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India fully capable...

border infrastructure. Singh also virtually inaugurated the 27 other projects of the BRO.

Singh described the projects as a testament to the concerted efforts of the government and the BRO towards the development of border areas in order to enhance the operational preparedness of the armed forces, and ensure socio-economic development of far-flung regions.

"The world is witnessing a number of conflicts today. India has always been against war. It is our policy. Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi drew the world's attention to that resolve when he said this is not the era of war".

"We do not believe in war, but if it is forced upon us, we will fight. We are ensuring that the nation is protected from all threats. Our armed forces are ready and it is heartening to see that the BRO is walking shoulder-to-shoulder with them," he said.

Singh said that in 2021, BRO completed 102 infrastructure projects.

In 2022, along with these 28 projects, the organisation has dedicated a record 103 infrastructure projects to the nation, the defence minister said.

"The BRO has also connected the farthest and most remote villages of the country like Huri Village in Arunachal Pradesh to the mainland. This connectivity has triggered reverse migration in these areas, where population increase is being witnessed with the commencement of basic amenities like schooling facilities and primary health care centres, electric supply and employment opportunities," Singh added.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Pema Khandu said the Union government is committed to bring development in border areas of the Himalayan belt. "In the last eight years, infrastructure development in Arunachal Pradesh, especially in the connectivity sector, has immensely helped the state," Khandu said.

The northeastern region witnessed construction of 10,000-km roads since 2014 after the BJP-led coalition came to power at the Centre, the CM claimed.

Roads of a stretch of 2,500 km is coming up in Arunachal Pradesh, including the frontier highway, he said.

Work on the frontier highway, a strategic project, has already started in certain sections with heavy equipment being deployed to fast-track the construction process, Khandu added. The project will cost at least Rs 40,000 crore, officials said.

Inaugurates 2 infra...

date of completion, an official spokesman said.

He said the bridge connects Ramban district administrative complex and Gool sub-division. The Srinagar-Sonamarg-Gumri double-lane road connects Srinagar to Kargil and Leh with a carriage way width of 7.00 metres and road width of 12.00 metres, the spokesman said. "This lifeline road link connects township of Kashmir via Manigam, Kangan Hari-Ganiwan, Gund, Gagangir, Sonamarg, Zozila before entering Ladakh. The total length of the road is 84.320 km," he added.

Ex-gratia provided...



Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar handing over ex-gratia relief to families of persons martyred in Dhangri terrorist attack.

cowardice attack by the terrorists.

The Divisional Commissioner expressed solidarity with the bereaved family members and assured them of every possible support and assistance from the UT Government. The Divisional Commissioner also visited GMC Rajouri, to know about the condition of the persons injured in the attack. He directed the Health authorities at GMC to provide best treatment and ensure that injured and their attendants do not feel any inconvenience. Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Imran Kataria, Accounts Officer, Rajesh Sharma also accompanied the Divisional Commissioner Jammu.

Major canals of...

Director Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare Jammu, all the concerned

Superintending Engineers and Executive Engineers are directed to take up all the closure works (desilting and repair of Canals including their network wherever necessary) immediately and ensure its completion well before the recharge of the Canals.

Tearful adieu to...

who share specific information regarding the terrorists involved in the gruesome attacks.

Director General of Police Dilbag Singh, B-JP Jammu and Kashmir chief Ravinder Raina, ADGP Mukesh Singh and Divisional Commissioner (Jammu) Ramesh Kumar took part in the cremation besides army officers and district administration officials. They laid wreath at the mortal remains and paid rich tributes to the departed persons.

The two cousins were killed when an improvised explosive device (IED) went off on Monday. On Sunday evening, terrorists opened fire on three houses in the area in Rajouri district killing four civilians and injuring six.

In Kishtwar district, a bandh was observed on Tuesday in protest against the attacks.

Shops and business establishments remained closed and traffic was partially off the roads in the town.

