the pleas challenging the formation of the Delimitation Commission. Broadly, the counter relied on three grounds to oppose the petition including Delimitation orders once gazetted cannot be changed, no contradictions in the provisions of J&K Re-Organization Act 2019 and not violative of Article 170 of the Constitution. The Union stated that Section 10(2) of the Delimitation Act, 2002 bars the challenge to the orders of

JERC gives nod to 17.29 % hike in power tariff, projects revenue target of Rs 4116 cr in J&K

According to the order, "the rates for Below Poverty Line consumers have been kept unchanged at Rs 1.25 for upto 30 units per month while as for domestic category consumers, for upto 200 units per month, the rate will be Rs 2 per unit, almost unchanged from before, for 200 to 400 units per month, the rate will be Rs 3.50 per unit, an increase of 6% in 5 years and for more than 400 units per month, the rate will be Rs 3.80 per unit, an increase of 8% in 5 years". "The corresponding rates for Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Haryana and Delhi are Rs 5.95, 6.25, 7.30, 7 and 8 per unit respectively", it the order said. The order further reads that the fixed charges shall be marginally increased from Rs 5.50 per KW per month to Rs 8, the charges for flat metering shall be Rs 175 for the first quarter KW, then an increase of Rs 200 for every quarter KW till a load of 2 KW, beyond which the charges will be Rs 500 for every quarter KW. In the Commercial category, for single phase connections, for upto 200 units per month, the rate will be Rs 3.10 per unit, increase of 7% in 5 years, for single phase connections, for 200 to 500 units per month, the rate will be Rs 4.70 per unit, increase of 9% in 5 years and for Single Phase connections for more than 500 units per month, and for three phase connections at any usage, the rate will be Rs 5.10 per unit. The corresponding rates for Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Haryana and Delhi are in the range of Rs 5.50 to 9 per unit. It adds that the fixed charges shall be marginally increased from Rs 44 per kW per month to Rs 60 for single phase connections, from Rs 104.50 per KW per month to Rs 130 for three phase connections and the charges for flat metering shall be Rs 500 for every quarter KW. In the Agricultural sector, the charges have been rationalised at Rs 0.80 per unit for connections upto 10 HP, Rs 1.00 per unit for connections from 10 to 20 HP and Rs 5.25 per unit for larger connections beyond 20 HP. The fixed charges have been rationalised at Rs 30 per HP per month for all connections. The rate structure has only been simplified as the increase in agricultural category has been minimal. In the LT Industry category, applicable to connections below 100 kW, the charges have been rationalised to Rs 3.65 per KVAH, and fixed charge of Rs 60 per KVA, an overall increase of about 11% in 5 years. There will be a special category called LTIS-II for connections less than 15 HP given to certain small industries eligible for concession as per Government notification and for this category, the fixed charges will be Rs 30 per KVA per month. The HT Industry category, the charges will be Rs 3.60, Rs 3.50 and Rs 3.44 per KVAH for 11 kV, 33kV and 66 kV connections respectively and the fixed charges will be Rs 1.75 per kVA per month for all connections. The increase is about 22% in 5 years, less than the inflation increase of 24% and still significantly less than any other state in the country with an aim to incentivise industrial investments. In the HT Power Intensive Industry category, the charges will be Rs 4.35, Rs 4.30 and Rs 4.23 per KVAH for 11 kV, 33 kV

SIA charge sheets CRPF official, journalist

nalist for sedition. The charge sheet was filed today in a designated NIA court in Srinagar against a serving CRPF official Zulfiqar Ali Khatana son of Altaf Hussain Khatana of Kachawa Kokernag, a militant handler of Jaish-e-Mohammad and Lashkar-e-Toiba and ISI agents. The case against Khatana was registered at police station CIK/SIA Kashmir on the receipt of a credible information through reliable source that a serving constable in CRPF posted in CRPF 171-Bn has conspired with and acted at the behest of Pakistan based militant organization(s) and agents of ISI and collected and provided secret/classified information regarding location of vital defense installations, shared confidential documents thereby aided the enemy/adversary to strategise attacks on India and acted on the instructions received from the adversary in its ongoing campaign undertaken by the enemy in subverting the Government of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir by giving assistance to the enemy. "Investigation was set into motion for the logical conclusion of the case for judicial determination, which has been completed in less than six months period by the SIA (Kashmir)," the SIA said in a statement. The SIA said that it is pertinent to mention here that the militant handlers Yousuf Baloch alias Zarrar alias Qari Maviyah alias Hafiz alias Aziz Bai and agents of ISI across border (based in Pak) have used cyber space for instigating, enticing and motivating Kashmiri youth to join militant ranks and raise funds and provide logistics for running militant modules amongst the handlers in Pakistan their identities are being ascertained and action to expose them and submit evidence against them would follow during the further course of investigation which is continuing. These handlers had motivated the accused to act as their sub-agent and provide the desired confidential information besides, to arrange logistics for infiltrating militants and other required designs for the purpose of sabotage and carrying out attacks on security forces/vital installations to meet the objective of secession

