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its responsibility toward the families of the martyrs. I want to tell their families that the entire nation stands united in the fight against terror, added the Lt Governor.

"My message is very clear. Terrorists will have to pay a very heavy price for their actions. We have given full freedom to our security forces and we have full faith they will ensure terrorists and their associates are crushed", the Lt Governor said.

J&K is marching on the path of growth and prosperity, emerging as a new model of socio-economic development. Those involved in terrorist acts and anti-national activities will not be spared. Properties used for willfully harboring terrorists and furthering terrorism will be confiscated, the Lt Governor added.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has realized the goal of "Ek Rashter, Ek Vidhaan, Ek Pradhaan, Ek Nishaan" to establish a fair and equitable society, observed the Lt Governor.

Now, marginalized communities, deprived sections of the society who were discriminated against for decades are getting their due rights; 11,000 government jobs have been provided with complete transparency, 20,323 additional posts at various levels have been identified and sent for recruitment; one lakh 37 thousand youths are getting financial assistance to become entrepreneurs within a year; Investment proposals worth Rs 70,000 crore to become a reality in the next six months; Rs 600 crore budget provision for development of border villages and many more such unprecedented reforms are a testimony of the transformation taking place in J&K, the Lt Governor further added.

He appreciated the J&K Police for spreading awareness regarding drug de-addiction and against other unlawful activities through its civic action programs, and encouraging the younger generation to be an integral part of the nation-building process.

Initiatives like Mission Youth, Choona Hai Aasman are providing opportunities to the youth to put their energies into constructive activities and shape their future by fulfilling their aspirations and dreams, he further added.

The Lt Governor called for collaborative efforts to fight narco-terrorism and bring the youth who are victims of drug abuse into the mainstream of society.

Dilbag Singh, DGP, J&K paid homage to the Police Personnel who have made supreme sacrifice while fighting with terrorists.

He also announced that all the Study expenses of Moin-ud-Din, a child raised by his mother, would be borne by Police Welfare Society.

A two-minute silence was observed in honour of the Martyrs Police personnel.

The Lt Governor also felicitated the winners of "Choona Hai Aasman" talent hunt.

The programme- "Choona Hai Aasman" is being organized over the years by J&K Police to provide a much-needed platform to the talented & aspiring singers of the UT.

The young finds of "Choona Hai Aasman" shared the stage with renowned Bollywood Singer Shaan and expressed gratitude to the Police and Security forces during the musical programme- "Aye Watan Tere Liye- A tribute to the Martyrs" at General Zorawar Singh Auditorium, University of Jammu.

Chander Mohan Gupta, Mayor JMC; Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; R K Goyal Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department; Prof Manoj Dhar, Vice Chancellor Jammu University; Top Brass of J&K Police; senior Officers of UT Administration, Purnima Sharma, Deputy Mayor JMC, besides family members of police personnel and large number of people were present on the occasion.

CJ administers oath...

of various Bars, Officers of Civil Administration and Officers and Staff of the Registry. With the elevation of two Judges, the strength of Judges of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh has risen to 15 Judges including the Chief Justice.

Two LeT operatives...

security forces' camp in Shopian district this evening but there was no damage, officials said here. The terrorists hurled the grenade at the camp of the Jammu and Kashmir Police's Special Operations Group (SOG) at Imam Sahib in Shopian around 7.30 pm, they said. There was no damage as the grenade exploded near the camp, they said.

ED claims nexus...

were issued to various defence and paramilitary personnel by "flouting" the prescribed guidelines, and due procedure in lieu of "illicit" monetary consideration which was paid to government officers/officials through arms dealers/brokers, and

proceeds of crime were generated, the ED said.

The agency said its initial estimation has found that the alleged illegal activity led to generation of 'proceeds of crime' to the tune of Rs 40 crore.

Enemy nation using...

generations, Singh said.

We all are committed and will continue to work together for maintaining a conducive environment of peace and prosperity in the region.

The youth of the border village are today enjoying the peace dividends and are moving forward with the people of the rest of the country, he said at the event which was resumed after two years' break forced by the COVID pandemic.

