AMRITSAR: The Border

Security Force (BSF) has

been effectively thwarting

the growing challenges of

infiltration, drugs and arms

smuggling and the menace of

drones from across the bor-

Nityanand Rai said here on

He was speaking while offi-

ciating as the chief guest of

the 58th Raising Day parade

of the force, the country's

largest border guarding force

with 2.65 lakh personnel,

held in the campus of the

Guru Nanak Dev University

here, roughly 30 km from the

India-Pakistan International

Border that runs along

The Union minister of state

for home affairs also said

that women personnel are

increasingly being engaged in

various duties being rendered

by the force, which is reflec-

tive of the women empower-

ment vision of Prime

minister

Union

Sunday.

Punjab.

Air surcharge 50 paisa for Leh

CJ inaugurates final match of 'Legal Fraternity Knock-out Tournament

Congenital heart diseases on rise, grim reality: Dr Sushil

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BSF effectively guarding against

infiltration, smuggling: MoS Rai

MoS Home Nityanand Rai inspecting the Guard of Honour

during the 58th BSF Raising Day Parade at Amritsar.

The increasing challenges

of infiltration, smuggling of

narcotics and arms and the

activity of drones are being

effectively dealt with by the

BSF and it has been contin-

uously thwarting these

attempts along our border,

The minister did not speci-

fy the front but it is under-

stood that he was referring to

the India-Pakistan border

International Border runs

India-Pakistan

running along this state.

Rai said.

Punjab, Rajasthan and

Gujarat on the western flank

along the borders ensures

that there is peace in the

country and you have kept

the front safe for the last 57

The minister said the BSF

was being provided smart

surveillance gadgets like

radars and anti-drone guns.

BSF Director General

Pankaj Kumar Singh, in his

address, said the force has

presence

of the country.

years," he said.

"Your (BSF)

Hit & run case solved; driver among 3 arrested

drones along the India-

Pakistan front (16 along

Punjab and one along

Jammu border) this year

even as it is taking the help of

DRDO and other scientific

research organisations to

detect underground tunnels

that are used by terrorists to

He underlined the growing

menace of drugs from across

the Pakistan front, saying

the force seized more than

500 kgs of narcotics from

these areas over the last year.

Amritsar Gurjeet Singh

Aujla, local public represen-

tatives, Punjab government

officials and officers from

defence and intelligence

agencies were present during

The BSF was raised on

December 1, 1965 and it is

primarily tasked to guard

international borders with

It has 193 operational bat-

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Pakistan and Bangladesh.

talions spread across the

Congress

the event.

MP

infiltrate into the country.

Website: www.statetimes.in, Email: statetimes1@gmail.com

10 drug-peddlers arrested,

large quantity of contraband

substance seized

with a large quantity of con-

apples during checking at

Ramsoo in Ramban district

along the Jammu-Srinagar

Both driver and conductor

of the truck, hailing from

Baramulla district, were

arrested and booked under

the Narcotic Drugs and

(NDPS) Act, the official

On checking a car at

Jhajjar Kotli, 46.6 kgs of

poppy straw was recovered.

The vehicle intercepted at

Jhajiar Kotli on the out-

skirts of Jammu was going

to Punjab from Kashmir, a

Two occupants of the car,

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police official said.

both residents of

Substances

Psychotropic

national highway

Saturday, an official said.

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Sunday.

J&K to create pool of security analysts to tackle cyber terrorism, other internet crimes

The CSP along with a digi-

tal vision document was

launched by Lieutenant

Governor Manoj Sinha on

the concluding day of the

two-day national conference

on e-governance in Katra on

"The Union territory of

Jammu and Kashmir is com-

mitted to create and sustain

a safe and resilient cyber

space to promote well-being

of its citizens and to ensure

protection and sustainability

of its infrastructure in the

cyber security sector," the

It mentioned equipping

professionals with requisite

policy document read.

November 27.

STATE TIMES NEWS

peddlers were arrested along JAMMU: Jammu and traband substances in differ-Kashmir is planning to creent parts of Jammu and ate a pool of cyber security Kashmir, police said on analysts under the recently launched Cyber Security More than 275 kgs of Policy (CSP) to combat poppy straw were recovered cyber terrorism and cyber from a truck loaded with attacks.

The CSP also talks about setting up computer energy response team (CERT), a nodal agency which will ensure safer and stronger internet by responding to major incidents, analysing threats and exchanging critical cyber security information with trusted partners.

According to the official document, the government is also mulling over establishing a think tank for policy and decision inputs, an information security management system to manage sensitive data and a Centre of Excellence to combat modern-day security threats.

Further, the Union territory administration is working towards introducing cyber

cyber security skills and knowledge, promoting Jammu and Kashmir as an ideal destination for businesses that work on develop cyber security products and encourage inter-institutional partnerships to promote collaborative research efforts to tackle cyber attacks.

