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challenges of this region, he said. Terrorists and terror groups now understand the nuances of modern weapons, information technology, and the dynamics of the cyber and financial space very well, he said.

Referring to the regime change in Afghanistan, the home minister said after August 2021, the situation in the South Asian region has changed and the growing influence of Al-Qaeda and ISIS has emerged as a significant challenge to regional security.

"These new equations have made the problem of terror financing more serious. Three decades ago, the whole world had to bear the serious consequences of one such regime change, the result of which we all have seen in the horrific attack of 9/11," he said.

Shah said in this background, last year's changes in the South Asian region are a matter of concern for everyone. Along with Al-Qaeda, organisations in South Asia such as Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed continue to spread terror, he said.

"We also recognise that the threat of terrorism cannot and should not be linked to any religion, nationality, or group," the home minister said, adding India has fortified the security architecture as well as the legal and financial systems to fight the menace.

"It is the result of our continuous efforts that terrorist incidents in India have come down drastically. This has also resulted in a drastic reduction in the economic losses caused by terrorism," he said.

India has been a victim of terrorism which is sponsored from across the border for several decades, the home minister said, adding, "Indian security forces and civilians have had to deal with incidents of extremely serious terrorist violence perpetrated in a sustained and coordinated manner."

"The international community has a collective approach that terrorism must be condemned in all its forms. But the forms and manifestations of terrorism are continuously evolving due to technological revolution," he said.

The home minister said the emerging trends of the illegal trade of narcotics, and the challenge of narco-terror, have given a new dimension to terror financing.

"In view of this, there is a need for close cooperation among all nations. Multilateral institutions such as the United Nations and the presence of platforms such as the Financial Action Task Force, FATF, are most effective in terms of preventing terrorism in the field of combating the financing of terrorism," he said.

Shah said FATF is playing an important role in setting and implementing global standards to prevent and combat, money laundering and terrorist financing.

India remains committed to all efforts to combat terrorism, by sharing intelligence, capacity building for effective border control, preventing misuse of modern technologies, monitoring and preventing illicit financial flows, and cooperating in investigative and judicial processes, the home minister added.

Students' learning space...

space must go beyond the classroom. In the age of acceleration, students are not just the numbers but our future, and they should reflect the fine balance of excellent professionals with empathy, compassion and mindfulness," the LG said.

He said cities and villages here are witnessing rapid transformation in school education.

"Fusion of technology and tradition are providing the progressive path to schools to be happy schools. The social connection, universal values, life skills can only be learnt in a happy school," he said.

LG said schools and education systems must strive to prepare our students for the real world and they would require at least six skills, curiosity, critical thinking, adaptability, effective communication, teamwork and collaboration to become more productive and successful in their chosen career.

He said National Education Policy (NEP) has put special emphasis on engagement and involvement in both classrooms as well as a field study.

"A teacher's most important role today is to create an atmosphere for curiosity, collaboration, and encourage the students to be more imaginative and develop creative skills," added the Lt Governor.

Sinha emphasised that schools must nurture independent thinking and provide vibrant space for individual growth as it will help knowledge, skills, innovation and awareness to blossom.

"A student's capacity to be a better scientist, doctor, engineer, musician hinges on the efforts to be more inquisitive, creative and learn the values that will act as navigation tools for the future," he added.

The Lt Governor also highlighted the need to focus on increased student-teacher engagement, where a teacher acts as a collaborator and mentor and encourages students to think across subjects and disciplines.

Gauri Nayar, Secretary DBN Trust in her welcome address, threw light on the working of the schools run by the trust.

Shrimati Dewanani VBadrinath Educational Trust runs three institutions- DBN Vidya Mandir Mubarak Mandi, DBN Vidya Mandir Amarvillla and SNS Vidya

Mandir. The DBN institutions are highly regarded throughout J&K as hubs for excellence.

Students of the schools presented cultural performances on the theme of national integration, and showcased the ancient educational heritage of India.

Virendrajit Singh, Chairman DBN Educational Trust, trustees, Principals, teachers, faculty members, students and parents were present on the occasion.

