

Recruitment for 1600 vacant police posts soon: U’khand CM

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CHIEF Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami on Wednesday paid tribute to the martyred personnel of the police and paramilitary forces on the occasion of Police Commemoration Day. He also made eight announcements aimed at strengthening the police system and ensuring the welfare of police personnel, and said that a recruitment process would commence soon for approximately 1,600 vacant posts across various units of the Uttarakhand Police. “The police and paramilitary forces play a vital role in the nation’s internal security. Over the past year, 154 personnel across the country made the supreme sacrifice while in the line of duty,” said Dhami while addressing the commemoration event at the Police Lines in Dehradun. He also directed a review of the staffing requirements at police stations and outposts and said that the annual budget allocated for the operational requirements of police stations will be increased from Rs 4 crore to Rs 8 crore. The chief minister also announced initiatives to upgrade all Police Modern Schools in the state, construct transit hostels and multi-story barracks for police personnel in Dehradun, and upgrade the police hospital located in Dehradun. “Police personnel often remain away from their own families, even during festivals, to ensure the safety of the public. Given the geographical conditions and the frequency of natural disasters in Uttarakhand, the role of the police force is particularly significant,” said Dhami. Dhami said that a State Cyber Crime Coordination Centre is currently being constructed for approximately Rs 32 crore. Furthermore, to enhance the safety of women, quick response teams have been formed at every police station. He also praised the Uttarakhand Police for their contribution in ensuring a safe and smooth experience for the nearly 5 crore Kanwar pilgrims this year, as well as for the more than 60 lakh devotees who participated in the Char Dham Yatra so far. He noted that 319 police personnel have been honoured with various medals and commendations this year for their exemplary service. Director General of Police (DGP) Deepam Seth informed that since the formation of the state, 206 personnel of the Uttarakhand Police have laid down their lives in the line of duty.



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Asserting that Punjab Police has delivered a decisive blow to drugs, DGP Gaurav Yadav on Wednesday said over 95,000 NDPS cases have been registered in the state since March 16, 2022, leading to over 1.27 lakh arrests and the recovery of over 7,260 kg of heroin. Striking at the economic roots of the narco-trade, the DGP stated that the police have frozen properties worth Rs 902 crore belonging to drug traffickers, marking the highest forfeiture anywhere in the country, alongside securing an unprecedented 90 per cent conviction rate in courts. Furthermore, sustained anti-gangster operations launched in April 2022 have dismantled up to 1,288 organised criminal modules and led to the arrest of over 3,300 gang members, he said while speaking on the sidelines of a Police Commemoration Day ceremony, held to pay tributes to the personnel who laid down their lives in the line of duty. The event was held at the Punjab Armed Police (PAP) Headquarters in Jalandhar. The National Police Commemoration Day is observed in memory of 10 Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel who were killed on this day in 1959 in an ambush by Chinese troops in Ladakh’s Hot Spring area. Outlining new strategic frameworks under the ongoing Yuddh Nashian Virudh campaign, the DGP said that campaign has now transitioned into an intensive 60-day mission mode wherein all designated drug hotspots are being jointly monitored by senior police officers and gazetted officers from the civil administration round-the-clock. The DGP outlined future strategies focused on dismantling financial networks, targeting drug hotspots, modernising infrastructure with over Rs 1,600 crore investment, and bolstering cyber security capacities to effectively suppress criminal syndicates across the state.



BJP govt’s 3rd term marred by rising crime, corruption: Cong

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THE Congress on Wednesday said the BJP government’s two years in Haryana were riddled with promises never fulfilled, a spike in crime, and mounting corruption. The BJP government in Haryana completed two years of its third consecutive term on Saturday. The state Congress on Monday said it will expose the two years of “misgovernance, broken promises and anti-people policies.” On Wednesday, Haryana Congress chief Rao Narender Singh spoke to reporters in Sirsa, Leader of the Opposition and former chief minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda addressed the media in Delhi, while Congress MP Kumari Selja spoke to reporters in Chandigarh - all lambasting the BJP-led Haryana government. Rao Narender Singh said that instead of merely making claims, the government must present a factual account of its election promises before the people. Even after two years of the present dispensation, people in the state continue to grapple with crime, unemployment, corruption and deteriorating public services. “During the Assembly elections, the BJP made major promises to every section of society. The government must now clarify how many promises have been fulfilled, how many are under implementation, and what timelines have been set for completing the remaining commitments,” he said. Rao also flagged extortion demands and gun violence against traders.