"Sanatan Dharam Sabha gave a bandh call to protest against the killings. It was aimed to sensitise the government about the security and safety of the people," a leader of the organisation said.

Dangri terror attacks...

The CASO is going on by the Army, police and paramilitary forces in the vast area of a forest belt adjoining Dhangri, they said.

Sniffer dogs have also been pressed into service, the sources said.

On Sunday evening, terrorists opened fire on three houses in Dhangri village in Rajouri, killing four civilians and injuring six.

On Monday, an improvised explosive device (IED) planted by the terrorists went off and two children, who were cousins, were killed and six persons were injured.

The incidents, occurring barely 14 hours apart, triggered protests across the district. Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday night had said a probe will be conducted into "security lapse" in the wake of the terror incidents.

Controversial palatial house...

Development Authority. The JDA initially did not act against the high profile former Deputy Chief Minister and later, on an RTI application filed by the whistle-blower Advocate Muzaffar Ali Shah, the Jammu Development Authority disclosed that despite being informed about the alleged illegal construction from the Khilafwarzi Wing, JDA did not proceed against the high profile violators. Subsequently, on the complaint of whistle-blower Advocate Muzaffar Ali Shah, the JDA issued a demolition notice to the former Deputy Chief Minister Dr. Nirmal Singh and his wife Mamta Singh directing them to remove the illegal construction on their own within five days failing which the JDA's Khilafwarzi Wing would remove the violations.

Against the said demolition notice, Mamta Singh had filed a statutory appeal before the J&K Special Tribunal and the Special Tribunal while taking cognizance of the appeal stayed the operation of the demolition notice. The stay has been extended from time to time and in the meantime, the JDA has filed its response stating that it's a case of 'Major Violation' and appeal merits to be dismissed.

The matter was fixed for final arguments and was adjourned on previous dates of hearing due to non-availability of the Bench, however, the incumbent Presiding Officer of the Bench-II, Rajiv Gupta has joined the J&K Special Tribunal, Jammu on being transferred recently by the High Court of J&K and Ladakh.

Night curfew imposed...

drones in the present foggy weather, it stated.

The order issued by the district magistrate Anuradha Gupta banned the movement of civilians from 9 PM to 6 AM in area up to one kilometer from the International Border (IB) in Samba district.

"No person or group of persons shall move in the area up to one kilometer along the International Border in district Samba from 2100 hrs to 0600 hour during the night," the order stated.

During a meeting of the district-level standing committee, authorities of the Border Security Force took up the issue of imposition of night curfew on a kilometre-long strip from IB from 9 pm to 6 am daily, enabling them to perform their duties more effectively, the order said.

To ensure smooth functioning, better domination by BSF authorities and to preclude nefarious activities close to the border areas, the regulation in the movement of people has become imminent, particularly in the area from the International Border, it said.

"It is felt by district administration, that it is expedient that the movement of people in border areas is regulated so that there is better area domination by BSF in border area and nefarious designs of forces inimical to Indian security are subverted," DM said in the order.

She said in case movement is necessary, the person or persons are required to produce their respective ID cards to BSF and police authorities.

"Any person found violating the aforementioned order shall be dealt with in accordance with law. Since it is not possible to serve the order individually, it is being issued ex-parte", DM said.

This order shall come into force with immediate effect and shall remain in force for a period of two months from the date of its issuance, if not withdrawn or /rescinded earlier.

Court rejects bail...

i.e FIR NO.461/2018 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act Udhampur and FIR No.36/2022 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act P/S Rehmbal.

