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Money generated from narcotics being used to fund terror: DGP

action will be taken if the need arises.

"Politicians will play politics but the police and the forces have to do their own work. It is not good on the part of anyone, whether a politician or otherwise, to do something that will vitiate the peaceful atmosphere. People should desist from such things," he said.

The police chief said, "We have opposed such type of actions (criticism of police) and when, at times, the things move beyond a limit, action is being taken accord-

ingly."

Speaking on the security arrangements for the upcoming G20 meetings, Singh said necessary measures would be ensured for the events' success.

"It is a proud moment for all of us that a few G20 events are being organised in Jammu and Kashmir. We are making adequate arrangements to ensure security.

"Such types of events are meant for the betterment of the people who are expected to participate in large numbers," he said.

HC seeks personal appearance of FCR, Revenue Secretary for non-compliance of clear direction

"It is pertinent to mention here that the Writ Court judgment in the present case proceeded squarely on merits and on the basis of the judgment dated 31.07.2017 passed in a Writ Petition SWP No. 1462/2017 further confirmed in LPAOW No. 150/2017 in terms of judgment dated 13.09.2017 based upon which the writ petitioners in said writ petition SWP No. 1462/2017 came to be adjusted as Patwaris on substantive basis", Justice Bharti said.

He further said, "it is by reference to the factual and legal position so obtaining in Writ Petition SWP No. 1462/2017 found to be identical placed with the factual and legal situation of the petitioners in the Writ Petitions in SWP Nos. 2688/2015, 1234/2018, 2807/2015 & 1213/2012 that the Writ Court came up with the direction into the writ respondents to consider the case of all the writ petitioners in these writ petitions and pass a similar order in favour of the petitioners".

"Now by saying that the case of the petitioners in SWP No. 1462/2017 in terms of their

appointment as Patwari is an aberration, the contemnors in the present case cannot escape from the legal obligation to act in compliance with the judgment of the Writ Court in the present case even if that compliance has to be on the side of aberration", Justice Bharti said, adding "it is for this court to attend to grant of relief in case of the petitioners. Relief granted even if factually or legally untenable so long as is not upset by the superior court through its indulgence to the appellate side jurisdiction, compliance to the relief so given cannot be excused on the part of the respondents who are obliged to act in compliance".

Taking serious note of non-compliance, Justice Bharti said, "this court is left constrained to act in furtherance of order dated 21.12.2022 and direct personal appearance of Piyush Singla, Commissioner Secretary Revenue Department and Shaheen Kabra, Financial Commissioner Revenue in person before this court on the next date of hearing".

Some people have mindset that no taxes have to be paid to Indian Govt, don't fall in their trap: LG

of development because of the efforts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Charging previous dispensations with giving jobs to their favourites, Sinha said such persons were not attending to their offices earlier but now they have to go. He said 47 officials have been sacked and more will be removed.

He declared that Jammu and Kashmir will always remain an integral part of India.

The Property Tax in Jammu and Kashmir is the lowest as compared to other States. Sinha said at the 'Youth Festival', adding there are around 5,20,000 houses in cities of J&K and out of them, 2,06,000 houses are less than 1000 sq ft and they have been exempted from purview of Property Tax.

This means 40 percent population is out of Property Tax ambit, he said.

"As many as 2,03,600 houses are less than 1500 sq ft and 80% of these households will have to pay

less than Rs 600 per annum. This amount is one-tenth of the tax amount being paid in Shimla, Ambala and Dehradun," the Lt Governor said.

Nearly 46,000 out of 1,01,000 shops in city areas are less than 100 sq ft and they will have to pay up to Rs 700 per annum. Out of these 46,000 shops, 80% will have to pay a meager Rs 600 per annum/ Rs 50 per month.

Around 30,000 shops will have to pay taxes below Rs 2000 per annum and out of these, 20,000 will have to pay less than Rs 1500 which is also one-tenth of the amount being paid in Shimla, Ambala and Dehradun, Sinha noted.

Man shoots himself dead in Doda

is a Village Defence Guard (VDG) member who is allotted a rifle.

Kumar reportedly used the weapon to kill himself, the officer said. The motive behind him taking such an extreme step was not known immediately, he said, adding police have registered a case and further investigation is on.

