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Youth fearlessly pursuing...

development and upliftment of humanity. With common values, aspirations and commitment of selfless service, the youth will expand the horizons of peace, prosperity, friendship, cooperation and progress, he added.

The Lt Governor emphasized that the discussions during the Y20 consultation meet should draw an outline of future plans, with the spirit of Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinah- everyone should be happy and prosperous.

Referring to India's contribution in Peace-building and Peacekeeping, the Lt Governor said, India under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi Ji, will lead the world to effectively address broader aspects of security challenges that also includes social, political, economic & environmental with the spirit of One Earth, One Family, One Future.

India is one of the world's largest contributors to United Nations Peacekeeping Operations. Since 1950, Indian soldiers have participated in 49 peacekeeping missions in different countries and even today more than 8,000 troops are serving in 10 United Nations missions. It is the testimony to our commitment to global peace and human welfare, added the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor also observed that knowledge economy will play an important role in the future and success of Start-ups and Unicorns are giving fresh impetus to India's growth.

The Lt Governor also shared the transformational journey of Jammu Kashmir in the last three years.

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Jammu has been transformed into India's education hub. It houses all the premier institutions, IIM, IIT, AIIMS, IIMC and Central University, the Lt Governor further added.

Prof Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu and Ajay Kashyap, Convener Y20 Secretariat gave a brief background of the Y20 consultation meet. Delegates from various countries and universities of India, and youth representatives attended the Y20 Consultation meet.

Amit Shah to...

of emergency situations among SCO member-states, it said.

Since its accession as a full-fledged member state in 2017, India has maintained an active engagement with the organisation and New Delhi is focusing on initiating proposals for mutual benefit of SCO member states, observers and dialogue partners, according to the statement.

India assumed the rotating presidency of the SCO at the 2022 SCO Summit held in Samarkand in Uzbekistan and will host the next summit of council of

heads of state this year, the statement added.

Gandhi Nagar dacoity...

that the initial motive of the dacoity was to target prominent contractor and businessman from Jammu, Choudhary Nagar Singh, resident of Green Belt Park Gandhi Nagar by inviting him to the residence of Rakesh Aggarwal after the accused forced their entry into Aggarwal's house. However, they failed in their attempt and robbed Aggarwal's house.

Youth at 2023...

reasonably say that the prime minister has given a model of governance which is sustainable, which defies the principle of diminishing returns and which grows stronger with each new challenge, he was quoted as saying in a statement issued by the Personnel Ministry.

"Youth at 2023 will define India at 2047," Singh said.

The minister said just after forming the government in May 2014, Modi had said that this government will be dedicated towards the upliftment of the poor; empowerment of women and the betterment of the youth.

"Before 2014, the environment in the country was one of desperation and hopelessness," he said.

Singh said, right from the beginning, the prime minister has given the highest priority to the issues and concerns related to youth.

He said Modi has constantly sought to create new avenues and opportunities for livelihood, government jobs and income for the youth.

Singh recalled that it was Modi who, in his Independence Day address of 2015, gave a call for "StartUp India StandUp India", which soon turned into a country-wide movement.

The result of this is that the number of StartUps in India has gone up from 300 to 400 in 2014 to more than 75,000 today and India ranks third in the world in the StartUp ecosystem, the minister said.

"Moreover, the number of Biotech StartUps in the country has increased from 50 to over 5,000 in the last eight years because of the support and enabling milieu provided by Prime Minister Narendra Modi ever since he took over in 2014.

"It is expected to cross the figure of 10,000 by 2025. Bio-economy before 2014 was just USD 10 billion, today it is USD 80 billion and the target is USD 100 billion by 2025," he said.

The minister said Himalayan states, including Uttarakhand, have become the fountainhead for aromatic start-ups.

He said "Purple Revolution" or Aroma Mission is Jammu and Kashmir's contribution to "StartUp India".

Singh said the prime minister has given the highest priority to the growth and

development of the northeastern region and it was a path-breaking decision under his leadership to exempt homegrown bamboo from the purview of the 100-year-old Indian Forest Act.

This helped in bringing ease of doing business in the bamboo sector for the young entrepreneurs, he said.

Earlier governments never cared to explore India's vast ocean resources and it is for the first time after Modi took over as prime minister that there is a serious effort to explore and harness the ocean of resources and give priority to the blue economy of India, the minister said.

In the field of conventional education, at the start of 2014, there were 725 universities and now 300 more have been added in the past nine years at the rate of 1 new university every week, he said.

