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of Pulwama district, a senior police officer said. Khandey was allegedly involved in the killing of two policemen here earlier this year: "LeT #terrorist Umar Mustaq Khandey who martyred our 2 colleagues SgCT Mohammad Yousf and Ct Suhail Ah in Baghat Srinagar while they were having tea, #neutralised in Drangbal, #Pampore. Amongst various other crimes of the terrorists, this stands out as most unforgivable," Inspector General of Police, Kashmir, Vijay Kumar said in a tweet.

"We are committed to #hunt down these #terrorists who try to create fear among masses and spread mischief & tumult in the valley. Such elements and their name should be excised from society," he said.

Another unidentified terrorist was also killed in the Pampore encounter; a police official said, adding that arms and ammunition were recovered from the spot.

Khandey's name figured in the list of top 10 terrorists who the security forces were targeting since the hit list was released by the police in August this year.

As per police records, both the killed terrorists were collaborators in recent killings in City Srinagar and involved in several other terror crimes. Besides, Umer Mushtaq was also involved in the killing of SgCt Mohammad Yousuf and Ct Suhail Ahmad in Baghat area of Srinagar and figured among the list of top 10 most wanted terrorists. He was also responsible for creating terror among the locals and had been coercing innocent citizens to sympathise with anti-national elements.

Incriminating materials including arms and ammunition were also recovered from the site of encounter. All the recovered materials have been taken into case records for further investigation. Police has registered a case under relevant sections of law and started investigation in to the matter: People are requested to cooperate with police till the area is completely sanitized and cleared of all the explosive materials, if any.

IGP Kashmir congratulated the joint teams working with great synergy and coordination on the ground for carrying out successful anti-terrorist operations in professional manner without any collateral damage.

IGP Kashmir said that, post recent civilian killings in City Srinagar terrorists Shahid Khurshid along with Shahid Bashir shifted to district Pulwama while as their other associate Mukhtar Shah shifted to district Shopian and all the three terrorists stand eliminated. He also said that, Police is committed to hunt down all the terrorists who try to create fear among masses and spread mischief & tumult in the valley and such elements & their names should be excised from society. He also said that, post recent civilian killings, so far 13 terrorists have been eliminated in 9 different anti-terrorist operations including 3 out of 5 terrorists of Srinagar City who were killed within less than 24hrs. He also said that, as of now only two terrorists of Srinagar City namely Mehran and Wasim are active and all efforts are on to nab them.

Srinagar killings: IGP...

targets, we had not provided security to them (civilians). It is not possible to provide security to all soft targets," Kumar said.

He said security forces acted swiftly and identified all five terrorists involved in the killings.

"Two of them have been neutralised and the other three will also be tracked down soon," he added.

Dismissing criticism of the security apparatus by politicians, Kumar said the police are dealing with the situation professionally.

"It is the job of politicians to make all kinds of statements. I am a professional and I know how to deal with it (situation). We are dealing with it professionally," he said.

The IGP said that 11 terrorists have been killed in nine encounters since October 8. Many political leaders had criticised the Centre and the security forces over the civilian killings in Kashmir. Some had also demanded that accountability be fixed for the "repeated security lapses" and security be provided to members of minority communities living in the Valley.

Rahul posted as...

Forest Officer, Forest Division, Jammu of the additional charge of the post. It is further ordered that during the deputation of Rahul Singh, he shall be governed under the standard terms and conditions of deputation as contained in Schedule XVIII of J&K Civil Services Regulation (Vol. II), 1956 read with SRO-192 dated May 28, 2007. "Rahul shall retain lien and promotion prospects in his parent service," it added.

JCO, Jawan martyred...

Singh Negi and Yogambar Singh, both from Uttarakhand, were confirmed martyred earlier.

A defence spokesman identified the JCO as Ajay Singh and another soldier as Naik Harendra Singh and said they were part of search operations launched by the security forces to flush out terrorists hiding in the densely forested area on Thursday.

After a fierce firefight with terrorists, the communication with the two soldiers was disrupted. Relentless operations continued to neutralise the terrorists and to reestablish communication with them, the spokesman said.

Earlier on October 11, five Army personnel, including a Junior Commissioned Officer (JCO), were killed when terrorists attacked a search party in Poonch's Surankote forest.

There was another exchange of fire between the Army's search parties and the fleeing terrorists in the adjoining Thanamandi forest in Rajouri the same day but the ultras managed their escape.

The presence of terrorists in the forest area connecting Poonch and Rajouri was observed two and a half months ago and accordingly tactical operations were launched to track them down, Deputy Inspector General of Police, Rajouri-Poonch range, Vivek Gupta told reporters.

