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improve efficiency in enforcing traffic regulations.

Dulloo said this while chairing a high-level meeting to review the implementation and status of the electronic enforcement systems for road safety across the Union Territory, with an aim to enhance traffic management and ensure greater ease for the public.

Emphasising the need for optimal utilisation of intelligent traffic systems, Dulloo directed the traffic department to make effective use of the ITMS and ITLS in Jammu and Srinagar.

He expressed concern over the underutilisation of these systems, stating that it defeats the very purpose for which such advanced infrastructure was created.

The chief secretary called upon the departments concerned to ensure immediate restoration, upgrade and full operationalisation of the ITMS and ITLS to provide seamless and citizen-friendly traffic movement.

Taking note of the functioning of cameras and traffic lights installed in both cities, he directed for the repair, replacement and reinstallation of faulty hardware so that the system functions optimally and consistently.

Regarding Rural ITMS, Dulloo underscored the importance of extending electronic traffic management to key junctions in districts, such as Anantnag, Baramulla, Kathua, Udhampur and Samba.

"Such systems can significantly improve the traffic flow, reduce congestion and enhance safety at critical intersections, even as highway construction continues simultaneously, without causing major hindrance to system functionality," he said.

Commissioner Secretary, Housing and Urban Development, Mandeep Kaur informed the meeting that a Detailed Project Report (DPR) amounting to Rs 1.88 crore has been prepared for the complete restoration and modernisation of all existing ITLS junctions. She said the target is to make all ITLS and ITMS junctions fully functional by December.

J&K to host...

in the Union territory since the implementation of the law, signalling a shift toward transparency, competitiveness, and sustainable development in the mineral sector, the official said.

A total of seven limestone blocks, covering approximately 314 hectares, have been identified across the districts of Anantnag, Rajouri, and Poonch.

Categorised under G3 (Prospecting) G4 (Reconnaissance) stages of mineral exploration of the United Nations Framework Classification (UNFC), these deposits hold considerable potential for high-quality limestone critical to cement manufacturing, construction, and other industrial applications, the official said.

The auction will be conducted under subsections (4) and (5) of Section 11 of the MMDR Act, enabling the central government to facilitate the process in cases where state or Union territory administrations face procedural limitations.

This approach reflects the principles of cooperative federalism, ensuring timely implementation and reform execution, he said.

He said the ministry of mines is committed to carrying out a transparent, technology-enabled and competitive auction process, with a strong focus on sustainable mining aligned with national environmental guidelines.

"This initiative is expected to pave the way for job creation, revenue growth, industrial expansion, and new economic opportunities for local communities -- advancing Jammu and Kashmir's development trajectory and contributing to the national vision of Viksit Bharat 2047," the official said.

Justice Surya Kant...

until a government review.

Justice Kant also nudged the Election Commission to disclose the details of 65 lakh voters excluded from the draft electoral rolls in Bihar while hearing a batch of petitions challenging the poll panel's decision to undertake Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the voters list in the poll-bound state.

In an order that emphasised grassroots democracy and gender justice, he led a bench that reinstated a woman sarpanch unlawfully removed from office and called out the gender bias in the matter.

He is also credited with directing that one-third of seats in bar associations, including the Supreme Court Bar Association, be reserved for women.

Justice Kant was part of the bench that appointed a five-member committee head-

ed by former top court judge Justice Indu Malhotra to probe the security breach during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Punjab in 2022, saying such matters required "a judicially trained mind".

He also upheld the One Rank-One Pension scheme for defence forces, calling it constitutionally valid, and continues to hear petitions of women officers in the armed forces seeking parity in permanent commission.

Justice Kant was on the seven-judge bench that overruled the 1967 Aligarh Muslim University judgment, opening the way for reconsideration of the institution's minority status. He was also part of the bench which heard the Pegasus spyware case and which appointed a panel of cyber experts to probe allegations of unlawful surveillance, famously stating that the state cannot get a "free pass under the guise of national security".

UNSC reforms no...

cooperation, and humanity.

He also proposed institutionalising the IBSA NSA-level meeting to strengthen security cooperation among the three countries.

"In the fight against terrorism, we must move forward in close coordination. There is no place for any double standards on such a serious issue," Modi said at the meeting attended by South African President Cyril Ramaphosa and Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva.

Highlighting technology's crucial role in ensuring human-centric development, the Prime Minister also proposed establishing an 'IBSA Digital Innovation Alliance' to facilitate the sharing of Digital Public Infrastructure like UPI, health platforms like CoWIN, cybersecurity frameworks and women-led tech initiatives among the three countries.

Appreciating the IBSA Fund's work in supporting projects across 40 countries in sectors like education, health, women empowerment and solar energy, he proposed the IBSA Fund for Climate Resilient Agriculture to further advance South-South cooperation.

