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Every district in...

government to take J&K ahead. He said that no initiative is going to fulfil its objective unless women are not going to own and adopt it. He gave out that in next 5 years the GDP of J&K is going to get doubled and women has the opportunity to take their share out and increase their income manifold.

The Chief Secretary said today JKRLM has achieved the feat of training 5 lakh women and he expects them to take it to 10 lakh women trainees till next Women Day. He gave out that our motto is to ensure that no potential beneficiary is left behind among women.

He also entrusted women to put their vital role in creating awareness about all these initiatives among their acquaintances. He asked them to atleast take this word to 5 of their friends so that all are informed about benefits accruing out of these schemes. He also urged them in creating 'Nasha Mukht' J&K.

The Commissioner Secretary, RDD, Mandeep Kaur said that the mission has created hope among thousands of women. She said that she is very confident that the trust reposed by CS in the mission would be kept under every circumstances.

Kaur further said the mission is handholding some 50000 women Self Help Groups (SHGs) involving more than 5 lakh women. She said that there is no cap on our target and abilities and she finds Umeed the most promising in making things happen for all targets to be achieved.

In her presentation the Mission Director, JKRLM, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar said that in just 6 months the SAATH initiative has attained its targets successfully. She gave out that under this programme 513 women entrepreneurs have been provided sectoral specific training out of whom 120 have been chosen for further mentorship.

The MD further explained that under this initiative 4 months long training courses were conducted for aspirational women entrepreneurs besides holding dozens of online and offline sessions across 20 trade sectors.

Throwing light on other achievements, the MD said that dozens of SHG products have been successfully onboarded over e-commerce sites like Amazon, Flipkart and Meesho. She also revealed that exclusive 'Umeed Women Haats' have been established for marketing of these products at these popular tourist destinations. She said that this platform is providing a chance to about 5000 SHGs annually to showcase and sell their products on rotational basis.

On the occasion an SHG tracking portal 'Aajeevika JK' was launched by the Chief Secretary besides declaring open the Umeed Women Haat Srinagar from 8th to 12th of this month. The portal was said to help in tracking all economic activities undertaken by SHG members, their income and other services availed from different departments like gold card, artisan card, Shram cards, insurance benefits under PMSBY, PMJJY.

The CS praised JKRLM for creating Ajeevika JK portal being first such livelihood tracking portal in the country which will help to make evidence based policies and interdepartmental convergence. He called it a milestone in the journey of the mission.

He also congratulated JKRLM for on boarding SHG products on e-commerce platforms. He said that it will change the way rural women can do business right from the comforts of their homes in villages.

During this event the success stories of women entrepreneurs mentored by JKRLM were also presented by the entrepreneurs themselves. The names of 120 women mentees of JKRLM who are going to get further handholding and up scaling through the mission were also unveiled.

The event being held on the International Women's Day also witnessed honouring of the women achievers of the UT through JKRLM. These include the young Wushu Champion, Sadia Tariq, famous singer Sonali Dogra; Founding Chairperson, FICCI FLO J&K, Ritu Singh; Entrepreneur, Sana Masood and dozens of other women known across J&K for their accomplishments and repute.

Others who were present includes India SME Forum President, Prahlad Kakar, SAATH mentor, Vinod Kumar and officers of JKRLM besides hundreds of women SHG members and entrepreneurs.

All Indian students...

from Sumy. They are currently en route to Poltava, from where they will board trains to western Ukraine," Bagchi tweeted.

"Flights under Operation Ganga are being prepared to bring them home," he said.

Bagchi, however, did not specify from which border point and when will they be evacuated from Ukraine to board flights for their return to India.

The MEA spokesperson also posted a video on Twitter showing Indian students having refreshments in the backdrop of parked buses.

Also, the Indian Embassy in Ukraine issued an advisory urging all stranded Indian nationals to make use of "humanitarian corridor" announced in various parts of Ukraine and evacuate using trains, vehicles or any other available means of transport giving due consideration to safety.

Humanitarian corridor for evacuation of stranded people has been announced in various parts of Ukraine from 1000 hours on March 8, 2022.

Considering the security situation, establishment of the next humanitarian corridor is uncertain, the advisory said.

"All stranded Indian nationals are urged to make use of this opportunity and evacuate using trains/vehicles or any other available means of transport giving due consideration to safety," the advisory said.

Earlier in the day, Union minister Hardeep Singh Puri had confirmed that the evacuation process for Indian students stranded in Sumy has started and they are being taken in buses to Poltava.

