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Rajouri College Prof, Govt teacher, UP youth's houses among 16 locations searched by NIA

of Call Details Record and other data.

In Kishtwar district, the NIA teams searched house of Mushtaq Ahmad Wani son of Ghlum Mohammad Wani at Sewa Chatroo and his tented residence at Mailpeth. He is a Government teacher posted under Rehbar-e-Taleem (ReT) Scheme.

Meanwhile, in Kulgam, the NIA detained Rauf Sheikh brother-in-law of former TRF chief Abbas Sheikh who was killed in a gun battle in Srinagar in 2021. Sheikh was picked up during the raid and was later released. Raids were also conducted in Anantnag, Budgam, Shopian, Kulgam and Baramulla districts of Kashmir.

An official statement issued by the NIA said it has found the role of hybrid militants and Over Ground Workers (OWGs) linked with the newly-formed outfits and affiliates of several major banned Pak-backed terror outfits in collection and distribution of sticky bombs or magnetic bombs in Jammu and Kashmir.

"These cadres and workers are also found to be engaged in the collection and distribution of Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), cash, drugs and small weapons, as well as in spreading activities relating to terror, violence and subversion in Jammu and Kashmir," a statement issued by the NIA after today's simultane-

Govt to shortly start discussions with elected representatives of ULBs to evolve consensus

necessity of imposition of Property Tax, they further said.

They disclosed that discussions will start following development of software/application by the National Informatics Centre (NIC) J&K, which has already started the exercise in this regard as desired by the Housing and Urban Development Department. The objective behind development of software/application is to make the calculation and payment of Property Tax easier and the same will be demonstrated during the discussion and awareness generation.

"Earlier, there was confusion among the people mainly because of formulas vis-à-vis calculation of Property Tax and department wants to clear the same through the software/application", sources said, adding "after completion of deliberations with elected representatives and generation of awareness among the people through different means the Government will go ahead with the levying of Property Tax".

About other suggestions/comments received by the department, sources said that some people have demanded exemptions for certain sections in commercial sector while as others have suggested that vacant plots should be exempted from levying of Property Tax.

"However, these suggestions cannot be considered favourably as Government doesn't want to create a separate class as far as imposition of Property Tax is concerned. Moreover, vacant plots cannot be exempted in the light of the fact that their cost keeps on



Union Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Giriraj Singh during his visit to Leh on Tuesday.

Giriraj in Leh, will visit border villages

Control (LAC) as part of Central Government's 'Vibrant Villages Programme'.

Singh visited Leh office of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and interacted with party leaders and workers. He called upon them to take Prime Minister Narendra Modi's public welfare schemes to villages.

He also visited model village of Sabu and had stay at BJP worker Tashi Angdu's house over a cup of tea. He discussed developmental works in the village and benefits of welfare schemes launched by the Prime Minister.

Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) Leh Chairman-cum-CEC Tashi Gyalson received the Union Minister along with others including senior officers.

Later, Giriraj Singh chaired a review meeting regarding projects of Rural Development, NRLM, Watershed Development and SVAMITVA in Ladakh. He focused on the development of comprehensive convergence plan consisting Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal & Sheep Husbandry Development and non-farm allied activities with NRLM for uplifting of economic status of rural households with active support from banks.

The Union Minister stressed upon the fast tracking of completion of the SVAMITVA scheme with active involvement of both Hill Development Councils in Leh and Kargil.

Member of Parliament, Ladakh,

Open loot by liquor, mineral mafia denting Jammu's interests: Tony

JAMMU, May 9: Senior Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader and DDC Member from Suchetgarh Taranjit Singh Tony has appealed to Ajay Bhalla, Union Home Secretary for taking action against the erring bureaucrats working contrary to the interests of the people of Jammu region.

In a statement issued to media persons, the AAP leader alleged that liquor, mineral, land and contractor mafia is ruling the roost in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir under the realms of 'corrupt bureaucracy' which is allowing open loot of public exchequer in connivance with the aforesaid entities. He urged the Union Home Secretary, who was in J&K to review security ahead of Amarnathi yatra commencing on July 1, 2023, to take serious note of these issues.

Tony asked Bhalla to end the aforesaid mafias having hand in glove with bureaucracy to rob the people of the region of their business and basic rights. He appealed to the Union Home Secretary to break the nexus between some bureaucrats and the liquor, mineral and land mafia to establish rule of law and end the open loot of the resources of Jammu region.