Modi called the IBSA meeting as timely as it coincided with the first G20 Summit on African soil and marked the culmination of four consecutive G20 presidencies by Global South countries, out of which the last three were by the IBSA members.

This has resulted in several important initiatives focused on human-centric development, multilateral reform and sustainable growth, he said.

The Prime Minister said IBSA was not just a group of three countries but an important platform connecting three continents, three major democratic nations, and three major economies.

Modi also invited IBSA leaders to the AI Impact Summit to be held in India next year, even as he emphasised the grouping's potential to contribute to the development of safe, trustworthy and human-centric AI norms.

The Prime Minister said IBSA can complement each other's development and become an example for sustainable growth.

White-collar terror...

All three have been operating from outside India and their names often crop up in inputs related to the Jaish-e-Mohammed terror network, the officials said.

They said that the recruited docters had initially expressed intent to join terror groups in conflict zones like Syria or Afghanistan, but were later refrained by their handlers who asked them to continue in India and carry out multiple blasts in the hinterland.

The 'white collar' terror module was busted by Jammu and Kashmir police along with their counterparts in Uttar Pradesh and Haryana. It led the investigators to a Faridabad university where 2,900 kg of explosives were recovered.

It all started on the intervening night of October 18-19, when posters of the banned JeM surfaced on walls just outside Srinagar city. The posters warned of attacks on police and security forces in the Valley.

Srinagar police treated the matter as a serious issue and not just as a one-off incident, and Senior Superintendent of Police (Srinagar) G V Sundeeep Chakravarthi formed several teams for an in-depth probe.

Since 2018, the method of social media radicalisation has seen a tactical change by terror groups, who are trying to recruit people via digital platforms as heightened security measures make direct, face-to-face interactions increasingly difficult.

Once these potential recruits are identified, they are quickly moved into private groups on encrypted messaging apps like Telegram, where they are shown highly manipulative and fabricated content, often in the form of Artificial Intelligence-made videos, meant to drive hate and a narrative towards recruitment.

The recruits undergo virtual training which includes readily accessible YouTube tutorials, before being assigned operational tasks in the region.

The widespread use of Virtual Private Networks and fake profiles helps these terror networks evade detection, using encrypted platforms such as Telegram and Mastodon for encrypted communication.

Sharing India's concern, the United Nations has repeatedly underscored the effectiveness of terrorist groups in leveraging propaganda for various nefarious purposes, including recruitment and incitement to violence, and the UN Security Council in 2017 adopted a resolution -- 'Comprehensive International Framework'.

It outlines that the primary responsibility lies of the member states in combating terrorism, promoting coordination among relevant entities, tailoring counter-narratives to specific contexts and ensuring compliance with international laws and human rights obligations.

PM calls for...

The Prime Minister said AI systems that impact human life, security, or public trust must be responsible and auditable.

And most importantly, AI should enhance human capabilities, but the ultimate responsibility for decision-making always remains with humans, he added.

Modi said in this age of AI, the approach must rapidly shift from 'Jobs of Today' to 'Capabilities of Tomorrow'.

Unlocking talent mobility is essential for rapid innovation. We made progress on this topic at the Delhi G20. We hope that in the next few years, the G20 will develop a global framework for talent mobility, PM Modi said.

The Prime Minister outlined India's approach based on equitable access, population-level skilling, and responsible deployment.

He said that under the India-AI Mission, accessible high-performance computing capacity is being built with the objective of ensuring that AI benefits reach everyone in the country.

The Prime Minister said that India will be hosting the AI Impact Summit in February 2026 with the theme 'Sarvajanam Hitaya, Sarvajanam Sukhaya' [Welfare for all, Happiness for all], and invited all G20 countries to join this effort.

The Prime Minister articulated India's message and commitment for global well-being, asserting that it stood for - development that is sustainable, trade that is trusted, finance that is fair, and progress in which everyone prospers.

Gita offers answers...

confront its challenges today," he said.

Bhagwat said the Gita inspires one to be courageous while facing problems, rather than running away from those. "Krishna tells Arjuna -- 'Do not escape. Stand firm, confront the problem and act without ego or fear'," he said.

The RSS chief noted that true strength lies in fulfilling one's duty selflessly. "Great acts done with a selfish intent bring no good. Even small actions done for the welfare of others carry immense value," he said.

Bhagwat also noted that India's civilisational identity has survived both glory and adversity for thousands of years.

"India was a world leader once. It endured invasions for centuries and still stands. To rise again, we must understand our essence," he said.

