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### NEP 2020 has..

also highlighted the advantages of multidisciplinary Education. "Education nurtures our soul. NEP emphasises on establishing balance in living and life and to inculcate the desire for lifelong learning process. Real education in the true sense starts from where the syllabus ends and a student begins to discover him or herself," said the Lt Governor. As we are moving towards multi-disciplinary education, it is important that we focus on bridging technology gap and make our campuses a nursery of talents, who will make immense contribution to India's knowledge economy, the Lt Governor added.

The Lt Governor also shared the efforts to implement NEP-2020, in letter and spirit, in J&K UT. Prof. Anand Kumar Tyagi, Vice Chancellor; Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith, Varanasi; HoDs; faculty members, resource persons and students in large number were present on the occasion.

### J&K Govt declares...

paid holiday in favour of Government employees/Semi Government employees/ Industrial Workers, who are registered voters of 04-Jalandhar (SC) Parliamentary Constituency, State of Punjab and are working in the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir, for casting their vote on the day of Poll i.e. May 10, 2023 (Wednesday) on account of Bye Elections to Lok Sabha, 2023," reads an order issued by Sanjeev Verma, Commissioner/Secretary, General Administration Department.

### Nine MVIs transferred...

RTO Kathua are placed at the disposal of RTO Jammu. Kamal Kumar has been transferred from ARTO Rajouri and posted to ARTO Udhampur; Rajeev Kundal from ARTO BOI, Goods, Jammu to ARTO Rajouri and services of Jasbir Singh from ARTO Doda are placed at the disposal of RTO Jammu. C S Belloria has been transferred from ARTO Reasi and posted to ARTO Samba; Sanjay Kumar Sen from ARTO Kishtwar to ARTO Reasi; Azad Hussain from ARTO Udhampur to ARTO Kishtwar; and services of Vikas Srivatas from ARTO Samba are placed at the disposal of RTO Jammu.

### Locals sheltered Poonch...

The terrorists choose places close to forests, where they get local support and also have escape route into forests," he said.

Giving further details about the module, Singh said Nisar has been a terrorist for a long time.

"He was working as OGW of Pakistan origin LeT commander in the 1990s. He was under our radar. We had picked him two to three times in the past for interrogation. He was in our list of suspects and was picked this time too," he said.

"When interrogated, we found he was fully involved along with other family members," the DGP said.

On the modus operandi, he said that the terrorists first did recce of area, understood the terrain and considered aspects like speed of the vehicle to come down to zero in view of downhill terrains and sharp turn at the place of attack.

"They came close and ambushed the vehicle. Then they fired on the vehicle which got damaged. The troops got injured. They planted an IED, set it afire and exploded it," he said.

Singh said there is floating population of terrorists coming from Pakistan. "They remain here for several months. They do recce and such acts. We have neutralised several of them also in the past. Two to four such terrorists remain active during a period of time," he said.

According to Singh there are 10 to 12 such elements operating in the area. On the use of Chinese steel core ammunition, he said that it was used in the Dhangri incident too.

"The terrorists come better prepared for such attacks," he said. DGP during his visit took stock of the prevailing security situation of the District particularly the infiltration attempts, Narvo trade and drone activities from across the border. He also visited the Darhal area in the outskirts of the District.

Accompanied by ADGP Jammu Mukesh Singh DGP was received by DIG Rajouri-Poonch Range Dr. Mohd Haseeb Mughal and SSP Rajouri Amritpal Singh. SSP Jammu Chandan Kohli and CO IR 2nd BN Randeep Kumar were also present.

While interacting with the jurisdictional officers, he directed for strengthening of the security grid by activating Naka checking points on different routes to track the movements of militants and their supporters. He also stressed for devising and executing a proper Area Domination Plan. He emphasized on utilizing modern technology and human intelligence to monitor the suspected movement on borders and as also in the hinterland to prevent anti-national activities and incidents thereof.

DGP stressed for intensified investigation into the recent terror incident to track down each and every person involved.

