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of Understanding signed between the High-range Rural Development Society (HRDS India) and Divisional Commissioner Jammu and Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; under which the houses of terror victims having their own land will be constructed. Under the initiative, the HRDS India and Divisional Commissioners of both the divisions will identify terror victim families whose houses were destroyed by the terrorists.

The Lieutenant Governor said the culprit Pakistani terrorists and their support system in the valley ran a false narrative for three decades to absolve terror country Pakistan for its sins.

"Pakistan, breeding ground of terrorism, is exposed now and those involved in peddling a fake narrative on behalf of terrorists will be brought to justice," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Anshul Garg; DIG NKR Baramulla, Maqsood-Ul-Zaman; Deputy Commissioner, Kupwara, Shrikant Balasahab Suse; SSP Kupwara, Syed Al-Tahir Gilani; Chairman, Save Youth Save Future Foundation, Wajahat Farooq Bhat and other members of the Foundation, senior officials and family members of victims of terrorism were present.

Pooja holidays from...

shall observe Pooja holidays from October 19 to November 2." Jammu University's Joint Registrar (Examinations), Dr Raj Kumar, issued an order that said, "It is notified for the information of all concerned that the examinations scheduled to be held on October 20, 22, and 23 are postponed on account of the festivals falling on these dates."

He added that the fresh dates for the postponed examinations will be notified separately in due course.

CM calls for...

presentation and live demonstration of the Integrated Mining Surveillance System (IMSS) - a digital initiative developed in collaboration with BISAG (Bhaskaracharya Institute for Space Applications and Geoinformatics). The IMSS portal and mobile application provide real-time monitoring of mining activities through dashboards integrated with e-Challan and e-Market systems. This innovation aims to enhance transparency, accountability, and regulatory compliance in mineral operations across Jammu and Kashmir.

He informed the meeting that over 243 triggers have already been generated for field verification through features such as vehicle tracking, GPS-enabled monitoring, PoS-linked e-challan-ing (integrated with J&K Bank), and on-the-spot enforcement to curb illegal mining.

While appreciating the initiative, the Chief Minister directed the developers to explore delineating and delegating PoS functions to expand the use of digital monitoring systems. He also called for integration of the department's existing portal with the IMSS platform to ensure seamless implementation and improved results.

Omar Abdullah further suggested that the application should allow citizens to register complaints through mobile gadgets to be integrated in the system with satellite imagery or other evidence, strengthening public participation and grievance redressal.

The Chief Minister instructed the department to categorize active and non-active mineral vendors or suppliers and establish a dedicated monitoring cell at the Directorate level for continuous data tracking and real-time oversight.

Reviewing ongoing reforms under the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) 2025-26, the Chief Minister was informed that the department has initiated a series of key measures aimed at strengthening institutional capacity and ensuring greater transparency in the mining sector. These include a shift towards an auction-based system for allocation of mineral blocks, introduction of mine closure and rehabilitation provisions, and the implementation of advanced survey and mapping mechanisms. The department has also operationalized the District Mineral Foundation Trust (DMFT) framework to ensure that mining revenues directly contribute to local area development and welfare initiatives.

Further, the meeting was informed, efforts are underway to revise royalty fee structure and penal provisions to align with current market realities while improving compliance.

The Mining Department has made the use of GPS-enabled transport and PoS-based transactions mandatory to track mineral movement and prevent leakages. Legal enforcement mechanisms have been reinforced through the requirement of royalty clearance certificates, in line with recent directions from the Hon'ble High Court, thereby tightening regulatory oversight and ensuring responsible mineral extraction practices.

The department also presented the status of major and minor mineral blocks, highlighting progress in auctioning and granting of mining leases across districts. The Chief Minister emphasized that all clearances and NoCs must be obtained in advance before blocks are allocated through auction to avoid procedural and operational delays faced by successful allottees & bidders who have to run from pillar to post in obtaining environmental and other clearances.

Speaking on the issue of illegal mining, Omar Abdullah underscored the need to eliminate collusion at lower levels of administration, asserting that illegal operations cannot persist without internal complicity.

"In my previous tenure, illegal mining was never a concern. With the technological tools now available, any such activity is only possible if there's collusion at the lower level. The department must use these systems effectively to eliminate that possibility. The more we reduce such collusion, the lesser the chances of illegal mining," the Chief Minister said.

The Chief Minister also reviewed exploration projects currently being carried out by MECL and GSI, covering sapphire, lithium, lignite, and shallow biogenic gas reserves in various districts. He was informed about ongoing exploration of granite, graphite, gypsum, copper, and base metals, supported by detailed geological mapping, drilling, and feasibility assessments.

