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Meanwhile, the spokesmen said that over 75 suspected persons were picked up during raids at several drug hotspots under operation cleanup' across Jammu district on Saturday.

The raids were conducted as part of continuous efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs in the society and give more momentum to work on the anti-drugs front, he said.

The spokesman said the police assisted by the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) raided Rajeev Nagar and Dhadap-Satwari and recovered Rs 95,950 from the house of one of the notorious drug peddlers.

As many as 46 persons were picked up after they were found roaming in suspicious conditions during the operation, he said.

The spokesmen said that searches were also carried out in the Maralian general area in Miran Sahib following large-scale complaints about the sale of heroin among the addicted youth. The local population cooperated with the police searching nearly two dozen huts, he said, adding 29 suspects were rounded up for questioning.

The spokesman further said surprise searches were also carried out in Dogra hall, Kabir Basti, Chand Nagar, Reshamgarh Colony and Jio Potta Akhnoor.

### Sapna Kotwal to...

with regard to maximizing voter turnout and enhancing participation in the electoral process during your posting as Deputy District Election Officer in Udhampur district. In order to take benefit of your experience, you are requested to assist this office's SVEEP programme, scrutinizatization of various short/animated films, jingles, creative and other campaign material designed by vendors and its execution at district level," reads a letter written by Chief Electoral Officer, UT of Jammu and Kashmir to Sapna Kotwal, JKAS, Secretary, J&K Advisory Board for Development of Pahari Speaking People.

### Secure atmosphere, level...

has issued strict directions that the voters, candidates and political workers involved in campaigning should be provided a secure atmosphere and level-playing field.

"It is our duty and responsibility and we are holding talks with the Centre for the deployment of central forces that will come here, along with those who are already present (in Jammu and Kashmir), for their optimum utilisation," the DGP told reporters on the sidelines of a public "darbar" (meeting) in Doda district.

Asked about the timeline for wiping out terrorism from Jammu and Kashmir, he said "we are not far away from it".

"There is clarity in the strategy and the roadmap (to end terrorism). We are not turning back from this roadmap, which we are following religiously and which is exponentially benefitting the forces (in achieving their target)," Swain said.

On the use of drones and underground tunnels for pushing terrorists and weapons from across the border, he reiterated that anyone found assisting terrorists will regret it for the rest of his life.

"The problem (of drones and tunnels) comes from across the border.... The Union Territory administration does not have any control over the territory but we have control over our own territory and our people.

"We reiterate our resolve to making use of the law of the land in such a way that none of our own can even think of collecting drone-dropped material or helping infiltration through tunnels. We will impose a very high cost under law on such people," the police chief said.

A large number of people turned up at the public "darbar" to seek redressal of their grievances from the DGP.

"The grievance redressal camp was organised to address issues linked to basic police service, such as investigation, complaints, pending verifications or any other kind of deficiency.

"We received a first-of-its-kind complaint from a man whose mother fell to terrorists' bullets long ago but he was not satisfied with the investigation and case closure," Swain said, adding that he had heard about such cases at an individual level in the valley but this was the first time that such a complaint was raised at this forum.

The DGP said the camp was also meant to listen to the grievances of the police families, including the special police officers (SPOs) who lost their lives fighting terrorists and have no one else to take care of their families.

### Two Formula 4...

During the run, two cars rammed into the plastic barricades erected on the sides of the road for the spectators' protection. Several spectators were hit by debris from the barricades but no one was injured.

Hari Singh, one of the organisers of the event, said it was the first demo run of Formula 4 cars in Kashmir.

The event was organised by the Federation of Motorsports Clubs of India, which is affiliated to the Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA), Singh said.

He said the aim of the demo run was to make moroto-sports popular across the country.

### J&K: IT Deptt...

sections of the Income Tax Act, for which they were ineligible and such deductions were also found to be inconsonant with their income profile.

The I-T Department highlighted the serious consequences of the fraudulent claims like rigorous imprisonment for a term ranging from three months to seven years along with fine, attachment of bank accounts of defaulters to recover the fraudulently claimed amounts, detailed scrutiny which will result in levying of tax along with penalty at the rate of 200 per cent of tax evaded and interest on tax computed in their respective cases.

