

It affects women, children: CJ Human trafficking a challenge not limited to weaker sections: LG

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Apr 27: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today described human trafficking as a challenge, besides drug smuggling and illegal arms trade, saying though it is directly linked to social and economic development, it is not limited to weaker sections of society. Speaking at an awareness

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programme on anti-human trafficking here, Sinha called upon the society to collectively fight the challenge.

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LG Manoj Sinha, CJ N Kotiswar Singh and NCW chief Rekha Sharma at a function in Srinagar on Thursday.

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21 IAS, JKAS officers including many DCs transferred

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Apr 27: In a major reshuffle in the civil administration, the Government today ordered transfer and postings of 21 senior officers including IAS, JKAS and Deputy Commissioners.

Baseer-u-Haq Chaudhary, Deputy Commissioner, Pulwama has been transferred and posted as Managing Director, Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited.

Sachin Kumar Vaishy, Deputy Commissioner, Shopian was transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur, vice Kritika Jyotsna, who shall await further orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department.

Choudhary Mohammad Yasin, Managing Director, Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited has been transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, Poonch.

Rakesh Minhas, Managing Director, SIDCO, holding additional charge of Managing Director, SICOP was transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, Kathua, vice Rahul Pandey, who shall await further orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department.

Basharat Qayoom, Deputy Commissioner, Anantnag was transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, Pulwama.

Minga Sherpa, Managing Director, Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Development Corporation has been trans-

ferred and posted as Additional Secretary in the Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat. He shall hold the charge of the posts of Managing Director, Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Development Corporation and Director, Information, J&K, in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

Syed Fakhruddin Hamid, Deputy Commissioner, Budgam was transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, Anantnag.

Fazul Haseeb, Director, Tourism, Kashmir has been transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, Shopian.

Abhishek Sharma, Chief Executive Officer, JaKeGA was transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner Samba.

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India has to play role for youth: Y20 Sectt Chair LG Ladakh inaugurates Y20 pre-summit, top Central officers address delegates

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Apr 27: Lieutenant Governor Brig (Retd) B D Mishra today inaugurated Y20 pre-summit in the presence of over 170 dignitaries including nearly 100 foreign delegates at Sindh Sanskriti Kendra, Leh.

The session among others was attended by Tashi

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Gyalson, Chief Executive Councilor; Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, Member of Parliament, Ladakh; Umang Narula, Advisor to Lt. Governor; Meeta Rajivlochan, Secretary (Youth Affairs); Nagaraj Naidu Kakanur, Joint Secretary,



LG Ladakh Brig (Retd) B D Mishra with delegates at Leh on Thursday.

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and know their way ahead.

"The youth are future of the country because of the potential they have," the LG Ladakh said.

He welcomed the delegates on the behalf of people of Ladakh at the highest meeting point of India at

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Man ends life after being called by cops

Excelsior Correspondent

POONCH, Apr 27: A 50-year-old man who allegedly consumed poison on being called by police for questioning in connection with last week's terror attack in Poonch died today, sparking protests by agitated locals, an official said.

Mukhtar Hussain Shah, a resident of Nar village in this district's Mendhar tehsil, was disturbed as he was facing some domestic issues, he

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India slams Pak for raking up Kashmir at UN

UNITED NATIONS, Apr 27:

India tore into Pakistan after its UN envoy raised the Kashmir issue here, saying no amount of rhetoric and propaganda can change the fact that the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh are and will always be an "inalienable" part of the country.

Counsellor in India's Permanent Mission to the UN Pratik Mathur's remarks came after Pakistan's Permanent Representative at the UN Munir Akram spoke about Jammu and Kashmir in his

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Centre to give spl leave for organ donation

NEW DELHI, Apr 27:

The Centre has decided to grant 42 days of special casual leave to its employees for organ donation considering the time taken for recovery after the major surgery.

At present, there is a provision for 30 days of such special leaves.