The two-day festival started on Sunday is being held to encourage young people and locals to celebrate the cultural vibrancy of the region, a defence spokesman said.

Bus falls into...

personal safety soldiers of Rashtriya Rifles negotiated the steep slopes and retrieved the gravely injured passengers. The injured were further evacuated by troops in military vehicles to Sub-District Hospital Naushera for administration of first aid and further treatment, the spokesman said.

Meanwhile, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal met accident victims at GMC&AH. While interacting with the accident victims, the DC assured every possible help from the District Administration in this tough time. He directed the hospital administration to provide best medicare facilities to the injured and hoped for their early recovery. DC also provided cash compensation of Rs. 25000 to accident victims.

Work on Zojila...

and Industries Limited (MEIL), the executing agency.

The officials said the work on the prestigious Zojila project on the Srinagar-Leh highway is about to reach the halfway mark.

Once completed, the Zojila project which consists of tunnels, roads, shafts, and bridges will have Asia's longest bi-directional tunnel.

The project is a unique infrastructure project which will provide year-long connectivity between Srinagar and Ladakh. "It also decreases the travel time between the two regions," the official said.

The officials said Zojila Project is being executed with engineering expertise and advanced New Austrian Tunnelling Method (NATM).

"MEIL has carried the works in sub-zero temperatures, especially at minus 40 degrees, in high altitude and hilly and hard rocky terrain. It is hard to execute all drilling and civil works in that hilly terrains which contain hard rock and heavy seepage," the official added.

MEIL's project in-charge Harpal Singh said, "We are doing the project with dedication, determination and hard work."

The Zojila project consists of a total of 18-km-long tunnels and 17-km-long road, three vertical shafts, four bridges, and other associated structures.

MEIL has deployed a total of 1,268 advanced and high-end technology machinery and equipment for the execution of the project with a 2000-strong workforce.

Scindia inaugurates Indigo's...

Jitendra Singh, who represents Udhampur Lok Sabha seat in Jammu-Kashmir, praised Scindia for the expansion of civil aviation services in the country and Prime Minister Narendra Modi for Operation Ganga (under which stranded citizens were flown back from war-torn Ukraine).

Speaking on the occasion, Madhya Pradesh water resources minister Tulsiram Silawat said, after Scindia had taken over as civil aviation minister, the number of cities connected to Indore by air had increased from 12 to 23.

Silawat, who said 80 new flights had started from MP on the directives of Scindia, asked the latter to increase the frequency of the Indore-Dubai flight to three times from the current one per week.

He also sought air connectivity of Indore with countries like Singapore and Malaysia in order to promote international tourism.

Indore's BJP MP Shankar Lalwani was also present on the occasion.

The Indore-Jammu flight inaugurated during the day will operate four times a week, a statement from IndiGo said.

The flight will depart from Indore at 10.10 AM and land in Jammu at 12.05 PM on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, it said. The return flight will depart from Jammu at 12.35 PM and land in Indore at 2.45 PM on the aforementioned four days.

IndiGo representatives here handed over the first boarding pass to Scindia as a token of appreciation and later to a passenger Preeti Sharma, who said she was waiting for such a service for a long time in order to visit Vaishno Devi Temple.

of girls. FIR No. 30/2022 under sections 363/109 of IPC was registered at Police Station Surankote and another missing report vide DD number 14 was registered and both the missing girls were recovered within 24 hours.

Doda Police also traced two missing women from different places during last three days. As per an official statement, police traced out two missing women from different places and handed-over them to their respective families.

While giving details, it informed that a 19 years girl, resident of Dhela Tehsil Bhalla reportedly went missing on March 25, 2022. On this, team from Police Post Bhalla headed by PSI Ankush Kumar Incharge Police Post Bhalla launched a search and after putting in strenuous efforts, traced out missing girl from Samba. Another complaint regarding missing of a woman, resident of Chetru Bhagwah was reported at Police Post Bhagwah on March 27, 2022 who went missing since March 26, 2022. After entering missing report at Police Post Bhagwah, a team led by PSI Manjeet Singh Incharge Police Post Bhagwah started search and traced out missing woman.

