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Eliminating terror, terrorist..**

remember our valiant BSF personnel who maintain an eternal vigil to safeguard our frontiers in difficult terrains and adverse conditions, combating emergent situations and making supreme sacrifices while safeguarding India's territorial integrity, the Lt Governor observed.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lt Governor; D K Boora, IG BSF Jammu frontier; Dr Raghav Langer, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Anshul Garg, DC Jammu, besides senior officers of BSF, Police and Civil Administration were present on the occasion.

**Omicron: J&K Govt..**

virtue of the order till further directions.  
For any medical emergency, individual can contact 24x7 control room at 01952-234343, 7006493646 and necessary facilitation shall be done, the order reads.

There shall be mandatory for the person's residing in designated Containment Zones to get themselves tested and vaccinated, any refusal in this regard shall invite action including lodging of FIR under relevant provisions of Disaster Management Act, Duty Magistrate, BMO and SHO concerned of the area shall ensure that 100% sampling and testing is done, the order reads.

Meanwhile, the new directive of the UT level Disaster Management Authority has stipulated that incoming travellers from 'At-Risk' nations will have to undergo home quarantine even if they are tested negative, officials here said.

The decision was taken at a meeting chaired by Chief Secretary A K Mehta, held to review the situation in the backdrop of the highly mutated Omicron variant, which has been found to have infected people across several nations.

Most of the COVID-19 containment guidelines in action will be retained, including imposing of night curfew in view of the uneven trend observed in the daily coronavirus cases, the new guidelines said.

Additional measures have been issued by the State Executive Committee (SEC) in regard to the international arrivals in J&K.

"Rigorous screening and conduct of Covid-19 RT-PCR test will be made mandatory at the Srinagar International Airport for international arrivals as per the guidelines issued from time to time, order said.

It said that any person found Covid-19 positive will have to undergo institutional quarantine and treated as per standard protocol.

The samples of positive cases will be sent to the designated INSACOG Genome Sequencing Laboratories (IGSLs) promptly.

There will be a close tracking and testing of the contacts of travellers who have tested positive, the order said.

It also directed the designated surveillance officers (DSOs) to establish a close coordination with their designated and tagged INSACOG Genome Sequencing Laboratories (IGSLs) for expediting results of genomic analysis.

Necessary public health measures should be taken in case of presence of variants of concern as reported by the INSACOG network.

People from 'At-Risk' nations who test negative will, however, have to be in home quarantine for seven days, the order said.

They should be tested again on day 8, and if tested negative will be advised to self-monitor for at least two weeks, it said.

Travellers coming from countries considered not at risk' and whose samples have tested negative should be advised to monitor themselves carefully for at least two weeks. The government said it will implement the principle of "Test-Track-Treat-Vaccinate" to prevent the spreading of the virus.

**J&K reports 181..**

the number of active cases has gone up to 306, officials said.  
The Union Territory has registered 214 Covid-related deaths -- 156 in Leh and 58 in Kargil -- since the outbreak of the pandemic last year, they said.

Twenty patients were cured and discharged from hospitals in Leh. The total number of cured people is 20,122, they said.

According to officials, all the 41 new cases were reported from Leh, while 1,199 sample reports in Ladakh tested negative. Of the 306 active cases, 280 are in Leh and 26 in Kargil district, they said.

**Mysterious lights in...**

its adjoining areas. At that time, experts had suggested that the light appeared to have been satellites passing through a low earth orbit.

**Maintain surveillance on...**

joint efforts of all security forces and agencies.  
He directed officers to review the security strategies more often so as to check for any loopholes if ignored.

He appreciated the forces for the recent successes against terrorism but stressed for continued pressure on terrorists/OGWs to consolidate the peace.

The DGP also took a review of the winter preparedness.

The joint security meeting was attended by ADGP Armed J&K S.J.M Gillani, IG (KOS) CRPF Deepak Rattan, IGP Kashmir Vijay Kumar, IG (SOS) CRPF Charu Sinha, DIG CKR Srinagar Smit Kumar, BGS Ops 15 Corps P.K Mishra, DIG CRPF North Srinagar Dr Randeep Kumar Rana, DIG CRPF South Srinagar Mathew A John, DIG BSF Ops Srinagar Arvinder Singh, SSP APCR Srinagar Shahid Mehraj Rather, SSP Srinagar Sandeep Choudhary, SSP PCR Kashmir Zubair Ahmed Khan and SP PC Srinagar Iftikar Talib. Spl. DGP CID J&K, R. R. Swain attended the meeting through video conferencing from Jammu.