The body has been sent for post-mortem and will be handed over to his family for last rites after completion of legal formalities, he said.

VDGs, formerly known as Village Defence Committees, comprise local volunteers and policemen to guard remote hilly villages against terror attacks.

9 Oppn parties' leaders write to PM on 'misuse' of Central agencies

Dal), Sanjay Raut (Shiv Sena), Azam Khan (Samajwadi Party), Nawab Malik, Anil Deshmukh (NCP), Abhishek Banerjee (TMC), Central agencies have often sparked suspicion that they were working as extended wings of the Centre," they said.

It is clear that the agencies have their priorities misplaced. Following the publication of an international forensic financial research report, SBI and LIC have reportedly lost over Rs 78,000 crore in market capitalisation of their shares due to exposure to a certain firm, they alleged.

Pointing to Governors of Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Telangana and the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, the leaders charged these offices with acting in violation of the constitutional provisions and frequently hindering the governance of the State. (PTT)

6 grenades recovered



Grenades and ammunition recovered in Rajouri on Sunday.

—Excelsior/Imran of Manjakote tehsil, officials said.

They said the grenades and ammunition, which were found buried, are in a rusted condition

indicating that these items were kept there a long back.

The material was seized immediately after police were informed about it by the locals.

Even after one year, SKIMS yet to put in place online payment gateway in OPD

The need for having an option of online payments was also felt by the SKIMS in January last year after Director Prof. Parvaiz A Koul underlined the need for having it to decongest critical hospital service areas, particularly the OPD area.

It was stated that the implementation of the Online Payment Gateway System at SKIMS will facilitate patients and it was given out that the set-up will make the entire process convenient for patients as well as their attendants. The concerned IT Department was also instructed to explore the possibility of implementing the PayGo

Payment Gateway of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Govt of India—which is a National Payment Platform—as used by AIIMS New Delhi.

But due to some issues which the SKIMS administration is facing, the payments gateway has not been so far implemented, which is furthering the issues faced by the people who throng the OPD daily.

Medical Superintendent, SKIMS Dr Farooq Jan told Excelsior that they are trying to find out a way for the effective and better implementation of the payment gateway to facilitate the patients and decrease the rush further.

Life imprisonment for Capt in Amshipura case

involved in such matters is still on.

The three men hailing from Rajouri district of Jammu region - Imtiyaz Ahmed, Abrah Ahmed and Mohammed Ibrar - were killed in a remote hilly village in Shopian district on July 18, 2020 and labelled as "terrorists".

However, as doubts were raised on social media over the killings, the Army promptly constituted a Court of Inquiry which found prima facie evidence that the troops had "exceeded" powers vested under AFSPA.

The Court of Inquiry was followed by the Summary of Evidence, which was completed in the last week of December 2020. The Army had issued a statement saying "the process of recording the Summary of Evidence has been completed.

"The same is being examined by the authorities concerned in consultation with legal advisors for proceeding further."

"The Indian Army is committed to the ethical conduct of operations," it had said.

The officials said the court martial proceedings were then initiated against Captain Singh for violating the powers vested under the AFSPA and for not following the dos and don'ts of the Army as approved by the Supreme Court.

The Army had also called Mohammed Yusuf, the father of Abrah Ahmed, from Rajouri for deposing in the court martial proceedings during which he was asked to provide a missing report about his son.

The Jammu and Kashmir Police had also constituted a Special Investigation Team which filed a charge sheet against three people, including Captain Singh, for "staging a fake encounter", Jammu and Kashmir

Farooq leaves for 'Umrah'

"Jenab Dr. Farooq Abdullah Sahib leaving for the Haramain Sharifain to perform Umrah. @ajazjan7 is accompanying him on the holy pilgrimage. May Almighty Allah accept their supplications, and strengthen their faith," Abdullah's son and NC vice president Omar Abdullah wrote in a post on Facebook.

He also shared some pictures of the two leaders.

