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Start-Ups reflect...

will ignite new innovations and solutions, he added.

"A great idea will always survive in the long run, if the entrepreneur takes into account the changes happening in the world in terms of market, customer preference, technology and timely execution of business plan. Competition for ideas and execution must start from the campus," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor said that by unleashing the creativity of the students and budding entrepreneurs, we will be able to ensure high growth rate and direct benefits for Jammu Kashmir and the nation in terms of knowledge products and Intellectual property.

At the mega event to promote start-up ecosystems in J&K, the Lt Governor highlighted the examples of successful start-up ventures from across the world. He also addressed some common myths regarding the new startups.

The start-ups and unicorns have seen an increase since 2014. Under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Vocal for Local movement has given a huge opportunity to entrepreneurs to realize their potential in the inter-linked world, the Lt Governor said.

There is a huge potential for start-ups in Tourism, Health, Logistics, Handloom, Handicraft, Horticulture, Agro-based start-ups, and IT enabled services in J&K, he added.

The Lt Governor directed J&K bank to provide support and financial assistance to startups and incentivize the successful startups.

The MoUs were signed between Jammu University and stakeholders viz. JK Bank, J&K Startup Association, Department of Science and Technology, J&K, Department of Skill Development for collaboration and knowledge sharing.

The Lt Governor released National Innovation and Start-up Policy (NISIP) of Skill Incubation Innovation Entrepreneurship Development Centre, University of Jammu and launched five other important initiatives to strengthen the ecosystem of startups. The Lt Governor also inaugurated One MW Grid Connected Rooftop Solar Power Plant installed at University of Jammu.

Umesh Rai, Vice-Chancellor, University of Jammu gave a detailed overview of the event and highlighted the key initiatives of the University.

Rajinder Sharma, Mayor, JMC; Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; Saurabh Bhagat, Commissioner/Secretary, Skill Development Department; Sudhir Gupta, Executive Director, J&K Bank; other dignitaries, guests from across the country, students and stakeholders were present.

SIA raids multiple...

J&K, the SIA Kashmir conducted searches at houses and offices at 22 locations in J&K and Delhi," the investigating agency said.

These locations include 18 in Srinagar, one each in Anantnag and Pulwama, and two in Delhi.

"The pre-dawn searches were carried out simultaneously by special teams of the SIA. During the search operation, incriminating material in the shape of bank documents, cash books, credit cards, debit cards, cheque books, invoices, mobile phones, SIM cards and passports etc., was seized, which will be analysed for further investigation," the SIA said.

The case pertains to illegal raising, layering and laundering of proceeds of crime by the accused persons. These proceeds of crime might subsequently have been used in unlawful activities, including secessionism and terrorism, according to the agency.

The case was registered at SIA Kashmir police station on the basis of an inquiry.

During the inquiry, it was found that funds to the tune of Rs 85 crore were raised and laundered in less than two years, the SIA said.

The transactions were mostly cash-based to evade detection by law enforcement agencies. Based on the findings of the inquiry, case FIR No 08 of 2023 was registered under relevant sections of law, it said.

The raids were conducted on the strength of a search warrant issued by a special designated NIA court to collect evidence relevant to the ongoing investigation in the case, it said. The SIA said it is committed to dismantling the terror ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir by choking terror financing channels, be it hawala, human cash couriers or banking channels.

DG BSF reviews...

said in a post on X. The DG interacted with the troops and lauded their steadfast tenacity and dedication in challenging terrain and harsh weather conditions, the force said.

NIA raids multiple...

Haryana, Rajasthan and the Union territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Puducherry, dealing a big blow to the human trafficking networks.

Of the 44 operatives arrested, 21 were in Tripura, followed by 10 in Karnataka, five in Assam, three in West Bengal, two in Tamil Nadu, and one each in Puducherry, Telangana and Haryana, the spokesperson said.

The simultaneous and synchronised raids and searches were carried out following the registration of four human trafficking cases in Guwahati, Chennai, Bengaluru

and Jaipur, the spokesperson said.

The official said the initial case was registered on September 9 by the Assam Police's Special Task Force (STF) and pertained to a human trafficking network responsible for the infiltration and settlement of illegal migrants across the Indo-Bangladesh border, including those of Rohingya origin.

The operations of this network extended into various parts of the country, the spokesperson said, adding recognising the international and inter-state linkages of the case and its complexity, the NIA formally took charge of the investigations on October 6.

The official said the investigations in the case revealed that different modules of this illegal human trafficking network were spread over various states, including Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Haryana and Jammu and Kashmir.

Based on these findings, the NIA registered three new cases to bust the modules of this extensive network based in different regions and states of the country, the official said.

Further investigations into the activities and modus operandi of these illegal human trafficking networks would continue to dismantle the entire ecosystem, the spokesperson said.