He said the area is mountainous and the forest is dense, which makes the operation difficult and dangerous.

The joint security grid was tracking different groups of terrorists but operations take time, depending on the topography of the area. The contact with the terrorists was established on three occasions this week, based on the intelligence inputs, the officer said.

Gupta said the forest area is being sanitised and once the operation is complete, a clear picture will emerge.

The terrorists are holed up and the joint forces are on the job to take the operation to the logical conclusion as per the Standard Operating Procedure, he said.

However, he did not disclose the number of terrorists hiding in the forest area. We have the number and have formed our strategy accordingly.

The officials said gunshots were heard intermittently throughout the day as the joint search parties of the Army and the police resumed the operation in Poonch's Mendhar area.

They said the entire forest area from Mendhar to Thanamandi remains under a strict cordon and a massive search operation is on to neutralise the terrorists who are moving from one place to another in an attempt to escape the dragnet.

The Army has already deployed para-commandos and a helicopter was also seen hovering over the forest area to keep surveillance, the officials said.

They said the traffic between Mendhar and Thanamandi along the Jammu-Rajouri highway remained suspended for the second day in the wake of the ongoing operation.

Rajouri and Poonch in the Jammu region have witnessed a rise in infiltration attempts since June this year, resulting in the killing of nine terrorists in separate encounters.

Earlier in the day, a defence spokesperson said the mortal remains of riflemen Negi and Singh were flown to Uttarakhand in a service aircraft Saturday morning after a wreath-laying ceremony.

A police spokesperson said the nation will always remain indebted to these bravehearts for their supreme sacrifice for the nation.

Subedar Ajay Singh is resident of Village - Rampur, Post- Jajal, Tehsil- Narendra Nagar, District - Teluri, Utrakhand.

Naik Harendra Singh is resident of Village - Pipalsari, Post- Rikhnikhil, Tehsil- Lansdowne, District - Pauri, Utrakhand.

Govt committed to...

level of 2014 equipped with submersible pumps and other electro-mechanic equipment, and creation of underground drainage network at Indra Nagar will provide solutions to the problem of water stagnation and flooding of streets in the area.

The project will reduce the damages caused to the roads due to water logging during monsoons and rainfalls.

Informing about the features and advantages of the Highway Park, Green Space, and Fountain at Bemina, the officials said that the development of the park and fountain will provide recreation space for residents, benefiting about 1,00,000 population.

Junaid Azim Mattu, Mayor Srinagar; Parvaiz Ahmad Qadri, Deputy Mayor SMC; Dheeraj Gupta, Principal Secretary to the Government, H&UDD; Pandurang K. Pole, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Vijay Kumar, IGP Kashmir; Mohammad Aijaz, Deputy Commissioner; Srinagar; Athar Amir Khan, Commissioner; SMC and CEO SSCL; Sandeep Choudhary, SSP Srinagar; besides Senior officers of the UT administration were present on the occasion.

Ready to sacrifice...

National Conference on October 10, told reporters at his residence after he was accorded a grand welcome on his return from Delhi.

Rana, younger brother of Union minister Jitendra Singh, had taken over the post of Provincial president of National Conference in 2011 after relinquishing his office as political advisor to the then chief minister Omar Abdullah. He along with senior party colleague and former minister S S Slathia joined BJP in the Delhi on Monday.

"The Jammu declaration is my political agenda. Some people ask what the Jammu declaration is and for them, I want to say it is a concept which is developing and whose base has been set up. Like the Gupkar declaration (an amalgam of various mainstream parties including NC and PDP who came together to seek restoration of Article 370) which is also a concept and the contours of which will be completed with consultations of the people," he said.

"Jammu Declaration, a concept of Jammu, for Jammu and by Jammu, is a narrative from here for inclusive Jammu and Kashmir to achieve the objective of socio-economic, political and developmental parity between all the regions and sub-regions with no region and no section, irrespective of caste, creed and religion, nurturing feeling of deprivation or discrimination, domination or subjugation", Rana said, adding that the unprecedented affection and enthusiasm demonstrated by the people is actually endorsement of the Jammu Declaration.

Rana, flanked by Surjeet Singh Slathia, said they will stand for the Jammu cause, come what may. For this purpose a concept has emerged, which seeks fair play in governance,

search, 50 bottles of illicit liquor (180 ml each) were recovered from his possession. He was arrested and FIR No. 148/2021 under section 48(A) of Excise Act was registered against him at Police Station Kanha Chak. The overall arrests and recoveries were made under supervision of SDPO Domana Sunil Singh.

