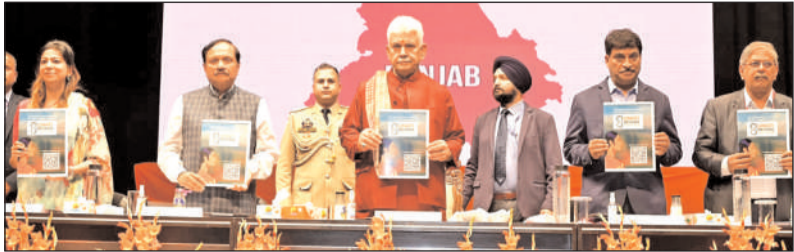


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### Cooperatives will play...



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha and other dignitaries releasing a brochure.

and inclusion of youth in the cooperative movement in J&K, he added.

The Lt Governor said Unnati Behan programme will focus on women empowerment and train them for selling and developing various products by cooperatives. It will also accelerate Administration's efforts to address gender equality in cooperative movement, he said.

At the inaugural ceremony, the Lt Governor reiterated the commitment of J&K Administration to explore more avenues for Cooperatives in diverse sectors and extending its benefits to the population living in rural areas.

The other projects launched and inaugurated by the Lt Governor today are Computerization of 537 PACS; Dashboards for Cooperative Banks & Societies; website for 07 Cooperative Super Bazaars; Apple Pulpung Unit Plant at Wagora under Unnati Multistate Cooperatives, and Global Milk & Food Processing Unit Bari Brahmana; Smart Classrooms and Science Labs for several cooperative schools.

The Lt Governor laid foundation stone for 60 works under CAPEX 2023-24 worth Rs 13.45 cr and also dedicated 21 completed projects under CAPEX 2022-23 worth Rs 4.54 cr to the people.

He also felicitated the members of cooperative societies and released Cooperative department's compendium.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Bhallamudi Sridhar; CGM NBARAD, Ms Yasha Mudgal, Secretary Cooperatives Department, senior officers, prominent citizens and members of Cooperative Societies were present.

### NIA attaches eight...

party escorting LeT terrorist Jatt alias Abu Hanzla to SMHS Hospital, Srinagar, for a medical examination on February 6, 2018.

The NIA said Jatt, a terrorist of Pakistani origin, was forcibly released in the attack, which was carried out by the two accused, along with others, on orders from their Pakistan-based LeT commanders. Jatt was killed in an encounter with security forces later in 2018.

Jatt was believed to have been behind the killing of journalist Shujaat Bukhari outside his office at Residency Road in June 2018.

"The attached immovable properties of Mohd Shafi Wani and Mohd Tikka Khan, both identified as overground workers of the LeT, include various plots of land. The residential house of Shafi has also been attached," the agency said.

The two accused were arrested from their Pulwama homes on February 8, 2018, and were also found to be in the possession of weapons. They were charge-sheeted on August 3, 2018, and are currently facing trial before the NIA Special Court in Jammu under several legal provisions, it added.

### People making money...

act strictly," Swain told reporters in Anantnag district.

The DGP said the security forces will counsel and help misguided youths to return to the mainstream but will act strictly against those who are not willing to return and have made a business out of terror ecosystem.

"Wherever we find that the youths have been misguided and want to return, we will counsel them and even hand them over to their parents. However, those who are doing it out of conviction or for money, we will act strictly against them as per law.

"Those who are operating business out of the terror ecosystem, who have made houses and buy cars from this money and have properties in Dubai and London...attacking their properties is way out," Swain added.

Earlier, DGP, J&K R.E. Swain visited Anantnag and held a meeting of officers from Army, CRPF, BSF, a number of security agencies and officers and build personal of Jammu and Kashmir Police.