Besides, non-compliance to the department's communication will also attract a penalty of Rs 10,000 for each default, the communication said, asking the defaulter employees to file updated ITRs, withdraw incorrect claims and pay taxes to avoid any coercive action.

Setting a timeline for filing of updated ITRs for financial years 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23, the department advised the defaulters that updated ITRs for the relevant years may be filed immediately without waiting for due dates, as delay in filing ITRs will result in issuance of show cause notices or selection of cases under scrutiny besides payment of additional taxes.

Responding to the communication, Principal Secretary, Finance Department, Santosh D Vaidya issued a circular and impressed upon all the administrative secretaries or heads of departments to issue advisories, besides directing the drawing and disbursing officers under their control to ensure that the defaulter employees file updated ITRs and withdraw incorrect claims made by them.

### Indian long-eared...

procedures like DNA analysis and morphometric studies at the Jammu Central University.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief

Wildlife Warden, Sarvesh Rai congratulated the staff of the Rajouri-Poonch Wildlife Division for the first record of authentic presence of the Indian long-eared hedgehog in Jammu and Kashmir.

He has directed the wildlife warden to carry out a population estimation of the animal in the particular area and to survey other area for its presence in collaboration with the universities and Wildlife Institute of India.

The sighting of Indian long-eared hedgehog is indeed an addition to the long list of biodiversity of the Union Territory, he said.

### World full of...

as "absurd and motivated".

Jaishankar also responded to criticisms surrounding the CAA from Washington and other parts of the world.

The US on Thursday said it is concerned about the notification of CAA in India and is closely monitoring its implementation.

"Look, I am not questioning the imperfections or otherwise of their democracy or their principles or lack of it. I am questioning their understanding of our history. If you hear comments from many parts of the world, it is as if the Partition of India never happened, there were no consequential problems which the CAA is supposed to address," Jaishankar said.

So, if you take a problem and "remove all the historical context from it, sanitise it and make it into a political correctness" argument, and say, 'I have principles and don't you have principles', 'I have principles too, and one of them is obligation to people who were let down at the time of Partition. And, I think, the Home Minister spoke very eloquently on it yesterday', he added.

Garetti in response to a question on CAA during a panel discussion at the conclave on Friday, had said the principles of religious freedom and of equality under the law is a cornerstone of democracy.

"And, that is why we look at these things, it will be easier not to look at our friends. We invite you to do the same with our imperfect democracy, it is not a one-way street. But, you cannot give up on principles, no matter how close you are with friends...." he had said.

Jaishankar while responding to the criticism on CAA, also cited a "number of examples" to make his point.

He said he has a problem when people don't hold up a mirror to their own policies, as he cited Jackson-Vanik amendment, which was about Jews from Soviet Union, the Lautenberg Amendment, Specter Amendment and "fast-tracking of Hungarians after the Hungarian revolution, fast-tracking of Cubans in 1960s".

"So, if you were to ask me, have other countries, other democracies, fast-tracked on the basis of ethnicity, faith, social attributes, I can give you any number of examples," the minister said.

He sought to put the context of the 1947 Partition which cleaved the Indian subcontinent into two independent nations India and Pakistan, and led to a massive bloodshed resulting in large-scale migrations across the border.

"Now, if I were to also say, after all why is the situation important, because very often when you have something very cataclysmic, something really very major, it is not possible to deal with all the consequences right then and there.

"The leadership of this country had promised to these minorities, that if you have a problem, you are welcome to come to India. The leadership thereafter didn't deliver on the promise," he added.

Jaishankar said it is "not just our predicament. If you look at Europe, many European countries fast-tracked citizenship of people who were left behind on the World War or in some cases much before the World War Some historical issues which were not addressed...I have a moral obligation to that community".

"So, the world is full of examples, and to me the context therefore is very important," the minister said.

On the upcoming US elections, the Union minister said, "we are prepared for whatever happens".

"We have actually built a very extensive culture of engaging and sort of maintaining relationships...Well before the 2016 November results, we had already reached out to the Trump campaign at a high level. Because, that is the way it would be. It wouldn't be hypothetically tomorrow," he said.

