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**Top Army Comdrs discuss Eastern Ladakh situation in Leh, review preparedness**

carried out by the IAF in the past and other potential services which the IAF can extend to the Union Territory of Ladakh.

Brig Mishra emphasised the need to plan the operation of IAF flights in Ladakh during winter in advance to avoid any confusion and inconvenience to the officials as well as passengers travelling to Leh, Kargil or Thoise.

**Major General Yash Ahlawat, General Officer Commanding (GOC) 25 Infantry Division also called on Brig Mishra. They discussed various defence issues of national interest.**

It may be mentioned here that more than 50,000 troops of the Chinese military have been deployed along the LAC opposite Eastern Ladakh since 2020.

India has also deployed multiple new formations in the area to prevent any possible future aggression by the Chinese. The infrastructure development in the area has also been expedited and the world's highest motorable road has been built in eastern

Ladakh at the Umting La Pass. The road has helped in promoting connectivity to the forward locations where Indian and Chinese troops have been deployed opposite each other for the last three years now.

The militaries of the two countries have held 18 rounds of high-level talks so far with an objective of taking forward the disengagement process in the remaining friction points in the Ladakh region along the LAC in Eastern Ladakh.

The 18th round of high-level military talks between the two sides were held on April 23 during which they agreed to stay in close touch and work out a mutually acceptable solution to the remaining issues in Eastern Ladakh at the earliest.

The two sides completed disengagement in several areas following extensive diplomatic and military talks.

The Eastern Ladakh border standoff erupted on May 5, 2020, following a violent clash in the Pangong lake area.

**4 die in two road accidents in Rajouri, Kishtwar**

ten-month-old baby girl, Shahnaz Akhtar, daughter of Altaf Shah was under treatment in GMC Rajouri.

Immediately after mishap, the injured were shifted to CHC Kandi by the locals and police team led by SHO Budhal. The injured after first-aid at CHC Kandi were referred to GMC's Associated Hospital Rajouri. Police have registered a case vide FIR number 47/2023 u/s 279, 337 and investigation started.

Another report from Kishtwar said that the driver was killed and co-passenger critically injured, when a private car fell into a deep gorge in Sinthan Top area during morning hours today.

Official sources said that mishap took place when the vehicle bearing registration No.

JK04D/5019 was on way to Kishtwar from Anantnag side. At a sharp curve, the driver lost control and the vehicle rolled down into a deep gorge.

The mishap took place at around 8 am and somebody spotted the vehicle rolling down and informed police. The Army men from the nearby unit also reached there. The injured were rescued and shifted to Chhatroo hospital where one of them was declared as brought dead. He was identified as Latief Ahmed Malik, son of Abdul Rashid Malik, resident of Anantnag. The injured identified as Mohd Amir Wani, son of Mohd Ilyas Wani, resident of Batpora in Anantnag was shifted to GMC Anantnag. The police has taken cognizance of the matter.

**Courts to observe summer vacations from June 19**

Justice Wasim Saadiq Nargal will be Vacation Judge from July 3 to July 8 (both day inclusive) for Srinagar Wing.

The Subordinate Courts will remain closed for summer vacations from June 19 to July 3.

According to the order issued by Principal Sessions Judge Jammu Sanjay Parihar, Deepak Sethi, Additional Sessions Judge Jammu will be Vacation Sessions Judge from June 19 to June 22, Sudhir Kumar Khajuria Presiding Officer Fast Track Court Jammu will be Vacation Sessions Judge from June 23 to June 26, Chain

Lal Bavoria, 2nd Additional District & Sessions Judge Jammu will be Vacation Sessions Judge from June 27 to June 30 and Jatinder Singh Jamwal, 3rd Additional Sessions Judge Jammu will be Vacations Sessions Judge from July 1 to July 3.

According to another order issued by Chief Judicial Magistrate Jammu, Tarun Mahajan, Munisif Jammu will be the Duty Magistrate from June 19 to June 23, Sumati Sharma Special Mobile Magistrate (13 FC) Jammu will be Duty Magistrate from June 24 to June 28 and Rajiv Kumar Special Railway Magistrate Jammu will be Duty Magistrate Jammu from June 29 to July 3.