He stressed on ensuring strict compliance with environmental regulations, particularly in eco-sensitive zones, while expanding mineral development activities in a sustainable manner.

The Chief Minister commended the Mining Department for adopting digital innovation and institutional reforms and urged continued focus on transparency, efficiency, and environmental responsibility in the sector.

Police attaches immovable...

Act (UAPA), they said.

The action was linked to a terror case registered at the Mahore police station under various sections of law.

Mirasi joined terrorist ranks in 2000 and later fled to Pakistan in 2010 to procure arms and ammunition and receive training to wage a war against India, police said.

He was initially affiliated to Hizbul Mujahideen (HM) and later became associated with Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), actively facilitating terrorism in the Union Territory from across the border; they said. Reasi SSP Paramvir Singh said the move was part of a broader strategy to dismantle the logistical, financial, and operational networks of terror outfits and their cross-border handlers.

"The attachment of property sends a strong message to those who continue to engage in or support anti-national activities from within or outside the country," the SSP said.

Ten Munsiffs promoted...

both Union Territories, the Registrar Vigilance, Registrar Rules, Registrar Computers, and other relevant authorities for compliance and record.

Six nabbed for...

The mob stormed the site around 12.15 am Monday and pelted the guards and other workers with stones, and then beat them with sticks and rods, police said.

The attackers damaged CCTV cameras, lights, vehicles, and other site infrastructure, including a Camper vehicle and made off with construction material.

A case in connection with the robbery was filed at the Bari Brahmana Police Station, and a hunt for the assailants was launched.

At length, police nabbed six people, who they identified as Sadiq Ali, Mushtaq Ahmed, Gulab Din alias Gaya, Mohd Farooq alias Bothn, and Bagh Hussain, all of them from Sarore Adda in Bari Brahmana, and Mohd Shareef, who is originally from Jammu.

During interrogation, Mushtaq Ahmed, Gulab Din, Mohd Farooq, and Mohd Shareef confessed to their involvement and gave away the location of the robbed material.

At their instance, police recovered a large quantity of construction materials from the house of Mohd Farooq. More recoveries were made from a site near a local cremation ground, police said.

'Nagrota will always...

the people, we will make Nagrota a model constituency -- fulfilling Rana Sahib's dream of transforming it into a symbol of developed India," she said.

Scores of BJP supporters and residents of Nagrota thronged Deyyani's residence in Gandhi Nagar to celebrate the announcement of her candidature.

An entrepreneur managing the family business of media and motor companies, Deyyani said she is committed to working with dedication and discipline.

"This seat belonged to the BJP, and it will always remain with the BJP," she claimed. Deyyani, who did her BA in economics from the University of California, lauded the BJP for empowering women and youth, and said that under Prime Minister Modi's vision of 'Viksit Bharat', she aims to work to build a "developed Nagrota and a developed Jammu and Kashmir".

Calling the BJP "not just a party but a family", she said, "We don't believe in talks, we believe in action, we believe in working on the ground and serving the people. Together, we will win this seat by a massive margin." While the bypoll in Budgam is expected to witness a direct contest between the NC and the PDP, in Nagrota, Deyyani Rana is banking on her father's strong legacy and the party's consolidated support base in the constituency.

The last date for filing nominations is October 20, while the last date for the withdrawal of candidature is October 24.

15-day event...

strategic levels to the grassroots governance, which is crucial in addressing multidimensional challenges such as conventional security threats and emerging issues in the cyber and social domains.

The initiative brought together all key stakeholders - including the Armed Forces, Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), Police, Civil Administration, Academia and Media - in a unified effort to strengthen coordination and cooperation across institutional and functional levels.

The capsule is being attended by academicians from IIT and IIM Jammu, and officials from multiple civil departments such as the Public Welfare Department, Rural Development, Flood Control, Information, Jal Shakti, Health, Education & Social Welfare, Youth and Sports, among others. Officers from the District Administrations of Jammu, Kathua and Samba are also participating, reflecting the region's commitment to strengthening civil-military synergy at all levels. Veterans and officials of the Zila Sainik Boards joined the proceedings, symbolising the continued contribution of the ex-servicemen community in fostering unity and nation-building.

The Indian Army and Indian Air Force are leading the military participation, while the BSF, CRPF and JKP represent the Paramilitary and Police forces. MCFC sessions are being conducted across various departments throughout Jammu, encompassing activities from the grassroots level to the highest administrative echelons. On the opening day, speakers highlighted Jammu's seven decades of exemplary cooperation between military and civil institutions - fostering confidence, coordination and resilience among the people. Citing Operations SINDOOR, RAHAT and SANJY, where joint efforts saved lives and restored infrastructure, they emphasised that fusion and collective action are the keys to regional progress.