Govt to scrutinize 65 lakh J&K UT Ration Card holders falling in AAY/PHH category

The sources said the FCS & CA, UT of J&K has notified "Jammu and Kashmir Food Security Rules" vide SO No. 389 dated 16-11-2021 and has laid down criteria for exclusion/ inclusion under National Food Security Act. The same has been reproduced further. The households with one member as Tax payer will be excluded from these categories. The businessmen with annual turnover of Rs 25 lakh and above; persons having household above 10 kanals in case of individuals and 20 kanals in case of joint family in urban areas, 30 kanals and 50 kanals in rural areas; all Gazetted officers or equivalent ranks in Corporations, Boards, PSUs etc; all persons holding Constitutional authority/ positions and any household having annual family income of more than 5 lakhs shall be excluded from PHH/AAY categories and placed in NPHH category.

The Government has further issued J&K Targeted Public Distribution System (Control) Order, 2023 vide SO- 41 wherein

it has been warned that in case of fraud by any ineligible beneficiary, criminal proceedings will be initiated against him/ her besides suspension in case of Government employee, cancellation of Ration Card and initiation of recovery proceedings.

Sources said that for all AAY families, the criteria is already defined. Households without shelter, with destitute person who is living on alms, headed by a widow or single woman (unmarried/ separated/ deserted), headed by differently abled person, transgender person, headed by minor or orphan, dependent on daily wage labour, household with old persons, age 60 years or above with no regular income, support or assured means of living; family of irregular wagers, Tribal households with no regular source of income, slum dwellers, rag pickers, unskilled workers, agriculture labourers, Shikara Wallas, Poneywallas, domestic workers, sweepers etc fall in the above mentioned category.

Director, FCS & CA, Jammu Naseem Javed, however, when contacted said that no doubt the Government has issued public notice for initiating this exercise and cooperate with the department, but he said it was part of exclusion/inclusion exercise of the department. He termed it as routine exercise and said many names may be excluded or even included during this process.

treatment, the officials said.

As part of an anti-infiltration obstacle system, the forward areas are dotted with land mines which sometimes get washed away by rains resulting in such accidents, they said.

Over 2 crore youths will get jobs in next 3-4 years: UP CM Adityanath

LUCKNOW, Mar 5:

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Sunday said his government is running a campaign under 'Mission Rozgar' that will provide jobs to more than two crore youths in the next three-four years.

Addressing the closing ceremony of the two-day 'Lucknow Kaushal Mahotsav', Adityanath said by developing the skills of UP's youth, the state can play the role of the growth engine of the country's economy.

The Government has started 'CM Apprenticeship Training' and seven-and-a-half-lakh youth of the state will be covered under the scheme, the CM said at the event jointly organised by the National Skill Development Mission and the Uttar Pradesh government.

Under the apprenticeship scheme, the government and the industry together will give an honorarium to the youth studying in universities and colleges, he said. They will be connected with experiential work and new training.

"The presence of 112 companies in this festival proves that we have potential. The move to connect thousands of youth with jobs and employment is related to the

Pakistan's electronic media watchdog bans Imran Khan's speeches from satellite TV channels

ISLAMABAD, Mar 5:

Pakistan's electronic media watchdog on Sunday banned satellite television channels from broadcasting live and recorded speeches of ousted prime minister Imran Khan with immediate effect, hours after he dodged arrest and made "provocative statements against state institutions."

Khan, the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman addressed his party workers outside his Zaman Park residence in Lahore, saying he has never "bowed before any man or institution."

He also lashed out at government leaders, alleging they stashed their wealth overseas and were given protection in legal cases by former Pakistan Army chief Gen (retd) Qamar Javed Bajwa.

Islamabad police on Sunday reached Khan's Lahore residence to arrest him in the Toshakhana case, but returned after assurance from his legal team that he will appear before the court on March 7.

Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA) referred to previous directives wherein all licencees were directed to "refrain from telecasting any content against state institutions."

The authority said Khan, in his speech, was "levelling baseless allegations and spreading hate speech through his provocative statements against state institutions and officers which is prejudicial to the maintenance of law and order and is likely to disturb public peace and tranquillity."

It said airing of hateful, slanderous, and unwarranted statements against state institutions is "in sheer violation of Article 19 of the Constitution and a judgment of the Supreme Court".

It was observed that such content was telecasted by TV channels without effective utilisation of time-delay mechanism in violation of provisions of PEMRA laws as well as judgments of the apex

Delhi court acquits man accused of threatening to kill Modi

NEW DELHI, Mar 5:

A Delhi court has acquitted a man accused of threatening to kill Prime Minister Narendra Modi in a phone call to the police helpline 100, saying the prosecution had "miserably failed" to show any evidence to prove any threats to kill anyone was ever made by him.

