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### Drones from Pakistan...

recovered by it, the Punjab Police and the Narcotics Control Bureau.

It spent about Rs 50 lakh in creating this forensic lab and has deployed a chosen manpower of tech-savvy officers and personnel to run it.

"We found (after forensic analysis of drones) their flight paths, launching and landing points, timings, GPS (global positioning system) coordinates and even messages they have exchanged and we realised there was an information mine. If we could get into this, we could find suspect's addresses, locations and much more," Singh said.

He said the force developed "good coordination" with the Punjab Police over this issue which has also provided the BSF with 200 personnel to conduct "depth patrols" at the front to check drones and their droppings.

Citing a success story, where drone droppings happened in the Havelia area of Punjab in March, the DG said a joint investigation and action by the two security agencies led to the arrest of 8 people, six of whom were convicted for narcotics crime.

The DG said the force has now begun a new system of incentivising and giving cash rewards to its border teams who shoot down drones.

"Eleven drones have been shot down (by us) this year and we are giving very handsome incentives to teams that bring them down. There is a very good enthusiasm in these teams," he said.

The BSF chief said the force is now undertaking a two-pronged approach to check this menace.

"We are undertaking depth patrolling so that people cannot come to the border to pick drone droppings. We are digging deep into drone forensics to extract information about its senders and receivers," he said.

The problem is "so acute" and, "this we know by interrogation (of suspects and those apprehended) that wherever our drone teams are deployed... depth patrols are or anti-drone equipment is installed, the criminals go to other parts to undertake the illegal activity", the DG said.

### LG Sinha calls...

things will continue. I am confident that in coming days, the situation will be better," the LG said.

Hitting out at Pakistan, the LG said, "The neighbouring country has been continuously trying to push terrorists into Jammu and Kashmir to disrupt peace".

"If anybody is connected with terrorism, it creates problems and stops development. Even if a very few people are involved in terror activities, it impacts society," he said. Noting that citizens were disempowered in Jammu and Kashmir, Sinha said the "situation is getting better now".

He said over 50,000 projects were completed in Jammu and Kashmir in the last financial year and many more are on the way.

Sinha also informed that as per an estimate, around Rs 1.80 crore is being spent on the health of people of J-K almost every day.

Sinha said family members of terrorists will be fired from government jobs in Jammu and Kashmir, and many who were in government jobs have already been fired. (ANI).

### Jammu set to...

for smooth and comfortable stay of the visiting contingents.

It is for the first time in the history of Jammu and Kashmir that a record number of teams are participating in National Championship.

He said for smooth and successful conduct of the matches, the organizers have prepared all the volleyball Courts at one venue of MA Stadium, adding that the matches will be officiated by panel of experts drawn from the Department of Youth Services and Sports and School Games Federation of India (SGFI).

Raj Guru, Senior Vice President of VAJK, while reviewing the arrangements at MA Stadium, said VAJK is all set to host National Championship from tomorrow. He said elaborate arrangements have been made to host participating states and Union Territories from across the country in the championship.

He said all the office bearers of Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir under the guidance of Patron-in-Chief Raj Dulaja and supervision of president Sidharth Dulaja made all efforts to make fool-proof arrangements of the participating players and officials in the venue to make the ensuing national championship most remarkable and successful.

### Anyone casting evil...

archaic laws dating back to the British rule, whose relevance was completely over, have been abolished. There are many such laws for which we are preparing a scheme, he said. We will scrap these too, the minister said.

Without naming the Congress, Singh also attacked the grand old party for creating a needless controversy over the presence of a lotus image on the G20 logo, unveiled by Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently.

The Congress has accused the BJP of promoting its poll symbol while the ruling party claimed its rival was denigrating India's national flower.

India will assume the presidency of the powerful grouping from the current chair Indonesia on December 1. The G20 or Group of 20 is an intergovernmental forum of the world's major developed and developing economies.

Terming Haryana and the Jhajjar region as the land of the brave, he said many have laid down their lives to safeguard the country's borders.

Referring to Pakistan, he said, "...And you have seen since India gained independence, Pakistan has been pushing terrorists into Jammu and Kashmir to foment trouble and create de-stability."

