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We are nearing...

development), we are nearing our goal under the guidance of the Prime Minister. Some people do not want us to reach our goal but I have full faith that with the people's support, we will reach there," Sinha said addressing the Rising India Summit organized by Network 18.

He said his administration is working towards "full integration of J&K with the country" and ensuring peace, prosperity and development of the region.

"We want J&K to be part of the Prime Minister's dream which he has envisioned for India in 2047. We want the contribution of J&K to be not less than others," he said.

He said the change in the ground situation in J&K is not only visible, but the people are also feeling it and the tricolour will flutter on the rooftops of the houses till eternity.

"The place which was known for other reasons like Pulwama (terror attack) sometime back witnessed 10,000 people rallying with the tricolour on August 13 and 14. That is a big change," he said.

He said there are no separatist-sponsored strikes, cinema halls reopened, J&K Road Transport Corporation started night bus service and people can be seen enjoying Shikara ride in Dal Lake at late night hours as well.

"The common man in J&K is also dreaming like the citizens in the rest of the country. The youth are moving with new ambitions and it all happened because of the historic and brave decision of the Modi-led government," he said.

He said a total of Rs 14,000 crore investment had taken place in J&K before 2019 but after the launch of the new industrial policy by Prime Minister Modi, proposals worth over Rs 70,000 crore were received over the past three years.

The Lt Governor said the highest ever investment of Rs 1,547.87 crore was received during the last 10 months of this year, while 500 startups have come up during the last three years with the youth of Kashmir coming up with new startups on daily basis. Sinha said J&K has witnessed an economic growth of 14.64 per cent and tax revenue has also shown growth of 31 per cent.

"Compared to 12 lakh e-transactions per day last year, the first 80 days of this year recorded 19 lakh e-transactions every day. The change happened in a place where when I took over on August 7, 2020, 217 trucks were being loaded with files to move from Srinagar to Jammu (as part of bi-annual darbar move)," he said.

The LG said the highest number of 1.88 crore tourists visited J&K, which has been among top performers in the country for implementation of schemes like Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), Amrit Sarovar, SVAMITVA scheme and Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

The Lt Governor said most of the social security schemes have been saturated, while nearly 50 lakh youths have participated in different sports activities this year.

Under the Digital J&K initiative, Sinha said 445 online services are being provided through e-UNNAT portal, 225 e-services have been integrated with Rapid Assessment System for real time feedback on quality of service delivery.

All the online services have been linked with the Public Service Guarantee Act in J&K, he said.

Sinha said Jammu and Kashmir is the first among states/Union Territories to have a district good governance index for assessing the public service delivery at district level.

"Aspirational Panchayat Development Programme, Aspirational Block Development Programme and Aspirational Town Development Programme are the three new initiatives being implemented in J&K," he said.

In 2018-19, 9,228 works have been completed and the number has gone up to more than 50,000 in 2021-22 and this year "we expect 70,000 works to be completed", he said. "This is the paradigm shift in the pace of development in J&K over the last three to four years."

The Lt Governor also talked about a holistic agriculture development plan to be

rolled out, with 29 proposed projects at an outlay of Rs 5,012 crore over the period of next five years to improve the lives of farmers, create job opportunities and business enterprises besides improving production in different sectors.

Pak-based LeT...

the Explosive Substances Act and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act following thorough investigation into the explosions inside two parked buses in Udhampur district on September 28 and 29, the official said.

The spokesperson said the two LeT operatives have also been charged for their efforts towards revival of terrorist activities in Jammu by carrying out recruitment from the pool of Overground Workers and surrendered terrorists as well as activating and motivating them to carry out terrorist acts.

After taking over the investigation into the blast cases on November 15 last year from the Jammu and Kashmir Police, the NIA said its probe revealed that Sheikh was in touch with Bhat, also known as 'Pinna'.

Bhat has been listed as an "individual terrorist" of the LeT by the government and is operating from Pakistan, the agency said.

"Pinna recruited Adil to carry out the two IED blasts on buses parked in the public areas of Udhampur district which had inflicted injuries to two persons," the spokesperson said.

In 1997, Bhat joined the terrorist ranks of the Hizbul Mujahideen and was involved in the execution of various terrorist acts in Jammu and Kashmir before escaping to Pakistan in 2009, the official said.

He is currently an active LeT handler who is playing a vital role to revive and accelerate terrorist activities in the Jammu region, the NIA spokesperson said.

The NIA said the explosives used in the blasts was delivered by Bhat using drones from across the international border and was collected by Sheikh in Kathua district.