**JERC frames Regulations to monitor performance of electricity distribution licenses of J&K, Ladakh**

may be imposed or prosecution be initiated, shall be liable to pay such compensation to the affected person as may be determined by the Appropriate Commission", the Regulations said while quoting the legal provision.

Within next three months, every distribution licensee will publish a "manual of practice for handling customer complaints" and each licensee will devise its own processes at call centers, customer care centers, service centers and help desk to handle consumer complaints. Moreover, there will be an IT enabled centralized round the clock toll-free customer care centre at licensee headquarter for registering complaints.

"Each licensee shall furnish to the Commission quarterly report providing information about performance levels achieved by licensee with reference to the guaranteed standards; measures taken to improve the performance and details regarding the cases in which compensation was paid", read the Regulations.

The Regulations further state: "A power interruption shall include any outage in the distribution system, extending from the distribution substation to the consumer meter, which may be due to the tripping action of protective devices during faults or the failure of distribution lines and/or transformers, and which results in the loss of power supply to one or more consumers".

However, the application of the standard of performance will remain suspended in case of force majeure events such as war, mutiny, civil commotion, riots, flood, cyclone, lightning, earthquake or other force and strike, lockout, fire affecting licensee's installations and activities; outages

due to generation failure or transmission network failure; outages that are initiated by the National Load Dispatch Centre/ Regional Load Dispatch Centre/ State Load Dispatch Centre during the occurrence of failure of their facilities etc.

As per the Guaranteed Standards of Performance, the response time for the consumer call shall be 3 minutes and any delay in the response time beyond standard time allowed shall be subject to compensation. Similarly, the registration of consumer call after the first response shall be completed in 5 minutes and any delay beyond standard time allowed shall be subject to compensation.

In case of fuse blown out or MCB tripped, maximum time limit for restoration will be within four hours for urban areas, within eight hours for rural areas and within 16 hours for remote areas.

In case of service line broken/snapped from the pole, the maximum time limit for restoration is within six hours for urban areas, within 12 hours for rural areas and within 24 hours for remote areas.

The distribution licensees shall ensure replacement of failed transformer within 24 hours in urban areas, within 48 hours in rural areas and within 96 hours in remote areas while as temporary restoration of supply through mobile transformer or another backup source shall be ensured within six hours in urban areas, within 12 hours in rural areas and within 24 hours in remote areas.

Similarly, time-frame has been fixed in case of problem in grid/sub-station, addressing complaints about meters, shifting of meters/service lines, issuance of new connections/additional load.

**Court to hear charges in JKCA scam on July 6**

accused persons involved in the case and kept the matter for further hearing with regard to involvement of National Conference president Dr Farooq Abdullah.

The court of Principal District and Sessions Judge presided by Jawad Ahmad heard the case as the Investigation Officer of CBI was present in the court as he was previously directed and on asking by the court with regard to investigation, the said IO informed the court about the involvement of former General Secretary, Treasurer and Branch Manager for the misappropriation of funds provided by the BCCI to the JKCA.

The involvement of three other accused has remained unexplained as the court time was over and the IO submitted the court that apart from Farooq Abdullah other two accused have become approvers in the case and they are now prosecution witnesses and so far as the involvement of misappropriation of funds by Farooq Abdullah, the court asked the IO to explain his part on next date i.e July 6. Court is hearing the case as to whether the charges are held against the accused persons order they be discharged from the accusations of the challan.

The IO at the very threshold of the hearing submitted to the court that the CBI has established as to how the funds transferred by BCI to JKCA accounts have been transferred to the personal accounts of the accused in the challan.

The IO informed the court that the BCI has transferred the amount to three accounts of JKCA in AIR Cargo, Zoonimar and Khanyar branches of the bank and the accused have managed to transfer the amount which is in crores to their personal accounts.