Bovine smuggling attempt foiled; 8 bovines rescued, 2 vehicles seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: In continuation to thwart the conspiracies of bovine smugglers within the district, Kathua Police under overall supervision of SSP R C Kotwal on Saturday foiled bovine smuggling attempt in Rajbagh area by rescuing 8 bovines and seized 2 vehicles involved in crime.

As per details, it was reliably learnt that two Mahindra vehicles (JK14D-9058 and JK02BN-2231), are moving rom Kathua towards Jammu via link road Bhagwal Channi, in which few bovines were tied in illegal manner. Acting on information, a police team led by Insp Amit Sangra, SHO Rajbagh under supervision of SDPO Border Sachit Mahajan laid a Naka/checking duty at Bhagwal road. On seeing Naka party, drivers of vehicles parked their vehicle far behind Naka point and fled away.

During checking of aforesaid vehicles, 8 bovines were found laden in them illegally which were rescued and both the vehicles were seized. FIR No. 206/2021 under sections 188 of IPC, 11 of PCA has been registered at Police Station Rajbagh and further investigation is going on.

Drug peddler arrested, huge quantity of contraband recovered

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ANANTNAG: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from society, police on Saturday arrested a drug peddler and recovered huge quantity of contraband substances from his possession.

As per details, Police Station Bijbehara received a specific information that one Mudasir Ahmad Ganie, son of Abdul Ahad Ganie, resident of Kandipora Bijbehara is indulged in drug peddling and has hoarded a huge quantity of narcotic substance in his house. On receipt of this information, a police party under the supervision of SDPO Bijbehara along with Executive Magistrate raided the specific location. During search, officers were able to recover 1.1 Kg Charas and 52 Kg Cannabis leaves from the house. The accused was arrested and shifted to police station where he remained in custody.

Accordingly, FIR No. 268/2021 under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Bijbehara and further investigation started.

4 arrested for illegal extraction & transportation of minerals

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GANDERBAL: Police on Saturday arrested 4 persons and seized 4 vehicles involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals in Ganderbal.

As per details, officers from Police Station Kheer Bhawani under the supervision of DySP Hqrs Ganderbal and DySp DAR Ganderbal seized four vehicles involved in extraction and transportation of sand illegally extracted in District Ganderbal. Four drivers were also arrested and shifted to police station where they remained in custody. They were identified as Nazir Ahmad Dar, resident of Kondbal, Muzaffar Ahmad Dar, resident of Gangerhama, Fayaz Ahmad Shah, resident of Chek Yangoora and Ishfaq Ahmad Mir, resident of Gulabagh.

Accordingly, FIR No. 61/2021 under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Kheer Bhawani and further investigation has been initiated.

Police seeks people's help in identifying suspects

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BUDGAM: Police has sought help of general public in identifying suspected thieves, involved in theft case of Police Station Chadoora. During investigation under FIR No. 175/2021 at Police Station Chadoora, the police team collected CCTV footages and obtained photographs of two suspects involved in theft case. Police has



funds distribution, jobs and other resources with a tag to equitable opportunities to all and appeasement to none. He vowed to pursue this agenda religiously as the ownership of the concept goes to the people of Jammu, he added.

"I have been, am and would serve the people as their servant and those knowing me can vouch for it on the basis of my service to the people", emotionally overtaken Rana said amid chants of 'Jammu, Jammu, Jammu, Jammu', adding that the land of warriors has to retrieve its pristine glory. This can't be achieved by an individual but a collective and united effort by people of all shades and walks of life would be needed. He said by Jammu he always means Jammu, Samba, Kathua, Reasi, Doda, Kishtwar; Poonch, Rajouri, Udhampur; Ramban and all other areas. Jammu's assimilative ethos encompasses the entire Jammu and Kashmir; its people, its ethos and its glory, he maintained.

Addressing the rally, Surjeet Singh Slathia expressed his gratitude to the people for bestowing them a lot of affection, saying this speaks of their yearning to see Jammu flourishing economically, socially and politically.

Slathia said the support of the people will encourage them to work for their single mindedly with a mission to make Jammu and Kashmir a better place to live in.

The BJP leader said his character will prove his credentials. "I do not need to answer anyone or seek a certificate from anyone. My people know me very well and I know them as well."

Rana said he is ready to make any sacrifice for the people of Jammu region. "The challenges and opportunities in J&K are enormous. We will try to deal with the challenges and make full use of opportunities for the welfare of the entire Jammu and Kashmir and Jammu region in particular," he said.

Earlier, addressing his supporters who turned up in thousands and accorded him a rousing reception at the Jammu airport before accompanying him in a procession to his Gandhi Nagar residence, Rana said now the voice of J&K will come from Jammu which should get its rightful place .