DIG Rajouri-Poonch Range Haseeb Mughal and SSP Rajouri Amritpal Singh besides other officers present in the meeting apprised DGP regarding the progress of investigation in recent terror attack. He was also briefed regarding the measures being put in place to ensure peace in the area and to uproot terror eco system in the border belt.

### J&K Govt forms...

and the Members of the committee include Administrative Secretary or Representative not below the rank of Additional Secretary; Housing & Urban Development Department; Administrative Secretary/Representative not below the rank of Additional Secretary, Department of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Department; Administrative Secretary/Representative not below the rank of Additional Secretary, Health & Medical Education Department; Director Census Operations, J&K/Representative; Director General, Economics & Statistics, J&K (Chief Registrar; (Births & Deaths); Commissioner Municipal Corporation, Jammu/Srinagar; Regional Director (E&S), (Additional Chief Registrar; Births & Deaths), Jammu/Kashmir; Director Rural Development Jammu/Kashmir; Director; Health Services, Jammu/ Kashmir; and Director; Urban Local Bodies, Jammu/Kashmir.

The 12-member committee has been tasked to ensure smooth implementation of Civil Registration System; to bring interdepartmental co-ordination of departments engaged in civil registration to resolve the operational problems affecting the registration work; to discuss and resolve the issues which requires intervention at the top level; to co-ordinate, unify and supervise the work of registration for securing an efficient system of registration; any other issues for smooth implementation in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir; and to convene meeting(s) at UT Level at least once in a year.

The District level Inter Departmental Coordination Committee(s) comprises Deputy Commissioner (Concerned) as chairman while District Statistics & Evaluation Officer ( Additional District Registrar; Births & Deaths) as member Secretary and its members include Additional Deputy Commissioner (Concerned); Chief Medical Officer (District Registrar; Births & Member); Block Development Officer (Registrar) concerned Blocks; Chief Executive Officer (Registrar) Cantonment Board Badamibagh Srinagar/Satwari Jammu; Executive Officer (Registrar) concerned Council/Municipalities; Health Officer (Registrar) Municipal Corporation Jammu/Srinagar.

As per order; the terms of reference is to ensure smooth implementation of Civil Registration System; to bring interdepartmental co-ordination of departments engaged in civil registration to resolve the operational problems affecting the registration work; to discuss and resolve the issues which requires intervention at the top level; iv. to co-ordinate, unify and supervise the work of registration for securing an efficient system of registration; any other issues for smooth implementation in the districts; and to convene quarterly meeting(s) at District Level.

### CBI quizzes ex-Guv...

I stand by the truth." The CBI registered two FIRs in connection with the corruption allegations levelled by Malik in awarding contracts for a group medical insurance scheme for government employees and civil work worth Rs 2,200 crore related to the Kiru hydro-electric power project in Jammu and Kashmir:

Malik had claimed that he was offered a Rs 300 crore bribe for clearing two files during his tenure as the Jammu and Kashmir governor between August 23, 2018, and October 30, 2019.

The agency has booked Reliance General Insurance and Trinity Re-Insurance Brokers Limited as accused in its FIR related to the medical insurance scheme for Jammu and Kashmir government employees reportedly cleared by Malik at a state administrative council meeting on August 31, 2018. The scheme was subsequently scrapped.

Unknown officials of the finance department of the government of Jammu and Kashmir; by abusing their official positions in a conspiracy and connivance with Trinity Reinsurance Brokers Limited, Reliance General Insurance Company Limited and other unknown public servants and private persons, have committed the offences of criminal conspiracy and criminal misconduct," one of the FIRs allege.

They caused "pecuniary advantage to themselves and wrongful loss to the state exchequer during the period 2017 and 2018 and thereby; in this manner; cheated the government of Jammu and Kashmir", it further alleges.

In the second FIR about alleged malpractices in the awarding of contracts for the civil work package of the Kiru hydroelectric power project, the CBI alleged that the guidelines related to e-tendering were not followed.

"The case was registered on allegations of malpractices in the award of the contract worth Rs 2,200 crore (approximately) of civil works of the Kiru Hydro Electric Power Project (HEP) to a private company in the year 2019," it has said.