Vijay Kumar takes...

into Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh in August 2019.

As the head of the Kashmir Police, Kumar is credited with bringing massive transformation in the overall security situation in the Valley by putting an end to separatist-sponsored street violence and strike culture which had become the order of the day in the militancy-hit region over the past three decades, the officials said.

Having a vast experience in anti-insurgency operations, Kumar had earlier served as Sub-Divisional Police Officer of Ganderbal, Superintendent of Police (SP), Special Operations Group Pulwama, SP Awantipora, SP Kulgam, SP Kupwara and Deputy Inspector General of Police (South Kashmir), they said.

On central deputation, he has served in the CRPF as DIG-Delhi Range, IG-CoBRA, IG-Operations and IG-Chhattisgarh sector.

The works done under his command include a new funeral and burial arrangement for slain terrorists, incident-free conduct of the first ever District Development Council (DDC) election in November-December 2020 and effective COVID-19 lockdown management, the officials said.

The handling of the situation post the death of hardline separatist leader Syed Ali Shah Geelani in September 2021, zero-killing of civilians by law enforcement agencies during law and order situations, minimum collateral damage during encounters and dramatic reduction in recruitment of youth into terrorism - from 210 in 2018 to 10 in 2023 - are some other highlights of his tenure as the Inspector General of Police, they said.

Kumar is also credited with successful conduct of the third G20 Tourism Working Group Meeting in May, Amarnath Yatra in 2022 and 2023, and allowing Muharram procession in Srinagar city after 34 years besides facilitating an incident-free Bharat Jodo Yatra' of the Congress in January, the officials said.

On the investigation front, 1,395 cases of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act were disposed with a disposal percentage going up to 87. The conviction in UAPA cases also started from 2021. Hundreds of terrorists and terror associates were also arrested in the past four years, they said.

Kumar also aptly handled the situation in the aftermath of an encounter in Hyderpora locality of Srinagar in November 2021 and another at Amshipura village in Shopian district of south Kashmir in July 2020, the officials said.

ED gets 7...

Directorate had conducted searches in Jammu and its adjoining areas as part of the money laundering probe against the educational trust of Andotra and a former government official in connection with alleged irregularities in land purchase to set up the trust.

The federal agency had raided about eight premises in Jammu, Kathua and Punjab's Pathankot on October 17 in the case against RB Educational Trust, its chairperson and Ravinder S, a former revenue official.

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.

Police attaches JeM...

transferred, gifted, sublet, mortgaged or loaned without the competent authority's permission.

Thoker and four other JeM terrorists were arrested in connection with the killing of Deepak Kumar (27), a resident of south Kashmir's Udhampur district, the officials said.

Thoker, who worked at a circus in Udhampur's Janglat Mandi area, was shot dead

by two motorcycle-borne terrorists from a close range on the night of May 29 this year when he had gone to the market to buy milk, they said.

Elaborating the details, a police handout stated that a case vide FIR No. 171/2023 under section 7/27 I.A Act, 302 IPC 16, 18, 20, 39 UAPA was registered and investigation was initiated.

During the course of investigation, six six terrorists were arrested who were identified as Sehnan Bashir Nadaf son of Bashir Ahmad Nadaf resident of Shirpora Deva Colony, Ubaid Nazir Laigroo son of Nazir Ahmad Laigroo resident of Shirpora New Colony, Umer Amin Thoker son of Mohd Amin resident of Waghama, Huzaif Shabir Bhat son of Shabir Ahmad Bhat resident of Wachi Shopian, Nasir Farooq Shah son of Farooq Ahmad Shah resident of Wanteng Mohalla Bijbehara and Suvved Showkat Bhat son of Showkat Ahmad Bhat resident of Fatehpura. The arrested terrorists were linked with Kashmir Freedom Fighter, an offshoot of proscribed terrorist outfit JeM.

CS launches Application...

occasion, Chief Secretary emphasized that the e-Services Quality Assessment Application (AQS) represents a substantial advancement in the government's efforts to enhance the quality and effectiveness of e-services offered to the citizens of Jammu and Kashmir.

Dr Mehta highlighted that AQS's real-time feedback mechanisms and its ability to provide a comprehensive assessment of all 1075 e-services underscore the government's unwavering commitment to delivering high-quality digital services to its constituents. This initiative serves as a testament to the government's dedication to improving the citizen experience and ensuring transparency in governance.

Commissioner Secretary IT, Prerna Puri, informed that the AQS project is an indigenous initiative that empowers users to provide instant feedback through a mobile app dashboard, enabling them to contribute to the ongoing assessment and improvement of e-services. It aims to provide real-time feedback and quality assurance for all 1075 e-services offered by the government of UT of J&K, a significant expansion over the 470 services available through the RAS. Additionally, the mobile app reflects citizens' feedback, offering valuable insights into the quality of e-services. It provides a holistic overview of the performance of various government departments involved in e-governance, added Commissioner/Secretary IT.