Court has been informed that when the misappropriation of funds surfaced as the audit was carried out and subsequently a committee was constituted in this regard and the accused agreed with the short-

Court has further been apprised that apart from the swindled amount there were 34 FDRs of Rs 1 crore each with the JKCA which later have been recovered and utilized for the welfare of Association. When asked to IO as to how the allegation leveled are established, the IO submitted before the court that the treasurer of the JKCA was not elected but was given back door entry by accused-Abdullah till 2003 and it is in 2003 he was elected as treasurer of JKCA.

The counsel appearing for and on behalf of Abdullah refuted these submissions made by the IO and submitted to the court that facts are baseless and false as his client (Abdullah) has himself had initiated an in-house enquiry into the misappropriation of funds at the relevant point of time.

It has emerged during investigation that a total amount of Rs. 1,12,33,04,618 (approx) had been paid by the BCCI to JKCA during April 2002 to 31.12.11 as annual grants.

The investigation of the case was entrusted to the CBI by the High Court with the direction to conclude the investigation into the matter within six months. CBI has traced those accounts which have been opened clandestinely and operated by the then office bearers of JKCA for siphoning off the funds of JKCA as also money flow chart has been prepared.

The charge sheet produced by the CBI before the trial court apart from other office bearers of JKCA, the name of National Conference President-Farooq Abdullah and the then office bearers of JK Cricket Association have been mentioned in the challan.

The court today has also heard the challan with regard to money laundering of JKCA amount which was registered after the challan filed by the CBI. The challan of money laundering reveals as to how the JKCA misappropriated money has been laundered in various accounts.

**Sacrifice of Galwan martyrs will continue to inspire generations: DM**

Following the escalation in tension in the eastern Ladakh standoff, the Army has taken a series of measures to boost its operational capabilities in the eastern sector that include procurement of all terrain vehicles, precision guided ammunition, high-tech surveillance equipment, radars and weapons.

Meanwhile, the Congress today alleged that the Modi Government is responsible for not maintaining status quo ante at the Line of Actual Control, saying it is wearing "tinted Chinese glasses".

On the third anniversary of the Galwan clash, the Congress paid homage to the 20 Army personnel martyred in the clash with Chinese troops in Eastern Ladakh.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge alleged that India has lost possession of 26 patrolling points out of 65, and said it will continue to show the mirror of truth to the Modi Government.

"The Modi Government is responsible for not maintaining the status quo ante at the LAC. We have lost possession of 26 Patrolling Points (PP) out of 65. We have attempted to raise this

issue several times in Parliament, but the Modi Government wants to keep fellow Indians in the dark," Kharge charged on Twitter.

He also alleged that PM Narendra Modi's "clean chit" to China on Galwan is responsible for Beijing achieving its nefarious designs.

"This is a body blow to our national security and territorial integrity," he said.

"The Modi Government's Laal Aankh is becoming blurred, on which it is wearing tinted Chinese glasses," Kharge said.

As a responsible opposition, the Congress chief said, "Our job is to keep the country united against the Chinese expansionist policy and to show the mirror of truth to the Modi Government".

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi also paid tribute to the personnel martyred in Galwan Valley.

"Salute to all our brave soldiers who were martyred in the Galwan Valley this day. India will always remember the supreme sacrifice made by them to protect the country's borders," he said in a tweet.

**Peace first requirement for development, education: LG**

the learning process engaging and collaborative, and provide the children with the space to enrich their personality and individuality.

"The learning environment that exists beyond syllabus sows the seeds of curiosity, creativity and individuality in the children. Education must inculcate curiosity in young minds, provide an opportunity to their inner creativity to shine and help them to achieve their individuality," he added.

"Education awakens the mind, instills doubt and curiosity in the students, and ignites critical thinking, scientific temper and creativity. It nurtures their unique personality. Children are the future of our nation and they need to learn skills that will prepare them for the real world," he said.

"It is collective responsibility of teachers and school management to transform the school campus into a campus of curiosity, where the focus is on creativity rather than rote learning and where the innovativeness of the children is rewarded and not just top marks," he added.

The LG also talked about the reforms introduced, over the past few years, to overhaul the education sector.

"Under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, an unprecedented task of transforming the entire education system through the National Education Policy is underway," he said.