"Organ removal from a donor is a major surgery, which requires time for recovery, including both hospitalisation and post hospitalisation periods," an order issued by the Personnel Ministry said.

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SIU charge sheets 2 militants

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Apr 27: The Special Investigation Unit (SIU) of police today filed charge sheet before the Court of NIA Baramulla against two persons including a hybrid militant and an active militant.

A police spokesman said that on the 7th of November 2022, three Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) were recovered by Sopore Police and accordingly a case was registered in Police Station Sopore.

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BDOs, CDPOs, DSWOs appointed ECI nominates AEROs for all 90 Assembly seats in J&K

Sanjeev Pargal

***Summary Revision to be completed on May 27**

JAMMU, Apr 27: The Election Commission of India (ECI) today ordered appointment of dedicated Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (AEROs) for all 90 Assembly constituencies of Jammu and Kashmir where Assembly elections are due but Special Summary Revision is going on and final electoral rolls are scheduled to be published on May 27.

An order to this effect was issued by the ECI today. "In exercise of the power conferred by Sub-Section (1) of Section 13 (C) of the Representation of People Act (RPA) 1950 (43 of 1950), the Election Commission of India has appointed each of the offi-

cers of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir as specified as dedicated Assistant Electoral Registration Officers to assist the Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) of the Assembly constituency," the Election Commission order read.

It mentioned designation of the officers who have been appointed as AEROs against all 90 Assembly constituencies of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Block Development Officers (BDO), Child Development Project Officers (CDPOs), Project Officers, Deputy Registrars, Assistant Regional Transport Officers (ARTOs), Anti-

Encroachment Officers, Assistant Directors, District Panchayat Officers, District Social Welfare Officers, District Mining Officers etc have mostly been designated as AEROs of 90 Assembly constituencies.

A separate order issued by the Election Commission of India has also designated two AEROs for Ladakh Parliamentary constituency.

Special Summary Revision of Electoral Rolls is on in Jammu and Kashmir and May 6 is last date for claims and objections. Final rolls will be published on May 27.

Jammu and Kashmir (Contd on page 4 Col 3)

MP High Court Judge Justice Sreedharan transferred to J&K HC

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Apr 27: Justice Atul Sreedharan, Judge of the Madhya Pradesh High Court has been transferred to High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

As per the notification



issued by Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India, in exercise of the power conferred by clause (1) of Article 222 of the Constitution of India, the President, after consultation with the Chief Justice of

India, has transferred Justice Atul Sreedharan, Judge of the Madhya Pradesh High Court, as a Judge of High Court of J&K and Ladakh with the direction to assume charge of his office in J&K and Ladakh High Court.

Last month, the Supreme Court Collegium accepted Justice Sreedharan's request to transfer him out of the State as his daughter, a law student, will start practising in the district courts and before the Indore Bench of the High Court starting next year.

The five-member Collegium headed by Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud in a resolution dated March 28 said that in a communication dated January 23, 2023, Justice Atul Sreedharan, who was appointed as a Judge of the MP High Court on April 7,

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India, China Defence Ministers meet Rajnath for resolving all issues as per bilateral pact

NEW DELHI, Apr 27:

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh today conveyed to his Chinese counterpart Li Shangfu that development of India-China ties is premised on prevalence of peace at the border and all issues must be resolved in accordance with existing bilateral agreements.

Singh said this at a bilateral meeting with Li amid the three-year border row along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh that has significantly strained ties between the two sides.

The talks took place hours after Li arrived in New Delhi to attend a meeting of Defence Ministers of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) being

hosted by India on Friday. In a statement, the Defence Ministry said the two Ministers had "frank" discussions about the developments in the India-China border areas as well as bilateral relations.

"The Raksha Mantri categorically conveyed that development of relations between India and China is premised on prevalence of peace and tranquillity at the borders," it said.