Anand Parbat police had filed a chargesheet under section 506 (II) of the IPC against Mohd Mukhtar Ali for calling the helpline and using abusive language and death threats against the prime minister in January 2019.

Section 506 deals with criminal intimidation and its second part is slapped against those who make a threat to cause death or grievous hurt.

Metropolitan Magistrate Shubham Devadiya said in an order passed last month that the crucial evidence to substantiate the charge against Ali was a handwritten general diary entry and the PCR form (a form about the contents or details of the call made to the police control room).

He said no explanation was provided by the assistant sub-inspector (ASI) concerned regarding the non-collection of the PCR form, which was material to prove the exact conversation or statement made by the person who made the call on the alleged date. In the absence of the form, the evidentiary value of the said GD entry was "feeble in nature," he added.

Also, the number from which the alleged call was made was issued in the name of Surad Ali. The role of this person was not investigated and the ASI merely stated that he could not find the person, the court said.

"This court finds that the prosecution has miserably failed to bring on record any evidence which could have shown or proved any statement in the form of threats to kill anyone has ever been made," Magistrate Devadiya said in an order passed last month.

"The prosecution has failed to prove the guilt of the accused beyond all reasonable doubt and accordingly, the accused stands acquitted of the charge," he added.

The court also said that the seizure memo did not show recovery of any SIM card from the accused and no serious efforts were made for public witnesses to join the case.

During their cross-examinations, the ASI and a head constable admitted that they never served any notice to any public person so as to join them in the investigation, the court noted.

The prosecution was also unable to show the intention of the accused to cause alarm to the victim, it said.

Referring to a 2000 judgment of the Delhi High Court, the magistrate underlined that mere bald and general assertions of threats to kill anyone are not sufficient in itself to bring a case under Section 506(II) of the IPC.

The Magistrate noted the ASI's statement, according to which he had "implicated" Ali after calling the number from which the threatening call was made and the receiver of the number, who was Ali's brother, led him to the "discovery of the present accused."

This showed a "callous way of investigating" the case and "did not inspire much confidence in the prosecution's story," the Magistrate said. (PTI)

PM Modi pays tribute to former Odisha CM Biju Patnaik on birth anniversary

NEW DELHI, Mar 5:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday paid tribute to former Odisha chief minister Biju Patnaik on his birth anniversary, saying he was a dynamic and multi-faceted personality who made an unparalleled contribution towards the state's progress.

A freedom fighter and a prominent regional satrap who was a key member of anti-Congress alliances for decades, Biju Patnaik served as Odisha chief minister twice. He was also a Union minister.

His son Naveen Patnaik founded the Biju Janata Dal following Biju Patnaik's death in 1997 and has been the Odisha chief minister since 2000.

"On his birth anniversary, I pay homage to Biju Babu, a remarkable leader and institution builder," Modi said in a tweet.

"He was a dynamic and multifaceted personality who has made an unparalleled contribution towards Odisha's progress. His role in fighting the Emergency is also notable," the Prime Minister said.

Modi also extended birthday greetings on Twitter to Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and said that he is leading the state to new heights of progress. (PTI)



Union Health Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya paid a surprise visit to NEET PG centre at Patiala and reviewed the conduct of the NEET PG Examination on Sunday.

Mandaviya makes surprise visit to NEET-PG exam centre in Patiala

NEW DELHI/CHANDIGARH, Mar 5:

Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya today made a surprise visit to review the security arrangements at a NEET-PG exam centre in Patiala.

He also interacted with the candidates' parents during his visit.

This is the first time that the Union Health minister has visited the exam from the command centre in Ahmedabad.

A command centre was also set up at NBEMS's Dwarka office to monitor the examination and resolve the issues of candidates. The command centre also received live feed from various test centres. A police check-post and medical assistance rooms were also set up as part of an emergency response team.

A surveillance command centre set up by Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) in Mumbai was manned by 10 associates with state-of-the-art technology.

A dedicated security command centre was also set up in Patna while regional command centres monitored operational parameters to ensure that the exam commenced and finished on time.

All the State Governments were asked to provide adequate security and uninterrupted power supply at all exam centres. (PTI)

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