"Our focus is to make education a powerful medium for independent research, growth of inde-

pendent ideas and the classrooms to be a place where dreams and aspirations are born," he observed.

Sinha highlighted the important role of teachers in empowering students through modern and traditional knowledge.

"Artificial Intelligence has brought unprecedented change in every sphere of our lives. Soon, AI-powered schools will provide customized education, enhance capability of children but despite this advanced technology only teachers will be able to provide Education of Conscience," he said.

"Teachers' task is not to finish syllabus but to hone raw potential within the children and to transform learning journey into a creative, engaging and collaborative way. They should put every child through this process so that he or she can recognize the inner courage, inner voice and wisdom," he added.

Vijay Dhar, Chairman DPS Srinagar highlighted the achievements of the School including learning school and virtual interface developed for specially-abled children. He stressed on the need for public and private schools to come together to extend quality education to all.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor took round of the learning and recreational centre for specially-abled children in the school.

Mohammad Ajaz, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar; Sujit Kumar DIG; Smt Kiran Dhar, Pro Vice Chairperson, DPS Srinagar; Shafaq Afshan, Principal; teachers and large number of students of DPS were present.

**Strong winds, rains as cyclone makes landfall in Gujarat**

and was likely to be completed over land by midnight, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said in its latest update.

The eye of the cyclone, which was churning across the Arabian Sea for more than 10 days, was located around 20 km southwest of Jakhau port, 120 km northwest of Devbhumi Dwarka and 50 km west-southwest of Naliya, the Met department said.

"The landfall of the cyclone will continue till midnight after which it is likely to convert into 'cyclonic storm' by tomorrow (Friday) morning," IMD Ahmedabad director Manorama Mohanty said. Landfall indicates a cyclonic storm moving over land after being over water.

"By midnight, the intensity of wind will reduce as the cyclone converts to 'severe cyclonic storm.' It will further reduce by Friday morning and become normal by tomorrow evening," she said. Some part of the eye of the cyclone, which is of around 50 km diameter, has entered the land near Jakhau port and is moving in the north-east direction, said Mohanty.

"Some more part of the eye remains and will enter by around 11 pm. The entire system will enter land around midnight," she said.

While approaching the Gujarat coast, the cyclone moved with a speed of 13 kmph. During the landfall, the wind speed was 115-125 kmph gusting to 140 kmph, the IMD said. It has defined Saurashtra-Kutch and adjoining Pakistan coasts as the area of the landfall of the cyclone, and area near Jakhau port between Mandvi in Kutch district and Karachi in Pakistan as the landfall point. The cyclone will bring heavy to very heavy with isolated extremely heavy rainfall at a few places in districts of Kutch, Devbhumi Dwarka and Jamnagar, and heavy to very heavy rainfall at a few places in Porbandar, Rajkot, Morbi and Junagadh districts, said the IMD.

It also forecast gale wind speed reaching 115-125 kmph gusting to 135 kmph along and off Kutch, Devbhumi Dwarka and Porbandar coasts. "Astronomical tide" of up to 3-6 metres in different places along Gujarat coasts was likely to inundate the low-lying areas during landfall, it said.

Tides of up to 7.5 metres were recorded at Navlakhi in the region, and 6.8 metres near Deendayal port, the met department said. The state government said it has deployed 631 medical teams and 504 ambulances in the eight affected districts to meet all possible contingencies.

The State administration said that till Thursday evening it shifted more than 94,000 persons living in the eight coastal districts to temporary shelters. Apart from teams of NDRF and SDRF, Indian Army, Navy, Air Force, Indian Coast

Guard and Border Security Force (BSF) are geared up for relief and rescue operations, officials said.

The Army has deployed 27 relief columns across Gujarat -- at Bhuj, Jamnagar, Gandhidham, Dhrangadhra as well as forward locations at Naliya, Dwarka and Mandvi, defence PRO N Manish said. The IAF has kept one helicopter on standby each at Vadodra, Ahmedabad and Delhi.

The Indian Navy has positioned 10-15 teams each consisting of five people of diverse and good swimmers at Okha, Porbandar and Bakasura for rescue and relief, Manish said. Eight Indian Coast Guard stations in Gujarat have been kept in the highest states of readiness with 15 ships and seven aircraft for at search and rescue operations.