He mentioned about the air strikes and surgical strikes post Uri and Pulwama terror attacks, saying a befitting reply was given.

On the G-20 logo issue, Singh asserted lotus is the national flower, connected with India's cultural identity.

## CRIME REPORT

### Bootlegger arrested, 10 lts illicit liquor recovered

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In an act of alertness and prompt action, Arnia police on Sunday received input regarding some persons, indulged in selling liquor at village Marhol area. On this, a team of Police Station Arnia under the supervision of SDPO R S Pura Surinder Singh led by SHO Arnia Inspri Deepak Katoch, after putting in strenuous efforts and rounded up a suspect woman. During checking, 10 lts illicit liquor was recovered from her possession. The accused woman, later identified as Renu Devi, wife of Dev Raj, resident of Marhol, Tehsil Arnia, was arrested and FIR No. 106/2022 under section 48 of (A) Excise Act was registered at Police Station Arnia.

### 2 drug-peddlers arrested, contraband recovered

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

GANDERBAL: Continuing its efforts to eradicate menace of drugs, Police in Ganderbal have arrested 2 drug peddlers and recovered contraband substance.

As per details, a party of Police Station Kheerbawani during patrolling on Tullmulla road arrested a drug-peddler identified as Wahid Bashir Dar, son of Bashir Ahmad Dar, resident of Masherpora. During search, 2.3 Kg Crushed Bhangpati was recovered from his possession.

Meanwhile, during investigation of case registered against the drug peddler namely Gh Mohammad Shah, son of Jalal Din Shah, resident of Babawayil Gutliyagh who was evading his arrest, as contraband weighing 7.6 Kg was earlier recovered from his possession at a checkpoint at Padavbal Chairwan, where he managed to escape. Regarding both incidents, cases under relevant sections of law were registered at Police Station Kangan and Police Station Kheerbawani. Further investigations are going on.

### Hit & run case: Father arrested for allowing minor son to drive vehicle

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BUDGAM: Police on Sunday arrested father of an accused, who is a juvenile and was involved in a hit & run case at Budgam. As per details, Police arrested an accused involved in the hit and run case at Hakermulla area of Budgam. However, during investigation, it surfaced that the accused is a minor and did not possess a valid driving license. Subsequently, Police arrested father of juvenile accused namely Nazir Ahmad Hajam, son of Ali Mohammad Hajam, resident of Hakermulla, Budgam under relevant sections of law for allowing his minor son to drive vehicle. Pertinently, a speeding Auto Load Carrier bearing registration number JK04G-9135 hit a 15-years-old girl in Hakermulla area of Budgam while driver fled from the spot. However, within 3 hours of crime, vehicle was traced and seized with arrest of the driver.

### Frequent lifting of bikes, police clueless

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NOWSHERA: A number of bikes have been lifted in Nowshera area but no recovery has been made so far due to which vehicle-lifters have become bold to continue

"On seeing that lotus flower, some people created a 'hungama' (ruckus). They said lotus flower is BJP's poll symbol.

"There is a limit of making accusations. Whereas the truth is that Government of India, in 1950, had declared lotus flower as a national flower. And they did so because a lotus flower is a symbol of our cultural identity," said Singh.

"In 1857, during the country's first war of independence, those who were taking part in it they were carrying bread in one hand and lotus flower in the other. Should we forget this lotus flower? Did prime minister commit a crime (launching lotus as a log for G-20)? Just because it is any party's election symbol, should we leave it just for that and cancel its recognition as a national flower?" asked Singh.

Referring to Congress' election symbol, Singh said, "If any party's poll symbol is hand, should use of this word be stopped. If any party's poll symbol is a cycle, should we not sit on a bicycle, just because it is a poll symbol".

He further said till the time the BJP-led government is in power, it will not allow anything to come in way of our cultural identity, "no matter how big sacrifice we have to make for this".

He asked can India which believes in "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" (world is one family), survive without its such identity.

Singh commended the prime minister for transforming India's global image, saying now world listens when India speaks.

Earlier, when India used to say something on international platforms, people did not take it seriously. Today, when India speaks, the world listens, he said.

He asserted India is now among the top five economies of the world due to the government's efforts and said within 8-10 years, it should be among the top three.