Officers from CRPF, Army, and BSF shared their views and assessments in the meeting.

Earlier in the forenoon, the DGP chaired a Police Establishment Board (PEB) meeting via video conferencing.

The Police Establishment Board meeting was attended by Spl. DGP CID, J&K, R. R. Swain, Spl. DGP Crime, J&K, A. K. Choudhary, ADGP Security, J&K, Dr S. D. Singh Jamwal, ADGP Headquarters, PHQ, M. K. Sinha, ADGP Railways, J&K, Sunil Kumar, ADGP Coordination, PHQ, Danesh Rana, AIGsP of PHQ Shri Ramesh Angral, J. S. Johar, Manoj Pandita, and other concerned officers of PHQ. The DGP flanked by ADGP Armed, J&K, S.J.M Gillani and IGP Kashmir Vijay Kumar chaired the meeting via video conference from PCR Kashmir while other officers attended the meeting at Conference Hall, PHQ.

The DGP said that various wings of police need to rationally review their deployments and see that persons posted at a particular location for very long are transferred out and replaced with suitable persons. This he said will enhance the capabilities of these units.

He also said that unauthorised attachments and localised arrangements should be done away with and cases be reviewed and recommendations must be justified while giving emphasis on encouraging the deserving personnel.

He said that the recommendations must be performance based and due weightage must be given to the circumstances, topography, and difficulty faced besides the perseverance and operational acumen displayed by the personnel must be taken as the touch stone for recommendations.

The DGP further stated that only those personnel should be rewarded who contributed to the professional work.

During the meeting different representation/petitions and directions from the various judicial authorities were also discussed.

AIG (Personnel) PHQ conducted the proceedings of the meeting and presented the backgrounds of each and every agenda item.

Pertinent to mention that during the year 2020 upto July 2021 out of turn promotions were given to four ASIs, forty ICs, 160 SgCts, 475 Cts and four Followers for their outstanding contribution and 393 SPOs were also absorbed in the department as constables for their outstanding duties.

**WHO says measures...**

for the Western Pacific Dr Takeshi Kasai told reporters Friday in a virtual news conference broadcast from Manila, Philippines.

Border control can delay the virus coming in and buy time. But every country and every community must prepare for new surges in cases," Kasai said. The positive

news in all of this is that none of the information we have currently about omicron suggests we need to change the directions of our response."

Much remains unknown about the new variant, including whether it is more contagious, as some health authorities suspect, or if it makes people more seriously ill, and whether it can thwart the vaccine.

Kasai said omicron has been designated a variant of concern because of the number of mutations and because early information suggests it may be more transmissible than other variants of the virus. More testing and observation is necessary, he said.

Thus far, four countries and regions in the Western Pacific Australia, Hong Kong, Japan and South Korea have reported cases of the omicron variant, said WHO Regional Emergency Director Dr. Babatunde Olowokure. That number is likely to go up as more cases are discovered globally, Olowokure said.

India, Singapore and Malaysia have also reported their first cases in the last 24 hours.

In terms of what countries should be doing now, our experiences over the last few years, especially in responding to delta, provides a guide of what we need to do, as well as how to cope with future surges in a more sustainable way," he said.

Those include full vaccination coverage, social distancing, mask wearing and other measures. Those can then be calibrated in response to the local context, Olowokure said.

The goal is to ensure we are treating the right patients in the right place at the right time, and so therefore ensuring that ICU beds are available, particularly for those who need them," he said.

Despite the positive trends in handling the pandemic in the Western Pacific region, largely through high vaccination rates, we cannot be complacent," Kasai said.

Globally, cases have been increasing for seven consecutive weeks and the number of deaths has started to rise again too, driven largely by the delta variant and decreased use of protective measures in other parts of the world, he said.

We should not be surprised to see more surges in the future. As long as transmission continues, the virus can continue to mutate as the emergence of omicron demonstrates, reminding us of the need to stay vigilant," Kasai said.

He warned especially about the likelihood of surges due to more gatherings and movement of people during the holiday season. The northern winter season will likely bring other infectious respiratory diseases such as influenza alongside COVID-19, Kasai said.