"Bhat trained Adil in cyberspace on how to prime the IEDs. On September 28, Sheikh planted two IEDs in two different buses, which were plying between Basnatgarh and Udhampur. One blast took place around midnight on September 28 and the other in the early hours of September 29," the spokesperson said.

After his arrest, the official said Sheikh made disclosures about hoarding of explosives for future attacks.

Two more IEDs, three sticky bombs, three detonators and two PTD timers part of the consignment delivered from Pakistan - were recovered from his residence, the official said.

J&K LG Manoj...

big shopping mall, now in the works, are two big visible changes that he is pushing for despite the security challenges. In pushing forward the development agenda, the Lieutenant Governor has always acknowledged that the conflict has scarred both the communities, which adds to his credibility.

With the assembly elections overdue, Sinha's biggest challenge would be to ensure a conducive atmosphere for free and fair elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

He's fond of quoting from Ramdhari Singh Dinkar's poems, especially the epic Rashmirathi (1952)

Having enjoyed a rapport with PM Narendra Modi for decades, LG's commitment on the slogan of Vikas has set the deadline for the completion of hundreds of projects.

Prime Minister, Narendra Modi tops the list based on his influence over the country's growth ever since has held his position.

The Prime Minister has slammed Pakistan several times now concerning their terrorist activities like Pulwama and Uri attacks. He managed to take decisions during such hard times of battle.

Along with West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and her Bihar counterpart Nitish Kumar, Rahul is the only non-ruling establishment name in the top 15 (barring Mukesh Ambani, that is). The fact that both outrank Gandhi is a reflection of the flux in the shrinking and challenged Opposition space, with regional parties refusing to cede primacy to the Congress. The Punjab win means Arvind

son of Ramesh Kumar, resident of Bournatehsil Sumb, District Samba. Two separate FIRs under relevant sections of Exeise Act were registered at Police Stations Vijaypur and Samba through Police Post Goran and investigations started.

Out of three arrested bootleggers, two have been arrested by a police team comprising of PSI Ajay Singh Jamwal, SHO Vijaypur Tribhawan Khajuria and SDPO Vijaypur Priyanka Kumari, whereas one bootlegger has been arrested by a team comprising of Incharge Police Post Goran PSI Sajid Jaral, SHO Samba Rajeshwar Singh and DySP Hqrs. Mohd. Usman under the supervision of Additional SP Samba Surinder Choudhary.

Meanwhile, an information was received at Police Post Panjtirthi that a person is illegally selling and purchasing illicit liquor at Karan Nagar. A team of Police Post Panjtirthi led by SDPO North Sunil Kumar Kesar assisted by SHO Pacea Danga Inspr Rakesh Sharma and Incharge Police Post Panjtirthi PSI Rahul Sharma rounded up the accused and during checking, recovered 31 bottles of illicit liquor from his possession. The accused was later identified as Raj Kumar, son of Bihari Lal Khera, resident of Jagti, Jammu. He was arrested and FIR No. 42/2023 under sections 48(f) was registered against him at Police Station Pacea Danga.

Theft case solved; accused held, stolen cash recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Thursday solved a theft case by arresting an accused and recovered stolen cash Rs 15,007 from his possession.

As per details, a complaint was lodged at Police Station Bakshi Nagar regarding theft from Shiv Mandir, Subhash Nagar area. FIR No. 51/2023 under section 457/380 IPC was registered and investigation started. A team of Police Station Bakshi Nagar led by SDPO West Vikram Singh assisted by SHO Police Station Bakshi Nagar Insp Vishal Shoor and In-Charge Police Post Sarwal PSI Baljeet Singh Parihar, after putting in strenuous efforts and with the help of human intelligence and technical support, rounded up an accused namely Iftkar Ali, son of Muzaffar Din, resident of Doda, at present 93/9 Jawahar Nagar, Jammu. On his disclosure, a sum of Rs 15007 in denomination of Rs 10, 20 notes and coins were recovered.

Hardcore criminal booked under Arms Act

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

MIRAN SAHIB: Police on Thursday booked a hardcore criminal under Arms Act.

As per details, a team of Police Station Miran Sahib led by SDPO R S Pura Surinder Singh assisted by SHO Miran Sahib Inspr Zaheer Mushtaq while on Naka duty in jurisdiction of Police Station Miran Sahib stopped one vehicle (JK02BL 3289) for checking. During search a Desi Katta was recovered from the possession of driver namely Yudhvir Singh alias Bablu Jatt, son of Aaya Singh, resident of Agra Chak, R S Pura. He was arrested and FIR No 69/2023 under section 3/25 of Arms Act was registered against him at Police Station Miran Sahib.