J&K to make significant value addition in India's future economy: Dr Jitendra

there was also need to address the climate related issues to avoid their adverse effect on agriculture sector. He said, agriculture, forestry, and land use change are responsible for about 25 percent of greenhouse gas emissions and mitigation in the agriculture sector is part of the solution to climate change. "The areas which will ensure sustainability of agriculture are genetic innovations for climate-resilient agri-food systems, pest management innovations, biodiversity conservation, carbon neutrality and reducing use of fossil fuels in agriculture," he added. In his concluding remarks, the Union Minister said the challenges of 21st Century ranging from climate changes to pest attacks and conflicts could pose a threat but he was convinced that agricultural scientists were capable enough to help India lead the way. "The three-day international conference is being organized by Indian Ecological Society, in collaboration with SKUAST-Jammu. At the outset, Dr Rajinder Peshin, Organizing Secretary and Coordinator of Indian Ecological Society and International Conference-2022, said that around 300 delegates are participating in the conference. Dr A K Dhawan, President & Co-Chair of IES, briefed about the activities of Indian Ecological Society. Dr Muni Muniappan, Director, Virginia Tech University, USA and Dr K B Kathirai, Vice Chancellor, Anand Agricultural University also spoke on the occasion. During the inaugural session, Dr Mahalingam Govindaraj was awarded Norman E. Borlaug Award endowed by Rockefeller Foundation for his pioneering work and contribution in field research and application. Fellowship awards of the Indian Ecological Society-2022 were given to Dr Vikas Jindal, Dr Vijay Kumar, Dr K K Sood and Dr Vminder Kour. Dr Narinder Singh Raina, Ashok Koul, dignitaries from different countries, statutory officers of the University, staff members and students were also present on the occasion. Vote of thanks was presented by Dr K S Risam, Co-Chair IESIC-2022 and former Vice-Chancellor SKUAST-Jammu. Justice Magrey sworn in as CJ of J&K, Ladakh HC had also prepared and conducted important Public Interest Litigation matters, Constitutional matters, service matters, tax matters, civil matters involving high stakes and important issues, arbitration matters and appeared in Commissions of Inquiry also on behalf of erstwhile State of J&K etc. Traffic cop crushed to death driven unidentified vehicle on the National Highway near Garnai, here late evening. The deceased was identified as 42-year old Mohan Lal, son of Bodh Raj, resident of Dhanu, Udhampur. He was working as SPO with the Traffic Wing of J&K Police and performing duty at Garnai when a rashly driven unidentified vehicle ran over him. The victim reportedly died on the spot while the vehicle involved in the accident fled the scene. Later, body of the deceased was shifted to District Hospital Udhampur for postmortem and other legal formalities. Police have registered a case in this connection and launched a hunt to catch the vehicle involved in the accident. Ufat posted as MD WDC of adjustment in the General Administration Department.

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Nehru's insertion of Art 370 caused Kashmir problem: Shah

national president JP Nadha had flagged off two such yatras. The BJP has planned five yatras, each taking place over eight to nine days, to cover 144 constituencies in the state where Assembly polls are likely to be held by the year-end. The BJP has been ruling Gujarat for the past 27 years. (Agencies)

IAS, JKAS officers shifted, posted

Executive Officer, Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna, relieving Ayushi Sudan, Mission Director, National Health Mission, J&K of the additional charge of the post. Jatin Kishore, awaiting orders of adjustment, was posted as Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Uri, against an available vacancy. He will also hold the charge of the post of Sub-Registrar, Uri, in addition to his own duties, till further orders. Shishir Gupta, awaiting orders of adjustment, has been posted as Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Ramnagar. He will also hold the charge of the post of Sub-Registrar, Ramnagar, in addition to his own duties, till further orders. Gopal Singh, Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Ramnagar, holding additional charge of the post of Sub-Registrar, Ramnagar, was transferred and shall await further orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department. Javid Ahmad Rather, District

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