"Last night, I checked with the control room, 694 Indian students were remaining in Sumy. Today, they have all left in buses for Poltava," Puri told reporters here.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi held discussions with Russian President Vladimir Putin and Ukrainian leader Volodymyr Zelensky on Monday on ways to start the stalled evacuation process of the Indian students from Sumy, which is being pummeled by the invading Russian forces.

Sumy has been witnessing intense fighting between Russian and Ukrainian troops for days now. India had been making efforts to evacuate its citizens from the northeastern Ukrainian city, but was facing the challenge of heavy shelling and air strikes. India has brought back over 17,100 of its nationals from Ukraine so far.

Two responsible for...

(SIT) headed by Lakshay Sharma, SP South and SDPO Kothibagh Shabir Ahmed, SDPO Shaheed Gunj Shri Fayaz Hussain, DySP Faizan Ali, DySP (P) Anzar Shah, SHO PS Shaheed Gunj Insp. Gowhar Hussain and Insp. Taseer Ahmed as members.

The SIT employed modern means of investigation and used technical evidence like minute frame by frame analysis of the CCTV footages of scene of crime, footages of

CRIME REPORT

ATM fraud, burglary cases solved; 7 arrested, stolen property recovered

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Police on Tuesday arrested 7 burglars/fraudsters in Kulgam, Bandipora & Tral and recovered ATM cards & other stolen items worth lakhs from their possession.

As per details, on February 14, 2022, Police Station Kulgam received a written complaint from one Arshad Ahmad Paray, resident of Chattabal stating therein that on February 6, 2022, his father visited an ATM at main branch J&K Bank Kulgam and handed over ATM card to an unknown person, requesting him to withdraw cash from his account and accordingly shared his ATM PIN. The aforesaid person after withdrawing cash, exchanged the card and thereafter withdrew a sum of Rs 40,000 from account of complainant's father. Subsequently, FIR No. 19/2022 under relevant sections of law was registered in Police Station Kulgam and investigation initiated, during which officers zeroed in on 4 suspects identified as Sohail Ahmad Wani, son of Mubarak Ahmad Wani, (ATM Exchanger), Wasim Ahmad Ganai, son of Abdul Ganai Ganai, both residents of Rangrezpora, Kulgam, Adnan Ahmad Ahangar, son of Ghulam Ahmed Ahanger, resident of Ziyarat Gali Kulgam and Umar Yaqoob Naik, son of Mohd Yaqoob Naik, resident of Khulooora Malwan. During questioning, they confessed their involvement in different burglaries & other offences. On their disclosure, 6 ATM Cards, 6 mobile phones and cash amounting to Rs 15,000 was recovered. Accordingly, all accused were arrested and shifted to police station where they remained in custody. Further investigation of the case is going on and more recoveries & arrests are expected.

In Bandipora, on March 6, 2022 Police Station Bandipora received a complaint from one Mohammad Hamza Lone, son of Ayat Mohammad Lone, resident of Mehoobul Alam Colony Kaloosa, Bandipora stating therein that some thieves targeted his house and decamped with goods worth lakhs. Accordingly, FIR No. 34/2022 under relevant sections of law was registered in Police Station Bandipora and investigation was initiated.

During the course of investigation, a special investigation team headed by SHO

CCTVs in the whole of Srinagar city, Cell Tower dump analysis, IP dump analysis, recreation of crime scene and by examination of some eye witnesses, officials said.

Based on these, the SIT was able to identify the two accused who came on a two wheeler without a number-plate to commit the crime and fled on the same vehicle after committing the terrorist act.

During the intense analysis of the CCTV trail in Srinagar city, the route adopted by both the accused was located back to Khanyar area of the downtown.

It further came out that these two accused had committed the terrorist act on the directions of active terrorists in the Kashmir valley, they said.

The plan was to attack the parked security vehicle but as the grenade was thrown from a moving two-wheeler, the target was missed and the grenade exploded in an adjacent crowded area where many road-side vendors and buyers were present.

It was also found that this particular area was chosen due to the omnipresent chaos and turbulent traffic in this stretch of area due to unorganised vendors and stalls on the road, the officials said.

There have been two other recent grenade attacks in this area -- the first one on August 10, 2021 and the second on January 25, 2022.

This act of grenade throwing created terror, panic and anguish among the masses in whole of Srinagar city.

Jammu and Kashmir police also requested all commercial establishments and shops to install CCTV cameras inside and outside of their establishments, according to the advisory issued by Deputy Commissioner Srinagar.