NIA files charge-sheet...

Agency (NIA) said the case was initially registered as on May 23 at the Chanapora police station in Srinagar following the seizure of 15 pistols, 30 magazines and 300 rounds. The agency re-registered the case on June 18.

"Investigation has revealed that the five accused persons are cadres of the TRF (The Resistance Front), an offshoot of the LeT, proscribed terrorist organisation, who conspired to supply the consignments of arms, ammunition and funds to the terrorists of TRF/LeT to carry out target killings in Jammu and Kashmir thereby creating terror among the people," the spokesperson said.

The NIA said investigation has also revealed that the accused persons used to receive these arms consignments from Pakistan.

"It has been found that the accused persons are associated with their Pakistan based handlers/operative/commanders of LeT/TRF and radicalised, motivated and instigated vulnerable youth to join terrorist groups in Kashmir," the spokesperson said.

The official said the seizure of incriminating material related to arms and ammunitions, chats about terror funds besides other material from the mobile phones of the accused persons, has established that they were engaged in terror activities for a long time and thereby, threatening the security, integrity and sovereignty of India.

J&K experience to...

other concerned officers.

Dr Mehta revealed that J&K has breathtaking environment and the climate is also highly conducive for holding such events. He mentioned that the infrastructure has also been upgraded to a large extent during the past few years and is up to mark for holding prestigious international events like that of G-20 Summit.

He further revealed that the situation here has improved a lot and it is worth noting that for the last one and a half year not a single strike has been observed in the UT. He said that the crime rate in the UT is very low. He told them that the tourist flow to UT has been all time high this year witnessing a record footfall of 1.62 Crore tourists since January 2022, the highest in 75 years of Independence.

The Chief Secretary ensured the delegation that best possible arrangements would be put in place and the delegates would find an opportunity to watch the rich cultural diversity of J&K.

He also took stock of other arrangements like hotel accommodation, protocol, city sprucing, holding of cultural events, transport, internet connectivity, medical facilities, arrangements at airports, training of staff and other branding strategies.

Pertinent to mention here that from December 1 this year, India will assume the G20 presidency for a year and chair over 200 meetings that aim to secure global economic growth and prosperity. Together, the G-20 countries represent more than 80% of the world's GDP, 75% of international trade and 60% of the world's population.

Improved social security...

Minister further added that the problem of child labour in J&K will also be taken up with the ministry and addressed in time.

Later the minister participated in a delegate convention of Trade Union Coordination Centre (TUCC) in which the leaders and members of different worker unions participated and deliberated upon the pending demands of temporary, seasonal and other workers in different departments.

Addressing the convention, the Minister assured the delegates that the issues pertaining to the working force of J&K will be put before the Central Government & the UT administration for their early settlement especially regularization of 61000 temporary workers and utilization of services of seasonal workers. He added that the UT Government will be apprised to implement the minimum wages act as per the components of revised rates at par with the other states of the country.

The minister highlighted the initiative taken by the central government for the welfare of the workers. He assured the leadership of TUCC for every possible assistance from his Ministry for the early settlement of their genuine demands.

On this occasion the Minister also inaugurated e-SHRAM registration camp and issued sanction letters to Ujjwala scheme beneficiaries.

General Secretary TUCC S.P. Tiwari, President TUCC (J&K), Syed Ghulam Rasool Geelani, J&K National Trade Union Front President, Mohammad Gafoor Dar, President J&K Civil Society Forum, Ghulam Mohammad Hamdard and senior trade union leaders of J&K were present in the convention.

Crackdown on terror...

Teacher Rajni Bala. The searched locations include residential houses of two suspects namely Abdul Wakeel Shah son of Mohd Amin Shah resident of Danow Mukandpora and Tahir Ahmad Sofi son of Abdul Rahman Sofi resident of Kulgam

Town, During the search, proper SOPs were followed and relevant information was gathered by the SIU Kulgam. Besides, role of the suspects in commission of crime is also being examined. It is pertinent to mention here that, the raids are carried out to eliminate the terror ecosystem in the district by identifying various terrorist associates and supporters of terrorism. These raids will continue in future also for the logical conclusion of all UAPA cases.