The senior AAP leader sought befitting action against the corrupt bureaucrats for allowing open loot of public exchequer in connivance with aforesaid entities. He also appealed to Bhalla to lift the Sarore Toll Post because the same has been established in contradiction to the set rules since its distance from the Bann Toll Plaza is less than the authorized limits. He said that the establishment of Sarore Toll Post is sheer injustice with the people of J&K and also visitors who commute on NH44 for different purposes. Tony urged the Union Home Secretary to immediately set right aforesaid issues which are complicating the life of people of J&K.

Farooq's appearance exempted from today's hearing in JKCA scam case

ments and after completion of investigation, the challan in this connection was produced before the court of law.

The CBI after thorough investigation into the scam has revealed that as much as 368 documents have been collected from Srinagar police, auditors of JKCA based in Srinagar, JKCA officer Srinagar, BCCI Mumbai, HDFC Bank Mohali Punjab, ICICI Bank Chennai, different branches of J&K Bank located in Srinagar and Jammu and 75 persons, including office bearers of BCCI, JKCA, Banks, private persons related to the case have been examined.

It has emerged during investigation that crores of rupees had been paid by the BCCI to JKCA during April 2002 to 31.12.2011 as annual grants. It has also transpired from the investigation that huge amounts have been transferred from the accounts of JKCA to the accounts of different individuals, who were either office bearers of JKCA or having no connection with the JKCA during the relevant period.

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.

In the charge sheet produced by

Integration of SKIMS software with ABDM facing delays, slowing progress

cannot proceed. "The agency conducting the security audit informed us approximately 15 days ago that it would be completed within 10-20 days," he said, adding the latest status needs to be confirmed with them.

According to information available with the Excelsior, the Health & Medical Education (H&ME) Department has raised the issue with SKIMS authorities multiple times and several meetings, presided over by the Director of SKIMS, have been conducted in this regard.

"We were assured that the entire process will be completed soon after Eid; quite a time has passed since then, but there has not been any development; I don't know why there has not been any follow-up in this regard so far," Dr Shaqfat Khan, Additional Mission Director ABDM, J&K told the Excelsior.

It is important to note that the ABDM aims to establish an integrated digital health infrastructure by creating digital highways while its objective is to bridge the gap among diverse stakeholders in the healthcare ecosystem and foster collaboration and connectivity by integrating software used by both private and public hospitals through the ABDM Sandbox.

The officials said that the implementation of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) works towards transforming health service delivery by enhancing efficiency, transparency, and patient empowerment through secure medical record access, teleconsultation, e-pharmacy, and improved information on healthcare facilities and providers.

J&K adds 24 fresh COVID cases

Baramulla and Budgam districts.

A total of 1,466 COVID tests were conducted in the Union Territory in last 24 hours. The number of active COVID cases in the UT as on date is 154-73 in Jammu division and 81 in Kashmir region whereas 32 COVID patients recovered today, 27 from Jammu division and 5 from Kashmir.

The highest number of 46 active cases is in Jammu district, followed by 24 in Baramulla, 13 in Budgam, 9 each in Ganderbal and Doda, 8 cases each in Budgam, Anantnag and Samba, 7 in Udhampur, 6 cases each in Pulwama and Bandipora districts, 5 in Srinagar, 3 cases in Ramban and 2 cases in Kulgam district.

CHOUBARSI

FOUR YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE YOU LEFT US FOR HEAVENLY ABODE. YOUR VALUES AND BLESSINGS WILL ALWAYS CONTINUE TO INSPIRE AND GUIDE US.

CHOUBARSI OF OUR RESPECTED PAPA JI LATE SH. KULDEEP RAJ JANDIYAL WILL BE PERFORMED ON 11 MAY 2023 AT 12:00 PM AT OUR RESIDENCE H.NO F 114 A LOWER SHIV NAGAR JAMMU.

DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY SMT RAJINI GUPTA (WIFE) SON AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW MR ASHUTOSH JANDIYAL AND DEEPIKA DAUGHTER AND SON-IN-LAW RAKHI AND RAJANDER GUPTA RASHI AND SANJAY GUPTA SHALLU GUPTA AND LATE NEERAJ GUPTA GRAND CHILDREN: MEHA, RISHABH, ARYAN, ARSHIKA, CHANDRASH, CHITVAN, ATHARV, ATHARVIDHA

2ND DEATH ANNIVERSARY

On 10-05-23

Two years have passed since you left us in silent tears. But your love and memory is always fresh in our hearts and mind you are always with us, even if you are far away. We never forget 10th May, a black day for us.