In addition, 23 disaster relief teams have been positioned, the PRO said. The BSF has mobilised requisite resources for rescue operations and established coordination with civil administration for support to local population, with about 50 villagers of Gunao village located close to Jakhau coast shifted to its outpost, it said. Until 7 pm, there was no report of any loss of life, said Gujarat Minister of State for Home Harsh Sanghavi said.

"Three persons sustained injuries in Devbhoomi Dwarka district after a tree fall and they are being treated. Teams of the Gujarat police, the NDRF and the Army are working at ground level in different parts of Dwarka to remove uprooted trees and electric poles," Sanghavi said.

The information and broadcasting ministry has asked media organisations, including television channels, to take "abundant precaution" while deploying their personnel to cover cyclone Biparjoy to ensure their safety.

Fishing boats have been anchored, large ships sent to high seas, more than 4,000 hoardings taken down and salt pan workers and pregnant women have been taken to safer places as authorities have evacuated about 1 lakh people in Gujarat in the wake of the cyclone 'Biparjoy', NDRF DG Atul Karwal said in New Delhi.

The head of the federal contingency force said the NDRF has also kept on alert 15 teams in the north, east and south of the country to airlift them and reinforce the strength of the teams which have been earmarked for cyclone relief and rescue work in Gujarat and Maharashtra.

"We have 18 teams deployed and kept on stand-by to undertake quick rescue operations in Gujarat," he said.

"Our aim is to ensure that the loss of lives and property remains minimum and we have equipped our teams with tree and pole cutters to ensure communication links are kept open and restored quickly once the cyclonic effect is over," said Karwal. (PTI)



Arms and ammunition recovered by security forces in Poonch on Thursday.

**Arms haul on LoC in Poonch**

consignment of arms and ammunition today.

Officials said the seizure, including steel core bullets and Pakistan-made medicines, was made during a search operation in Krishna Ghati sector conducted jointly by Army, Poonch police and 38 Bn CRPF.

"In a joint operation, alert troops of the Indian Army and Jammu and Kashmir Police foiled an infiltration bid along the LoC in Krishna Ghati sector on the intervening night of June 14 and 15," the officials said.

In the operation, one weapon, two pouches and two rucksacks were seized. The recovered items include one AK-74 rifle with nine magazines and 438 rounds, two pistols with four magazines and 60 rounds, six hand grenades, clothing and medicines.

"By this swift action another infiltration bid has been foiled, which had the potential to disturb peace in Poonch district," the officials said.

**SIU attaches property of Pak based militant**

land measuring 26 Kanals and 4 Marlas belonging to Almas Rizwan Khan, a resident of Diver Lolab, who is operating from Pakistan was attached by the SIU Kupwara following investigation of an FIR.

"Following extensive intelligence gathering and meticulous investigations in case FIR No.276/2022 of Police Station Kupwara registered under Sections 120-B, 121, 121-A, 122, 123 IPC & 17, 18, 18-A, 18-B, 20, 38, 39, 40 of UA(PA), the team of SIU Kupwara Police led to the identification and subsequent attachment of the terrorist's property of land measuring 26 Kanals and 4 Marlas located at three different locations within the district at Diver Lolab," the spokesman said, adding this measure aims to disrupt his illicit network and restrict his ability to carry out further acts of terror.

They said Army troops opened fire after picking up the movement of suspected terrorists attempting to sneak into this side from across the border late last night.

However, the militants managed to escape taking advantage of thick foliage and darkness, leaving behind the consignment of arms and ammunition.

The operation in the area continued till this evening. Police have registered a case under Section 7/25 Indian Arms Act, 4/5 ESA and Section 13/16/18 & 39 of Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) at Poonch Police Station and started further investigations under the supervision of SSP Poonch Vinay Sharma.

Separately, police assisted by the Army also launched a cordon and search operation in Makhayala and Bainch villages following reports of suspicious movement.

However, no one was arrested during the operation.