It is clear that this pandemic is far from over and I know that people are worried about omicron," he said. But my message today is that we can adapt the way we manage this virus to better cope with the future surges and reduce their health, social and economic impacts."

The WHO Western Pacific Region includes 37 countries and areas from Palau to Mongolia.

**Azad expresses concern...**

most of works are done only on papers and no one cares for suffering and problems of people.

He also raised the issue of shortage of paramedical staff in rural areas and added that a number of candidates have cleared their exams of paramedical but from last three years they are waiting for their degrees. He told government us taking steps which are not in favour of public.

**Cold wave grips...**

at a low of minus 2.8 degrees Celsius.  
Qazigund, the gateway town to the valley, recorded minus 1.8 degrees Celsius, while Kokernag recorded a low of minus 2.3 degrees Celsius.

A weak Western Disturbance is likely to hit the region towards the weekend, the officials said, adding the precipitation will end the dry spell of weather in the valley.

The wintry conditions in the valley set-in much ahead of the beginning of extreme harsh weather conditions which usually start around the third week of December. 'Chillai Kalan', the 40-day period of harsh winter in Kashmir, begins on December 21 every year.

**CRIME REPORT**

**Two notorious drug peddlers arrested; huge quantity of contraband recovered**

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KULGAM: Continuing its efforts to eradicate menace of drugs from the society, Police in a series of actions in South Kashmir has arrested two drug peddlers including a notorious drug peddler and recovered huge quantity of contraband substance from their possession.

As per details, acting on specific information regarding drug peddling in Qazigund area, a party from Police Station Qazigund raided a house located at Nussu Badragund. During raid, police party recovered huge quantity of Bhukki, weighing about 100 Kg from possession of a notorious drug peddler. The accused, identified as Mohd Amir Ganie, son of Mohd Ahsan Ganie, resident of Nussu Badragund, Qazigund was arrested and shifted to Police Station where he remained under custody.

Meanwhile in Pulwama, during routine checking at a check-point established at Eidgah crossing, a party from Police Station Pulwama intercepted a suspect identified as Imran Rashid, son of Abdul Rashid Bhat, resident of Sonsamil. On his search, 10 bottles of cocaine phosphate was recovered. He was arrested and shifted to Police Station where he remained in custody. Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law were registered in respective police stations and investigations started.

**Girl raped on pretext of marriage; accused arrested**

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
REASI: Police on Friday nabbed a man for raping a girl on allurement at Reasi.

As per details, on November 7, a written complaint was lodged at Police Station Reasi by a girl (name withheld), resident of Karua, Reasi that one Bharat Bhushan, son of Anu Kumar, resident of Kreni, Reasi fraudulently developed relationship with her on promise of marriage and repeatedly raped her. After some time the girl came to know about the fraud and abuse that has been committed against her body and mind. On this, FIR No. 216 under section 376 of IPC was lodged in Police Station Reasi and investigations started. Police team swung into action after lodging FIR and medical examination of victim was also conducted. Statement of victim was recorded under section 164 of CrPC before judicial magistrate. After getting information regarding registration of FIR, the accused changed his phone and SIM and went underground. Police started a hunt for the accused and finally, after three weeks, it was came to fore that accused is in Jammu with disguised identity.



Subsequently, Shailender Singh, Senior Superintendent of Police Reasi constituted a special team headed by a Sub Inspector, which was sent to Jammu to arrest accused. After hectic efforts and liaison with local police, besides making series of raids, the accused was arrested from Thandi Khui Bari Brahmana. Singh conveyed that further investigation of the case is going on and investigation will be concluded on priority. He further urged parents and girls to remain aware of such type of fraudsters, who remain on a mission of spoiling lives of innocent girls on false promises of marriage.

**Rs 26,900 fine recovered from SoPs violators in Ramban**

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAMBAN: Continuing the enforcement drive to implement COVID protocol across the district Ramban, Enforcement teams on Friday fined scores of violators for roaming without wearing face masks and not maintaining physical distance.

The enforcement teams, during the inspection in their respective jurisdictions, recovered a fine of Rs 26,900 taking the total amount fined since April 1, 2021 to Rs. 69,62,700. The Enforcement officers urged COVID the people to wear face masks and maintain physical distance besides taking vaccination doses at their nearest CVC.