"The Union territory shall create a pool of cyber security analysts to work as parttime security specialists of the government, advising it in combating cyber terrorism, protecting from cyber threats, simulating cyberattacks to help find security loopholes, and assisting CERT on the ground in case of a cyber-security incident,' the document read.

However, it said the government will encourage full time jobs to the analysts so that talent remains within the

The document said the primary mandate of the CERT is to provide cyber security related actionable information to the government, critical infrastructure agencies, private industries and general public through advisories and alerts; provide cybersecurity protection through intrusion detection and prevention capabilities and develop a cyber crisis management plan (CCMP) in line with the national CCMP.

"Understanding the importance of business

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Govt deputes Prpl GMC Jammu to appear before NCSC, New Delhi

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TheJ&KGovernment deputed Dr Shashi Sudan Sharma, Government Principal, Medical College, Jammu and Waqar Talib, Under Secretary, Health and Education Medical Department the National Commission for Scheduled Castes, New Delhi in connection with hearing $_{
m in}$ the Commission.

"Sanction has been accorded to the deputation of Dr. Shashi Sudan Sharma. Principal, Medical College, Jammu and

Over 27 acres of Govt

land retrieved in Samba

JAMMU: More than 27

acres of government land

was retrieved during an anti-

encroachment drive in the

Samba district on Sunday,

The drive was conducted in

different villages of the bor-

der district on the directions

of the Deputy Commissioner

of Samba Anuradha Gupta,

A joint team of revenue

and police personnel headed

Magistrate (SDM) Vijaypur

Vinay Sharma conducted an

anti-encroachment drive in

village Palli, Kanda Madana,

Rakh Barotia, Gurgaon

Salathia and retrieved about

11.75 acres of government

launched in villages Pangwal

and Nehari where more than

five acres of government

land was retrieved, the offi-

cial said. A revenue team

headed by SDM Rakesh

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Sharma retrieved more

land, the official said. Similar drives were also

Divisional

an official said.

the official said.

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STATE TIMES NEWS

Waqar Talib, Secretary to Medical Department an order Bhupinder Medical

Government, Health & Education National Commission for Scheduled Castes, New Delhi, by air to and fro in connection with the hearing of the Commission, on December 5, 2022," reads issued by Kumar, Health & Education Department, which was issued in Jammu on Sunday.

STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: National General Secretary, Tarun Chugh on Sunday said those termed Kashmir Files movie as vulgar are are suffering from mental frustration. "It was real and tragic too which happened with Kashmiri Pandit brethren. Those termed

the movie as vulgar are suffering from mental frustration", Chugh said while taking to a Kashmir based news agency.

He said entire world came to know about this tragic and heart wrenching Jews; genocide of Sikhs in



Those terming 'The Kashmir Files' movie vulgar

are 'mentally frustrated': Chugh

also said that truth cannot be concealed.

"Be it genocide carried out by Hitler against

cide of KPs in Kashmir by Pakistan, truth cannot be concealed for long. It has to be exposed", Chugh

He added those comments on the judgement passed by Israeli native judge are "sick"and "ill minded".

Hitting hard, the BJP leader said the Congress party always played politics of vote bank in the country and is blackmailing the nation for their cheap interests.

"BJP is a patriotic party and works for the betterment of poor people. Sab Ka Sath Sab Ka Vikas is our agenda and we will make the country to prosper with the help of this agenda", Chugh added.

Terrorist hideout busted in Kishtwar STATE TIMES NEWS detonator, one safety fuse, JAMMU: Security forces on

Sunday busted terrorist hideout Kishtwar district and recovered ammunition and explosive material, a defence spokesman said. The hideout

was discovered during a joint search operation by the Army and the police in the

Re-poll in 2 DDC constituencies

remote Sarkundu-Navapachi area of Marwah, he said. Two hand grenades, one

rifle with 109 rounds, 56

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J&K ahead among States, UTs in implementing PM's GEP

BJP

STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: Surpassing all

states and UTs 21,640 units have been established under flagship scheme PMEGP during 2021-2022 which created highest number of employment i.e. 1.73 lakh.

An official said that these units have been established with a total capital of Rs. 2101 crore and a total margin money of Rs. 467 crore has been disbursed which is the highest among all other states and UTs.

Notably, Union Ministry of MSME has launched an initiative of distributing PMEGP awards to promote and award innovation and excellence of successful

entrepreneurs of the scheme. In this regard, nominations have been invited online from successful entrepreneurs.

An official attributed this employment spree to the Prime Minister's vision for all-round development and self-sustainability of Jammu & Kashmir. Such large-scale self-employment in J&K is a contribution of KVIC towards making the state self-sustainable and bringing it at par with other states in terms of development.