Deeply Missed By: Smt. Anita & Sh. Sanjeev Chadha - Son & Daughter-in-law Smt. Manju & Sh. Rajeev Chadha - Son & Daughter-in-law Smt. Sumita Chadha (Principal) & Dr. Raman Taggar Smt. Minakshi Chadha (Principal) & Sh. Prashant Gupta Smt. Monika Kohli (ARTO Samba) & Sh. Ashwani Kohli - Daughters & Son-in-law & Grand Children

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REMEMBRANCE

2ND DEATH ANNIVERSARY

WE PAY OUR HOMAGE TO OUR BELOVED AND RESPECTED MOTHER/ GRAND MOTHER SMT. TARAWANTI W/O LT. SRI. OM PARKASH SETHI, RESIDENT OF H.NO. 299 B LANE NO. 2 RANI TALAB DIGIANA JAMMU ON HER 2ND DEATH ANNIVERSARY. MAY HER PIOUS SOUL REST WITH PEACE IN HEAVEN, WHILE YOU CONTINUE TO SHOWER YOUR LOVE AND GUIDANCE ON US ALL.

DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY DAUGHTER IN LAW SMT. LEELA KUMARI W/O LT. SRI. SUMAN KUMAR SETHI & DAUGHTERS AND SONS IN LAW SMT. CHANDER KANTA VERMA & SRI. PARKASH CHAND VERMA. SMT. SURESHA SUNDAN & SRI. LOKNATH SUNDAN AND SMT. NEELAM ABHI & SRI. RAVI ABHI AND ALL FAMILY MEMBERS

CONTACT NO. 78140-22599, 91497-13779

2ND DEATH ANNIVERSARY

TWO YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE YOU LEFT US FOR YOUR HEAVENLY ABODE BUT YOUR SWEET MEMORIES AND BLESSINGS WILL ALWAYS REMAIN WITH US IN OUR HEARTS.

DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY - SMT. KASHI SALATHIA - WIFE (9066384780) BROTHER AND BHABI SMT. SANTOSH SALATHIA - BHABI BROTHER & BHABI SH. SUBHASH SINGH SALATHIA AND SMT. KAMLESH SALATHIA (9066135647) SMT. DARSHANA SALATHIA - BHABI BROTHER & BHABI SH. RAJESHWAR SINGH SALATHIA AND SMT. ROMILA SALATHIA (9697447777)

ALL SALATHIA FAMILY

REMEMBRANCE

9th years have passed without you. But you are alive in our hearts, every moment and we feel your presence everyday Nanu Ji / Dadu Ji.

Deeply Remembered By: Dr. Sabiyata, Dr. Chandni, Dr Anubhav, Dr. Nandni, Khanak, Unnati, Narian, Varuthani

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OBITUARY

"Noble soul never die but always remain in the heart of beloved ones."

With profound grief & sorrow we inform the sad demise of our mother **Pyari Bhat (Saba)** W/o Rattan Lal Bhat of Nagam, Chadoora Distt Budgam, Srinagar, Kashmir at present D-316 Phase -4 Lane No. 9 Aya Nagar, New Delhi - 110047.

Smt. Shanta Bhat (Bhabi) Sanjay & Sanjana ji (Son & Daughter in Law) Vijay Ji & Sweta (Son in Law & Daughter) Mob. 999013443

MASWARVAHARVAR

A year passed since you left us but your memories are still fresh and will always blossom in our hearts as our strength.

Your presence has never faded away from our life. We still feel your gracious presence around us.

Maswar/Vaharvar of our beloved mother **Smt Ramma Turki** W/o Late Sh. Roshan Lal Turki of Shellinghaba Kadal Srinagar A/P 150 D D Lane 2nd Old Janipura Jammu on 11th May and 12th May.

GRIEF STRICKEN: Ashaji Turki - Dornani Sons & Daughters-in-law Shammji Turki & Sushma Turki Sandeep Turki & Sweety Turki Daughters and Sons-in-law Ravinder Shangleo & Sushma Shangleo Kamal Pandita & Sunita Pandita

Grand Children : Sarthak, Srishli, Manisha, Mansavi, Prasana, Shriya, Sonakshi

Mob No. 9419121816

CONDOLENCES

A Condolence meeting was held on 09.05.2023 in Swami Vivekananda Medical Mission Charitable Hospital, Anupshah Jammu in the chamber of President under the chairmanship of Dr. Subash Gupta, Chief Patron to mourn the sad demise of one of our esteemed member and patron of Swami Vivekananda Medical Mission Charitable Hospital, Dr. Banke Bihari Lal Gupta. Two minutes silence was observed in the memory of departed soul and a prayer was held to grant peace to the noble soul and courage, strength to the bereaved family to face unbridled loss.