28 JKAS among...

of Managing Director, SICOP, has been transferred and posted as Secretary in the Industries and Commerce Department; Raman Kumar Kesar, JKAS, Additional Transport Commissioner, J&K as Managing Director, SIDCO. He shall hold the additional charge of the post of Managing Director, SICOP, till further orders.

Reyaz Ahmad Sofi, JKAS, Additional District Development Commissioner, Kulgam, has been transferred and posted as Additional Transport Commissioner, J&K; Showkat Ahmad Rather, JKAS, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Kulgam, as Additional District Development Commissioner, Kulgam; Suram Chand Sharma, JKAS, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Samba, as Joint Director, Youth Services and Sports, Jammu; Ved Prakash, JKAS, Joint Director, Industries and Commerce (Development), Jammu, as Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Development Authority, Surinsar-Mansar, vice Gurdinderjit Singh, JKAS, who shall await further orders of adjustment in the GAD.

Neelam Khajuria, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD has been posted as Additional Secretary, Youth Services and Sports Department; Syed Shabir Ahmad, JKAS, Officer on Special Duty with State Election Commissioner, J&K, as Additional Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar; Mohammad Ashraf Sheikh, JKAS, General Manager, DIC, Budgam, as Additional Deputy Commissioner, Anantnag; Shah Nawaz Shah, JKAS, Assistant Commissioner, State Taxes Department, Kashmir, as Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes, Enforcement (South), Kashmir hqr at Lower Munda; Rakesh Dubey, JKAS, Assistant Commissioner (General), Jammu, as Additional Deputy Commissioner, Samba; Vikar Ahmad Giri, JKAS, Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Ramsoo, holding additional charge of Sub-Registrar, Ramsoo, as Additional Deputy Commissioner, Kulgam; Minakshi Vaid, JKAS, Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Jammu, as Joint Director, Industries and Commerce (Development), Jammu; Yar Ali Khan, JKAS, Project Officer, Wage Employment (ACD), Baramulla, as Additional Deputy Commissioner, Shopian; Mehraj-ud-din Shah, JKAS, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Ganderbal, as Additional Deputy Commissioner, Ganderbal; and Surinder Pal Sharma, JKAS, General Manager, DIC, Samba, as Joint Director, Industries and Commerce (S&M), Jammu;

As per another order, Dr. Des Raj Bhagat, JKAS, Additional Secretary, Power Development Department, has been transferred and posted as Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Development Authority, Bani-Basholi with hqr at Basholi; Jagdish Singh, JKAS, Additional Secretary in the Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat, as Additional Secretary, Power Development Department; Pankaj Bhagotra, JKAS, Additional Secretary in the Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat, as Regional Transport Officer, Jammu; Ankush Hans, JKAS, Deputy Secretary in the Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat, as Deputy Secretary, Power Development Department; Sanjay Kumar Tickoo, Under Secretary, Power Development Department, as Under Secretary in the J&K Board of Professional Entrance Examinations, Jammu.

According to another order, Shakeel Maqbool, ICAS, Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes (Recovery), Kashmir, holding additional charge of Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes, Enforcement (North), Kashmir and PFMS matter in the Finance department, has been posted as Additional Commissioner Taxes, (Administration & State Enforcement), Kashmir, vice Manzoor Ahmad Bhat, JKAS, who shall await further orders of adjustment in the GAD.

Anu Behl, JKAS, Additional District Development Commissioner, Udhampur has been transferred and posted as Special Secretary, School Education Department; Ghan Shyam Singh, JKAS, Regional Transport Officer, Jammu, as Additional District Development Commissioner, Udhampur.

Basharat Hussain, JKAS, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Poonch, as Programme Officer, ICDS Project, Kathua; Syed Sajad Qadri, JKAS, Programme Officer, ICDS Project, Ganderbal as Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Development Authority, Pahalgam, vice Masarat Hashim, JKAS, who shall await further orders of adjustment in the GAD.