The probe agency has booked senior IAS officer Navin Kumar Chaudhary, former chairman of Chenab Valley Power Projects (Private) Limited, M S Babu, former managing director; M K Mittal and Arun Kumar Mishra, former directors, and Patel Engineering Limited.

"Though a decision was taken in the 47th board meeting of CVPPL (Chenab Valley Power Projects Limited) for re-tender through e-tendering with the reverse auction after the cancellation of the ongoing tendering process, the same was not implemented (as per the decision taken in the 48th board meeting) and the tender was finally awarded to Patel Engineering Limited," the FIR alleged.

### Govt constitutes panel...

Principal Secretary, School Education Department; Commissioner/Secretary, Department of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj; Commissioner/Secretary, Information Technology Department; Secretary, Health & Medical Education Department; and Representative of Department of Telecommunication, Government of India (Not below the rank of Director LSA, J&K); and Any officer/official/expert to be co-opted as Special Invitee with the approval of Chairman.

The terms of reference if the committee is to start preparatory exercise and undertake initiatives for implementing Digital Communication Readiness Index (DCRI) framework and recommend policy reforms in the UT of J&K and to conduct quarterly review of progress on the implementation of DCRI framework.

### Some people would...

the concluding day of the event where 103 delegates from 30 countries participated and deliberated on several global issues, said, "The (Y20) debate was very successful on the (listed) topics. When I say that the Y20 Pre-Summit was very successful, then some people would certainly have felt the pain. Those who before the Y20 (Pre) summit tried to spread fear and confusion... going to the extent of saying that this event should not take place in Leh. (But) it happened in Leh and was very successful. I say this on record."

He also said that India was setting new benchmarks in the hosting of G20. "It is a privilege for India that we are celebrating the country's 75 years of independence and also presiding over the G20. Several countries before us have held the G20 presidency chair and would have made great efforts for its success. But the G20 happening in India is setting new records," said Thakur.

He added that the culture and heritage of the country had left foreign delegates spell-bound. "The discussions, deliberations and meetings (in G20) are going along very well. On the other hand, India's rich art and cultural heritage has mesmerised around 12,000 people who have visited the country (so far for various G20 meetings).

"And when I say this sitting here in Leh, you can well understand why this place was chosen for the Y20 Pre-Summit. Ladakh and Leh have left the youth mesmerised. All the delegates I met and interacted with here from G20 countries were spellbound by the beauty of Ladakh, its monasteries, river; culture...they say they will return with their families and friends." He added that when the world talks about the future of youth, democracy and governance, there can be no better place than India to be hosting the G20.

"The Y20 Pre-Summit is progressing in the right direction and if I speak about the topics...when we speak about shared future, youth, democracy and governance, there is no better example than India. The country has the biggest youth population, the startup ecosystem, the entrepreneurship, Indians being at the helm of some of the biggest companies in the world," said Thakur.

### Need to root...

the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all member states under a regional framework for cooperation came amid the three-year border row between India and China.

The Pakistani defence minister did not participate in the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) conclave and Special Assistant to Pakistan prime minister on defence affairs Malik Ahmed Khan joined the deliberations virtually.

Highlighting the threat of terrorism, Singh called upon SCO nations to collectively work towards eliminating it in all its forms and fix accountability on its supporters.

Any kind of terrorist act or support to it in any form is a major crime against humanity and peace and prosperity cannot coexist with this menace, Singh asserted while stressing the need to contain terrorism effectively.

"If a nation shelters terrorists, it not only poses a threat to others but to itself too. The radicalisation of youth is a cause of concern not only from the point of view of security, but it is also a major obstacle in the path of socio-economic progress of society," Singh said.

"If we want to make the SCO a stronger and more credible international organisation, our topmost priority should be to effectively deal with terrorism," he added.

Defence Secretary Giridhar Aramane told reporters that all the member nations arrived at a consensus on several areas of cooperation, including dealing with terrorism, and the security of vulnerable populations in various countries.

He stated that all member states were unanimous in their statements that terrorism, in all its forms, must be condemned and eliminated.