Additional Sessions Judge Udhampur Dinesh Gupta after hearing APP Himanshu Parkash for the police whereas Adv Kiran Chouhan for the applicant observed that menace of 'Drug addiction' is a complex illness with far reaching consequences for those who know, work with, and support the drug addicted individual(s). Families suffer due to the cultural and social factors of drug behavior; including their own understanding of the disease process and the addict's behavior due to drug abuse; draining of, family resources; shrinking from responsibilities, sickness and dysfunctional relationships; distortion of interpersonal family relationships; violence and death faced as a consequence of drug abuse, etc. The cost of drug abuse is enormous and multifaceted which poses severe threat to the very social fabric of the Society and, thus, the instances of drug abuse are required to be dealt with a strict 'Hard on Crime' attitude. Besides, the trafficking/ smuggling of drugs has flared sporadically in the recent years transcending geographical boundaries. With these observations, Court rejected the bail application.

J&K has become...

in hydro-power electricity. The work of Kiru project at a cost of Rs 4,287 crore is under progress, the ministry said.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated and had laid the foundation stone of 240 development projects worth about Rs 2,000 crore in Srinagar on October 5, 2022.

The Home Ministry said earlier the explanation of 'Jamhooriyat' (democracy) in Kashmir was only for "three families, 87 MLAs and 6 MPs" but Modi has connected 30,000 people with 'Jamhooriyat' by taking democracy to the village panchs, sarpanchs, BDC members and zilla panchayats.

Earlier, due to Article 370, Gujjar-Bakarwal and Paharis could not get the benefit of reservation in education, elections and jobs, but now after the removal of the Article, they will all get reservation, it said.

Under the rule of the "three families" for 70 years, only Rs 15,000 crore investment came to Jammu and Kashmir and Modi has brought investment of Rs 56,000 crore in just 3 years, the year end review said.

Security forces and police are pro-actively conducting coordinated counter-terrorism operations to fulfilling the Prime Minister Modi's vision of a prosperous and peaceful Jammu and Kashmir, it said.

Shah appreciated efforts of security agencies and the administration of Jammu and Kashmir for keeping streets free from violence and significantly restoring rule of law.

The home minister also said the terror eco-system comprising elements that aid, abet and sustain terrorist-separatist campaign to detriment of well-being of common man requires to be completely dismantled.

Impressive Nagar Kirtan...

along the procession. The District Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee, Jammu, which had organised the Nagar Kirtan, managed the procession well and various stalls of food and refreshments were also arranged by different business and social organisations on the route.

Slight respite in...

as a base camp for the annual Amarnath Yatra, recorded a low of minus 7.2 degrees Celsius.

The minimum in Gulmarg, the famous ski resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, was minus 9.2 degrees Celsius, weather officials said.

The resort was also the coldest recorded place in Jammu and Kashmir this winter.

The Met office has forecast dry weather over the next few days for the region leading to colder nights and slightly warmer days.

Qazigund, the gateway town to the Valley, also witnessed a slight appreciation in minimum temperature Monday night. It registered a low of minus 5.0 degrees Celsius.

In Kupwara, a frontier district, the minimum temperature settled at minus 5.3 degrees Celsius, while Kokernag in south Kashmir recorded a low of minus 4.1 degree Celsius, the officials said.

The below-than-normal precipitation this winter has resulted in an increase in respiratory problems for the residents, particularly children and elderly, doctors said.

The sub-zero temperatures have resulted in the freezing of several waterbodies in the valley.

Kashmir is currently under the grip of 'Chilla-i-Kalan,' the 40-day harshest weather period when the chances of snowfall are maximum and most frequent.

'Chilla-i-Kalan' begins on December 21 and ends on January 30.

The cold wave continues even after that with a 20-day-long 'Chillai-Khur'd' (small cold) and a 10-day-long 'Chillai-Bachha' (baby cold) following it.

Most areas of the valley received snowfall on Thursday.

Former J&K terrorist...

Chatroo tehsil guilty of the crime and sentenced him to eight years in jail. A fine of Rs 50,000 was also imposed on him. According to police, Bilal entered the house of a woman with arms and ammunition on December 4, 2016 and abducted her minor daughter and also looted the ornaments of another family member.

A case was registered and he was arrested.