By 2047, when the country will be celebrating 100 years of its independence, possibility of India being number one economy in world cannot be ruled out, he said.

### Union MoS concludes...

up towards enhancing power and water supply across the country and every effort is being made to ensure the common man reaps benefits of these measures to the optimum, Union MoS maintained.

The Minister also reviewed sector wise physical and financial progress on R&B, Education, Health, KPDCL, Jal Shakti, RDD, DIC, Sports Council, Handicrafts and Handlooms, Agriculture, Horticulture and other departments. He emphasized timely completion of works taken up under all vital sectors.

He took stock of implementation of PMAY(G), PMAY (U), CRF, languishing, PMGSY, PMDI, PM SEHAT, OoSC, PM POSHAN, SAMAGRA Shiksha, NSAP, ISSS, Scholarships, PMEGP, MUMKIN, TEJASWINI, PM KISAN and PMMSY in the district.

Discussing the potential for sheep rearing units, Union Minister was informed that while mutton and wool production is on the rise in the UT and it is still a net importer of meat and there is scope for further enhancing the production.

Regarding wool production, it was apprised that unprocessed wool is being exported outside the UT due to unavailability of wool processing industry in J&K and the breeders fetch poor prices for their unprocessed produce.

MoS directed the concerned officer to prepare and submit a proposal regarding setting up of a wool processing unit in the UT so that value addition can be accrued to the producers which will incentivize more people to take up sheep rearing. He said that suitable interventions and market linkages in sectors where there is excess demand are critical for creating sustainable livelihood opportunities.

Several issues including construction of new DC office complex, new building for Maternity and Child Care Hospital, widening of Janglat Mandi Khanabal road, Mini Secretariat at Kokernag, Administrative Complex at Dooro among others were put before the Union Minister who assured that assistance will be provided to projects of public importance.

Interacting with the officers, the Union Minister said that teamwork is crucially essential for development while laying stress on cooperation between elected representatives and civil authorities. He said that under the guidance of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, the focus of administration has to be on ensuring availability of all basic amenities to citizens of the country.

Deputy Commissioner, Anantnag, gave a brief overview of the demography, geography, healthcare facilities, key infrastructure projects and district development plan. He said that in order to bring more efficiency, there has been focus on monitoring of development activities by leveraging ICT and time bound grievance redressal mechanisms.

Deputy Commissioner said that recently the fourth phase of 'Back to Village' program was successfully held in the district. He said that 335 panchayats were covered and there was an unprecedented impetus on door step delivery of services and achieving saturation under various welfare schemes.

A special brief regarding unique initiatives of Anantnag like SUKOON, PUKAAR, Home Stays and Honey Processing Plant at Achabal was also given to the Union MoS.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner, SSP, ADDC, ADC, JD Planning, SEs R&B and Jal Shakti, CAO, CEO, CMO, CAHO, CHO, ACR, DSHO and other senior officials from the district.

Union Minister e-inaugurated ANM School at Kokernag completed at a cost of Rs 2.68 crore besides laying e- foundation of BDO Office Larnoo to be constructed with a cost of Rs 50 lakh, 3 projects in education sector including 9 room double storey building at HISS Seer, 6 room additional accommodation at HSS Devalgam and 6 room additional accommodation at HSS Salia worth Rs 4.25 crore.

To promote innovation and entrepreneurship, the Union Minister distributed appreciation letters and cash rewards among three students and their mentors from Anantnag who had recently innovated an egg incubator. He also gave an appreciation letter as well as cash reward to Tufail Yaqoob, a student from Anantnag who qualified the prestigious JEE Advanced.

Union MoS, later, interacted with members of various cooperative societies as well as employees of Cooperative Department Anantnag.

He was informed that the total membership of Cooperatives in Anantnag is about 9,400 lakh and Super Bazaar Anantnag has 60 PACS as members. He was further apprised

their illegal activities.