Sharing his insights on the vision to ensure collective prosperity, Singh, in his address, called for concerted efforts by the SCO member states so that the region, with limitless possibilities in today's multilateral world, shifts to the mindset of 'great gain from win-win paradigm' from 'great game of zero-sum, win-lose paradigm'.

"India has always followed the principle of 'Let us walk together and move forward together'. Every era has a zeitgeist (defining idea). The zeitgeist of the present era is 'win-win cooperation for the great gain'," he said. At the end of the deliberations, all the SCO member countries signed a protocol, expressing their collective will to make the region secure, peaceful and prosperous. Singh also voiced India's commitment towards defence capacity building of SCO member states through training and co-manufacturing and co-development of items. He stated that as security challenges are not limited to any one country, India is moving forward with a collaborative approach in the field of defence partnership, keeping in mind the shared interests. The defence minister also highlighted the concept of 'SECURE' floated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the SCO summit in China in 2018. He said that every alphabet of the word 'SECURE' reflects India's commitment towards the multi-dimensional welfare of the region. Elaborating on it he said S stands for security of citizens, E for economic development for all, C for connecting the region, U for uniting the people, R for respect for sovereignty and Integrity and E stands for environmental protection.

### Rains lash Kashmir...

were lashed by rains, bringing down the temperature by several degrees. The meteorological department has forecast widespread rainfall in Kashmir and at isolated places of the Jammu region, but said the weather is expected to improve later in the day. It said there is a possibility of intermittent rain or thunderstorm at scattered places, especially towards late afternoon/evening from Saturday till Tuesday. On May 3 and 4, there are chances of widespread light to moderate rain/thunderstorm, with the possibility of heavy rains at some places, the MeT office said.

Meanwhile, two persons were injured when their vehicle was hit by debris brought down by a landslide on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway in Ramban district, officials said. Jaswant Raj and Narinder Singh were injured and rushed to a hospital, they said.

Vehicular traffic on the highway was restored through the newly built bridge at Shabanbass in Banihal, officials said.

### BJP to organise...

also organise events where people will gather to listen to the 100th episode of the show, he added. The BJP leader said there is a chance that Sunday's event may create a world record for the largest audience listening to a political leader.

Dhankar said Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar and Haryana Assembly Speaker Gian Chand Gupta will attend a programme in Pandhukula and he will be involved in a related event in Rohtak. MPs, MLAs and ministers of the state will also attend the programmes at different places. Jammu and Kashmir BJP chief Ravinder Raina said 5 lakh people would listen to the 100th episode of 'Mann Ki Baat' in Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday. BJP activists are working enthusiastically to organise public programmes at around 5,000 booths in Jammu and more than 500 booths in Kashmir so that the masses can listen to the prime minister's programme, he told reporters here. Through his radio broadcast, the prime minister discusses very inspirational and motivational issues with the public, Raina said, adding that BJP activists as well as the common people are eagerly waiting to listen to the 100th episode.

## Dr Jitendra visits Rutherford Appleton Laboratory in UK

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister Jitendra Singh visited the premier Rutherford Appleton Laboratory in the UK and met researchers, including those working on a UK-India project at the ISIS Neutron and Muon Source, according to an official statement on Friday.

India will collaborate with the UK in enhancing the facility at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, according to the statement.

The Rutherford Appleton Laboratory (RAL) is one of the national scientific research laboratories in the UK operated by the Science and Technology Facilities Council.

In addition to hosting facilities for the UK, RAL also operates departments to coordinate the UK programme of participation in major international facilities. The largest of these are the areas of particle physics and space science.

The site hosts some of the UK's major scientific facilities, including the ISIS Neutron and Muon Source, a spallation neutron source, the Central Laser Facility, the Diamond Light Source synchrotron.

Singh said India's Department of Science and Technology (DST) has a major collaborative project under the Nano Mission, which enabled Indian researchers to pursue collaborative research with the ISIS Neutron and Muon Source.

Singh who is on a visit to the UK said India's global presence growing in the electronics-related economy. The minister also visited the University of Surrey and undertook a tour of their semiconductor facility.