This innovative platform, developed by a team led by Taransh Sudan, Mir Suhail Ahmed and others under the supervision of the Jammu and Kashmir e-Governance Agency (JaKeGA), was declared as winner of e-services quality assessment software development challenge. During the event, a jingle was also launched to promote disseminating information about the Janbhagedari portal among citizens.

Among others, the inauguration was also attended by Commissioner Secretary, GAD, Sanjeev Verma; CEO of JaKeGA, Anuradha Gupta; State Informatics Officer (SIO), Saleem Khan; and other senior officers.

Congress president controlled...

Kharge had referred to various government agencies, including the Enforcement Directorate, Central Bureau of Investigation, and Income Tax, along with PM Modi and Chief Minister Shivrang Singh Chouhan, as the "panch pandavas" (five Pandavas) of the BJP.

"The Congress' habit of remote (control) is not going away. Earlier the PM used to be controlled by remote. Now the Congress president is being operated by remote," Modi said in the rally, responding to Kharge's remarks.

"The Congress president is among the senior most people. He is my good friend also. But today he has been reduced to such a state that he can't do anything," Modi said.

"If the charging of the remote (control) is down or there is no connectivity, the Congress president (Kharge) is in his own mood and some good things come out of his mouth," he said.

"Look at the state of Congress. When people gave that party 10 years to rule, you did not know what the (then) PM was speaking or doing because he did not have to do any work, he was being operated by remote," Modi said.

Modi described Congress as a party that snatches money belonging to the poor; indulges in scams, and divides society for power.

Parliament's winter session...

consideration during the session as the standing committee on Home has already adopted the three reports recently.

The Winter session usually commences in the third week of November and concludes ahead of December 25.

Another key bill pending in Parliament relates to the appointment of chief election commissioner and election commissioners.

Introduced in Monsoon session, the government had not pushed for its passage in the special session of Parliament amid protests from the opposition and former chief election commissioners as it seeks to bring on a par the status of the CEC and ECs with that of the cabinet secretary. At present, they enjoy the status of a Supreme Court judge.

RTO Jammu cracks down on traffic violators: 300 vehicles Challaned, 24 seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a proactive move to enhance road safety and enforce traffic regulations, the Motor Vehicles Department Jammu has taken stringent action against traffic violators where-in 300 vehicles were challaned, 24 vehicles were seized, and a substantial sum of Rs 3 lakhs was collected in fines, primarily from motorcyclists and Permit violators.

The drive was launched on Wednesday under overall supervision of R.T.O Jammu Pankaj Bhagotra and comprising of ARTO HQ, ARTO BOI (G), ARTO BOI(P), ARTO Flying Squad and MVTs of Jammu district. The drive was conducted in Akhnoor, R.S.Pura and adjoining rural areas.

The special focus of the drive was to book motorcyclists who were either not wearing helmets or illegally using modified vehicles. Addressing the public, RTO, Jammu said that these efforts for booking violators have been instrumental in sending a strong message that traffic violations will not be tolerated, and strict action will be taken against those who flout the rules. Headed that "Our priority is to make our roads safer for everyone". We are resolute in our commitment to enforce traffic regulations and ensure that motorists adhere to them. The checking teams urges all citizens to respect traffic laws and drive responsibly to prevent accidents and save precious lives.

Man injured as gun goes off 'accidentally'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: A 40-year-old man was injured after his country-made gun "accidentally" went off in Kathua district, a police official said on Wednesday.

The man identified as Gori Shanker suffered bullet injury from his own licensed gun inside his house in Sitti-Bani village on the intervening night of Tuesday and Wednesday, he added.

The official said Shanker, who suffered an injury to his chest, was taken to a hospital and later referred to the Government Medical College (GMC) Hospital in Jammu for specialised treatment on Wednesday morning. The police have begun an investigation into the incident, he added.

Notorious criminal booked under PSA

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ARNIA: Police on Wednesday booked a notorious criminal under PSA.

As per details, an information was received at Police Station Arnia regarding one notorious criminal namely Ranju Choudhary alias Jatt, son of Kuldeep Singh, resident of Kathar Kothey, Tehsil Arnia, District Jammu, who was evading his arrests in multiple cases.