CRIME REPORT

Gandhi Nagar dacoity case: Two more arrested from Meerut

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police have arrested two more accused in the Gandhi Nagar dacoity case from Meerut and brought back. They are kept in Gandhi Nagar police station and is being questioned. After the arrest of these two, so far eight people have been arrested in this case.

According to information, police received information about the two accused involved in the incident hiding in Meerut after which a team was sent to Meerut and both were arrested from there. They have been identified as Preet and Happy. Both residents of Punjab. They have been arrested and brought to Gandhi Nagar Police Station. Two accused are still absconding in this case. Teams have also been deployed in their search.

Man dies in accident

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A man died in an accident in Gangyal area on Tuesday.

According to information, a car hit a person walking on the roadside in Kunjwani area in which he got injured. He was taken to the hospital but he died during treatment. He has been identified as Mohammad Akram, son of Sultan, resident of Bandipora. Police has registered a case in this context and started further action.

4 narco smugglers arrested; 20 grams of heroin recovered

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Continuing its drive against drug trafficking and substance abuse, Police on Tuesday arrested recovering 20 grams of Heroin at three different Nakas in the jurisdictions of Police Stations R.S Pura, Bishnah and Barbrahmana respectively.



As per the details, a team of Border Police Post Chakrohi led

by SHO R.S Pura Inspr. Pawan Kumar Dogra assisted by In-Charge Border Police Post Chakrohi PSI Ishfaq Ahmed Kasana while on Naka duty stopped a vehicle (JK02CL-6243). During search of driver, 12 grams of heroin was recovered from him. The suspect was later identified as Naresh Kumar alias Kuti, son of Sat Paul, resident of Chakrohi Tehsil Suchetgarh, Jammu. He was arrested and FIR No. 01/2022 under section 8/21/22 NDPS Act was registered against him at Police Station R.S Pura Jammu.

Similarly, at another Naka by a team of Police Station Bishnah led by SHO Bishnah Inspr. Vikram Sharma police teams rounded up two suspects who were coming from Bahadurpur towards Kotli Charkhan on their vehicle (JK02CS- 6254). On search, 5 grams of heroin was recovered from them i.e 2.50 grams from each suspect. The accused identified as Arjun Sandhu, son of Raj Kumar, resident of Dhinday Khurd and Sanju Kumar, son of Rajesh Kumar, resident of Dhinday Khurd, Bishnah were arrested and FIR No. 07/2023 under sections 8/21/22 NDPS Act was registered in Police Station Bishnah. The overall arrests and recoveries in both the cases were made under the supervision of SDPO R.S Pura Surinder Singh.

Meanwhile, Bar Brahmama Police also arrested a narco-smuggler and recovered 3 grams heroin. The accused has been identified as Jahangir, son of Yusuf Khan, resident of Delhi.

2 theft cases solved; 4 arrested, stolen items recovered

STATE TIMES NEWS

BISHNAH/BARI BRAHMANA: Police on Tuesday solved two theft cases by arresting four thieves and recovered stolen items from their possession.



As per the details, an information was recovered at Police Station Bishnah by headmaster of Govt. Girls High School Nouggran stating that some unknown thieves had stolen cylinder, Chulla and some other vessels from Govt. High School Nouggran which were used for preparing mid day meals. On this FIR No. 06/2023 under section 457/380 IPC was registered and investigation started. After this, a team of Police Station Bishnah under the supervision of SDPO RS Pura Surinder Singh led by SHO Police Station Bishnah Inspr Vikram Sharma did strenuous efforts and with the help of CCTV footages of the area finally rounded up two suspects later identified as Vinay Thapa, son of Shudagar Mal, resident of Jinder Khurd and Laba Ram, son of Mansa Ram, resident of Kotli Charkhan, Bishnah.