Police raid houses...

Bashir Najar son of Bashir Ahmad Najar resident of Soiteng, Umer Adil Dar son of Ghulam Hassan Dar resident of Soiteng, Shabir Ahmad Ganie son of Gh Mohi-ud-din Ganie resident of New Theed, Ajaz Ahmad Bhat son of Aziz Ah Bhat resident of New Theed, Mohd Altaf Ganie son of Fayaz Ahmad resident of New Theed, Fayaz Ahmad Ganie son of Mohd Sultan resident of New Theed, Manzoor Ahmad Bhat son of Ab Ahad Bhat resident of New Theed and Ahsan Ahmad Bhat @ Munna son of late Mohd Yousef resident of Mughal Mohall Raniwari A/P Indra Nagar, Srinagar. The searches were conducted in accordance with due legal procedure, in the presence of Executive Magistrates and independent witnesses, and under the supervision of senior officers of J&K Police. The objective of these operations was to seize incriminating material such as documents, digital devices, and other evidence relevant to ongoing investigations. The raids also form part of a broader intelligence-gathering exercise aimed at pre-empting and disrupting any conspiratorial or terrorist activities threatening public peace and national security.

'Mahabharat' star Pankaj...

Issar, and Mika Singh among others paid their last respects to Dheer at the crematorium.

Dheer, who hailed from Punjab, started out as an actor in the 1980s, featuring in minor roles in many movies.

His big break came in 1988 when he was cast as Karna in the small screen adaptation of Hindu epic 'Mahabharata'. After that, his popularity peaked and he starred in many movies such as 'Sadak', 'Sanam Bewafa' and 'Aashik Awara'.

From 1994 to 1996, Dheer starred in TV series 'Chandrakanta', loosely based on author Devaki Nandan Khatri's 1888 novel of the same name. He essayed the popular role of Shivdutt, the king of fictional kingdom of Chunargarh.

Some of his notable movies also include Bobby Deol's 'Soldier', Shah Rukh Khan's 'Baadshah', Akshay Kumar's 'Andaz', and Ajay Devgn's 'Zameen' and 'Tarzan'.

In the late 2000s, Dheer appeared in many daily soaps 'Teen Bahuraniyaan', 'Raja Ki Aayegi Baraat' and 'Sasural Simar Ka'. Meanwhile, Veteran Indian actress and classical dancer Madhumati has passed away at the age of 87, leaving behind a remarkable legacy in Indian cinema. Known for her exceptional dance moves and powerful on-screen presence, Madhumati was one of the most respected performers of her generation.

The 87-year-old actress was born in Maharashtra in 1938. She developed a passion for dance at a young age and later learned several classical forms, including Bharatanatyam, Kathak, Manipuri, and Kathakali.

Her artistic journey began in 1957 with an unreleased Marathi film, marking the launch of a career that would inspire countless performers in the years to come.

Madhumati became famous through her memorable performances in Hindi films such as Ankhen, Tower House, Shikari, and Mujhe Jeene Do. Her graceful performances made her a household name and earned her comparisons with other iconic dancers of her time, including Indian actress and dancer Helen.

Accused wanted in POC SO case arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: In a significant breakthrough, Doda Police have arrested an accused who had been evading arrest for over one and a half months in connection with a rape and POC SO (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences) case. According to an official statement by the police, the accused, identified as Ravi Kumar, son of Phulail Singh, a resident of Chakka Tund, Tehsil Rajgarh, District Ramban, was wanted in a case registered under FIR No. 208/2025, under Sections 3 & 4 read with Section 18 of the POC SO Act at Police Station Doda.

After the registration of the FIR, the accused went into hiding. A special police team was constituted at the direction of SSP Doda, Sh. Sandeep Mehta (JKPS), under the supervision of DySP Headquarters Doda and SHO Police Station Doda, led by In-Charge Police Post Kastigarh. Using technical leads and human intelligence, the team successfully tracked and arrested the accused, bringing an end to the prolonged manhunt.

Absconder wanted in NDPS Act arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: In continuation to its drive against the Absconders/Criminals, Samba Police apprehended an absconder wanted in a case registered under NDPS Act at Police Station Samba during the year 2019 and was evading his arrest for the last six years after issuance of arrest warrant against him by the Hon'ble Court Samba.

A Police team of Police Post Supwal of PS Samba succeeded in apprehending an absconder namely Shamas Din S/o Mohd. Yousaf R/o Rakh Barotian tehsil Vijaypur district Samba wanted in case FIR No. 77/2019 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act registered at PS Samba.