The RSS chief urged people to study the Gita, understand its meaning and gradually, incorporate its teachings in their lives. "If we live the Gita, our lives will change, the society will change and India will move towards becoming a vishwaguru again," he said. Bhagwat praised initiatives for making the Gita's wisdom accessible through simple and practical interpretations.

Two landlords booked...

village had rented out their properties to multiple tenants without submitting their verification details at the police station, the spokesperson said.

Accordingly, an FIR has been registered under Section 223 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and further investigation is underway, he said.

The police urged the general public to strictly adhere to the tenant verification guidelines issued by the DM, warning that non-compliance will invite strict legal action under relevant provisions of law.

The Jammu police remains committed to ensure the safety and security of the citizens, the spokesperson said.

Drug peddler arrested; contraband recovered

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SOPORE: As part of its sustained action against drug dealings, Police in Sopore apprehended a drug peddler during naka checking on Shalpora-Tujjer General Road, under the jurisdiction of Police Station Bomai. A suspicious individual attempted to flee on noticing the naka party, but the alert team acted apprehended him tactfully. He has been identified as Faheem Sultan Wagay son of Mohammad Sultan Wagay resident of Warpora Sopore. During search, charas-like substance was recovered from his possession. Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 69/2025 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Bomai and investigation has been initiated.

Police acts tough on traffic violators

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SHOPIAN: Continuing its stringent drive against traffic violations, Police in Shopian have intensified enforcement across the district to ensure road safety and promote responsible driving habits. During the ongoing campaign, hundreds of two-wheelers and four-wheelers have been seized and challaned for various violations, including lack of proper documents, rash driving, triple riding, driving without helmet, overloading and other offences under the Motor Vehicles Act.

Special checkpoints and mobile teams were deployed at key locations to check compliance, verify documents and take immediate action against violators. The drive aims not only to enforce traffic rules but also to reduce the risk of accidents and safeguard the lives of commuters and pedestrians.

J&K Police urges the public, especially youth, to adhere strictly to traffic regulations, wear helmets and seat belts, avoid over speeding and carry all valid documents while riding or driving. The department remains committed to maintaining road discipline and ensuring a safer commute for all.

Police takes action against 9 stunt bikers

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

GANDERBAL: Police in Ganderbal during a special drive against traffic violations, detained nine (09) teenagers found performing dangerous and life-threatening stunts on the National Highway (NHW). During the action, police also seized five (05) modified motorcycles with concealed rear registration number plates, in violation of the Motor Vehicles Act. The apprehended teenagers will be handed over to their families after proper counselling and execution of a good-behaviour bond to ensure that such acts are not repeated in the future.

Police intensify crackdown on illegal mining

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SHOPIAN: In continuation of its sustained crackdown on illegal mining, Police in Shopian have taken cognizance against three tractors and JCB, involved in unlawful extraction and transportation of minerals in the Berthipora and Saidpora areas. During routine patrolling, a police team from Police Post Saidpora intercepted a tractor found extracting and transporting minerals without valid royalty documents. Accordingly, FIR No. 61/2025 has been registered at Police Station Heerpore under relevant provisions of law. Similarly, a police team from Police Post Berthipora intercepted one JCB and two tractors engaged in illegal mineral extraction within its jurisdiction. The vehicles were immediately challaned under the MMRD Act, and legal proceedings have been initiated against the drivers and owners involved.

Project Expo 2025 showcases innovation and excellence at SMVDU

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

KATRA: The School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE), Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, successfully organized Project Expo 2025, providing a dynamic platform for students of School of computer science & engineering to showcase their innovative ideas, technical skills, and creative project work.

The event offered students a valuable opportunity to display their projects, gain expert feedback, and strengthen both their academic and professional portfolios. The gathering was warmly welcomed by the Head of the School of Computer Science & Engineering, Dr. Sumanda; setting an encouraging tone

for the event.

The expo was inaugurated by Vice Chancellor, Prof. Pragati Kumar, who emphasized the importance of such initiatives in enhancing project quality, encouraging interdisciplinary collaboration, and preparing students to compete globally.

Prof. Ashok De, Bharti Arian Chair Professor, appreciated the creativity and technical depth shown by the participants. Prof. Balbir Singh, Dean Academic Affairs, also addressed the gathering, stressing the importance of organizing such initiatives at the university level to nurture innovation and excellence. The final round of evaluation was conducted on the day of the event by an external jury comprising of

distinguished members from academics and industry, who assessed the selected projects and identified the top three performing teams based on innovation, execution, and real-world impact.

The first prize was awarded to Sachin Tripathi, Yash Shrivastava, and Kartike Saxena for their project HireMate - AI-Based Interview Bot. A cutting-edge AI solution designed to conduct intelligent interviews, evaluate responses, and assist companies in efficient candidate screening.