Satish Kumar, JKAS, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Jammu, has been transferred and posted as Additional Secretary, Information Technology Department; Tahir Mustafa Malik, JKAS, Director, Land Management, Srinagar Development Authority, as Additional Deputy Commissioner, Poonch; Afaq Ahmed, JKAS, Additional Secretary, Information Technology Department as Principal, Revenue Training Institute, Jammu, vice Anju Gupta who shall await further orders of adjustment in the GAD.

Sandeep Seiontra, JKAS, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Kathua, has been transferred and posted as Additional Deputy Commissioner, Jammu.

RBI hosts nationwide intensive awareness programme



A resource person imparting awareness at Kathua.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: A Nationwide Intensive Awareness Programme 2022 was organized by RBI which was convened by Lead Bank Office of State Bank of India, Kathua on Friday at Main Hall, Hotel Tangri, Kathua.

The main objective of the programme was to enhance the public awareness on financial customer rights, Internal Grievance Redress (IGR), Alternative Grievance

Redress (AGR) mechanism of RBI as well as Online Frauds. Ramesh Chand (RBI Ombudsman) and Anil Kumar Reshi (Deputy Ombudsman) were invited for enlighten the awareness among the public of different segments. They advised how public can reach to banks Internal Grievance Redress, RBI's Alternative Grievance Redress for the complaints related to deficiencies in

banking services. They also emphasized the customers to be very cautious while dealing with the information received from unknown sources in the way of SMS, links, emails, Lottery System etc. and beware them of unknown calls/emails, practicing due diligence while performing financial transactions and changing the secure credentials/ passwords from time to time

The meeting was attended by Ramesh Chand (RBI Ombudsman) and Anil Kumar Reshi (Deputy Ombudsman), Rajiv Mengi (SBI Regional Manager, Jammu), Vinay Gupta (Cluster Head J&K Bank), Amul Bhatia (Lead District Manager), Parasram (Director RSETI) Kumar (DDM NABARD), Rajat Bhan (SBI ADB Branch Manager), M L Sharma (DCO, Punjab National Bank) and by the general public.

Congress leader visits village Sujalta, listens to people's issues



Senior Congress leader Sumeet Magotra interacting with locals.

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UDHAMPUR: Senior Congress leader Sumeet Magotra on Friday toured village Sajalta adjoining locality near Railway Station Udhampur and listened the problems of people.

A large number of local people including women folks highlighted their issues. People apprised Congress leaders that their locality is situated at height of a Nallah and due to soil erosion the

houses are becoming unsafe. People were also demanding the construction of stone crates over this area to save the land and the property of locals. They further disclosed with Magotra that the old ancient natural source of water (Bowli) and also the source of drinking water of the people of adjoining area is also damaged due to soil erosion.

Sumeet Magotra immediately contacted concerned authorities for appropriate action in this connection. Authorities assured Congress leader for spot verification and immediate action.

CRIME REPORT

Narco-smuggler attacks police party, two cops injured

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: Continuing its war against drugs, Kathua Police under guidance of SSP R C Kotwal on Friday nabbed a narco smuggler and recovered/seized

approximately 29 gm Heroin (Chitta), an Electronic Weighing Machine, a Sharp-Edged Weapon (Knife) along with cash amounting to Rs. 1,01,880 near Talain Bridge at Gujroo Nagrota.

As per the details, a team led by Insp. Sunil Kumar SHO Police Station Billawar under the supervision of SDPO Billawar Arvind Kumar during Patrolling/checking duty in its jurisdictional area at Talain Bridge near Gujroo Nagrota area apprehended a notorious drug peddler namely Bhag Hussain alias Bhagu, son of Shuma Ali, resident of Garh, Samba Banj Tehsi Majalta. During checking 29 gm Heroin (Chitta), an Electronic Weighing Machine, a Sharp-Edged Weapon (Knife) along with cash amounting to Rs. 1,01,880 was recovered from his possession. Accused also attacked police team with knife due to which two police personnel got injured. Thereafter all recovered narcotics, weighing machine, sharp-edged weapon (knife) along with cash was seized and he was arrested. FIR No. 168/2022 under sections 8/21/22 of NDPS Act was registered at Police Station Billawar and further investigation started.