Accordingly, the said absconder was produced in the court of law and was sent to District Jail Kathua by the court Samba. Thus the arrest warrant u/s 512 CrPC issued against him got executed.

Haul of narcotics seized in ongoing anti-drug operations; 6 arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In significant escalation of its anti-drug efforts, Police in Srinagar have seized large quantities of banned narcotic substances and arrested multiple individuals in connection with drug trafficking.

The seizures were made in a series of coordinated operations across the city, resulting in the registration of multiple FIRs. The major recoveries in drug-related crimes include; Police Station Shalteng recovered 36.770 kg of Ganja from a residence in Dilawar Colony, Mugund. The accused persons namely Jehangir Ahmad Dar and Mohd Rafiq Dar, sons of Late Abdul Rehman Dar, have been arrested in case FIR No. 75/2025 under relevant sections of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act. In a separate case under the same FIR No. 75/2025 of NDPS Act, Police recovered an additional 11.500 kg of Ganja from the attic of a cowshed at the residence of Mohd Altaf Dar, son of Gh. Ahmad Dar, resident of Dilavar Colony. The drug peddler was arrested on the spot, Police Station Panthachowk seized of a substantial quantity of Clonazepam - banned psychotropic drug - from Maqsood Ahmad Mir of Balhama. The accused person stands arrested in case FIR No. 78/2025 under NDPS Act, Police Station Nowgam recovered 16 kg of charas concealed in three rice bags from Khazir Mohammad Sheikh of Ganie Mohalla, Wagoora. In this connection, FIR No. 155/2025 u/s 8/20 NDPS Act stands registered and the drug peddler has been arrested. Similarly, in case FIR No. 156/2025, Mehraj-ud-din Ganie, resident if of Ganie Mohalla, Wagoora, was apprehended with 15 kg of charas powder stored in a blue plastic drum. The drug peddler has been arrested in the instant case.

All six individuals have been arrested and further investigation is ongoing to uncover forward and backward linkages.

Three absconders evading arrest for years nabbed

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In its ongoing crackdown on Absconders and Proclaimed Offenders, Police have apprehended three long-time absconders in Srinagar and Shopian.

In Srinagar, the two absconders identified as Wassem Bhat son of Abdul Majeed Bhat resident of Al-Farooq Colony, presently residing in Hamdaniya Colony, Bemina, who has been absconding since 2013 and Ab Rashid Shiekh son of Ab Ahad Shiekh resident of Athwajan Panthachowk, who has been absconding since 2021 have been arrested following specific intelligence inputs. Subsequently, the necessary legal formalities were completed, and the accused persons were produced before the concerned Hon'ble Court in Srinagar.

Similarly in Shopian, Police arrested an absconder who had been evading arrest for the past 10 years. The arrested indi-

vidual has been identified as Ab. Hamid Sheikh, son of Gh. Mohd Sheikh, resident of Peerpora, who was wanted in Case FIR No. 81/2015, under section 307 RPC. A warrant under Section 512 CrPC had been issued against him by the Hon'ble Court of Law. After his arrest, the accused was produced before the Hon'ble Court, as per legal formalities.

7 vehicles, mechanized motor boat involved in illegal mining seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In a determined effort to curb illegal mining, Police have seized seven vehicles including (one dumper, one Tipper and Five Tractors) and a mechanized motor boat, involved in unauthorized extraction and transportation of minerals in Shopian and Awantipora.

Four Tractors, were seized by Police Station Shopian operating without valid royalty documents. In this connection FIR No. 218/2025 under relevant provisions of law has been registered in Police Station Shopian. Similarly, one dumper bearing registration numbers JK19-7825 were seized by Police Post Keegam, operating without valid royalty documents. Accordingly, FIR No. 217/2025 under relevant provisions of law has been registered in Police Station Shopian. In another action, one Tipper & one Tractor, were seized by Police Station Heerpora operating without valid royalty documents. In this connection FIR No. 48/2025 under relevant provisions of law has been registered in Police Station Heerpora.

Meanwhile in Awantipora, a Police party of Police Post Reshipora headed by Incharge PP Reshipors seized one Mechanized motor boat being used by Aijaz Ahmad Bhat @Aijaz Dhoon son of Ab Ahad Bhat resident of Reshipora. Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 216/2025 under relevant sections of law has been registered in Police Station Awantipora.