This will act as strong deterrence to all the anti-social elements.

IGP Kashmir Vijay Kumar has congratulated Srinagar Police for their strenuous efforts in cracking such heinous case of terror crime on civilians. He also reiterated that the whole terror module involved in the crime will be smashed as soon as possible.

In a related development, Pulwama Police along with 55RR and 182BN CRPF apprehended 03 terrorist associates linked with proscribed terrorist outfit LeT. They have been identified as Amir Nazir Hazar son of Nazir Ahmad Hazar resident of Wagan, Suhail Ahmad Bhat son of Ab Rashid Bhat and Nasir Hussain son of Bashir Ahmad Ganie both residents of Chinar Bagh Pulwama. Incriminating materials, including grenade and 13 rounds of AK 47 were recovered from their possession.

During the preliminary investigation, it was revealed that the arrested terrorist associates were acting as associates of terrorist Arif Hazar@ Rehan.

Accordingly, a case under relevant sections of law has been registered in Police Station Pulwama and further investigation is in progress.

Meanwhile, on receipt of a specific information about extortion activities in the general area of Srinagar, one extortionist identified as Muzaffer Ahmad Rather son of Mohd Altaf Rather resident of Laloo Sheeshgaribagh Humhama Budgam was arrested from Shergarhi area of Srinagar. A small weapon was also recovered from his possession.

He was extorting money from people by instilling fear in them due to possession of this small weapon. In this regard, a case vide FIR number 31/2021 under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Shergarhi and investigation was initiated.

46 stranded passengers...

Courier transported 111 people while Mi-172 Pawan Hans helicopter flew 35 to their destinations. As many as 41 people were flown from Jammu to Kargil and 12 from Kargil to Jammu, they said.

Similarly, AN-32 aircraft flew 16 people from Kargil to Srinagar and 42 from Srinagar to Kargil, they said.

The Mi-172 Pawan Hans helicopter transported 32 from Srinagar to Kargil and three from Leh to Kargil. The IAF has been operating C-17, C-130 and AN-32 aircraft regularly to airlift stranded passengers in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh due to the closure of the 434-km Srinagar-Leh national highway owing to heavy snowfall in January.

Enemies of peace...

involved in civilian killings and grenade-throwing incidents, were busted last year, while half-a-dozen modules were neutralised in Jammu and Kishtwar in the Jammu zone. Several other modules in Kashmir's Awantipora, Ganderbal, Sopore, Baramulla and Anantnag were busted this year.

Asked about the details of liquid that was seized along with arms and ammunition after being dropped by a Pakistani drone in Jammu's R S Pura sector last month, Singh said the forensic report has confirmed that it was a liquid explosive.

"The Jammu police, headed by Additional Director General of Police Mukesh Singh, is thwarting conspiracies from across the border (to smuggle weapons and narcotics). We are working with different agencies and have also seized some more material that have been sent for (a forensic) analysis. We will share the report once it is available," the DGP said.

He said the security grid along the border with Pakistan has been strengthened to stop the smuggling of narcotics and weapons into the Indian side.

"We have strengthened the security to completely stop the smuggling of drugs and weapons, which are being dropped by drones," Singh said.

Seeking the support of the public to wipe out the menace of drugs from the Union Territory, he said it is a bigger challenge than terrorism and police alone cannot fight it off.

"It is a big challenge and every section of the society, including youngsters, should come forward to help police fight this plague. We have seized big consignments and will continue our work, but we need support in tackling the menace," the DGP said.

He said police have launched a special drive against drugs in every district, while the zonal heads are monitoring at the zonal level and "with the support of people, this will be dealt with as well".

India to resume...

Air bubble arrangements will also stand revoked thereafter, he said.

In an air bubble arrangement formed between two nations, carriers of each country are allowed to operate a limited number of international flights to other's territory with specific restrictions.

According to the Union health ministry, India on Tuesday reported 3,993 fresh coronavirus infections -- the lowest in 662 days.

In a statement, the MoCA said that international operations from March 27 will be subject to strict adherence to Union health ministry guidelines that were issued on February 10.

"After having recognised the increased vaccination coverage across the globe and in consultation with stakeholders, the Government of India has decided to resume scheduled commercial international passenger services to and from India from March 27, 2022, i.e. start of summer schedule 2022," it said.