"He added that all issues at the LAC need to be resolved in accordance with existing bilateral agreements and commitments," the ministry said.

It said Singh reiterated that violation of existing agreements has "eroded" the entire basis of bilateral relations and disengagement at

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Army to operationalize Command Cyber Ops Top Comdrs review security scenario, operational preparedness of troops

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Apr 27: The Army has decided to operationalise Command Cyber Operations and Support Wings as part of an overall approach to absorb niche technologies and modernise its online networks.

The decision to have dedicated cyber operations wings was taken at the Army Commanders Conference that took place from April 17 to 21.

With rapid migration towards net centricity, which entails an increased reliance on modern communication systems, the Army commanders reviewed the requirement to safeguard the networks and decided to operationalise Command Cyber Operations and

Support Wings (CCOSW) in the immediate future, the Army said.

The Army Commanders and senior functionaries took stock of current emerging security scenarios and reviewed operational preparedness and readiness of the Indian Army.

Sources said a large number of niche technology-enabled equipment are being inducted into the Indian Army including swarm drones, loitering weapon systems and anti-drone equipment.

The expansion of cyber warfare capabilities by India's adversaries has made the cyber domain more competitive and contested than ever before, they said.

"In order to augment the capabilities of the

'Colossal loss of human lives totally unacceptable' HC constitutes committee for implementation of Central Electricity Act, Safety Regulations

Mohinder Verma

***Says PDD treating electrocution cases as mere accidents**

JAMMU, Apr 27: In order to prevent deaths due to electrocution as well as bodily injuries, the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh has constituted a committee of senior officers of both the Union Territories to ensure effective implementation of Electricity Act, 2003 and Central Electricity Authority (Measures Relating to Safety and Electric Supply) Regulations, 2010 with the observation that death caused due to failure to follow electricity supply measures by concerned authorities infringes upon the indefeasible constitutional rights of the citizens.

While awarding compensation of Rs 10 lakh to the

family members of casual labourer of the Power Development Department namely Jatinder Kumar, who died due to negligence on the part of officials of the department, Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal observed, "the Electricity Act 2003 has been made applicable to Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir with effect from October 31, 2019. Further, in exercise of powers conferred by Section 177 of the Electricity Act, Central Electricity Authority has enacted regulations for measures relating to safety and electric supply".

"These rules have been framed with the object that while providing robust elec-

tricity infrastructure, safety measures are provided to prevent humans and animals from being electrocuted. However, this court has recently come across various cases, wherein, people died due to electrocution across Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir", Justice Nargal said, adding "it appears that deaths due to electrocution as well as bodily injuries due to electric shocks are ignored as mere accidents. Also it appears that safety measures, at all times, related to the installation of electricity infrastructure like installation of transmission lines and transformers are usually ignored".

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Rains lash J&K, erratic weather forecast till May 4 Youth dies as boulder falls on house, truck rolls down with landslide on NH

Gopal Sharma/ Fayaz Bukhari

JAMMU/SRINAGAR, Apr 27: A youth was killed and another seriously injured after a boulder fell on a house in Kishtwar area during wee hours today while a driver and co-driver were injured when a truck rolled down along with massive landslide on Jammu-Srinagar National Highway in Banihal area this evening.

Official sources said that a teenager was killed after a massive boulder rolled down a hill during a rain-triggered landslide and hit his house in Kishtwar district early today. Two people were trapped under the debris of the house. While 19-year-old Arshad was killed in the incident,



Massive traffic jam in Ramban due to single passage on highway on Thursday. Another pic on page 11.

Rashid (17) was rescued, they said. The officials said the other occupants of the house are safe. The incident took place between 3:30 am and 4 am in Thakurai area. Loyedhar Sarpanch Mohd Rafi Shah said the village is located at the foot of the hill and there is always the threat of boulders rolling down during a landslide. There was a major incident some years ago and now again there has been one, he said and demanded that the Government must take some measures for the safety of the

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