The meeting was attended by ADGP Law & Order (J&K) Vijay Kumar, IGP Kashmir V. K Bridi, IG KOS CRPF G.K Verma Commander 1st Sector RR PR Chauhan, DIG SKR Rayees Mohammed Bhat, DIG CRPF OPS Anantnag K.S Deswal, SSP Anantnag Dr. G.V. Sundeeep Chakravarthy, SP Awantipora Aijaz Ahmad Zargar and other Police, CAPFs and Army officers.

### India to host...

Minister Narendra Modi is likely to preside over the summit that is expected to be attended by a host of leaders from the developing countries, people familiar with the matter said on Tuesday.

India hosted the first edition of the 'Voice of Global South Summit' under the theme 'unity of voice, unity of purpose' on January 12 and 13.

The second edition of the summit will take place on November 17, they said.

The aim of the initiative was to bring together countries of the Global South and share their perspectives and priorities on a common platform across a whole range of issues.

It is learnt that consequences of the ongoing Ukraine conflict, mounting debt, challenges of food and energy security will be among the issues likely to figure at the deliberations.

Leaders from a significant number of countries including Africa, Latin America, Central Asia, West Asia and South-East Asia are likely to attend the summit.

In a significant milestone under India's G20 presidency, the African Union in September became the new permanent member of the grouping of the largest economies of the world in the first expansion of the influential bloc since its inception in 1999.

India was consistently batting for inclusion of the African Union as a G20 member so as to ensure representation of the African continent in the top global body.

The African Union (AU) is an influential organisation comprising 55 member states that make up the countries of the African continent.

In the last few years, India has been positioning itself as a leading voice flagging concerns, challenges and aspirations of the Global South or the developing nations, especially the African continent.

As the G20 president, India has been focusing on issues like inclusive growth, digital innovation, climate resilience, and equitable global health access with an aim to benefit the Global South or the developing countries.

The G20's New Delhi declaration also featured challenges facing the Global South or developing countries.

The G20 member countries represent around 85 percent of the global GDP, over 75 per cent of the global trade, and about two-thirds of the world population.

India will also host a virtual summit of the G20 leaders on November 22.

Issues relating to the Global South are also expected to figure in the summit.

India is expected to focus on its development agenda including initiatives in areas of digital public infrastructure, climate finance and clean energy in the G20 virtual summit.

### Lal Singh's ED...

seven-day remand. "The investigation of the case is at an initial stage... accused is involved in a serious and non-bailable offence, he is remanded to ED custody for a period of five days only from November 14 to 18," Khajuria said, quoting the court order: The court ordered the ED to produce the accused on November 18 through virtual mode only and also directed the investigating officer to expedite the investigation. Khajuria said the ED has filed a detailed report in the court of the principal sessions judge, Jammu, over a post-arrest bail plea by the accused.

The money laundering case stems from an October 2021 charge sheet filed by the CBI in this case which alleged criminal connivance in the issuance of land between January 4 and January 7, 2011, without mentioning details in respect of violation of the ceiling limit of 100 standard kanals imposed under Section 14 of the Jammu and Kashmir Agrarian Reforms Act, 1976, thereby giving undue pecuniary advantage to trust.

Based on this, the trust acquired multiple pieces of land of about 329 kanals vide three gift deeds executed on January 5 and January 7, 2011, the CBI charge sheet claimed.

### Knowledge Sharing Workshop...

and Sustainable Development Goal Coordination Centre (SDGCC) Haryana, contributing towards realization of Vision 2030 and introduction to various innovative schemes and interventions being implemented in Haryana.

The workshop featured prominent speakers, including Director of Swarna Jayanti Haryana Institute for Fiscal Management who highlighted Haryana's remarkable achievements in the context of SDGs and Output-Outcome Framework (OOF) Documentation/Reports. He emphasized that Haryana is among the few states that publish Output-Outcome Framework Reports and lauded the technical partnership with UNDP, which is propelling Haryana into a leadership role for SDGs.