The minister said 145 medical colleges were opened in the country between 2004 and 2014 while "more than 260 medical colleges have been opened from 2014 to 2022 at the rate of one college of medicine per day and at the rate of two degree colleges per day so that every youth get accessibility to education."

"He/she should not be deprived of receiving education simply because it's not available," Singh added. The minister recalled that recently, the Central University of Jammu has opened North India's first teaching department of space.

Highlighting that one of the objectives of the National Education Policy 2020 is de-linking degrees from education, Singh said linking degrees with education has taken a heavy toll on our education system and society as well.

One of the fall-outs has been an increasing number of educated unemployed, he said. The minister concluded by saying that the onus lies on the youth of today, those who are in their thirties and who are going to be prime citizens in 2047, the statement said. "How best they can use this opportunity depends on them," Singh said.

The minister said he hoped that the youth at that time will be able to say that "I'm the architect of India@100" and therefore we of the earlier generation have the responsibility to induce that capacity building of the youth of today".

Active COVID cases...

at 98.67 per cent, the ministry said.

The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 4,42,50,649, while the case fatality rate was recorded at 1.18 per cent.

According to the ministry's website, 220.66 crore doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the country so far under the nationwide vaccination drive.

Two die as...

Naveed Ahmad, both residents of the Rajpora area, they said.

The officials said the bodies were retrieved from the damaged truck by rescuers, who rushed to the scene after getting information about the accident.



Pak balloon found near Rara village

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SAMBA: An aircraft-shaped balloon (white & brown coloured) with 'BHN' and 'Emirates' written on it was found near a temple in Rara village. The aerial distance of village Rara from International border is approximately 8 Km. The balloon is in police custody. According to the information, Naib Sarpanch Parveen Sharma of Rara village informed police that a Pak balloon is lying near temple of village. Acting on information, the police team immediately reached the spot and recovered the balloon. It is believed that this ship-shaped balloon came to this side due to wind.



Man dies in suspicious conditions

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JAMMU: A man died in suspicious condition in Arnia on Wednesday.

According to information, one Lucky, resident of Prema Chak was found unconscious seven days ago in a suspicious conditions, after which he was taken to hospital. Due to his serious condition, he was referred to Punjab for treatment where he died. The body was brought back and handed-over to family after post-mortem.

Two die in accidents

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Two men died in accidents at Samba and Kathua on Wednesday.

According to information, Rakesh Singh, son of Ishar Singh, resident Kelly Mandi, who was going on his bicycle, got hit by a bus at Mansar morh and got injured. He was taken to hospital where he died during treatment. Police has registered a case in this context and started further action.

Apart from this, another man also died in an accident in Rajbagh area of Kathua district. He was going on bike and got hit by a tipper in Kotpunnu area. The deceased was identified as Sachin Sagara, resident of Dolia Jatta.

Driver attacked, Rs 60,000 snatched

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A group of youth attacked a vehicle driver and snatched Rs 60,000 from him in Janipur area on Wednesday.

According to information, a complaint was lodged with police by one Mohan Lal Sharma, son of Gyan Chand, resident of Akalpur, working in Aakash Institute that a group of youth stopped him at Mainstop in Janipur area when he was on his way to home. He said they attacked him and snatched Rs 60,000 from him. Police has registered a case and started investigation.

Girl commits suicide

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BARI BRAHMANA: A girl committed suicide by hanging herself in her house at Bari Brahmana on Wednesday.

According to information, a girl, resident of Uttar Pradesh, who was presently living in Bari Brahmana was found hanging in a room and was taken to hospital where doctors declared her as brought dead. Police has registered a case and started investigation.

Man held for posting obscene pictures of girl on social media

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A man was arrested by Cyber police for allegedly posting obscene photographs of a girl and circulating them on social media, officials said Wednesday.

As per details, Sanjay Kumar alias 'Kala', a resident of Kalyar-Mathwar, was arrested from Durga Nagar area of Chinore after a case was registered based on girl's complaint, SP South Jammu, Mamta Sharma said.

She said that the case was registered at Cyber Police Station Jammu for detailed investigation to ensure justice to victim girl and her family, who got deeply harassed and depressed due to 'heinous criminal act' of accused. The mobile phone of Kala was also seized for further analysis, and Police is working on the involvement of other accused persons in making obscene photographs viral, the officer said.

Three narco-smugglers nabbed with heroin

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

REASI/KATHUA: Police on Wednesday nabbed three narcotics smugglers, and recovered over 10 gm heroin from their possession.