His contribution for the development of the Hospital is un-parallel.

B. B Gupta General Secretary

Dr Banke Bihari Lal Gupta

WEATHER

JAMMU: Mainly clear

TEMPERATURE

Max: 33.2 Degree C

Min: 17.4 Degree C

RELATIVE HUMIDITY

RH-I (Morning): 44.0 per cent

RH-II (Evening): 30.0 per cent

Sunrise on Wednesday: 07:19 p.m.

Sunrise on Thursday: 05:37 a.m.

SRINAGAR: Partly cloudy

TEMPERATURE

Max: 19.1 Degree C

Min: 6.3 Degree C

RELATIVE HUMIDITY

RH-I (Morning): 76.0 per cent

RH-II (Evening): 40.0 per cent

LEH: TEMPERATURE

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APSARA AUDI: 1. GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY VOL-3 (ENG)- 2D - 10:00 AM, 4:00 PM, 2. GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY VOL-3 (HINDI)- 2D - 01:00 PM, 3. KERALA STORY 2D - 7:00 PM, 10:00 PM

APSARA AUDI: 2. 1. KERALA STORY 2D - 9:45 AM, 12:45 PM, 3:45 PM, 2. KISI KA BHAHI KISI KI JAAN (HINDI)- 6:45 PM

HVR THEATRE: RAMABANAM - 10:00 AM, 12:30 PM, 3:30 PM, 6:30 PM

PVR KC AUDI 1: 1. KISI KA BHAHI KISI KI JAAN (HINDI) - 10:25 AM, 2. THE KERALA STORY (HINDI) - 1:30 PM, 3. JODI (PUNJABI) - 4:30 PM, 4. THE KERALA STORY (HINDI) - 7:30 PM, 5. JODI (PUNJABI) - 10:30 PM

PVR KC AUDI 2: 1. SUZUME (JAPANESE WIT) - 10:05 AM, 2. GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY VOL-3 - ENG - 12:45 PM, 4:00 PM, 3. ANNIHILATION (PUNJABI) - 6:30 PM, 4. GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY VOL-3 (ENG) - 9:40 PM

WAVE CINEMA AUDI 1: 1. THE KERALA STORY (A) - 10:30 AM, 2. GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY VOL-3 (ENG)-3D (JA) - 1:25 PM, 3. THE KERALA STORY (A) - 4:25 PM, 4. GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY VOL-3 (HINDI)- 7:20 PM, 5. THE KERALA STORY (A) - 10:15 PM

WAVE CINEMA AUDI 2: 1. VIRUPAKSHA (HINDI)- 12:05 PM, 2. THE KERALA STORY (A) - 3:00 PM, 3. E.VIL DEAD RISE - ENG (A)- 5:50 PM, 4. THE KERALA STORY (A) - 8:00 PM, 3. ANNIHILATION (PUNJABI) (HINDI) - 10:05 PM

WAVE CINEMA AUDI 3: 1. GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY VOL-3 (HINDI)- 10:15 PM, 2. PONNIYIN SELVAN 2 - HINDI (A) - 1:15 PM, 3. GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY VOL-3 (HINDI)- 3D (JA) - 4:30 PM, 4. ANNIHILATION (PUNJABI) - 7:30 PM, 5. GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY VOL-3 (ENG)- 3D (JA) - 10:30 PM

PLATINUM CINEMA AUDI 1: THE KERALA STORY (HINDI) - 10:30 AM, 1:00 PM, 2. JODI (PUNJABI) - 3:30 PM, 3. E.VIL DEAD RISE - ENG - 6:00 PM, 4. (3D) GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY VOL-3 (ENG) - 7:45 PM, 5. THE KERALA STORY (HINDI) - 10:25 PM

PLATINUM CINEMA AUDI 2: 1. (2D) GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY VOL-3 (HINDI) - 10:00 AM, 2. (3D) GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY VOL-3 (HINDI) - 12:40 PM, 3. (3D) GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY VOL-3 (ENG)- 3:25 PM, 4. THE KERALA STORY (HINDI)- 6:05 PM, 5. ANNIHILATION (PUNJABI) - 11:10 PM

PLATINUM CINEMA AUDI 3: 1. JODI (PUNJABI) - 10:00 AM, 12:30 PM, 2. THE KERALA STORY (HINDI)- 3:00 PM, 3. JODI (PUNJABI) - 5:30 PM, 4. THE KERALA STORY (HINDI)- 8:00 PM, 5. JODI (PUNJABI)- 10:30 PM

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Man gets life term for killing wife, son

wife of Kuldip Singh of Chassana was lying on the road leading from Shikari to Thuroo in the Dubri forest and at a short distance the corpus of Sachin and weapon of offence were also found.