Two missing siblings traced, reunited with family

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JAMMU: Police on Thursday traced two missing children and reunited them with their family.

As per details, a complaint was lodged at Police Post Chinore by a person stating that his minor daughter and son went missing from house after which FIR No. 113 /2023 under section 363 of IPC was registered at Police Station Domana and investigation started. A team of Police Post Chinore led by SDPO Domana Sunil Singh assisted by SHO Domana Inspr Kunal Singh Jamwal and In-Charge Police Post Chinore PSI Rajesh Kumar, after putting in strenuous efforts and with help of CCTV footages of the area, traced both the missing children.

Subsequently, family of missing children was informed and they were handed over to family members after proper counseling from CWC.

Drug addict son kills mother

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A drug addict allegedly killed his mother in Baramulla district, police said on Thursday. The incident took place in Dangarpورا area of Sopore township on Wednesday night, they said. "The killing is a pure case of influence of drugs. The accused is a staunch drug addict and has confessed murder," a police officer said. A case has been registered and the probe is on, he said.

Minor girl's throat-slit body found

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Body of a minor girl with her throat slit was found hours after she went missing in Kupwara district, officials said on Thursday.

The body of 9-year-old girl was found in a shed just 30 mts away from her residence at Zab Khurhama of Lalpora area on Wednesday night, they said. A case has been registered and the body sent for medico-legal formalities, they said, adding that investigation has been launched.

Two bike-borne youth nabbed with 12 gm Chitta

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SUNDERBANI: Police arrested two bike borne youth and recovered 12 grams Chita from their possession.

As per details, Sunderbani Police intercepted a motorcycle (JK02CM/1049) during Naka at ITI Naka, Sunderbani which was coming from Jammu towards Rajouri. During checking, 12 grams Chita was recovered from the duo who was borne on bike. Both disclosed their identity as Rohit Sharma alias Sonu, son of Suresh Chand and Sachin Sharma, son of Chaman Lal, both resident of village Salyote Teh. Chowki Choura. Duo was arrested and FIR No. 18/23 under sections 8/21/22/29 NDPS Act was registered at Police Station Sunderbani.

Police team led by SI Tarsem Lal, ASI Abdul Hussain made the arrests under the supervision of Insp. Deepak Pathania SHO Sunderbani, Tussif Rishu SDPO Nowshera and Mohd. Rafi Giri ASP Nowshera.

Kejriwal remains in contention, but with corruption charges clouding his moral high ground and his No. 2 in custody, he is down seven ranks.

Ajit Doval also became a member of this 2023 most powerful Indians list holding the 10th position as his decisions have highly influenced the defense line of the country. He has forwarded influential decisions during the most sensitive situations.

Within the top ranks composed interchangeably of government, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has surged to No. 3, ahead of RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat and BJP president JP Nadda. With G20 presidency and India's foreign ties central to the Modi government's 2024 campaign, Jaishankar is the muscular brain that fits the BJP bill just right.

The other BJP face with a sharp rise is Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma, who zooms from No. 32 to 17, riding on skilled electioneering, powering the party in the Northeast. Union minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has settled comfortably into his prominent portfolios, thus climbing 30 places to No. 19.

Amritpal's aide Varinder...

and sought documents from them. "We will seek the presence of that person. He (Varinder Singh) will be brought here to conduct investigation and to find out how he reached here and how he got license from here."

Giving further details, he said that the gun license was issued to him in 2014 from Kishtwar Deputy Magistrate (DM) office.

He said the CID wing of the Punjab Police recently wrote to the DM Kishtwar that there was misuse of his gun license. "The matter was activated and Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar cancelled gun license," the SSP said.

Poswal said that police will have to ascertain as to under which circumstances the gun license was issued to him in the first place as his army unit was never posted here in Kishtwar.

"He was a jawan of the 96 regiment and was terminated in 2015. After issuance, his gun licence was getting renewed. The licence has been validated till 2025 from Ramban, Reasi, Baramulla and Kathua. There is a need to investigate the case," the SSP said.

As for verification by Police before granting gun license to him, he said that there was a letter from the them commandant to DM. "On that certificate, the gun licence was issued. There was certification or verification by Police in Kishtwar in this case," the SSP said.