On January 30, Rana proposed the 'Jammu declaration', a charter to forge unity and reinforce trust between diverse communities and divergent regions of Jammu and Kashmir.

The rally, comprising young and old, lined up outside the Jammu Airport, chanting slogans in favour of Devender Rana and Slathia, extending their unequivocal support. The horse, car and bike rally with riders in traditional costumes escorted the two leaders to Rana Residence in Green Belt Park. The leaders, atop a tastefully decorated van, kept waving at the crowds' enroute. They were profusely garlanded and the supporters kept showering flower petals on them. The cultural ambassadors of various areas of the Jammu region kept dancing on drum beats as the enthusiasm ran high among the supporters.

Traffic on the main road was suspended for over an hour around noon as the supporters of the two leaders waited with garlands.

Among the supporters, many said that they were National Conference activists and supported the decision of Rana and Slathia.

"He (Rana) has never distinguished people based on religion and we are with him whether he is in NC or BJP," Sarpanch Makhan from Udhampur said.

Choudhary Ali Mohammad, belonging to the Gujjar community, echoed Makhan and said they know Rana as a leader who doesn't believe in the politics of religion and caste.

"He is the most popular leader of Jammu province and a person capable of the post of the chief minister. We hope BJP will accommodate him as per his stature and project him as a chief ministerial candidate of the party in the upcoming polls, he said.

Narinder Kumar Sharma backed the decision of the two leaders to join BJP and said the grand welcome accorded to Rana and Slathia should open the eyes of those who said their parting ways with the National Conference would have no impact on the party in the Jammu region.

Senior J&K Admn...

Rs 2,000, an ATM card, and her identity card and sped away, a senior officer said. In a scuffle that ensued over the bag, the woman received minor injuries, he said.

A case under sections 392 (punishment for robbery) and 34 (acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention) of the IPC has been registered against the unidentified robbers, and further investigation is underway, the police said.

Govt announces operational...

the eligible exporters who are registered with the Handicrafts & Handloom Department.

The Export subsidy shall be applicable for GI products that will be certified by the quality control wing/ testing lab of the Handicrafts Department and shall not be entitled on machine made stuff.

Terming the development as positive, Director Handicrafts & Handloom Kashmir Mahmood Ahmad Shah asserted that this step will help in restoring the quantum of exports of the Handicraft items that we used to export from this place and was a long pending demand from the Kashmir based exporters.

The subsidy shall be availed on the Handicraft exports whose origin is from J&K. In case the origin of exports is outside J&K, it shall have to be accompanied by e-way bill.

This all comes under the recently announced major developments where under various schemes such as Kharandar scheme, financial assistance to the Handicrafts & Handloom Cooperative societies and enhancing the limit under the Artisan Credit Card scheme were announced by the Government.

It is believed that all these steps will strengthen the Handicraft & Handloom eco system of the UT and will give a boost to the ground level artisan.



Rape accused held from Andhra Pradesh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

REASI: A man, who has been accused of raping a woman on pretext of marriage, was arrested from Andhra Pradesh by Jammu and Kashmir police within five days of registering a case against him, officials said on Saturday.

As per details, a written complaint was lodged in Police Station Reasi by one Rehana (name changed) of Reasi that one Mohd Ashfaq, son of Mohd Razaq, resident of Sarola Manjakote, with concealed identity, fraudulently developed relationship with her and repeatedly raped her on pretext of marriage. The woman on enquiry came to know about fraud & abuse that has been committed with her body and soul. To further exploit the victim, accused floated objectionable pictures of her on social media.

On this, FIR no. 197 under section 376 of IPC was registered at Police Station Reasi and investigations started. He remained involved in a fraudulent relationship with victim for two months just for raping her.

Police team swung into action after lodging FIR and got conducted medical examination of victim. Her statement was recorded under section 164 of CrPc before judicial magistrate. Working on gathered clues from human intelligence, the accused was traced in Andhra Pradesh.

Shailender Singh Senior Superintendent of Police Reasi constituted a special team headed by a Sub Inspector and sent it to Andhra Pradesh. After a long travel of 3 days by train on one side and coordinating with local police, a series of raids were conducted and finally accused was arrested from Peddapuram, East Godavari, area of Andhra Pradesh, within 5 days of reporting of crime. He was brought to Reasi after obtaining Transit Remand from Court of JMJC, Peddapuram Andhra Pradesh to face investigation and judicial process. Meanwhile, involvement of two more accused Manzoor and Iqbal have also been found in defaming victim by making her objectionable pictures viral on social media. Accused Manzoor Ahmed, son of Ghulam Mohd, resident of Mahore at present Bajalta was arrested from Bajalta Udhampur and Iqbal Hussain, son of Gulzar Hussain, resident of Mari, Reasi was arrested from Reasi.