Dr Piyush Singla highlighted that J&K Government is making various reforms and interventions which had enabled it to be at par with regard to digitization and transparency viz-a-viz out reach to the common masses. He expressed keen interest in replicating Haryana's best practices in J&K so that further headway can be made in various governance initiatives which will help to achieve SDG Goals much earlier

and J&K can further focus on SDG plus.

During the first day of the workshop, the participants delved into several critical topics, such as the progress of SDGs in Haryana, progress of SDGs and achievements in J&K and new initiative of establishment of UNDP, SDGCC-J&K.

The presentations were made by Scientist F, NIC, J&K and Joint Director PD&MD on behalf of J&K while as Regional Head North Region UNDP and various officers from Haryana made the presentation. The BEAMS portal, utilized for SDG progress tracking, garnered praise for its effectiveness.

A key objective set during the workshop was the alignment of BEAMS Portal with the SDGs, reflecting a commitment to integrate portal functionality with the SDG framework. Creating awareness about the SDG's and popularising it among the administration and down below was a new role assigned to newly established UNDP, SDGCC-J&K. Acting as a strong campaigner for enhancing the center's social media presence was recognized as pivotal to reaching a wider audience effectively. This also included launch of the newly created Micro-site on SDG's.

The second day of the workshop featured a knowledge-sharing session on implementing innovative tools and ideas, led by the Joint Director (SBFM). Kulwant Khullar, Administrative Officer, presented the "Haryana Parivar Suraksha Nyas" scheme, which consolidates beneficiaries of government insurance schemes, enhancing efficiency and cost savings. A constructive exchange between state officials from Jammu & Kashmir and Haryana facilitated insights into effective governance practices and challenges in program implementation.

The workshop served as an important platform for cross-state collaboration and learning, ultimately contributing to the broader objectives of sustainable development and good governance.

The workshop has given way ahead to interlink SDG's with budget and OOMF. The exercise is lengthy as OOMF framework will have to be developed for all the schemes/ activities/works being implemented in J&K which will further help inter-linking these schemes with the SDG's Goals/ Targets/ Indicators.

SDG CC of J&K shall undertake the exercise, in this regard, which will help to replicate the system in Jammu and Kashmir:

### Army confirms dismissal...

confirmation of the sentence, the officer was cashiered, or dismissed from service dishonourably. Singh, who joined the Army in 2015, will now be deprived of pensionary and all other benefits. Three men hailing from Rajouri district of Jammu region -- Intiyaz Ahmed, Abrar Ahmed and Mohammed Ibrar -- were killed in a remote hilly village in Shopian district on July 18, 2020 and labelled as "terrorists". In its 25-page order delivered on November 9 suspending his sentence, the tribunal said Singh could not have any motive for the action and conducted such an operation without the knowledge of his senior officer. The tribunal, however, refused to stay his conviction and other punishments such as cashiering.

The tribunal's principal bench here said, "As we have only stayed the sentence of conviction to the extent of undergoing the jail sentence, all other punishments like cashiering etc shall continue to remain in operation during the pendency of this appeal."

The tribunal noted that the counsel for the Centre had sought permission to promulgate the findings and sentence by the confirming authority and then shift Singh to a civil jail to serve the rest of the sentence of life imprisonment.

It had directed the counsel to complete the proceedings by November 11.

Singh's counsel Maj (Retd) Sudhanshu S Pandey expressed hope that the Armed Forces Tribunal (AFT) would expeditiously hear his petition against his conviction.

"A young officer has lost his job but we have complete faith in the judiciary and I am hopeful that justice will e done to him and his honour will be restored," Pandey told PTI here. While granting him bail, the tribunal said it would neither rely on the confessional statement given by another accused, Bilal Ahmed, who has been granted pardon by a civil court for turning approver in the case, nor that of the commanding officer of the 62 Rashtriya Rifles who claimed that he had no knowledge about the incident. Following the killing of the three men, doubts were raised on social media, prompting the Army to constitute a Court of Inquiry (COI) which found prima facie evidence that the troops had "exceeded" powers vested under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, or AFSPA. The Court of Inquiry was followed by the summary of evidence, which was completed in the last week of December 2020. Completing general court martial proceedings in less than a year, an Army court in March this year recommended life imprisonment for Captain Singh, subject to confirmation by higher Army authorities.