## CRIME REPORT

### Two narco smugglers nabbed, 5 Kg Ganja recovered

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Continuing its drive against drug trafficking and substance abuse, Police on Friday nabbed two narco smugglers and recovered 5 Kg Ganja from their possession. As per details, a team of Police Station Bahu Fort led by SDPO East Sayed Zaheer Abbas Jafari assisted by SHO Bahu Fort Inspr Shiv Dev Singh and PSI Adarsh while on patrolling duty near Grand Inn Hotel Trikuta Nagar rounded up two suspected persons. During search, 5 Kg Ganja was recovered from their possession. Duo, identified as Shadi Lal Bhat, son of Roshan Lal Bhat, resident of Chhattisgarh at present R S Pura and Karan, son of Sofi Lal, resident of Chhattisgarh at present Panjirthi, was arrested and FIR No. 133/2023 under sections 8/20 of NDPS Act was registered at Police Station Bahu Fort.



### Theft case solved; accused arrested, stolen vehicles recovered

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

MIRAN SAHIB: Police on Friday solved a theft case by arresting an accused and recovered stolen vehicles.



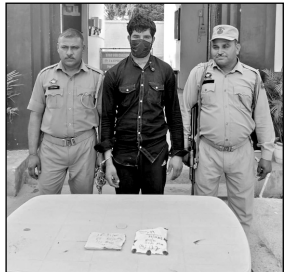
As per details, a complaint was received at Police Station Miran Sahib by one Pardeep Kumar, son of Yash Pal, resident of Jassore Tehsil R S Pura regarding theft of his Royal Enfield (JK02CU-0719). FIR No. 87/2023 under section 379/IPC was registered and investigation started. After this, a team of Police Station Miran Sahib led by SDPO R S Pura Nikhil Gogna assisted by SHO Miran Sahib Inspr Zaheer Mustaq, after putting in strenuous efforts, finally rounded up a suspect later identified as Mohd Saleem, son of Mohd. Munshi, resident of Kalaali Tibba Gujjar Basti. During questioning, accused confessed his involvement in crime and on his disclosure stolen and one more motorcycle (Passion pro) bearing

Registration number JK02AW-0212 was recovered from his possession.

### Drug peddler arrested with 4 gm heroin

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Continuing its drive against drug trafficking and substance abuse, Police on Friday nabbed a drug peddler and recovered 4 gm heroin from his possession. As per details, a team of Police Station Bishnah led by SDPO RS Pura Nikhil Gogna assisted by SHO Bishnah Inspr Vikram Sharma while on Naka duty at Ratna rounded up a suspect coming from Sarore towards Bishnah side on a vehicle (JK02AB-5134). During search, 4 grams of heroin was recovered from his possession. The accused identified as Mohd Shareef, son of Jung Ali, resident of Jinder Khurd tehsil Bishnah, Distt Jammu was arrested and FIR No. 102/23 under sections 8/21/22 of NDPS Act was registered against him at Police Station Bishnah.



### Notorious criminal booked under PSA

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REASI: Working on multipronged strategy to deal with habitual criminals and those indulging in heinous crimes in recurring manner, district police Reasi booked a notorious criminal of Reasi under Public Safety Act (PSA) and lodged him at District Jail Amphalla Jammu.

Ajay Singh, son of Raghubir Singh, resident of Gunni Parthal, Katra was found involved in multiple cases viz FIR No. 82/20 under sections 8/21/22 of NDPS Act, FIR No. 128/20 under sections 341/323 of IPC, FIR No. 33/21 under sections 341/323/ 506 of IPC, FIR No. 74/22 under sections 341/323 of IPC, FIR No. 106/23 under sections 341/323/ 506 of IPC registered at Police station Katra.

Due to his continuous involvement in criminal activities, it became imperative to book him under stringent law to save younger generation from indulging in crimes of serious nature and preventing him to commit serious and heinous crimes. On directions of SSP Amit Gupta his dossiers for Public Safety Act was framed and sent for necessary detention order to District Magistrate who formally issued the order of his detention under PSA. On the orders of Babila Rakwal District Magistrate, Reasi, Ajay Singh was arrested and lodged at District Jail Amphalla Jammu under Public Safety Act.