Singh conveyed that further investigation of the case is going on and investigation will be concluded on priority. He further appealed that parents and girls should remain beware of such fraudsters who remain on a mission of spoiling lives of innocent girls on false promises of marriage.

Man held for assaulting woman

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JHAJJAR KOTLI: Police on Tuesday arrested a man who assaulted a woman in Dansal area.

As per details, on October 13, 2021, one Sultan Mohd, son of Reham Din, resident of Selli Tehsil Dansal assaulted a woman namely Naziran Bibi, wife of Abdul Ghani, resident of Selli and fled from the spot. On this, FIR No. 168/2021 under sections 307/341/323 of IPC was registered at Police Station Jhajjar Kotli. SHO Jhajjar Kotli Insp Devider Singh along with police party started search for accused at Selli, Dansal, Baggain, Tarah, Badsoo areas etc and constituted a team for search of accused led by PSI Sharaz Ahmed. The team raided different places and finally nabbed accused from deep forest areas of Palli Dansal.

Bootlegger nabbed with 50 bottles of liquor

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Saturday arrested a bootlegger and recovered 50 bottles of illicit liquor recovered from his possession.

As per details, a party of Police Station Kahna Chak led by SHO Kahna Chak Insp Vishav Partap Singh while on patrolling duty near Halqa Chowk rounded up a suspect identified as Sewa Ram, son of Masu Ram, resident of Marh. During

appealed to general public to help in identifying suspects. In case of any information/clue regarding identity of suspects, people are requested to inform Police Station Chadoora on 9419007052, 7006220441 or Police Control Room on 112.

Five shops burgled in Samba

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SAMBHA: Thieves on Saturday burgled five shops overnight at Main Bazaar Samba.

As per details, thieves targeted first shop belonging to Rakesh Kumar, son of Darshan Lal, resident of Chack Medu Supwal and took away binding wire about 4.50 quintal, Scrap-wire about 1.50 quintal. From another shop Sahil Bar, belonging to Vijay Kumar, son of Nanak Chand, resident of W No- 8 Samba, the thieves decamped with approximately Rs 7,000-8,000 cash. Locks of shop namely 7 Leyors Networking Solutions belonging to one Hemaish, son of Pawan Kumar, resident of Samba were also found broken while at Bhagwati Agencies belonging to Ashok Kumar, son of Milkhi Ram, resident of Naran Jatwal, thieves decamped with approximately Rs 2,000-3,000 cash. Attempts were also made to burgle another shop namely Harsh Communication.

Fake currency racket busted, 3 arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Thursday nabbed three persons and recovered counterfeit/ fake currency notes of Rs 59,000 from their possession.

As per details, a party from Police Party Gadigarh led by Incharge Police Post Gadigarh Insp Lakhvir Singh while on Naka duty near Bahlana rounded up two suspects on a vehicle without any registration number. On search, Rs 5,000 counterfeit currency notes were recovered from their possession. On this, FIR No. 237/21 under sections 489 A & 489 C was registered at Police Station Satwari and investigation started. During further questioning, accused confessed involvement of one more accused namely Ramesh Kumar alias Doctor, son of Bhajan Lal, resident of Chak Bala, R S Pura, at present Dashmesh Nagar in the crime. On this, special police teams of Police Station Satwari under supervision of SDPO South P K Mengi were constituted. A team led by SHO Satwari Insp Deepak Jasrotia assisted by PSI Tejinder Singh after strenuous efforts, arrested the accused. During sustained questioning, he confessed his involvement in the crime and on his disclosure fake currency and material used in the printing of counterfeit currency were recovered, including counterfeit currency, 1 printer cum scanner, half rim of executive bond paper, 23 executive bond papers with each paper having prints of currency notes in denominations of Rs 500, Rs 200 and Rs 100 amounting to Rs. 29,900, fake currency notes in denominations of Rs 500, Rs 200 and Rs 100 amounting to Rs 19,100, Paper cutter, Green colored adhesive tapes, Empty tape rolls, Glass sheet etc. In total, counterfeit currency recovered amounts to Rs 59,000. It is pertinent to mention that various FIRs have already been registered against accused namely Ramesh Kumar in different police stations like Miran Sahib, Bishmah, Arnia , Gangyal etc. The overall arrests and recoveries were made under supervision of SP City South Deepak Digra.