Four absconders arrested**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Police on Monday detained four absconders who were evading arrest since long.

As per details, an information was received at Police Station Nagrota regarding an absconder namely Mohd Sharief, son of Ibrahim, resident of Panchari Tehsil and District Udhampur who was evading arrest since 14 years i.e., 2008 in FIR No 101/2008 registered under section 188 of RPC at Police Station Nagrota. On this, a team from Police Station Nagrota under supervision of SDPO Nagrota Pardeep Kumar led by SHO Nagrota Insp Vishav Pratap Singh, after putting in strenuous efforts, arrested the absconder. It is pertinent to mention that a warrant under section 512 CrPC was issued against him and finally the absconder shall be produced in JMC Excise Court Jammu.

Similarly, information was received at Police Station Domana regarding two absconders namely Bodh Raj, son of Durga Dass, resident of Gho Manhasan Jammu and Mohinder Kumar, son of Jia Lal, resident of Jagti Nagrota who were evading their arrests in FIR No. 218/2000 registered under section 498A 325 of RPC and FIR No. 53/2001 under section 304 A of RPC respectively at Police Station Domana. On this, a team of Police Station Domana under the supervision of SDPO Domana Sunil Singh led by SHO Insp Mahesh Sharma, after putting in strenuous efforts, arrested both the absconders, who will be produced before the Court for further legal proceedings.

Doda Police also arrested an absconder, who was wanted in a number of criminal cases and was evading arrest since long.

While giving details, Police said that an absconder namely Lekh Raj, son of Madhu Ram, resident of Ranote Malwana Doda was wanted in FIRs No. 204/2014, 279/2016 and FIR No. 157/2020, which were registered against him at Police Station Doda and Challaned in Court of Law but he was evading arrest since long. A special drive was launched wherein, inputs were generated by police using sources regarding movement of absconder, and ultimately, he was arrested by a team headed by SHO Doda, Arun Prakash from Malwana area of Doda.

Theft case solved; accused arrested, stolen vehicle recovered**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Police on Monday solved a theft case by arresting a thief and recovered stolen vehicle.

As per details, a complaint was lodged at Police Station Bahu Fort by one Rakesh Kumar, son of Ravail Singh, resident of R S Pura Ansari stating that his tipper (JK02AD 2639) was stolen near Satyam Road, Trikuta Nagar. On this, FIR under relevant sections was registered and investigation started. A team of Police Station Bahu Fort under the supervision of SDPO East Syed Zaheer Abbas Jafari led by SHO Bahu Fort Insp Nayat Ali, after putting in strenuous efforts and with help of CCTV footages of area, recovered the vehicle from Jalandhar (Punjab) and arrested the accused.

Narco smuggler nabbed with heroin, cash**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Continuing its drive against drug trafficking and substance abuse, Police on Monday recovered 8.61 gm heroin from an accused near Babbiana road, Jeevan Nagar area of Satwari.

As per details, a team of Police Station Satwari constituted under the supervision of SDPO South Sachit Sharma and led by SHO Satwari Inspector Sameer Jeelani assisted by PSI Sandeep Kumar while on Naka duty near Babbiana road rounded up a suspect, from whom 8.61 gm heroin, Rs 46,000 cash and an electronic weigh-

Indian Army snipers...

army in 2019 and 2020. These rifles, made in Italy and America, had replaced the ageing Russian Dragunov, the mainstay of Indian soldiers.

First procured in the 1990s, the Dragunovs have slowly fallen behind contemporary sniper rifles which offer improved sights and mounts, increased accuracy, and a strike range of over 1 kilometre.

The Sako TRG-42 sniper rifle is a bolt-action sniper rifle designed and developed by the Finnish gun maker SAKO.

The rifle is designed to fire powerful .338 Lapua Magnum-sized cartridges. Weighing at 6.55 kgs without ammunition, the sniper rifle has an effective range of 1,500 metres, the official said.

"It is considered one of the most accurate and trustworthy weapons worldwide, he said. The Army has sanctioned a team of 10 snipers, selected from the Indian Army's units and regimental centres for the job, the official added.