Amritpal Singh, meanwhile, remains elusive since the police crackdown against him and members of his pro-Khalistan 'Waris Punjab De' outfit began on March 18, about three weeks after he and his supporters stormed into the Ajnala police station near Amritsar to secure the release of an arrested man.

The preacher escaped the police net in Jalandhar district on March 18, switching vehicles and changing appearances.

He and his associates have been booked under several criminal cases related to spreading disharmony among classes, attempt to murder, attack on police personnel and creating obstructions in the lawful discharge of duty by public servants.

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or before 12:00 O'clock. The Bills/ Claims so presented are liable to special audit, wherever required.

The document further said that the Treasury Officers shall entertain the claims from DDO's duly completed in all respects upto prescribed timings and subsequently submit the liability by or before 1:00 PM to respective Directorates who in turn submit to Directorate General Accounts and Treasuries by 1:30 P.M.

Besides, the payments authorized on 31.03.2023 are processed well in time to avoid last minute rush on various applications as per special arrangement put in place by RBI. Treasury Officers will not leave the treasuries unless successful information regarding acknowledge approved, debit notification is received from RBI.

Any information regarding acknowledgement rejected, return notification for the payments processed on last day of Financial Year (if any) from RBI is communicated to respective DDOs/NIC well in time for correction/rectification.

Rahul Gandhi's namesake in EC list of disqualified

persons for non-reporting of poll expenses

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: One "Rahul Gandhi K E S/o Valsamma" figures in an Election Commission list of persons disqualified from contesting polls for failing to lodge account of election expenses.

He had contested the 2019 Lok Sabha elections as an Independent and had polled 2196 votes from the Wayanad seat in Kerala from where Congress leader Rahul Gandhi won with over 7 lakh votes. It is common for namesake independent candidates to contest against established leaders but all of them need to submit account of election expenses among other mandatory requirements under EC rules and the Representation of the People Act.

Incidentally the Congress leader was also disqualified last week, but for another

reason - his conviction and sentencing in a criminal defamation case.

On March 29, the poll panel had issued an updated list of persons disqualified under Section 10 A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

Rahul Gandhi K E S/o Valsamma stands disqualified from September 13, 2021 till September 13, 2024. According to Section 10A, if the Election Commission is satisfied that a person has failed to lodge an account of election expenses within the time and in the manner required by law and has no good reason or justification for the failure, the poll panel shall, by order published in the Official Gazette, declare him to be disqualified and any such person shall be disqualified for a period of three years from the date of the order.

Corruption by public servant

'gigantic problem': Court

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

MUMBAI: Corruption by a public servant has become a

"gigantic problem" and has a "deep and pervasive impact" on the functioning of the entire nation, a special court here has said while sentencing an Income Tax Department officer after convicting her in a Rs 75,000 bribery case.

Special Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) court judge M R Purwar on Wednesday held Preetha Babukuttan guilty of the offence under the Prevention of Corruption Act and sentenced the 52-year-old officer to four years of rigorous imprisonment.

The prosecution said the officer had initially made a demand of Rs 1,30,000 in March 2015 to settle the tax liability of the complainant, who runs a partnership firm.

She had told the complainant that his tax liability was around Rs 5 lakh and she would try to bring it down to Rs 55,000, for which she demanded Rs 1,30,000. After negotiations, she reduced the amount to Rs 1,00,000 and later to Rs 75,000.

However, the complainant was not willing to pay the bribe and brought the matter to the notice of the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) unit of the CBI. Accordingly, a trap was laid and the accused was caught while

accepting the bribe amount of Rs 75,000.

The court, after examining witnesses and evidence produced by the prosecution, held that it is clear that the accused had demanded, accepted the illegal gratification from the complainant which is other than her legal remuneration.

"She obtained for herself the pecuniary advantage by corrupt or illegal means and by abusing her official position which certainly amounts to criminal misconduct by the public servant. Therefore, it is concluded that the prosecution has proved beyond reasonable doubt," the special court said.

It observed that while considering the sentence and punishment to be inflicted on the accused, certain aspects, such as nature of offence, the age, character and antecedents of the accused need to be kept in mind. The court said that undisputedly, no material is produced on record by the prosecution to show antecedents of the accused.

"However, at the same time the nature of the offence is serious. The dishonest intention and abuse of official position to grab money as gratification is alarming. Corruption by public servant has become a gigantic problem. It has a deep and pervasive impact on the functioning of the entire country," the court said.