The second prize to Madhav Sharma for TAAP - Auto-Heating Neckband for Stray Dogs. A compassionate innovation aimed at protecting stray animals from extreme cold by providing an automated heating system

and the third prize to Shivam Kumar, Kulkul Singh, and Shivam Kumar for unira.in - Connecting Students and Alumni.

A platform designed to strengthen alumni-student engagement, mentorship, and career networking.

Dr. Sumanda, Head School of Computer Science and Engineering emphasized Project Expo 2025 as a proud testament to the growing culture of innovation, collaboration, and academic excellence at SMVDU, made possible through the dedicated efforts of its organizers-Dr. Rohit Tanwar, Dr. Sakshi Arora, Dr. Sonika Gupta, Dr. Archana, and Dr. Vipal-whose commitment contributed significantly to the event's success.

Motivational talk held to join Armed Forces

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

RAJOURI: A Motivational talk on how to join armed forces was organised by Indian Army at GHSS, Samote on 22 Nov 2025 to encourage the youth to join the armed forces. Aim of conducting this motivational talk was to motivate the talented and potential students to join armed forces of our country. Motivational talk focused on motivating the students to plan their career in armed forces based on their respective inclination, interests and various opportunities available to join the armed forces.

During the motivational talk, students were briefed about selection procedure of an officer in armed forces. This is a unique

step by the Indian Army towards winning hearts and minds of local population. A total number of 03 teachers and 40 students attended the motivational talk.

The Army has been working with an aim to change the perception of the underprivileged population in the region, which ultimately manifests in sustained peace and prosperity in the region. Students thanked and expressed their profound gratitude towards the Army for organising the motivational talk and taking this noble initiative for students to motivate the talented and potential students to join Indian Armed Forces. This initiative will go a long way in overall development of the students.

Need collective action against narcotics, terrorism: Kesri

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

ARNIA: In a significant move to combat the menace of narcotics and terrorism, Shiv Sena Hindustan organized a crucial meeting in Arnia, chaired by Jammu Kashmir President, Pandit Rajesh Kesri. The gathering, attended by prominent members, block heads, and village heads, aimed to raise awareness about the dangers of narcotics and promote patriotism among the youth.

In his address, Kesri emphasized the need for collective action against narcotics and terrorism, highlighting Pakistan's involvement in using drones to smuggle narcotics and arms across the border. He urged villagers to report suspicious activities and individuals to the authorities, assuring anonymity and protection. "It is imperative that we work together to eradicate this menace and ensure a safer future for our youth,"



SSH President, Pandit Rajesh Kesri briefing media.

Kesri said.

The meeting also lauded the government's efforts to seize properties of those involved in narcotics trafficking and terrorism. Kesri warned that those supporting or promoting such activities would face consequences, as the government is cracking down on such elements. "We will not tolerate any individual or organization that threatens the peace and security of our nation," he added.

Shiv Sena Hindustan appeals to the public to join forces with the government and police to eradicate narcotics and terrorism, ensuring a safer future for the youth. The organization assures the complete support of the community in this noble endeavor. The meeting was attended by prominent members, including Balwant Saini, Raj Kumar, Deeraj, Suresh Kumar, Satpal, Darshana Devi and Vijay Devi among others.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

REASI: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi under the administrative control of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J) is promoting and educating the farmers on the organic vegetables cultivation to produce the organic vegetables and to enhance the income and employment of the farmers.

KVK Reasi is working under the dynamic leadership of Vice Chancellor, Prof. B.N.Tripathi and able guidance of Director Extension, Prof.Amrish Vaid of SKUAST-J. According to Chief Scientist & Head of Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Reasi, Dr. Banarsi Lal, farmers are regularly guided by the KVK on organic formulations such as the use of Beejamrit, Jeevamrit, Neemastra, Agniastira, Panchgavya, fermented buttermilk preparations, cow urine etc. by utilizing the

farm resources. He further said that the farmers are also guided on the use of Neem Cake, fruitfly traps, Pheromone Traps, sticky traps, Neem Oil, biofertilizers, vermicomposting technology etc. to utilize in the



organic vegetables for more yields and farm returns. He expressed that commercial cultivation of organic vegetables can play an important role in generating the income and employment among the farmers' of hilly areas. He informed that organic farming helps to improve the soil fertility and organic farm produce is helpful to improve the health

status and create immunity of the human beings. He expressed that organic and natural farming are helpful in the production of safe and healthy food by reducing the cost of cultivation.

He added that KVK is upgrading the knowledge of the farmers on the value addition in vegetables, packaging and marketing of organic vegetables. By observing the successful organic vegetables growers in the area many new farmers are showing keen interest towards the adoption of organic and natural farming practices in organic vegetables cultivation.