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AGuH chief killed during encounter

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Imtiyaz Shah, chief of terror outfit Ansar Ghazwat-ul-Hind (AGuH), was one of the two terrorists killed during an encounter at the Nowbugh Tral area of Awantipora in Jammu and Kashmir on Friday, April 9.

"Encounter has started at Nowbugh Tral area of Awantipora. Police and security forces are on the job. Further details shall follow," the Kashmir Zone Police tweeted on Friday.

Five terrorists including the chief of terror outfit AGuH Imtiyaz Shah were killed during the encounter as regular updates regarding the encounter were tweeted by the Kashmir Zone Police.

Jammu and Kashmir Inspector General of Police (IGP), Shri Mukesh Singh IPS congratulated the police and the security forces for the successful operation. The police and the security forces continued their search for more militants in the area.

On Thursday, during an encounter at the Shopian area of Jammu and Kashmir, Imtiyaz Shah was trapped inside a mosque. His brother, Imamsahab was sent inside the Mosque to persuade the terrorists to come out and surrender. Three unidentified terrorists were killed during the Shopian encounter.

'Corporation's demand can't be fulfilled'

Sudarshani

Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa asked the Road Transport Corporation (RTC) employees to resume bus services and cooperate with the state government as it has already fulfilled eight out of the nine demands of the corporation.

He also made it clear that it is not possible to implement the sixth pay commission report under the current economic situation in a press conference held on Friday, April 9.

"I have made this clear time and again, that it is not possible to implement the sixth pay commission report under current economic conditions. Even after repeating this, it is not right



B. S. Yediyurappa

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for the corporation to be adamant about its implementation," he said. He asked the corporation employees to not fall prey to

any sort of propaganda by the opposition party and urged them to "end the strike, and resume bus services for public welfare as RTC is

meant for the service of common people. This strike is only increasing their hardships during the pandemic."

"Approximately 85% of the state's income is devoted to the salaries of government employees, different types of pensions, and other schemes. There is only 15% of the income allocated for other works. Last year was a challenging year, due to the pandemic there were not enough funds in the transport department.

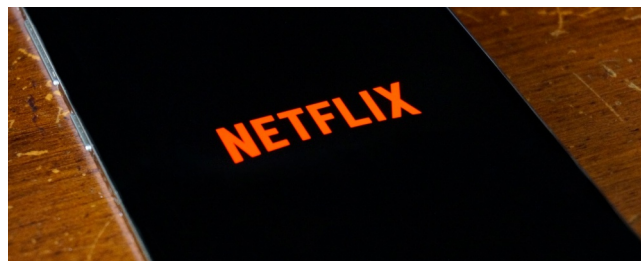
During such times, the state administration had granted Rs 2300 crore for corporation employees' salary," he added. He also said that there would be no further discussions on this matter as his government has fulfilled most of their demands and that they were equipped to correct any mistakes that occurred while fulfilling those demands.

Netflix-Sony inks new 5 year deal

Akshara DM

Netflix inks a deal with Sony Pictures Entertainment (SPE) and is set to become the first streaming service for Sony Picture films following their theatrical releases.

The new contract will begin from the year 2022 and will add to Netflix's pre-existing deal with Sony Pictures Animation films to now include feature films and other genres. Netflix also has the right to access the various movies in the Sony library. High-budget movies such as



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Uncharted, Morbius, Where the Crawdads Sing, and Brad Pitt starrer 'Bullet Train' will be the initial movies that will be streamed in 2022. This will be followed by the release of the sequel of Oscar-winning 'Spider-Man:

Into the Spider-Verse', and other SPE films featuring Marvel superheroes. The other follow-ups include Venom and the Jumanji and Bad Boys franchises. Head of Global Films at Netflix, Scott Stuber, said,

"Sony Pictures is a great partner and we are thrilled to expand our relationship through this forward-thinking agreement. This not only allows us to bring their impressive slate of beloved film franchises, but it also establishes a new source of first-run films for Netflix movie lovers worldwide." President of Worldwide Distribution and Networks, Sony Pictures Entertainment, Keith Le Goy, said, "Netflix has been a terrific partner as we continue to expand our relationship."

BCU officials visit St. Joseph's College

Nishitha Rachel

CAMPUS: A team of seven officials from Bengaluru City University (BCU) visited the St. Joseph's College (Autonomous) campus on Friday, April 9, to conduct an autonomy review of the institution.

The team included Vice-Chancellor Prof. N. Narasimhamurthy, BNU Vice-Chancellor Prof. T. D. Kemparaju, KAS Registrar Smt. Arathi Anand, Registrar Evaluation Dr. Ramesh. B, Chairman & Dean of Commerce Dr. M. Muninarayanappa, Chairman & Dean of Science Dr. V. R. Devraj, and Superintendent Smt. T. Padmamma. The team had a meeting with the Principal, Fr Victor Lobo, about the functioning of the college, and inspected its running.

The visit lasted from 11 am to 3 pm, during which they also looked at some departments within the college.

The autonomy of the college enables it to conduct its examinations and publish its results for its own, albeit within the framework prescribed by the BCU.

Homegrown businesses go vocal

Pavithra Prabhu

KOCHI: Home-grown brands dealing in sustainable products such as banana fiber, home decor, cannabis fabric, etc. are expected to go Vocal for Local in Kochi to help businesses recover from the pandemic. Fanfare the Bazaar, a Kochi-based event organizer hosted Kaineetam Fest on Saturday, April 10 with the theme, 'Vocal for Local' which brought together brands with home-grown, sustainable products. Co-founder of Fanfare the Bazaar, Ranjini Achuthan said, "We needed to make sure that this point is taken



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across to the masses and the fact that people need to buy from small businesses and help them revive the economy. That is the most important thing in these testing times. So I felt the need to get this message across to the public and I

wanted them to take part and support these brands."

She added: "We have other sustainable brands who help the weavers who have been most affected in the pandemic times.

Chendamangalam weavers are being supporters through this. We also have a lot of small businesses from all around Kerala who source beautiful clothing materials from all over India such as, Jaipur, Gujarat, and other places." Businesses with sustainable products such as menstrual cups and sterilization cups, sugar-free confectionery, and brands also launched their products.

Priyanka Gandhi slams CBSE for offline exams

Vandana Nampoothiri

Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Friday, April 9 criticised the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) for conducting board exams amid the rising Covid-19 cases in the country. "It is downright irresponsible of boards like the CBSE to force students to sit for exams under the prevailing circumstances. Board exams should either be cancelled, rescheduled, or arranged in a manner that does not require

the physical presence of children at crowded exam centers," She tweeted on Friday. She further criticised the government saying that our education system needs to alter its attitude.

"While corona is ravaging our country again, the added pressure of exams is bound to affect the mental health of children. Our education system needs to drastically alter its attitude and start reflecting sensitivity and compassion towards children rather than just talk about it at their conclaves and conferences," she added.