During sustained questioning accused confessed their involvement in the above case and on their disclosure stolen items viz 01 cylinder, 01 Gas chulla & other items like one Roller and 05 plates stolen from ring road, 05 stolen water motor pumps were recovered from them.

Meanwhile, On Dec 24, 2022, a written complaint was lodged at Police Station Bari Brahmama by a complainant namely Vinil Kumar Tyagi owner of M/s Jurassic Refiners, Bari-Brahmana regarding theft of the factory items i.e. motors, wires, generator parts etc. Acting over the complaint, a case FIR No. 236/2022 under sections 457/380 IPC was registered and investigation started. During the course of the investigation, a team of Police Station Bari Brahmama headed by SHO Bari Brahmama, Inspr. Sunil Kumar Sharma under the supervision of Dy.SP Hqrs Samba, Mohd. Usman (I/C SDPO Bari Brahmama) after arduous efforts developed some lead in the case and succeeded in the arrest of 02 suspects namely Mohd Younis, son of Ramzan Mohd, resident of Badhori, Tehsil Bari Brahmama, District Samba and Fareed Hussain, son of Rehmat Ali, resident of Meen Sarkar, Tehsil Bari Brahmama, District Samba.

On their disclosure, stolen items were recovered from their possession which include 3 Motors, 750 watts; 2 Induction Motors, 220 Volts.

Drug peddler arrested; contraband substance recovered

STATE TIMES NEWS

AWANTIPORA: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, police on Tuesday arrested a drug peddler and recovered contraband substance from his possession.

As per the details, a party of Police Station Pampore at a checkpoint established at Douninad Crossing arrested a drug peddler identified as Riyaz Ahmad Ganie alias Reyaz Dumper son of Gh Mohi-ud-din resident of Douninad. During search, 120 grams of Charas (wrapped in Maize Husk) was recovered from the possession.

Accordingly, a case vide FIR Number 02/2023 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Pampore and investigation has been initiated.

PSUs to be roped in to build nuclear power plants: Dr Jitendra

STATE TIMES NEWS

NAGPUR: India is all set to rope in its public sector behemoths for building nuclear power plants as it aims to achieve its goal of net zero emissions by 2070, Union Science and Technology Minister Jitendra Singh said here on Tuesday.

Addressing the media on the sidelines of the 108th Indian Science Congress here, Singh said the nuclear sector has been opened up for joint ventures with public sector undertakings to generate financial resources for building atomic power plants.

Singh is the Union Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office and in-charge of the Department of Atomic Energy. The government had amended the Atomic Energy Act in 2015 to enable joint ventures between the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) and public sector companies to build nuclear power projects.

"We are now building nuclear power plants in northern parts of the country as well," Singh said citing the construction of a nuclear power plant in Gorakhpur in Haryana. In 2017, the government has approved the building of 10 nuclear power plants of 700 MW each under the fleet mode to expand the contribution of atomic power in the country's energy mix.

The NPCIL, which operates almost all nuclear power plants in the country, has formed joint ventures with National Thermal Power Corporation, Indian Oil Nuclear Energy and Nalco Power Company Limited for expansion of the nuclear power sector.

India's current installed nuclear power capacity is 6780 MW and it plans to add 21 more atomic power generating units with a total installed capacity of 15,700 MW by 2031.

Science in India should be aimed at making India self-reliant: Modi at ISC

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said that India's scientific community should work to make India 'aatma nirbhar' (self-reliant).

Development in science should be aimed at fulfilling India's needs, and this should be the inspiration for our scientific community, he said in his address to the Indian Science Congress, being held in Nagpur, via video conferencing.

He cited the country's growing energy needs and urged the scientific community to forge such innovations in the field as may benefit the country. Since India is home to 17-18 per cent of world population, progress of such a large number of people will lead to a surge in global advancement as well, he said. India today is using scientific means for progress and its consequences are visible, he said, noting that India jumped to 40th rank in the global innovation index from 81 in 2015 in a list of 130 countries.