According to information five motorcycles were lifted during a period of one month but none of the theft has been solved so far. In latest incident, three bikes were lifted during the intervening night of Saturday and Sunday. Bike bearing registration No JK11C-4693, pertaining to Ankush Kumar, son of Sita Ram, resident of Hanjana Khanika; bike No 11B-3172 belonging to one Amit Sharma, son of Ashok Kumar, resident of Rajal and JK11C-9501 pertaining to one Vikas Sharma, son of Shyam Lal, resident of Hanjana Khanika were lifted. Two bikes bearing registration No JK11D-5828 and JKC-3917 pertaining to Tarun Sharma and Nain Pal respectively were lifted during second half of October 2022. According to police, investigation is going on.

### Two die in accidents

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Two people were died in accidents at different areas on Sunday.

According to information, Ravendra Kumar, son of Ram Balak, resident of Jharkhand, presently living in Muthi, got hit by a vehicle on November 7 after which he was admitted to GMC for treatment, but he has died during treatment. Apart from this, a biker got hit by a truck in Lambadi area and died on the spot. He was identified as Indrajit Singh, son of Yogi Singh, resident of Bangoti. The police has handed over body to the relatives after post-mortem.

### Labourer dies of fall

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A labourer died due to falling from a height in Bhawani area of Rajouri district.

According to information, Balveer Kumar, son of Bodh Raj, resident of Changad Nowshera was engaged at a construction site and suddenly fell from a height, after which he was taken to hospital for treatment, where he died during treatment. The police has started further action by taking possession of the body.

### Two narco-smugglers nabbed, 13 gm heroin recovered

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Continuing drive against drug trafficking and substance abuse, Police on Sunday arrested two narco-smugglers and recovered 13 gm heroin from their possession.

As per details, a team of Police Station R S Pura constituted under the supervision of SDPO R S Pura Surinder Singh led by SHO Inspri Pawan Kumar assisted by ASI Devi Ditta rounded up two suspects at Jinder Melu road, when they were on way towards R S Pura on a Scooty (JK02CQ-9112). During search, 13 gm heroin was recovered from them. The suspects identified as Narinder Pal alias Bulla, son of Kaka Ram, resident of Puro Bana, Tehsil R S Pura, Jammu and Nanak Chand, son of Madan Lal, resident of Kothi Muffi Tehsil Suchetgarh were arrested and FIR No. 202/2022 under sections 8/21/22/29 of NDPS Act was registered.

### Search intensified against history-sheeter Lau Gujjar; stolen two-wheelers, sharp-edged weapons recovered in raids

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police has intensified its search operation against Gulzar Ahmed alias Lau Gujjar. On Sunday, a joint team of four police stations raided Gulzar's house in Wazirchak area, but he managed to flee. Police recovered eight motor cycles from his house during raid along with some sharp-edged weapons. The recovered motor cycles are stolen vehicles from different places.

that Cooperatives department is planning to setup food processing plants in the district so that value addition to agricultural produce will allow the farmers to fetch better prices. The Cooperative department has 182 shops, 115 rooms, 49 Godowns and 184 Kerosene Depots in Anantnag. The department has organized 63 awareness camps during the Jan Abhiyan and registered several cooperative societies and trained members of existing societies.

Union MoS said that the Ministry of Cooperation aims to increase the Primary Agriculture Cooperative Societies from 63000 to 3 lakh. He said that special focus is on agriculture, horticulture, dairy and fisheries sector. He said that these societies increase the leverage as compared to individual sellers and help in fetching favourable prices for the members. He said that societies will be instrumental for more equitable distribution of benefits among the genuine beneficiaries.

He said that "Sehkar se Samruddhi" vision of the PM has to be completed and efforts are being made in this direction. He said that globally India has the highest number of Cooperative societies. He said that presently in India, Cooperative movement has about 29 crore members and the aim is to increase this membership to 70 crore members. He said that for technical guidance and capacity building of employees and cooperative members, setting up a special university is also under consideration.

Union MoS, while talking about achievements in Cooperative sector, said that Rs 2516 crore fund has been created for computerization of PACS, registration of cooperatives of GeM portal, recapitalization of Urban Cooperative Banks and door step banking services by Urban Cooperative Banks.

He said that multi state societies must be promoted adding that horticulture is a major activity in the UT. He said that through multi state societies, the horticulturists will have access to outside markets and it will allow them to earn higher returns on their produce.

Union MoS also distributed registration certificates among newly registered cooperative societies.

### Army's 'Dil Maange...