Because the US-India relationship is "very important" and that is the only way one can get a grip on that relationship, the minister said.

On the issue of the Indian national, facing charge for a murder-for-hire plot to kill a Khalistani separatist on American soil, he also shared how India is dealing with it.

"Yes, the US has shared with us some information, some of this in the public domain, some of it is not. And, our interest is to also look into it, because, to us there seems to be a very strong organised crime aspect to it which also impinges on our own security.

"So, when we were apprised of this information, we decided to set up a very high-power committee of competent people to look into it and that is an ongoing issue right now," Jaishankar said.

He also came up with some light-hearted response when asked about the use of social media and diplomacy.

"Look, I am paid to fix foreign policy, I am not paid to fix social media," he said, drawing laughter from the audience.

"To be honest no one can fix social media. The nature of the platform is such that every thing that you somewhat disapprovingly state is actually something that gets more eyeballs on social media," Jaishankar said.

He said he assumed this is a medium which is very angular, but one can counter it fairly rapidly.

"We (MEA) have adjusted to the times too...Short, sharp impactful expressions (on social media) are required then we move out of our; shall we say old comfort zones, and adjust ourselves to respond in that way," said the minister who has a massive following on X.

### No change in...

central, state, deemed and private universities nationwide.

A notable departure from tradition, the NTA has outlined a hybrid examination format for CUET-UG 2024, including both Computer Based Testing and pen-and-paper modes for different subjects.

Officials have indicated that subjects witnessing high registration volumes will adopt a pen-and-paper format using optical mark recognition (OMR), while others will remain computer-based.

In the previous cycle, approximately 14.9 lakh registrations were recorded for CUET-UG, highlighting its significance in the higher education landscape.

### Cabinet meet: PM...

of more than two years of intensive preparation and entailed a "whole-of-government" approach involving all ministries and wide-ranging consultations with state governments, academia, industry bodies, civil society, scientific organisations and mobilisation of youths for inputs.

"More than 2,700 meetings, workshops and seminars were held at various levels. Suggestions of more than 20 lakh youths were received," an official had said.

## Under-privileged students welcomed after returning from Bharat Darshan Tour

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BHADARWAH: The students shared their experience after exploring the diverse art, culture and rich heritage of the country during their 5 days Bharat Darshan Tour organized by CRPF 33 Bn Bhaderwah.

The five days "Bharat Darshan Tour" organized by 33 Bn CRPF for the 30 under-privileged students of Doda & Bhaderwah region, marked with a colourful closing programme at Dettachment Headquarter 33 Bn CRPF on Sunday.

This tour programme was flagged off by Harish Mehra, 2-I/C 33 Bn CRPF at Sarna, Bhaderwah on 13th of March 2024.

The closing event was held in the august presences of Dr. Jayasree Singh Sarder, CMO (SG) (Commandant) 33 Bn CRPF addressed all participants & coordinators and express gratitude for making this tour a successful one.

During this tour, the student visited various prominent historical places, monuments & other Sight-seeing



CRPF officials along with students during flag-in ceremony at Bhadarwah.

Japhet Lalditum, Asstt. Comdt., Hayat Singh Rana, Asstt. Comdt as well as teachers & parents of children.

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at Delhi like Amrit Udyan, President Museum, Rashtrapati Bhawan, Pranab Mukharjee Library, Qutab Minar, Lotus Temple, Science Centre, Jantar Mantar, Akshardham Temple, Palika Kendra etc.

The main purpose of this tour was to provide opportunity to these students to make them experience about the versatile culture, rich heritage, diversity, unity and brotherhood of our great nation.

The students also share

their wonderful experiences and memories they had gain during this five days Bharat Darshan tour.

Smitha V.M, Asstt. Comdt of 33 Bn CRPF concludes the function with vote of thanks to all the students, participants, tour guide, coordinators, press and media and Jawans of 33 Bn for their efforts to make the programme a successful one.

The event was well appreciated by all the dignitaries and local public.