Accordingly, case was registered and during the investigation it came to fore that the accused was married 13 to 14 years back with deceased Shiv Devi, daughter of Kamal Singh of Mahore. Out of this wedlock one male and female child were born. The accused, who was working at Kangra Himachal Pardesh, used to quarrel with Shiv Devi as he was suspecting that his wife was having illicit relationship.

Due to strained relations Shiv Devi was living with her parents at Bathoi and on the fateful day the accused called his wife to Dabri forest and then administered some drug to his wife and son thereby rendering them unconscious. Later, he killed his wife and son. After completion of investigation, charge sheet was presented before Munsiff (JMJC), Mahore, who committed the same to Principal Sessions Judge Reasi for judicial determination.

After hearing PP Ranjeev Kumar and APP Ashwani Kumar for the police whereas Advocate AK Shan for the accused person, Principal Sessions Judge Reasi R N Watal observed, "while awarding sentence, the court should take recourse to principle of deterrence, or reform or invoke the doctrine of proportionality".

"Taking recourse to either of these principles depends upon facts and circumstances of each case. The nature of the offence committed by the accused plays an impor-

Two militant associates held

them as Shahid Ahmad Lone, a resident of Chotipora Shopian, and Waseem Ahmad Ganie, a resident of Borihalan Shopian, in South Kashmir.

"Incriminating materials, arms and ammunition including a pistol, a pistol magazine, four pistol rounds, a silencer, an IED, a remote control, two batteries, and an empty magazine of AK 47 rifle, were recovered on their disclosure," the spokesperson said.

He said one terror associate has already been arrested in the case.

On May 2, security forces arrested a militant associate of LeT, identified as Tanveer Ahmad Wani, a resident of Daramdora Shopian.

He said further investigation is going on in the case.

Common uniform for Brig & above rank officers

consultations with all stakeholders, they said.

"In order to promote and strengthen common identity and approach in service matters amongst senior leadership, beyond the boundaries of regimentation, the Indian Army has decided to adopt a common uniform for Brigadier and above rank officers," said a source.

"This will also reinforce the Indian Army's character to be a fair and equitable organisation," the source added.

The changes will come into effect from August 1.

The headgear, shoulder rank badges, gorget patches, belt and shoes of flag rank -- Brigadier and above -- will now be standardised in view of the decision, the sources said.

The flag-rank officers will now not wear any lanyards.

There will be no change to the uniform worn by Colonels and below-rank officers.

In the Indian Army, brigadiers and above officers are those who have already commanded units and battalions, and are mostly posted at headquarters or establishments where officers from all arms and services work and function together.

According to sources, a standard uniform will ensure a common identity for all senior-rank officers, while reflecting the true ethos of the Indian Army.

Different types of uniforms and accoutrements have specific association with respective arms, regiments and services in the Indian Army.

This recognition of distinct identity within the arms or regiment or services is essential for junior leadership and the rank and file to further strengthen camaraderie and regimental ethos which is the bedrock of soldiering, the sources said.

Last year, the Army introduced a new combat uniform for all its soldiers. The new camouflage uniform was based on a "digital disruptive" pattern. (PTI)

Home Secy reviews security for G20, Amarnath yatra

potential of the J&K and to give a global push to the tourism of the place, which is the backbone of the total economy of the region.

The meeting discussed that the Army will keep a vigil on high-ways and other vital road links. "Special directions were passed to keep a close watch on the suspects to avoid any untoward incident," he said.

Earlier, Bhalla held meeting with the officers from the Tourism Department, Divisional

Active Corona cases dip to 22,742

NEW DELHI, May 9: India has recorded 1,331 fresh COVID-19 infections, while the number of active cases have come down to 22,742 from 25,178, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated today.

The COVID-19 tally now stands at 4.49 crore (4,49,72,800). The death toll climbed to 5,31,707 with 11 fatalities, the data updated at 8 am stated.

At 22,742, the active cases comprise 0.06 per cent of the total infections. The national COVID-19 recovery rate was recorded at 98.76 per cent, the Ministry said.

The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 4,44,18,351, while the case fatality rate stood at 1.18 per cent.

According to the Ministry's website, 220.66 crore doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered so far under the nationwide vaccination drive. (PTI)