The suspension of scheduled commercial international passenger services to and from India, thus, stands extended only up to 23:59 hrs (Indian standard time) on

Bandipora under the supervision of DySP Hqrs Bandipora Mohammad Shafat was constituted and many suspects were called for questioning. Finally, officers zeroed in on 2 suspects identified as Sameer Ahmad Sheikh, son of Riyaz Ahmad Sheikh and Zameer Ahmad Akhoon, son of Zahoor Ahmad Akhoon, both residents of Kaloosa, Bandipora. During questioning, both confessed their involvement in crime. They were arrested and shifted to police station where they remained in custody. On their disclosure, stolen items including golden jewellery, copper utensils, LED television, crockery items and other goods valuing lakhs were recovered.

Awantipora Police also solved a burglary case by arresting an accused involved in crime and recovered stolen property from his possession. On March 7, 2022, Police Station Tral received a complaint from Dr Arizoo Jan, Medical officer SDH Tral stating therein that during duty hours, some unknown burglars decamped with her leather bag from locker of her room at SDH Tral containing gold ornaments and other essential cards. Accordingly, FIR number 23/2022 under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Tral and investigation started, during which officers taking advantage of modern techniques, gadgets & examining CCTV footage, arrested one a person from Kharpora Shahabad area of Awantipora, who was identified as Arfat Ahmad Malla, son of Gh Nabi Malla, resident of Kharpora, Shahabad. Stolen property including 5 golden rings, a Pendulum and other essential items etc were recovered from his possession. He was shifted to Police Station where he remained in custody.

7 gamblers arrested; stake-money seized

BARAMULLA: Acting tough against social crimes, Police on Tuesday arrested 7 gamblers and seized stake-money from their possession.

Acting on specific information, parties from Police Station Sheeri & Police Station Baramulla raided gambling sites at Pehliharan Sheeri & Bus Stand Baramulla following inputs about gambling activities and apprehended 7 gamblers. Officers also seized Rs 20,220 stake-money and playing cards from gamblers. They were shifted to respective police stations where they remained in custody. Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law were registered in respective Police Stations and investigation started.

Woman arrested with over 6 Kg Ganja

JAMMU: Acting tough against drug trafficking and substance abuse, Jammu Police achieved major success by recovering 6 Kg 129 gm Ganja and arrested a

March 26, 2022, and air bubble arrangements shall accordingly be extended to this extent only, the MoCA said.

Terrorists using youngsters...

areas), wherein children have been able to go to school, people have been able to go to their respective businesses, their farms, and there is progress, which has come to border areas. I think life is much, much better for the people there (now)," he said.

The commander also said that women of the Kashmir Valley, who otherwise were pushed to the wall in the past, have started coming to the forefront, helping in preventing boys from treading the wrong path.

Prez confers Nari ...

The Nari Shakti Puraskar is a women and child development ministry initiative to acknowledge exceptional contribution made by individuals and institutions, and to celebrate women as game-changers and catalysts of positive change in society.

Its recipients are from fields such as entrepreneurship, agriculture, innovation, social work, education and literature, linguistics, arts and crafts, STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics), disability rights, merchant navy and wildlife conservation.

Among the awardees is Vanita Jagdeo Borade, the first woman snake rescuer, who founded 'Soyre Vanchara Multipurpose Foundation' for nature and wildlife protection and promoting pollution-free environment.

She has rescued and released over 50,000 snakes to their natural habitat. She has also conducted snake awareness programmes that included topics such as first aid for snake bite victims, safety considerations, among others.

Borade is known as "Snake Friend" and the Indian postal department honoured her by releasing a stamp.

Down syndrome affected Kathak Dancer Saylee Nandkishor Agavane, who is also a recipient of the award, has performed in more than 100 events. At the Global Olympiad Dance competition, she received a bronze medal.

She has been awarded for promoting Indian classical dance internationally despite facing hardship.

Visually challenged social activist Tiffany Brar was awarded for her exemplary work for visually impaired rural women.

Organic farmer Ushaben Dineshbhai Vasava was awarded for her outstanding contribution in organic farming and assistance in educating women farmers at the ground level.

Nirvuti Rai, country head, Intel-India, has been awarded for excellence in the field of technology, for representing the 21st century women and empowering students to build artificial intelligence enabled a hi-tech future for India.

Shobha Gasti, who started Mahilla Abhivrudhi Mattu Samrakshana Samasthe (MASS) that works in 360 villages across three talukas in Belgaum, Karnataka, has been awarded for her exemplary contribution for the cause of empowerment