Police, Excise Deptt destroy wild cannabis

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

AWANTIPORA: As a part of its continuous efforts to combat the menace of drug abuse. A Police party of Police Station Pampore headed by SHO PS Pampore under the supervision of SDPO Pampore along with officers from Excise Department destroyed wild cannabis Approx. 05 Kanals at Khankabbagh Pampore.

Locals of area appreciated the action and have urged the authorities to continue this drive in nearby areas also.

The special drive for destroying cannabis (Bung) shall continue.

Property of drug peddler/supplier attached

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KULGAM: In a major action against drug trafficking, Police in Kulgam attached property belonging to Ghulam Rasool Dar son of Late Abdul Rehman Dar resident of Vidoe Mishipora, under the provisions of Section 68-F of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985.

The said accused is involved in case FIR No. 62/2021 U/S 8/15-29 NDPS Act of Police Station Qaimoh, in which 520 kilograms of poppy straw were recovered. He is already detained under the Prevention of Illicit Trafficking in NDPS Act (PIT-NDPS) and is presently lodged at Central Jail Kot Bhalwal, Jammu.

The attached property, having a market value of about ₹61 lakh, has been identified as illegally acquired from the proceeds of narcotics trafficking. The attachment order was executed by a police team in the presence of local residents and executive magistrate. following a detailed investigation conducted by Police Station Qaimoh.

This action forms part of the ongoing drive of J&K Police against drug trafficking, aimed at dismantling the narcotics network and curbing its sources of financing in the district.

Huge quantity of seized contraband, psychotropic substances destroyed

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

GANDERBAL: Police in Ganderbal conducted a mass disposal drive of the seized drugs. The District Level 'Drug Disposal Committee, Ganderbal' under the directions of SSP Ganderbal, destroyed huge quantity of the seized drugs and psychotropic substances, worth lacs.

The contraband and psychotropic substances that were seized in 23 NDPS Cases of district Ganderbal were disposed off, after obtaining proper permission from the competent court, through incineration method at Kashmir Health Care System, IGC Lassipora.

These contraband substances were destroyed under the supervision of DySP Hqrs Ganderbal, in presence of the magistrate.

The mass disposal of seized drugs is a significant step towards our commitment to eradicate drug abuse from the society.

Law Enforcement Wing -Agriculture Department conducts market inspection drive in Rajouri

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: The Law and Enforcement Wing of the Department of Agriculture today carried out a rigorous drive across Sub-Division Rajouri and in the main Town to check the quality of agricultural inputs including seeds, fertilizers etc. The drive was conducted on the directions of the District Development Commissioner Abhishek Sharma and under the leadership of Chief Agriculture Officer Rajesh Verma.

A team of officers and officials, consisting of Ajay Sharma (District SMS), Tejinder Kumar (District SMS), Chander Mohan Sharma (Law Enforcement Officer, Rajouri) and other officials of the Law Enforcement Wing, partici-



pated in the extensive inspection exercise.

The primary objective of the drive was to ensure strict implementation of the Seed Act, 1955, Insecticides Act,

1968 and Fertilizer (Control) Order, 1985.

During the inspection, two seed samples were lifted for laboratory testing, and one show-cause notice was issued

to a violator, directing him to explain his position within seven days. All relevant records, including licenses, bills, voucher books, stock and sale registers and fertilizer sales through POS machines were thoroughly scrutinized to verify compliance with the prescribed norms.

The violators were cautioned against any future lapses and were warned of stringent action in case of further violations.

The Law Enforcement Wing reaffirmed its commitment to maintaining transparency and ensuring that only quality agricultural inputs reach the farmers, thereby protecting their livelihoods and promoting sustainable agricultural practices in the district.

Farmers under siege: Kesri demands relief from unjust ticketing

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

ARNLA: Shiv Sena Hindustan members staged a protest against the Arnia Municipality, led by Jammu and Kashmir President Pt Rajesh Kesri, over the unfair practice of issuing tickets to farmers. Addressing protesters, Kesri demanded that the Municipality should exempt farmers from paying tickets when they are transporting their produce or using their tractors for agricultural purposes. The Municipality should not issue tickets to farmers for activities such as repairing tractors or transporting agricultural produce. Kesri further said that the Municipality has been issuing tickets to farmers even when they are transporting their produce or using their tractors for agricultural purposes. The farmers are being harassed by the Municipality, which is adding to their woes. Kesri demanded government should provide immediate relief to farmers by directing the Municipality to stop issuing tickets. The government should issue clear guidelines to the municipality to ensure that farmers are not harassed, said Kesri. Kesri demanded that the government takes immediate action to address the grievances of farmers and ensure that they are not harassed by the municipality. He urged the government to provide relief to farmers and ensure that they are able to carry out their agricultural activities without any hindrance.