In another instance, Satwari Police also arrested a narco smuggler and recovered 41 gm heroin from his possession. The accused, identified as Surinder Singh alias Shantu, resident of Bhour camp, was arrested on the spot.

3 dumpers seized for illegal mining

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Continuing drive against illegal mining and transportation of construction material, Samba Police seized 3 Dumpers, which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of construction material.

As per details, a team of Police Post Supwal while performing routine vehicle checking duty at Naka established on NH near Supwal, intercepted 3 dumpers (JK21E9088, JK21C7817, JK21D9878) which were load with construction material. During checking, drivers of vehicles failed to produce valid document. All 3 vehicles were seized by Samba Police and handed over to Geology & Mining Department, Samba for further action.

Two women arrested for smuggling bovines

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Continuing efforts to eradicate menace of bovine smuggling, Udhampur Police under the overall supervision of SSP Dr Vinod Kumar rescued 10 bovines and arrested 2 accused women under jurisdiction of Police

Station Ramnagar.

As per details, a team of Police Station Ramnagar led by Insp Pushpinder Singh under the supervision of Anwaar Ul Haq Addl SP Udhampur and Dr Bhishm Dubey SDPO Ramnagar, during Naka checking at Nimbla, Kirmoo area of Ramnagar, arrested two bovine smugglers namely Salma Begum, wife of Mohd Rafiq, resident of Kaitha, Ramnagar and Shehnaz Akthar, wife of Abdul Majeed, resident of Dudu and rescued 10 bovines. The accused women were carrying these bovines from village Gundiyar of Kirmoo towards Kashmir on foot without any permission. FIR No. 147/2022 under sections 188 of IPC, 11 of PCA Act was registered against them at Police Station Ramnagar.

2 drug peddlers arrested, contraband recovered

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BARAMULLA: Continuing efforts to eradicate menace of drugs, police on Friday arrested two drug peddlers in Baramulla and recovered contraband substance from their possession. As per details, a party under the supervision of SHO Pattan and Incharge Police Post Palhalan during Naka checking at Zangam Pattan intercepted an Alto car bearing registration number JK05E-6826 with two persons onboard. During search, 300 Kg Poppy Straw like substance was recovered from their possession. The accused, identified as Jehangir Ahmad Lone, son of Mohd Sabir Lone and Ashaq Hussain Magloo, son of Mohd Ramzan Magloo, both residents of Chennad, Baramulla, were arrested and shifted to police station where they remained in custody. Vehicle used in the commission of crime was also seized. Accordingly, case under relevant sections of law was registered in Police Station Pattan and further investigation has been initiated.

Migrant labourer found dead

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NOWSHERA: A migrant labourer was found dead in Nowshera on Friday. As per details, a male, identified as Vishal Kumar, son of Balistar Mahato, resident of Siwan, District Bihar, at present Ward-2, Nowshera, Rajouri was recovered from Ward-2, Nowshera near Shiv Mandir. A hammer was also recovered from the spot. Police has seized the hammer and shifted body to morgue. FIR No 261/22 under section 302 of IPC was registered at Police Station Nowshera.

Ten bikes Challaned, 3 seized

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BANI: Ten bikes were challaned and three others were seized by Bani Police during a drive against over-speeding and driving without helmets.

The police laid a Naka under supervision of SHO Bani Jaswinder Singh and challaned ten bikes besides seizing three others on the spot under various violations of Motor Vehicle Act. The SHO urged bikers to ensure wearing helmets and strictly follow traffic rules.

800 Kg poppy seized, 2 smugglers arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Friday arrested two drug peddlers and recovered 800 Kg poppy straw in Udhampur district, officials said.

A police team, while conducting routine checks of vehicles on Jammu-Srinagar national highway, intercepted an oil tanker at Jakhani, they said. During search, police recovered 800 Kg poppy from vehicle heading towards Udhampur, they added. Two smugglers, who were smuggling consignment of poppy straw outside union territory, were also arrested. A case was registered against the duo identified as Gorav and Naseeb of Sonipat (Haryana).