Rao Narender Singh

No one is above law in ‘new Uttar Pradesh’: Yogi

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CHIEF Minister Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday said police in Uttar Pradesh have the freedom to take effective action against criminals, asserting that no one is above the law in the state. On Police Commemoration Day, Adityanath paid tributes to police personnel who made the supreme sacrifice while protecting the nation, maintaining peace in society and safeguarding the lives of citizens. “The valour, courage and dedication of these brave personnel, who laid down everything at the altar of duty, will always remain a source of inspiration for us all,” the chief minister said in a post on X. Hitting out at previous governments, he said before 2017, the state was under the grip of mafia rule. Anti-social elements were so emboldened at the time that brave police officers had to sacrifice their lives while upholding the law at Jawahar Bagh in Mathura, he said, referring to the violent clash on June 2, 2016 during a police operation to evict squatters. However, in the ‘new Uttar Pradesh,’ no one is above the law, he asserted. Uttar Pradesh has transformed from a state plagued by disorder into one known for celebrations. The police have been given the freedom to take effective action against criminals, he said. With more than 2.26 lakh police personnel recruited, introduction of the police commissionerate system in seven major cities, the establishment of cyber police stations in every district and women’s help desks at every police station, the state’s police system has become more capable, modern and accountable, he said.

Bus falls into gorge in Udhampur, two killed

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TWO persons, including a minor girl, were killed and 15 others injured after a passenger bus veered off a hilly road and plunged into a deep gorge in a remote area in Udhampur district of Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday, officials said. Union Minister Jitendra Singh, Lt Governor Manoj Sinha and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah voiced grief over the incident, and assured all necessary assistance to the victims and their families. The bus was travelling from Pechound to Ramnagar and the accident occurred at Gulli Gala at around 8 am, the officials said, adding the bus was reduced to a mangled heap of iron. Local village volunteers immediately launched a rescue operation following the accident and shifted 17 injured passengers to nearby Public Health Centre (PHC) Basantgarh. After first aid, the injured were shifted to Ramnagar hospital, where a woman identified as Sunita Devi (24) and four-year-old Takshika succumbed to injuries, the officials said. They said 11 of the injured were referred to the Udhampur district hospital for specialised treatment as condition of most of them was stated to be critical. Senior BJP leader and MLA Sunil Bhardwaj visited the Ramnagar hospital to enquire about the condition of the injured passengers. He voiced concern over the condition of the road where the accident occurred and emphasised the need for its upgradation to ensure safer travel for commuters. He also highlighted the importance of strengthening healthcare facilities in the constituency to ensure timely medical assistance and better treatment for people, particularly during emergencies.



Armed men attack BJP leader during Ramleela

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ARMED men allegedly stormed a Ramleela stage and attacked Mahamandaleshwar Kaushlendra Giri, a BJP leader and priest at Shri Nath Baba Math, police said on Wednesday. Uttar Pradesh minister Om Prakash Rajbhar was present at the venue when the alleged attack happened. BJP district president Sanjay Mishra said Giri is a local BJP leader. An FIR has been registered against three named accused and some unidentified persons on charges of attempt to murder, assault and rioting while armed with deadly weapons, they said. According to the FIR, the incident took place on Tuesday evening at the premises of Shri Nath Baba Math in Rasra town, where Giri was watching the Ramleela along with Panchayati Raj Minister Rajbhar. The accused, allegedly armed with weapons, climbed onto the stage and attacked Giri with the intention of killing him, the complaint stated. When Giri’s associate, Rupesh Tiwari, intervened, the accused allegedly assaulted him as well. The attackers fled the scene, taking advantage of the commotion and the gathering of people, the FIR said. Giri sustained injuries in the attack and was rushed to a hospital. The case was registered late Tuesday night at Rasra police station against Satish Singh, Sanjeet Gupta, Monu Jaiswal and unidentified persons.

Har Health Minister calls for intensified food safety surveillance

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HARYANA Health Minister Arti Singh Rao has directed officials to intensify the food safety surveillance campaign across the state in view of the festive season. She instructed the Food and Drug Administration to collect 100-150 surveillance samples of food items in each district. Rao also appealed to the public to remain vigilant while purchasing food items, buy food products only from reliable sources, and report any suspected food adulteration or food safety-related activity to the concerned authorities. Dr Manoj Kumar, Commissioner of the Food and Special emphasis is being placed on ensuring the quality and safety of food items, particularly in view of the increased consumption of sweets, milk and dairy products during the festive season of Diwali and Chhath Puja



Drug Administration, said on Wednesday that the Health Minister has issued directions to further strengthen the food safety surveillance campaign across the state. The primary objective is to ensure that the public has access to safe, pure, high-quality and unadulterated food products. Special emphasis is being placed on ensuring the quality and safety of food items, particularly in view of the increased consumption of sweets, milk and dairy products during the festive season of Diwali and Chhath Puja, she said. These teams will conduct inspections and collect surveillance samples from major markets, sweet shops, dairies, milk vendors and other food business establishments to identify sub-standard, adulterated and unsafe food products. The district-level special surveillance teams have been assigned a target of collecting 100-150 additional food surveillance samples per district, separate from the samples routinely collected by Food Safety Officers.