**Pro-Khalistani activist Avtar Singh dies in UK hospital**

LONDON, June 15:

Avtar Singh Purba alias Khanda, a prominent pro-Khalistani activist who was involved in the attack on the Indian High Commission in London, died at a hospital in the city of Birmingham this morning after a prolonged illness, a UK-based Sikh organisation said in a statement.

Sikh Federation UK, which has styled itself as one of the largest Sikh organisations based in the UK, said Avtar Singh was terminally ill in blood cancer. He was on a life support system for the last few days.

Wanted in conspiracy to kill Sukhbir Singh Badal (President of Shiromani Akali Dal-B), former Punjab DGP Smedh Singh Saini and senior advocate Rajwinder Singh Bains, Avtar Singh was allegedly involved in terrorist activities in the UK by joining the banned Khalistan Liberation Force (KLF) remnants active in Britain and other countries.

Avtar Singh, who initially went to UK in 2007 on study visa but later took asylum there in 2012 and never returned since then, was linked to anti-India activities including the attack on the tricolour at the High Commission of India in London earlier this year -- allegations that he had denied. His family still resides in Purana in Moga district.

"It is with the greatest sadness that we share the shocking news that the young Panthic Activist Bhai Avtar Singh Khanda (35) has passed away in a Birmingham hospital this morning," Jaspal Singh, National Press Secretary of Sikh Federation UK, said in a statement.

The organisation went on to attack the Indian authorities for running a "hate campaign" against Avtar Singh and his family because of his close family ties with pro-Khalistani activists Deep Sidhu, who died in a road accident in February last year, and Amritpal Singh, a radical preacher who is currently in an Indian jail.(PTI)

**Govt sets process in motion for ULB elections**

Department will place a formal request before the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) for undertaking revision of electoral rolls in the Municipal areas. His terms of reference also include inclusion/ exclusion of Wards in consultation with concerned Municipal Corporations and Municipalities. The Government has also ordered that the Deputy Director/ Secretary of respective ULBs/ Municipal Corporations shall provide all assistance and proper coordination to the Nodal Officer for smooth conduct of Municipal elections, 2023. "The term of the incumbent Municipal Corporations and other Municipalities is ending in the month of October-November. The last ULB polls in Jammu & Kashmir were held in the month of October 2018 when the erstwhile State was under Governor's Rule.

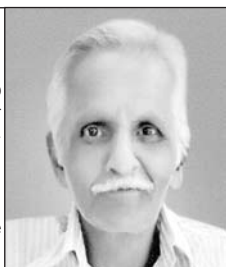
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**OBITUARY**

**MOURNING FROM MALUN SIDE**

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our brother-in-law **Sh. Tej Krishan Kak** husband of our dear sister Prabhka Koul (Usha Ji) resident of H. No. 91-E, Bharat Nagar, behind Kamla Palace, Talab Tillo, Jammu. The Mourning From Malun Side will be held at above mentioned address.

**Grief Stricken**  
Smt. Indrawati Koul- Mother  
**Brother & Bhabhi**  
Smt. Babli Koul W/o Shri Surinder Koul  
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Sh. Tej Krishan Kak

**CONDOLENCE**

We express heartfelt condolence on the sad demise of our beloved Mrs. Nirmala Bali W/o Sh. Avtar Krishan Bali originally resident of Mirgund, Kunzar (Baramulla) left for heavenly abode on 15/6/2023 at Presently residing at H.No. 197-C, Lane 4, Sector 1, Durga Nagar (Near Krishna Palace) Jammu. **DEEPLY MISSED AND REMEMBERED BY** Sh. Avtar Krishan Bali (husband) Sh. Hira Lal Bali (Brother-in-law) (Sister-in-law & Brother-in-law) Smt. Princy Bali & Sh. Sandesh Bali Ajaysh Bali & Piyush Bali (Nephews) Smt. Shama Bhat (Sister-in-law) (Sisters-in-law & Brother-in-laws) Smt. Desha Tickoo & Sh. Hira Lal Tickoo Smt. Asha Razdan & Sh. Sanjay Razdan Mobile : 959646041, 789958691, 6005445901



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