As per details, a party of Police Station Reasi while on checking/frisking duty at Sulla Naka, Reasi stopped a vehicle (JK20-5449) and during checking recovered 1.95 gm heroin like substance from possession of accused Ajay Kumar, son of Tej Ram, resident of Gran Morh



Reasi and 1.38 gm heroin from Joginder Singh, son of Prithvi Singh, resident of Gran Morh Reasi. FIR No 96/2023 under section 8/21/22/29 of NDPS Act was registered at Police Station Reasi and investigation is going on. The whole operation is led by SHO Reasi Insp. Vijay Sharma under the supervision of Dy.SP Hqrs Reasi

Neeraj Padyar:

Kathua Police also recovered approximately 6.96 gm Heroin (Chitta) like narcotics at Sherpur area and arrested a narco smuggler. A team led by PSI Rahul Prashar Incharge Police Post Nagri Parole under the supervision of DySP Headquarters Kathua Manjeet Singh & Insp Sudhir Sadhotra SHO Police Station Kathua during routine naka/patrolling duty at Sherpur area apprehended a person namely Lucky Paul, son of Sulinder Kumar, resident of Chak Drab Khan Kathua Tehsil & District Kathua under suspicious circumstances. During checking 6.96 gm Heroin (chitta) like narcotics was recovered from his possession. He was arrested and FIR No. 168/2023 under sections 8/21/22 of NDPS Act was registered at Police Station Kathua.



Three thieves arrested, stolen vehicle recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Under the professional guidance of Senior Superintendent of Police Samba Benam Tosh, Police on Wednesday arrested three thieves and recovered stolen Bolero vehicle worth rupees twelve lakh approximately.



under section 379 of IPC was registered at Police Station Samba through Police Post Rakh Amb Talli, which has been solved and further investigation is going on.

Samba Police conducted raids at Sungla village of tehsil Majalta, district Udhampur, Bathindi Jammu & Samba and arrested all three thieves involved in theft of Bolero vehicle which was stolen during mid-night hours from Chak Manga Gujiran, Samba. The arrests of thieves were made by a police team comprising Chowki Officer Rakh Amb Talli PSI Vineet Singh, Chowki Officer Mansar PSI Deepak Sharma and SHO Samba Rajeshwar Singh under the supervision of DySP Garu Ram and Additional SP Samba Surinder Choudhary.

2 bootleggers arrested; huge cache of illicit liquor seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: Continuing its efforts to discourage the trade and transportation of illicit liquor, Kathua Police on Wednesday arrested two bootleggers and recovered 3,678 bottles of illicit liquor from their possession from Pallan area.

As per details, on getting information that few persons are doing trade of illicit liquor at Pallan-Parnala area and kept huge consignment of illicit liquor in their Load Carrier (JK08M-0862), police team led by Inspector Jatinder Singh SHO Billawar under the supervision of SDPO Billawar Arvind Kumar during special checking, apprehended two persons namely Mohan Singh, son of Om Parkash, resident of Kohanu Tehsil Ramkot District Kathua and Anil Kumar, son of Raghu Nath, resident of Mahanpur (driver of Load Carrier). During checking 611 Bottles (750 ml each), 155 bottles (275 ml each), 540 bottles (250 ml each) 1041 bottles (180 ml each), making a total of 2347 bottles of JK Special Excise Whisky along with 147 bottles (750 ml each), 222 bottles (375 ml each) & 558 bottles (180 ml each), 55 bottles (375 ml each), 226 bottles (180 ml each), 24 bottles (750 ml each) and 99 bottles of (375 each) making a total of 1331 bottles of SB Sargham XXX Rum were recovered from their possession. Duo was arrested and FIR No 64/2023 under sections 48 (A) Excise Act was registered against them at Police Station Billawar.

7 drug peddlers arrested; contraband recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Continuing its efforts to eradicate menace of drugs from the society, police on Wednesday arrested 7 drug peddlers in Baramulla, Handwara, Kulgam & Anantnag and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

In Baramulla, a police party of Police Station Pattan under the supervision of Mohammand Nawaz at a checkpoint established as Hanjiwara Pattan intercepted a suspicious person who tried to flee but was apprehended tactfully. During checking, officers were able to recover 210 SpasmoProxyvon capsules from his possession. He has been identified as Syed Ahmad Shah son of Syed Mustafa Ahmad resident of Dewar Yakhanpora Pattan.

In Kulgam, a police party led by SHO Police Station Kulgam during naka checking at Dalwach intercepted a suspect, identified as Ghulam Rasool Bhat son of Ghulam Mohammad Bhat resident of Nussu Badragund. During search, 2.5 Kg Poppy Straw like substance concealed in a bag was recovered from his possession. He has been arrested and FIR No 64/2023 under relevant sections of law was registered in Police Station Qazigund and investigation was initiated.