While granting him bail and suspending his sentence, the AFT had said, "The applicant has already been in custody for a period of about three years and therefore, it is a fit case where, prima facie, evidence available on record suggests that bail can be granted to the applicant by suspending the sentence."

The tribunal said the totality of the evidence available on record clearly shows that there cannot be any motive for the applicant to eliminate three civilians and conduct such an operation without the knowledge of his senior officer.

The conditions put forth for the bail include that Singh shall not approach anyone who had testified against him and that he shall surrender his passport to the principal registrar and in case he does not possess a passport, he shall file an affidavit to that effect besides he shall not leave the country without leave of this tribunal.

"As we have only stayed the sentence of conviction to the extent of undergoing the jail sentence, all other punishments like cashiering etc shall continue to remain in operation during the pendency of this appeal," the AFT had noted.

## Old Jammu city residents appealed to use water judiciously

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Department of Jal Shakti has appealed the residents of old Jammu city and adjoining areas to use the water judiciously in view of disruption of Supply due to maintenance works on Sitlee Manda 500 MM DIA Raising Mains being

taken up on November 16 and 17, 2023.

"It is for the information of general public that due to some urgent maintenance works on Sitlee Manda 500 MM DIA Raising Mains, the water supply to the parts of Old City, Panjtirthi, Karan Nagar,

Rehari, Jain Bazaar, Moti Bazaar, Pacea Danga, Link Road, Afghan Mohalla, Dogra Hall, Kachi Chawni, Ustad Mohalla etc and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 16 and 17, 2023," a departmental communiqué stated on Tuesday.

## DC Rajouri attends B2V5 activities at Saranoo Panchayat of Dhangri Block

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: As a part of series of activities being carried out across the district as a part of the fifth phase of the ambitious Back to Village programme, Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal on Tuesday undertook a comprehensive tour of Saranoo Panchayat of Dhangri block.

During the tour, Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal engaged with the public in the presence of the visiting officer, Chief Engineer PWD(R&B) Anil Kumar Pandohi for Saranoo Panchayat. Addressing the public on the occasion, Deputy Commissioner emphasized that the foremost priority of the UT administration is to deliver basic facilities directly to the doorsteps of the common masses. He highlighted the persistent efforts of the administration to eliminate inconveniences from the daily lives of the public, making it clear that initiatives like Back to Village play a pivotal role in efficiently addressing public grievances. He assured the community that the LG administration is committed to ensuring that the benefits of these ini-



tiatives reach every individual in the Union Territory. This commitment reflects the dedication of the administration to inclusive development, leaving no beneficiary untouched. Deputy Commissioner Vurged Sarpanches, Panches, and senior citizens to actively participate in the formulation of plans for the effective development of their respective areas. The residents of Rajouri echoed their acknowledgment of the significance of such initiatives, pledging unwavering cooperation with the administration in these grand developmental festivities. Among the others, Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Khurshid; XEN PWD(R&B) Rajouri, Sardar Khan; Block Development Officer Dhangri, Heena Kouser, Sarpanches, panches

and general public attended the event. Meanwhile, "Back to Village programme" was held across 108 panchayats of seven blocks including Darhal, Dhangri, Doongi, Khawas, Panjgrain, Plangarh, and Rajouri in the district. With an overarching goal of bringing governance to the very doorsteps of rural communities, the dedicated officers Prabharris chaired pivotal meetings that have transpired, bringing together key stakeholders, department officials, and members of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs). Amidst these endeavors, the designated officers lend a compassionate ear to the expressed grievances, documenting each concern with a commitment to address them in a phased and systematic manner.