## Sant Nirankari Mission holds blood donation camp

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R S PURA: Sant Nirankari Mission Branch RS Pura, under the divine guidance of Her Holiness Satguru Mata Sudiksha Ji Maharaj, hosted a voluntary Blood Donation Camp at the Sant Nirankari Satsang Bhawan RS Pura. This event stands as a testament to the mission's dedication toward serving humanity and fostering a sense of compassion among individuals. The camp saw an overwhelming turnout of donors from various age groups, not just from the local branch in RS Pura but also from nearby areas like Miran Sahib, Arnia, and Sai Kalan. This wide participation is indicative of the strong community spirit and the shared ethos of selfless service that the Sant Nirankari Mission promotes.

This camp was inaugurated by Jugal Kishore ji Ex Member Parliament Jammu



A volunteer donating blood during the camp.

West while speaking on the occasion he said that Voluntary blood donation camps organized by the Sant Nirankari Mission are a commendable effort towards addressing the critical need for blood in hospitals and blood banks across various regions. The Sant Nirankari Mission, a spiritual organization that emphasizes universal brotherhood and the importance of selfless service, has been instrumental in

promoting and conducting these life-saving events.

Ajit Singh Zonal Incharge Jammu while speaking on the occasion he said that self - realization through God realization is the fundamental objective of human birth. Beyond the physical act of donating blood, these camps serve as a powerful platform for educating the public about the health benefits of blood donation, including the pro-

## Blood donation camp organised



Locals participating in camp.

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BANI: In collaboration with the team JK Blood Donors and Volunteer Youth, a successful blood donation camp was organized in SDH Bani on Sunday. The event was held under the directions of Worthy Director Health Services Jammu Dr. Rakesh Magotra and Team JK Blood Donors.

The blood donation camp commenced at 10:30 AM and concluded successfully, marking another significant milestone in the ongoing efforts to promote and encourage blood donation for the betterment of society.

The camp witnessed the

active participation of 25 donors, including Perdmunyan Attri, Tehsildar Bani, who donated blood to support the noble cause. The donors were provided with refreshments by the Hospital administration and Team JK Blood Donors.

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## Co-operate with police in maintaining law & order: SSP Reasi

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REASI: Continuing unwavering efforts to bridge the gap between police & public, Reasi Police facilitated a Police Community Partnership Group meeting (PCPG) at Police Station Reasi.

The meeting was chaired by SSP Reasi Mohita Sharma and was attended by the Ward Councilors, Ward members, prominent and respectable citizens of concerned area.

On the occasion, the participants highlighted various issues of public importance and they were assured by the chairing officer that their genuine grievances pertaining to police will be resolved on priority and that of civil administration will be taken up with the concerned departments for their early redressal. The



Glimpses of police-public meeting at Reasi.

participants were stressed to co-operate with Police in maintaining law and order in the area and in identifying anti-national and anti-social elements who always try to disrupt the peaceful environment.

The participants in the meeting assured their full co-operation to Police in tackling social evils and

also appreciated the efforts of Police in facilitating community interaction meets where participants express their opinions freely.

People appreciated the effort of Reasi Police in maintaining the Law and order and also curbing the menace of drug abuse from the district.

### Army organises medical camp

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RAJOURI: The right to health is a fundamental right of every individual in any country. Undoubtedly, good health is the biggest treasure. Indian Army strives to providing basic medical assistance for a healthy life style to the residents of remote village organised a medical camp at Kalakote, Rajouri on Sunday. The medical camp was organised to meet the quick health care need of the AWAM of remote kalakote village. A team of medical doctors and professionals were available to address various health concerns and provided expert guidance like medical check-ups, specialized care, health awareness sessions etc as well as provided essential medicines to them. The Indian Army's Medical Camp aimed to not only provides immediate healthcare support but also to raise awareness about the importance of regular health check-ups and a healthy lifestyle.

### Army distributes solar lights among people

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REASI : Households in remote Parankot Sardar village in Reasi, lack access to electric grid and are deprived of electricity. Solar street lights are ultimate solution for these remote areas. Due to simplicity, these solar lights can be installed even in harsh climatic conditions.

Indian Army with an aim of improving the living conditions of remote village of Parankot Sardar, Tolda Gala, Dabbar Gala, Chapri, Dhakikot & Khandi Gali installed solar lights under Operation Sadbhavana project.

This act also generated a spirit of goodwill for Indian Army amongst the residents.