### Cop's son among 4 notorious thieves arrested

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Under guidance of SSP Samba Benam Tosh, Police apprehended four notorious thieves and solved three theft cases including temple theft case of Bari Brahmna and extortion case of Samba. The apprehended accused are the notorious thieves involved in several cases and had been evading arrest for long by giving slip to police at naka points and at hideouts during raids. However, Samba Police had identified them using scientific aid to investigation and had been organising surprise raids to nab them. Finally, Police succeeded in apprehending these notorious thieves and recovered costly snatched/stolen items from their possession. The notorious thieves were arrested by police teams comprising SHO Samba Rajeshwar Singh, SHO Bari Brahmna Sunil Sharma, Incharge Police Post SIDCO Samba Deepika Jalotra & Incharge Police Post Rakh Anb Talli Vineet Singh under the supervision of SDPO Bari Brahmna Rahul Nagar; DySP Garu Ram Bhardwaj and Additional SP Samba Surinder Choudhary. The apprehended thieves were identified as Nikhil Charak, son of Rajinder Singh, resident of Greater Kailash Jammu; Mohd. Saleem, son of Mohd. Munshi, resident of Kainag district Ramban at present BeliCharana Jammu and Abdul Karim alias Bachu son of Mohd. Shafi resident of Manohar Gopala Samba and one more thief. FIR No. 84/2023 under section 295-A/457/380 IPC Police Station Bari Brahmna, case FIR No 87/2023 under section 379 IPC Police Station Miran Sahib and case FIR No 85/2023 u/s 382 IPC P/S Samba have been solved and some more cases are expected to be solved as their involvement is suspected in more theft cases. Unfortunately, notorious accused Nikhil Charak turned out to be son of a disciplined police official of GRP and is main accused involved in temple theft case of Data Talab Bari Brahmna, Samba in which FIR No. 84/2023 under sections 295-A/457/380 of IPC was registered at Police Station Bari Brahmna and Gurdwara theft case of Gangval in which FIR No. 51/2023 stands registered at Police Station Gangyal under section 295-A/457/380 of IPC through Police Post Greater Kailash. Nikhil Charak initially indulged in heroin addiction and subsequently became a notorious thief who did not hesitate to commit thefts even at religious places of worship. Another notorious thief Abdul Karim alias Bachu is also involved in atleast three extortion/theft cases in Samba district.

### Bootlegger nabbed with approximately 10 lts illicit liquor

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: In its decisive action against the consumption/production of illegal liquor menace in the District, Kathua Police on Friday seized about 10 litres of illicit liquor from a man at Tarna Mandir area. As per details, information was received from the reliable source that illicit liquor is manufactured in fields near Tarna Mandir and adjoining area of Police Post Nagri. Acting swiftly, a police team led by PSI Rahul Prashar In-Charge Police Post Nagri under the supervision of DySP Headquarters Kathua Manjeet Singh during special checking in said area near Tarna Mandir Nagri Parole apprehended a suspect. On physical checking approximately 10 lts illicit liquor was recovered from the illegal possession of one Ajay Kumar son of Ashok Kumar Resident of Muthi Rakvalan & District Kathua. All recovered consignment of illicit liquor (approx. 10litres) was seized and accused was arrested. FIR No. 176/2023 under section 48(A) of Excise Act was registered against him at Police Station Kathua.

### Dumper indulged in illegal mining seized

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: Acting sternly against illegal mining within district, Kathua Police on Friday seized a Dumper indulged in illegal transportation of construction material at Pandori area. As per details, a police team headed by PSI Rahul Prashar Incharge Police Post Nagri under the supervision of DySP Headquarters Kathua Manjeet Singh & Insp. Sudhir Sadhotra SHO Kathua during patrolling/checking duty in its jurisdictional area at Pandori area seized a Dumper (PB06BB-7054) indulged in illegal transportation of construction material without any legal permission. The vehicle was immediately handed over to the officials of the Geological and Mining department Kathua for further legal proceedings.