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used to threaten the weak Congress-led government and everyone was busy looting the country.

"No one cared about the prime minister. The government used to run with remote control. A leader of his own party calls a media meeting, tears up an ordinance passed by the cabinet and throws it away. Can the Congress party and its family, a symbol of instability, run the country?" Modi said.

Prime Minister Modi said the country does not want the conditions that existed before 2014 to return.

He alleged that the previous Congress government in the state committed a scam in the Jal Jeevan Mission scheme and did not allow its work to be completed. "Now our Bhajanlal government has come. It is also investigating the scam. If there was no Congress government here, by now we would have come very close to the target of providing water to every house." He said, "We have to take the development of Rajasthan and the country to new heights. I have set out with this resolve. We have to make India the third-largest economic power in the world. We have to make 'Developed India-Developed Rajasthan'."

"Modi has guaranteed that this son sitting in Delhi will bear the expenses of up to Rs 5 lakh for the treatment of elderly persons above 70 years of age in every family."

"As a son, it is my responsibility to take care of my parents' health," he said There are 25 Lok Sabha seats in Rajasthan. The first phase of polling for 12 seats was held on April 19, while the remaining 13 will go to polls in the second phase on April 26.

The BJP had swept the state in 2014 and 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

### If Congress- allies...

Mandal Commission were implemented, it opposed the same for years," alleged the BJP leader, who added it was under Modi that the OBC Commission was granted constitutional status.

"Not only is Modi the first OBC PM, but he also heads a cabinet in which 35 per cent of the ministers come from backward classes. This has all been made possible by the BJP," said the home minister, who urged voters of Katihar to vote for JD(U) MP Dulal Chandra Goswami and help the PM secure a third consecutive term in office.

"If you go with the RJD and the Congress you will have to contend with riots, atrocities, poverty and food shortage. If you vote for the NDA you will continue to reap the benefits of the double-engine government," said Shah.

Shah said that Nitish Kumar brought electricity to the remotest of villages in Bihar.

"But the INDI alliance wants to take the state back to the lantern age," said the BJP leader, referring to the poll symbol of the RJD. He also charged the RJD with having ushered in a "jungle raj" in the state while in power and accused its supreme Lalu Prasad and his son Tejashwi Yadav of "sitting in the lap of Congress".

The home minister also reeled out a number of statistics to highlight the progress made by the country under the Modi government. "In the last 10 years, on average, one university has been established every week, two new colleges have been set up every day and 55 patents have been registered every day. Besides, an average of 1 lakh mudra loans have been given to poor entrepreneurs every day," claimed Shah. "Modi's rule has brought development to the entire country, including Bihar. The central outlay for Bihar during the 10 years of the previous Congress government stood at 2.80 lakh crore. Under Modi, it shot up to 9.23 lakh crore," he added.

### People of PoK...

matters of others, "but if we are interfered with... you understand what will happen". India will be among the top three economies in the world in a few years, he added.

### Defence Minister to...

the world where the soldiers have to battle frostbite and high winds. Under its 'Operation Meghdoot', the Indian Army established its full control over the Siachen Glacier in April, 1984.

"Raksha Mantri Shri @rajnathsingh will visit Siachen tomorrow. He will interact with the Armed Forces personnel deployed in the region," Singh's office said on 'X'.

The Indian Army strengthened its presence in Siachen over the last few years.

In January last year, Captain Shiva Chauhan from the Army's Corps of Engineers was posted at a frontline post in Siachen Glacier, in the first such operational deployment of a woman Army officer at key battlefield. "The Indian Army's control over Siachen Glacier has not only been a story of unparalleled valour and determination but also an incredible journey of technological advancements and logistical improvements that transformed it from one of the most formidable terrains into a symbol of indomitable spirit and innovation," an Army official had said last week.

### Traffic disrupted for...

shooting stones from the hillocks at several places including Mehad, Gangroo, Kishtwari Pather and Dalwas between Nashri and Banihal Tunnels - the most problematic stretch of the arterial road. The National Highway Authority of India (NHAI), however, managed to keep the highway open by ensuring timely clearance of landslide debris. The highway is being upgraded to four-lane and the work on the project has been going on since 2011. The work which included a number of small and major tunnels, bridges and flyovers is likely to be completed by next year after missing several deadlines over the past decade.

### Creation of Anantnag...

of physical verification. If it were to be done on Google, then some of the neighbouring countries will also be touching our mountains which will be a big problem politically," he said.

Azad also cited the example of Tangdhar and Gurez assembly constituencies saying the delimitation there has been very wrong.

The former chief minister refused to comment on the allegations against his party by the regional parties like the National Conference (NC) saying his party will not indulge in personal attacks. "We will criticise our rivals for their manifesto and policies. The candidates should be decent enough in the campaign to face each other after the elections are over," he added.

### Woman, partner arrested...

deceased was got conducted at GMC Jammu and body handed over to legal heirs. On this, FIR No.85/2024 U/S 279,337,304A IPC was registered in PS Domana and investigation entrusted to ASI Vinod Kumar of PP Pouni Chak.

During investigation, it came to fore that the statement of the wife of the deceased was suspiciously misleading and mismatched with the incident. The Investigation Officer informed his senior officers that he was sensing a foul play in the death and had doubts on the involvement of wife of the deceased.

On this, Police of PP Pouni Chak, under the supervision of SHO PS Domana and SP Rural Jammu, started thorough investigation and all technical evidences were collected, analyzed and statements of in-laws of the deceased and other relatives were recorded. After detailed investigation, it came to the notice that Shalu Devi, wife of deceased Naresh Chander was having illicit relation with one person namely, Bhanu Partap Singh, who was also present with them at the time of death of Naresh Chander.