## CRIME REPORT

### Notorious criminal arrested with sword, heroine

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Notorious criminal arrested, one sword and heroine recovered by Police Station Miran Sahib.

Police Party of Police Station Miran Sahib established a naka at Dak Bunglow, Miran Sahib for checking of vehicles.

During checking, police stopped one vehicle i.e one car bearing Regd No JK02BH-5570 on suspicious ground.

On seeing the police party, the driver of vehicle tried to flee away from the spot in a rash & negligent manner and crashed with a scooty bearing Regd No JK02BQ-6345 coming from the same side driven by an unknown driver.

During search, one sword was recovered from the vehicle, and upon his personal search Herione like substance about 5.55 grams was recovered from his possession.

During enquiry driver of the vehicle disclosed his name as Manpreet Singh alias Sartaj, son of Kuldeep Singh, resident of Ward No.2, Simbal Camp, Miran Sahib.

In this regard a case FIR No 159/2023 U/s 8/21/22/NDPS Act ,279/337/IPC 4/25 Arms Act was registered at PS Miran Sahib and further investigation is going on.

### Man posing as Army officer attempts to rape school girl in Samba, held

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A man has been arrested for allegedly posing as an Army officer and attempting to rape a class 12 student in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district, officials said.

The accused has been identified as Sham Lal, son of Shanker Dass, resident of Keso Manhasan, Tehsil Rangarh, district Samba, with an address at Shiv Nagar Vijaypur, they said.

According to a complaint filed by the girl, Lal posed as an Army Colonel and brought the girl and her brother, a class 10 student, of Udhampur district to Vijaypur by giving them false assurance of getting them enrolled in NCC and subsequently getting them recruited in belt force,

they said.

He also checked their running stamina along Vijaypur-Ramgarh road and at midnight, attempted to commit rape on the girl who approached police for help, they said.

An FIR No.160/2023 under Sections 376/511, 419 IPC was registered at Police Station Vijaypur and police immediately swung into action and arrested the accused, they said, adding that further investigation is underway.

### Minor brother-sister duo feared drowned in Tawi

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A minor boy and his eight-year-old sister are feared drowned after they were washed away in Tawi river in Jammu city, officials said on Tuesday.

The police and SDRF team have launched a rescue operation to trace Ismael (6) and his sister Nadiya, they said.

The siblings were grazing cattle on the banks of the river on Monday night when they slipped into it while playing near Harki Podi area, they said.

### Absconder held in cheating case

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Tuesday arrested a man who was absconding for the past four years in a case of cheating in Rajouri district, officials said.

Mohd Zabir was held during a raid in Rajdhani Thanamandi area on Tuesday, they said.

The accused was involved in a cheating case registered against him in 2019. He will be produced before the court, the officials said.

### Teenager injured in bear attack in Rajouri

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI/JAMMU: A 17-year-old boy was injured in a bear attack in Rajouri district on Tuesday, officials said.

Barkat Hussain was attacked by the wild bear in the Khadyoon Kandi area of the Kotranka subdivision, they said.

The boy has been hospitalised, they added.

### Three arrested for manhandling cops at checkpoint in Kathua

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Three people were arrested for manhandling policemen at a checkpoint on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district, police said on Tuesday.

A video of the incident that took place at the Goond checkpoint in the Nagri area on Monday went viral on social media.

Three motorcycle-borne men were stopped at the checkpoint and asked to show documents of the vehicle. One of them told the police personnel that he would call someone to bring the documents from home but instead he called around 10 people from the Bamial area, police said.

They were in an inebriated condition and got into a scuffle with the naka party and incharge. The accused manhandled and abused the naka party, prompting police to intervene, they said.

Police personnel overpowered the accused and three of them were apprehended. A medical examination revealed that the three were under the influence of alcohol, they added.

A case has been registered in the matter and the motorcycle of the accused has also been seized, police said.