District Immunisation Officer, Ramban, Dr Suresh informed that as many as 988 persons were administered first and second COVID vaccine doses across Ramban district. As per daily bulletin issued by the Chief

Medical Officer, Ramban, Dr. Mohammad Fareed Bhat, the Health Department has collected 2,314 samples including 632 RT-PCR and 1,682 RAT samples besides administering COVID vaccine to 988 persons at dedicated Vaccination Centres in the district.

**Narco smuggler nabbed with heroin**

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Continuing drive against drug trafficking and substance abuse, Police on Friday arrested a narco smuggler and recovered 14 gm heroin from his possession.

As per details, a team from Police Station Janipur led by SHO Inspr Nayat Ali during Naka checking at Roop Nagar intercepted a vehicle (JK02CT-4011) coming from Roopnagar towards Janipur, who turned suspicious on seeing police. On search, 14 gm heroin was recovered from possession of suspect later identified as Bikram Singh (30 years), son of Late Uttam Singh, resident of Borhi, Anand Nagar. He was arrested and FIR No 125/2021 under sections 8/21/22 of NDPS Act was registered against him at Police Station Janipur. A Challan has been produced in Principal Session Court against the accused in FIR No 88/2014 under sections 302/120 of IPC at Police Station Channi Himmat. The overall arrest and recovery was made under supervision of SDPO City West Rahul Nagar. Further investigation of case is going on.

**Two drug peddlers nabbed with 17.5 Kg poppy straw**

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JHAJJAR KOTLI: Police on Friday nabbed two drug peddlers and recovered 17 Kg 500 gm poppy straw from their possession.

As per details, based on specific inputs regarding drug peddling, a team of Police Station led by SHO Jhajjar Kotli Inspr Devinder Singh assisted by Incharge Police Post Manwal PSI Ayub Khan rounded up two suspects in a vehicle (PB10CL-1717) at Nadal Manwal. During search, 17 Kg 500 gm poppy straw was recovered from their possession. The duo was identified as Kuldeep, son of Jarnail Singh and Rajesh, son of Om Parkash, both residents of Lit Tehsil Bolath, district Kapurthala (Punjab), were arrested and FIR No. 185/2021 under sections 8/15/25/29 of NDPS Act was registered against them at Police Station Jhajjar Kotli. The overall arrests and recoveries were made under supervision of SDPO Nagrota Parupkar Singh.

**'Shell-type' object recovered in Kupwara, destroyed**

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KUPWARA: A 'Shell-type' object was found lying along a road in Kupwara and was destroyed by a BDS team.

As per details, based on specific input, Army's 41 RR alongside 140 Bn BSF and Kupwara police, cordoned off an area and found a suspicious cylindrical metal object connected to battery wires lying along road leading from Kupwara to Kalaroos. A team of Bomb Disposal Squad safely removed the suspected object from road and destroyed it later.

**12 bovines rescued, smuggler arrested**

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Police on Friday foiled a bovine smuggling bid by rescuing 12 bovines and arrested a smuggler.

As per details, police during Naka at Manda signaled a truck (JK02AH-7169) to stop but the driver, instead of stopping vehicle, accelerated it. Active cops on the Naka managed to stop vehicle and arrested the driver. During checking, the truck was found laden with 12 bovines which were rescued. The accused has been identified as Ashiq Hussain, resident of Kokernag. A case under relevant section of law registered against him at Police Station Pacea Danga.

**Jawan found dead in Badami Bagh Cantonment**

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: A Jawan of Indian Army's counter insurgency unit Kilo Force was found dead under mysterious circumstances in Srinagar.

As per details, 24 year old Signalman Anuj Singh, resident of Banka Bihar was found dead at Army's Badami Bagh cantonment on Friday afternoon. Inquest proceedings have been launched in the incident.

**Woman dies under mysterious circumstances**

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: A woman was found dead under mysterious circumstances in Chammu on Friday.

As per details, a woman was found unconscious along road side on Nov 27 and was shifted to hospital, where she was under treatment. But she

failed to recover and succumbed. Her body has been shifted to morgue for identification.

**Woman raped on gunpoint; 2 arrested, 1 flee**

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
VIJAYPUR: A woman was raped on gunpoint in Vijaypur area, however police has arrested two persons while one is still on run.