On this, a team of Police Station Arnia led by SDPO RS Pura Nikhil Gogna assisted by SHO Arnia Inspr Deepak Katoch raided at the suspected place and arrested the notorious criminal. It is pertinent to mention that a warrant of arrest under PSA vide order No 24 of 2023 dated 06/11/2023 under section 8 (1) (A) of J&K Public Safety Act 1978 was also issued against the accused by District Magistrate Jammu

Also accused was habitual of indulging in criminal activities, attempt to murder, extortion, keeping/possessing illegally sharp edged weapons/ Fire arms, narcotics and having close links with other criminals of UT J&K. There were various cases accused was involved which include FIR No. 11/2020 under sections 8/21/22 NDPS at Police Station Ramgarh; FIR No. 50/2020 under sections 341/323/506/34 IPC, 4/25 Arms Act at Police Station Arnia; FIR No. 19/2022 under sections 307/353/382/34 IPC Police Station Ramgarh; FIR No. 10/2023 under sections 4/25 Arms Act 34 IPC Police Station Arnia; FIR No. 29/2023 under sections 307/452/323/504/34 IPC at Police Station Ramgarh and FIR No. 61/2023 under section 341/323/382/427/34 IPC 4/25 Arms Act at Police Station Arnia. The overall arrest was made under the supervision of SP Hrs Rannish Gupta. Finally today the warrant was executed and the accused was sent to Central Jail Kot Bhalwal Jammu.



Political existence of opposition parties on verge of extinction: Raina

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JAMMU: The political existence of opposition parties in Jammu and Kashmir is on the verge of extinction, BJP leader Ravinder Raina said on Wednesday and asserted that the saffron party in the Union Territory will sweep next year's Lok Sabha elections.

Raina, the BJP's Jammu and Kashmir unit chief, made the statement during the party's Booth Jan Samvad Abhiyaan at Kot village in the Raipur Domana mandal here.

"Fearing defeat in the elections, the opposition parties are making false statements and targeting

the BJP on one pretext or the other. But the fact is their political existence is on the verge of extinction," he said.

The public's response to the Booth Jan Samvad Abhiyaan has been overwhelming and shocked the opposition parties, Raina claimed.

"The general elections in 2024 will write a new chapter in the political history of the nation as people will be voting in favour of the BJP to see (Narendra) Modi as the prime minister for a third consecutive term. The voters of Jammu and Kashmir will contribute to ensure that the BJP

sweeps the Lok Sabha elections here as well," he said.

BJP General Secretary (Organisation) Ashok Koul said a wave of change is being seen throughout the length and breadth of Jammu and Kashmir and the people want the BJP to be in the chair to serve them.

"The people have had very bitter experience of the governments of the Congress and the National Conference in the past and have made up their minds to teach these parties a lesson for making false promises and betraying them," he said.

Back to Village Phase-V: Prerna Puri visits Panchayat Airwan; assesses public issues, concerns



Commissioner Secretary, IT & Information, Prerna Puri inspecting stalls established by Ayush Department.

lagers besides deliberating on ways to resolve them. Awareness regarding individual beneficiary based schemes and guidelines of government schemes envisaging increase in rural incomes was also generated by the frontline workers of various departments and the visiting officers.

The villagers, during the

programme, apprised the Visiting officers of the difficulties being faced by them in availing the benefits under various schemes and other issues concerning the panchayats.

At Panchayat Airwan in block Nagri, Commissioner Secretary, IT & Information, Prerna Puri, interacted with PRI mem-

Jammu startup to launch 'Zool Energy' to replace fuel-based gensets

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A Jammu-based startup has come up with an ideal solution to the use of fuel-based generator sets and inverters causing pollution and is set to launch a non-fuel-based 'Zool Energy' product run on solar, wind, and hydro support in Jammu this month. A product of Xeamun Science And Tech Pvt Ltd, Zool Energy, was one of the main attractions at a mega startup exhibition organised at the Jammu University, where indigenous products and prototypes by startups in the Union Territory were showcased on Wednesday.

"We are launching a Zool Energy product this month. We have done product demos at more than a hundred locations. Our people have gone to various business establishments to conduct demos. We have incorporated all that is needed by customers. We are opening the product for sales in the next two weeks," Director of Xeamun Gurashesh Singh told PTI.

He said the product is called Zool Energy. "It is going to replace your fuel-based generator and inverter era. It is the future of energy," he added. Giving further details, he said that on the smaller unit, four air conditioners can run and on the bigger one, seven units of air conditioners can operate. "It will run on solar and wind or hydro support. We are developing it in Jammu. We are launching a starting unit of 6 KW," he said.

Panchayat Chann Khatrian, Joint Director Information Jammu, Atul Gupta inspected stalls of different departments established at panchayat Ghar where officers of concerned departments generated awareness among the villagers.

Likewise, the first phase of Back To Village-5 was held with great enthusiasm across 150 Panchayats of 09 blocks of the district.

During the day long activities, inauguration of recently completed works including PMAY houses besides inspection of new works under MGNREGA, distribution of land pass books and health cards, presiding over sports events and inspection of rural assets was also conducted by the visiting officers.