Citizen Groups in...

from Budgam told the KNA that these local civilian groups have promised to fight Pakistan sponsored terrorism in their local areas, kill the terrorists found in their areas and act as a barrier to stop any terrorism activity in their respective Mohallas and cities.

Baby found abandoned...

India Foundation, Sugam Anubhav told PTI.

He said the baby was found beneath a seat inside a coach during a joint outreach with Railway Protection Force (RPF) shortly after the train reached the railway station in the afternoon.

The cries of the baby attracted our attention and our team rescued her on time. The baby was handed over to the CWC Jammu, Anubhav said, adding announcements were made throughout the day but no one came forward to claim the baby.

He said a medical check-up of the girl was carried out on Sunday and she is in good health.

Omar thanks Kerala...

Sayeed in 1989. Rubaiya Sayeed, daughter of the then Union home minister Mufti Mohammad Sayeed, was kidnapped by JKLF terrorists on December 8, 1989.

Omarr Abdullah, a former chief minister of the erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir state and Union minister in the Atal Bihari Vajpayee-led NDA government, tweeted a clip of a recent television interview of Khan, saying, "Kudos to the governor of Kerala."

"Arif Mohd Khan Sb sets the record straight about what happened in December 1989 during the BJP supported VP Singh government. Facts are facts even when they don't support the narrative sought to be created by the BJP and its ecosystem," he said in the tweet.

In the TV interview clip, Khan narrated the incidents of the day when he, along with former prime minister I K Gujral, who was the external affairs minister in the VP Singh government, had visited Abdullah's Gupkar Road residence.

"...to be fair to him (Farooq Abdullah), he was against the demand of the terrorists to release some terrorists who were in jail. I immediately told Mr Farooq Abdullah...I told him, 'Farooq Saheb, I stand by you and I will go to any extent to support you,'" Khan said in the interview.

He added that he was sidelined thereafter as the message from Delhi was to exert pressure to release the terrorists so that Rubaiya Sayeed's release could be secured.

Rubaiya Sayeed was released five days after being abducted with the government releasing five terrorists - Sheikh Abdul Hameed, Ghulam Nabi Butt, Noor Mohammed Kalwal, Mohammed Altaf and Mushtaq Ahmed Zargar.

J&K adds 19...

recorded the highest number of fresh cases at 10, followed by two each in Jammu, Budgam and Baramulla districts. Thirteen of the 20 districts in the union territory did not report any fresh cases.

There are 146 active COVID-19 cases in Jammu and Kashmir. So far, 4,48,781 people have recovered from the viral disease, the officials said.

Meanwhile, two more Covid patients were cured and discharged in Ladakh that took the overall recoveries to 27,974, officials said.

No fresh Covid case was reported in the Union Territory. The infection tally stands at 28,218, they. The Union Territory has recorded 228 Covid-related deaths -- 168 in Leh and 60 in Kargil, they said. There was no death reported on Sunday, they said. A total of 370 sample reports in Ladakh were found negative, officials said.

The total number of active cases in Ladakh is 16 and all of them are from Leh district, officials added.

ing machine was recovered by Police. The accused, identified as Choudhary Asif Ali, son of Nazir Ahmed, resident of Langotan R S Pura, was arrested and FIR No. 56/2022 under sections 8/21/22 of NDPS Act was registered against him at Police Station Satwari.

Anti-encroachment drive: Man arrested for making objectionable remarks in social media**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Police on Monday arrested a man for making objectionable remarks in social media over anti-encroachment drive in Jammu. As per details, amid recent anti-encroachment drive launched by administration in Jammu, a man made some sensitive and objectionable remarks during an interview on social media. Taking note of the same, Jammu police has registered an FIR 93/22 under sections 153A, 505, 295A and arrested accused, who was identified as Mohd Yousaf Wani, son of Abdul Razaak Wani, resident of Lal Chowk, at present near Army Gate Sunjwan. Jammu police has appealed to every citizen to choose words wisely before sharing statements on social media platforms.

Four shanties gutted**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Four shanties in a plot were gutted in Bathinda area on Monday.