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propose specific and concrete measures to reduce killings and to ensure transparency and accountability.”

At the end of the mission, Rapporteur will hold a press conference describing findings, conclusions and recommendations and within three months will submit a report that lays out in detail the findings of the investigation, conclusions and recommendations and if applicable the measures to be taken by the community.

The rapporteur will be provided to the government within three months period to comment on the findings.

The rapporteur will also emphasise the essentiality of individual rights guaranteed by United Nations.

The mission to India started on March 15 and will end on March 30 and will be followed by a press conference in New Delhi. He will reveal his preliminary findings.

The rapporteur, chairperson of Association of Persons (APDP), and senior High Court lawyer Zafar Shah were also present.

The rapporteur stressed the need to take strong measures on New Delhi to ensure that “to let us know the whereabouts of disappeared persons in Kashmir.”

Zafar Shah said, “State laws like Public Safety Act are completely misused here and thousands of people became victims. Armed Areas Act and Armed Forces Act state forces have powers to kill any person on the spot.”

In 2010, excessive and indiscriminate use of force was used against the protesters against the state which

justified these killings by the use of stone-pelting and damage to property but no law gives the protesters the right to open fire on the protesting people.

The rapporteur with his team also collected testimonies from relatives of victims of major fake encounters, extrajudicial killings of children and young protesters and extrajudicial killings of human rights

members of Bar Association and society members.

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Srinagar, March 26

United Nations Special Rapporteur, Christof Heynes and his team on Monday visited Srinagar where he met government officials, human rights activists, Bar Association, members of civil society and various victims of violence.

While briefing media about the mandate and purpose of his mission, Heynes said, “The mandate of the UN special rapporteur on extra-judicial, summary or arbitrary executions covers all killings that are in violation of international human rights or humanitarian law including

## UN rapporteur visits valley

# Says will reveal findings about killings in Delhi



killings by law enforcement officials due to excessive use of force during inter-alia demonstrations and arrests, deaths in custody, killings of vulnerable groups including human rights

defenders, journalists, migrant workers and women.”

He said that the Special Rapporteur carries out his mandate through correspondence

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‘Udaan’ is targeted at providing well-paid jobs to the trained manpower in a Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode between the NSDC and corporate houses.

The talent pool of J&K youngsters, in the absence of job opportunities, becomes alienated and their potential in turning around the state economy is wasted.

By providing them jobs, the scheme proposes to channelise their energies into creative pursuits.

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He will meet with governments about specific incidents of killings and through fact-finding visits to countries in which there are allegations of unlawful killings.

“We investigate the circumstances and causes of killings, alert governments to their legal obligations and provide guidance on the measures required to prevent future violations,” he said.

Before the visit, he said, the Special Rapporteur conducts intensive research into the state’s institutions and its laws and on the issues that its society faces.

“During the country visit we meet government officials, diplomats, representatives of civil society, the United Nations and other institutions as well as witnesses, victims and victim family members.