As per details, a woman, resident of Udhampur, presently staying at Bakshi Nagar lodged a complaint with police that she was called to Vijaypur by a politician to perform in a Jagran at Vijaypur and she came there to see arrangements. She further said that three accused namely Sonu Choudhary, Sunny Sharma and Rajan Sharma accompanied her to the venue in their car and later trio raped her on gunpoint besides assaulting her. On her complaint, police got conducted her medical examination and registered a case. Two of the accused were arrested by police while manhunt for the third is on.

**Teenager found hanging with tree**

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAMNAGAR: A 19 years old boy was found hanging with a tree in forest area of village Kidnu of Ramnagar on Friday.

As per details, Vijay Kumar, son of Hans Raj, resident of Nimbla village was found hanging with a tree in forest areas. His body was shifted to morgue for autopsy and later handed over to family members for performing last rites. Pertinent to mention that few days back, he was detained by police for kidnapping a girl but later, the girl, in her statement, accepted that she went with him on her own will. The parents of girl solemnised her marriage with someone else which led to mental trauma for deceased after which he took the extreme step.

**Woman jumps into Chenab over dowry harassment, husband booked**

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAMBAN: A woman attempted suicide by jumping into river Chenab in Ramban over dowry harassment following which her husband was booked.

As per details, a woman, resident of Karol jumped into river to end her life but was rescued by timely action of onlookers. During questioning, she disclosed that she is being harassed by her husband for dowry. On this, police has booked her husband and started investigation.

**Police team faces stone-pelting at Chamba**

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: A team of Doda Police which went to Chamba in Himachal Pradesh faced stone pelting.

As per details, acting on a complaint regarding kidnapping of a girl, a team of Doda Police went to village Jjadi, Chamba to recover victim on a tip-off. As the team reached village, villagers started pelting stones on team, due to which it returned empty-handed. The local police was informed and a case has been registered in this regard.

**Accident victim succumbs**

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: An accident victim, who was under treatment in hospital, succumbed on Friday. As per details, a man got injured in Gangyal area on December 1, after he got hit by a vehicle and was shifted to hospital for treatment. But he failed to recover and succumbed to injuries.

**Fraud case solved; 2 accused arrested, duped gold recovered**

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Police on Friday solved a fraud case by arresting two fraudulents and recovered duped gold worth lakhs from their possession.

As per the details, On December 02, 2021 Police Station Shaheed Gunj received a complaint from a person namely Shoaib Ali Bulbul, son of Mohammad Ali Bulbul, resident of Nigeen Srinagar currently running a Gold Smith Shop situated at Hari Singh High Street stating there in that a gang of persons has cheated and duped him by exchanging duplicate gold against an original gold worth lakhs. Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 121/2021 under relevant sections of law was registered and investigation was initiated. Acting swiftly, a special team of Police Station Shaheed Gunj by utilizing all available means, were able to nab two persons identified as Mohammad Ashraf Lone, son of Gh Hassan Lone, resident of Saller Anantnag and Younis Ahmad Dar, son of Gh Rasool Dar, resident of Bijbehara Anantnag and subsequently both have been arrested in shortest possible time. Duped gold worth lakhs was also recovered from their possession.

**Natrang to organise acting workshop**



**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Natrang Jammu is organising Understanding the 'Self', an Intensive acting workshop focusing the concept of Psycho-Physical Acting from 9th December, 2021 at Natrang Studio Theatre. The workshop will be conducted by Baljeet Singh, an alumni of National School of Drama, New Delhi.

This was informed by Director Natrang, Balwant Thakur while inviting young theatre enthusiasts of Jammu to avail this golden opportunity to get trained from the learned and experienced mentor.

He expressed that because of the corona crisis, all the training/practice opportunities were stalled which caused an adverse effect on the performing arts and significant endeavours like this workshop would definitely play an important role its rejuvenation.

Introducing the workshop director, Baljeet Singh is an actor, director and acting trainer from Sirla-Bhaga, Reasi, Jammu and Kashmir, Balwant said Baljeet had a deep interest in artistic activities like singing, performing, and painting from childhood but the decision to make a career in theatre was taken later in his life, after completing his graduation from Maulana Azad Memorial College, Jammu University and earning a Master's Degree from the Centre for Political Studies Jawaharlal Nehru University (2010-12), New Delhi.

Age Group to attend this workshop is 18 years and above and those who are interested may send an email at natrang83@gmail.com or speak to the coordinator of the workshop, Mohd Yaseen at 9419106669 or 9906048670.