The record number of PMEGP units in J&K is also a testimony of how people of J&K, after abrogation of Article 370 are participating in government schemes to

strengthen the local economy and pave the way for overall development of the state, he It is noteworthy that in

2021-22, a majority of the PMEGP units in J&K have been set up in districts like Baramulla. Budgam. Anantnag, Pulwama. Ganderbal. Kupwara, Bandipora and Doda that are largely prone to militan-

As many as 16,807 (78%) of the 21,640 PMEGP units in J&K belong to the service sector, i.e. units like beauty parlour, boutiques, embroidery, mobile/computer repair shops, food outlets, etc. This is followed by 1933 units

(9%) under rural engineering and bio-technology like steel fabrication and steel furniture, artificial jewellery making, vermi-compost and bio-fertilizers units. Also, 1770 units (8%) pertain to the agro and food processing

Minister's Employment Generation Programme) Scheme helped Nardeep Singh become a successful entrepreneur. Speaking about his success, a proud Nardeep Singh said he strived hard for a job but failed to get success.

"I approached the Jammu and Kashmir Khadi and Village industries

of J&K today **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Re-polling in two District Development Council (DDC) seats in Jammu and Kashmir's Kupwara and Bandipora districts will be held on Monday, officials said.

The DDC elections took place in Jammu and Kashmir in December 2020. However, the counting of votes was withheld in these two seats -- Drugmulla in Kupwara and Hajin-A in Bandipora -- due to the disputed qualification of two candidates.

Later, the state election commission (SEC) declared the polling to these con-

stituencies as void, cancelling the candidature of Soomia Sadaf and Shazia Aslam, citing wrong information about the place of birth by the PoKorigin candidates.

All the arrangements for the re-poll have been put in place, the officials said.

They said the polling will take place between 7 am and 2 pm at 42 polling stations in Drugmulla and at 57 polling stations in Hajin.

The polling staff and polling material have been dispatched to all the stations. they said. The DDC constituency of Hajin-A has a total electorate of 15,351 and Drugmulla 32,845.

Truck catches fire in Samba

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A Jammu-bound truck, loaded with paper rolls, was damaged after it caught fire in the Samba district on Sunday, police said. Driver Ashok Kumar escaped unhurt as he jumped timely from the vehicle after noticing the fire, the official said. He said the truck was on its way to Jammu from Kathua district when it suddenly caught fire on reaching Dhayani in Samba along the Jammu-Pathankot road. Fire and Emergency Services along with police and army personnel rushed to the scene and dousedt he flames, the official said, adding the fire caused extensive damage to

Sacrifices of Sikh community for country can't be forgotten: Azad 'If we win elections, Sikhs will get proper representation'

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Democratic Azad Party Chairman and former Chief Minister J&K Ghulam Nabi Azad on Sunday lauded the contribution of Sikh community for their humanitarian efforts and fighting the enemy whenever needed to protect the country.

Azad met a delegation of Sikh community in Jammu and said that the harmony prevailing in Jammu and Kashmir is its real strength. He said whenever there were crises on borders and

was first to respond. "Sikh community has an inseparable bond with the country and they always paid sacrifices to secure the

enemies tried to attack our

country, the Sikh community



Sikh community in Jammu on Sunday

national interests. They paid with their lives and upheld the national interests," he

Azad said that the community has also been on forefront to meet the humanitarian needs whenever and whichever community was in

'Whether it was the COVID 19 situation, Earth Quake in Kashmir, 2014 Floods or the Ukraine Russia war, Sikhs were first to respond with the humanitarian aid for the desperate peo-

ten and will be written with golden words in the human history," he said.

said the country remember many heroes from the community who laid their lives for it.

ple. Such gestures from a Meanwhile, the representasmall community for the tives of the community told larger humanity can't forgot-Azad that the present regime

have no representation from Sikh community.

They said that they feel left out and dejected due to step brotherly treatment by the government. They demanded the proper representation in the Minority commission and Public Service Commission besides at other powerful and influential forums.

Azad, however, assured the community that if his party comes to power, Sikhs will be inalienable part of it.

"If we come to power after elections, we can't think running it without your proper representation. Our main agenda is inclusive government representing every community of Jammu

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BJP demands probe into leak of list of KP employees

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SRINAGAR: The BJP on Sunday demanded a probe into the leak of a list of Kashmiri Pandit employees posted in Kashmir Valley which was circulated on social media after being published by a blog linked to a terrorist outfit.

BJP spokesman Altaf Thakur expressed concern over the blog linked to The Resistance Front (TRF), an offshoot of the Lashkare-Taiba (LeT) terrorist group, publishing the list of Kashmiri Pandit employees working under the prime minister's rehabilitation package (PMRP).

Thakur requested the police to probe how the list was leaked and asked the administration to ensure

safety and security of the Kashmiri Pandit employees

in Kashmir. He said it was surprising to see the fresh list being

leaked and reaching TRF's

blog Kashmir Fight. "This is a security breach as terrorists have clear idea who is posted where," he

said. Thakur said that government must take strong note of it and find out who has leaked the list at a time when targeted killings are

taking place in the valley. A fresh list of Kashmiri Pandit employees was being circulated on WhatsApp

and other social media platforms with a warning from TRF to non-locals and Kashmiri Pandit employ-



Sunset: 17:26 Hours

Sunrise: 07:18 Hours