4 drug peddlers arrested; contraband recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BARAMULLA: Continuing its efforts to eradicate menace of drugs, Police on Thursday arrested 4 drug peddlers in Baramulla and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

As per details, a police party under the supervision of DySP Hqrs Baramulla Peerzada Aijaz Ahmad, assisted by DySP (Prob) Naveed Ahmad Qazi & SHO Police Station Baramulla at a checkpoint established at Babaareshi road intercepted 02 suspicious persons. During search, 32 gm cocaine & 78 gm Charas was recovered from their possession of accused, identified as Mohd Afsar Khan son of Mohd Muzaffar resident of Pehlipora, at present Binner & Mohd Sadiq Mir son of Mohd Zaman resident of Khamoh Raffiabad. They were arrested and shifted to Police Station where they remained in custody.

Meanwhile, a police party under the supervision of SDPO Uri Shokat Ali, assisted by SHO Police Station Uri Insp. Intiyaz Ahmad at a checkpoint established at Gingal-Choolan road intercepted 2 suspicious persons. During search, 105 gm Charas was recovered from their possession. They were identified as Karamat Hussain son of Qurban Ali & Sadam Hussain son of Sadiq Hussain, both residents of Dani Sayidan Uri. They were arrested and shifted to Police Station where they remained in custody. Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law were registered at respective Police Stations and investigations started.

Illicit timber seized, 3 accused arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BUDGAM: Police on Thursday seized illicit timber and arrested 3 accused involved in crime.

As per details, a party of Police Station Chadoora at a checkpoint established at Kanir Chadoora intercepted a Santro (DL3CAL-3727) with three persons onboard. During checking, 56 swans of illicit timber 14-Cft (Kairoo) was recovered from vehicle. All three accused persons involved in crime were taken to the spot, who were identified as Fayaz Ahmad Mir (driver) son of Gulam Qadir, Jehangir Fayaz Mir son of Fayaz Ahmad and Rayees Ahmad Rather son of Nazir Ahmad all residents of Kanir Chadoora. They were shifted to police station where they remained in custody. Besides, vehicle used for commission for crime was also seized. FIR No. 15/2023 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Chadoora and investigation has started.

Vehicle seized, driver arrested for illegal extraction & transportation of minerals

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BARAMULLA: Acting tough against the persons involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals, police on Thursday seized a vehicle and arrested a driver in Baramulla.

As per details, a police party under the supervision of SDPO Tangmarg Javid Ahmad assisted by SHO Police Station Tangmarg seized a vehicle (Tipper) and arrested its driver identified as Sarfaraz Ahmad Khan son of Sardar Mohd Khan resident of Treran Tangmarg who was involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals at Tangmarg. Accordingly, a case under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Tangmarg and investigation started.

8 miscreants arrested at Nowshera Boniyar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BARAMULLA: Police on Thursday arrested 8 miscreants involved in disturbing law & order at Nowshera, Boniyar to aid a notorious drug smuggler who was booked under PIT-NDPS Act. As per details, on March 29, 2023, some miscreants of village Nowshera Boniyar blocked national highway at Nowshera for about 2 hours and disturbed law and order to aid a drug-smuggler namely Tanveer Ahmad Magray son of Bashir Ahmad Magray resident of Nowshera Baramulla, who was detained under PIT NDPS Act and lodged in Central Jail Kot Balwal Jammu.

Accordingly, a case under relevant sections of law was registered in Police Station Boniyar and investigation started. During the preliminary course of investigation, Police utilizing all technical and human intelligence identified these miscreants and arrested all the accused persons involved in commission of crime. They were identified as Riyaz Ahmad son of Mohd Mukhtar Mir, Mashood Yasin Mir son of Mohd Yasin Mir, Ghulam Rasool Sofi son of Abdul Gafoor Sofi, Showkat Ahmad son of Abdul Gaffar, Tasleem Ahmad son of Ali Mohammad, Parvez Ahmad son of Abdul Aziz, Manzoor Ahmad son of Ali Mohamad and Abdul Majeed Naikoo son of Abdul Rehman all residents of Village Nowshera. They were shifted to Police Station where they remained in custody.

Woman among 4 bootleggers arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA/JAMMU: Police on Thursday nabbed four bootleggers including a woman and recovered 83 bottles of illicit liquor from their possession.

Samba police under the guidance of SSP Samba Benam Tosh arrested three bootleggers including one woman and recovered 52 bottles of illicit liquor from their possession. They were identified as Mohd. Ishfaq, son of Nawab Din, resident of Village Patti Telli, Vijaypur; Robina Akhter, wife of Mohd. Ishfaq, resident of Village Patti Telli, Vijaypur and Jhonny alias Johnu,