During the course of investigation and based on the disclosure of arrested person, two more drug peddlers identified as Bilal Ahmad Ganaie son of Mohd Jabbar



Ganaie resident of Nussu Badragund and Mohd Ayub Malik Ghulam Mohd Malik resident of Brinal Lammur were arrested with 4 Kg Poppy Straw like contraband substance.

Similarly, in another checkpoint established at Dalwach crossing on NHW-44 one more drug peddler identified as Mudaris Ahmad Ganaie son of Bashir Ahmad Ganaie resident of Hassanpora, Bijbehara was arrested alongwith 34 Codeine Phosphate bottles.

In Handwara, a police party of Police Station Vilgam during naka checking at Sumo Stand Vilgam intercepted a person who had attempted to avoid the police party in a suspicious manner. During search, around 30 gm Charas like substance was recovered from his possession. He was identified as Basharat Ahmad Tantray son of Bashir Ahmad resident of Dahama.

In Anantnag, a police party of Police Station Bijbehara at a checkpoint established at Naina Bridge intercepted a vehicle (i20) bearing registration number JK02CH-2777 driven by Waseem Farooq Koka son of Farooq Ahmad Koka resident of Naina Batpora. During search, Brown Sugar like substance was recovered from vehicle. The accused was arrested and the vehicle used in the commission of crime has also been seized. All the accused persons have been arrested and shifted to respective police stations where they remained in custody. Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered in respective police stations and investigation started.

Police rescues nomadic families in Kulgam

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KULGAM: Police in Kulgam carried out rescue operation and rescued three nomadic families along with their livestock who were stuck in between river Vaishow near Chambgund. At about 2140 hours, Police received information that some nomads along with their livestock were stuck in between river Veshaw near Chambgund due to abrupt increase in water-level following continuous rainfall during intervening night of April 18-19, 2023.

Acting swiftly, Police party from Police Station Devsar along with SDRF teams under the supervision of SP Kulgam launched a rescue operation. During the rescue operation, three nomadic families consisting 19 members along with their livestock including more than 100 sheep and other essential commodities were shifted to safer place.

Man held with intoxicant capsules, banned syrup

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Wednesday nabbed man and recovered 770 psychotropic capsules and 4 lts corex like syrup from his possession.

As per the details, a team of Police Station Bus-stand led by SDPO North Sunil Kumar Kesar assisted by SHO Bus stand Insp. Vishal Dogra while on Naka duty near Samrat Hotel point area rounded up a suspect namely Atif Ahmed Digoon, son of Sona ullah Doji, resident of Mohalla Haback, Shanpora Tehsil Hazaratbal Nageen, Srinagar. During search 770 capsules of Spasmo Proxyvon Plus concealed in Kellogg's corn flakes tetrapack and 4 nos of 1 lts Tetra packs of Tropicana juice containing Corex like syrup was recovered from his possession.

He was arrested and FIR 28/2023 under section 8/21/22 of NDPS Act was registered against him at Police Station Bus Stand.

Two narco smugglers nabbed with amphetamine, heroin

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Continuing drive against drug trafficking and substance abuse, Jammu Police on Wednesday nabbed two narco smugglers and recovered 163 gm drugs i.e., 160 gm amphetamine and 3 gm heroin.

As per details, a team of Police Post Talab Tillo led by DySP Hqrs Dr Sunniya Wani assisted by SHO Nowabad Insp. Surinder Raina and Incharge Police Post Talab Tillo PSI Sonu Choudhary while on Naka duty rounded up a suspect namely Maninder Pal Singh, son of Charanjeet Singh, resident of Haveli Poonch, at present Digiana, Jammu coming on Swift car (JK02BS 8555). He was arrested and FIR No 56/2023 under section 8/21/22 of NDPS Act was registered against him at Police Station Nowabad. Similarly another team of Police Station Miran Sahib led by SDPO R S Pura Nikhil Gogna assisted by SHO Miran Sahib Insp. Zaheer Mushtaq while on Naka rounded up a suspect coming on a bike (PB60D 5104). During search, 3 gm heroin was recovered from accused namely Pardeep Kumar, son of Ram Pal, resident of Muktsar Sahab Punjab, at present Digiana, Jammu. He was arrested and FIR No. 83/2023 under sections 8/21/22/60 of NDPS Act was registered against him at Police Station Miran Sahib.