Acting swiftly, police arrested both Shalu Devi and Bhanu Partap. During questioning Bhanu Partap admitted that he along with Shalu Devi had hatched a criminal conspiracy and killed Naresh Chander at an abandoned plot in Seora area and thereafter took him to Gandhi Nagar hospital.

As Bhanu Prapat is working as a trainee at Gandhi Nagar hospital, they portrayed the case as road accident. Initially wife of the deceased told the cops that her husband died in an accident at Gol Gujral near Revenue Complex and was shifted to Gandhi Nagar hospital in an auto rickshaw where doctors declared him brought dead. After this, Section 302 IPC was added and further investigation into the matter is in progress.



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# BJP not fielding candidates from Kashmir because it is weak in Valley: Cong

## STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The BJP is not fielding any candidate on the three Lok Sabha seats in the Kashmir region because it is weak there, Jammu and Kashmir Congress chief Vikar Rasool Wani said on Sunday while exuding confidence that his party will win both the seats in the Jammu region.



J&K Congress Chief Vikar Rasool Wani briefing media in Jammu.

If the INDIA bloc comes to power at the Centre, it will protect "culture, jobs and land", restore statehood and hold assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir, he said.

Reacting to the comments, Wani described Raina as "Hawa Baaaz" (one who builds castles in the air). "They (BJP) do not have any voter base and public support. When they have no polling agent, no campaign, no cadre base, how will they fight elections in Kashmir," he said.

The Congress leader said the BJP has lost its support base in Jammu as well because they have only given "lollipops to the public over the past 10 years".

The people of Jammu and Kashmir have made up their minds to teach the BJP a lesson and have done so in Udhampur during the first phase of

polling, Wani claimed, adding, "The same fate awaits the party in the Jammu Lok Sabha seat."

Thanking the people of Udhampur for turning up in large numbers despite heavy rains to exercise their democratic right, the Congress leaders said, "They voted for change and we are confident of

winning the seat."

"Winds of change have started sweeping the country... they (BJP) took votes from the people of Jammu and Kashmir and deceived them by revoking the special status (under Article 370) and bifurcated the state into two Union Territories," Wani said. Wani assured the people that the Congress is promise-bound to ensure the protection of culture, jobs and land besides restoring statehood and holding assembly elections.

"We will also resume the bi-annual practice of Darbar move (under which the government used to function six months each in Jammu and Srinagar), throw away smart electricity meters and waive farmers loans besides implementing the guarantees of the party manifesto," the Jammu and Kashmir Congress chief said.

## 2 drug peddlers arrested; contraband substances recovered

### STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Continuing its unwavering efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police have arrested 02 drug peddlers in Kulgam & Baramulla and recovered contraband substance from their possession.

A Police party of Police Station Qazigund at a checkpoint established at Nassu on NHW, intercepted a suspicious person carrying a nylon bag. During search, officers were able to recover 300 grams of Charas from his possession. He has been identified as Basit Ahmad Mir son of Nazir Ahmad Mir a resident of Chiedhama Mirbazar. He has been arrested and shifted to police station where he remains in custody.

Meanwhile in Baramulla, a Police party of Police Station Tangmarg headed by SHO PS Tangmarg at a checkpoint established at Devdragar Tangmarg, intercepted a person identified as Ishfaq Ahmad Mir son of Habibullah resident of Devdragar Tangmarg. During search, 30 grams of Charas was recovered from his possession. He has been arrested and shifted to PS Tangmarg where he remains in custody.

Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered in Police Station Qazigund and investigations have been initiated.

## Bovine smuggling bid foiled, 5 bovines rescued, vehicle seizes

### STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Tightening noose on bovine smugglers and their propagators, Samba Police has foiled a bovine smuggling attempt during the early morning hours in the jurisdiction of Police Station Ghagwal, rescued five bovines from the clutches of bovine smugglers and seized vehicle used in the transportation of bovines.

Acting on reliable information regarding smuggling of bovines from Kathua side towards Samba via border road, a police team headed by SHO Police Station Ghagwal laid a special naka near ChannMatloni and intercepted a Mahindara Bolero bearing registration No. PB08EN-2719 during vehicle checking. Upon checking of the vehicle, five bovines were found laden inside the vehicle which were tied in a cruel manner and were being transported illegally without any valid permission. The driver of the vehicle managed to escape from the spot taking advantage of the darkness. All the rescued bovines have been shifted to safer place.

A case FIR No. 50/2024 U/S 188 IPC, 11 PCA Act has been registered at Police Station Ghagwal and investigation started.

## 3 bootleggers nabbed with 156 bottles of illicit liquor

### STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA/RAMBAN: Continuing its drive against the sale of illicit liquor in the district, Samba Police has arrested bootlegger and recovered 86 bottles of illicit liquor of 180 ml each from his possession in the jurisdiction of Police StationBari Brahmana.

Acting on reliable information regarding sale of illicit liquor near Kalagata Bari Brahmana, a police party of Police StationBari Brahmana headed by SHO PS Bari Brahmanaraided the spot, seized 86 bottles of JK Special Whisky of 180ml each and arrested the accused personidentified as Ranjeet Singh S/o Yash Pal R/o Kadgal, Bari Brahmana who was indulged in selling of illicit liquor to general public at exorbitant rates.

In this connection, a case FIR No. 49/2024 U/S 48(a) Excise Act has been registered at PS Bari Brahmana and investigation started.

## Omar accuses PDP of benefiting BJP in J&K

### STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: National Conference leader Omar Abdullah on Sunday accused Mehbooba Mufti-led PDP of benefiting the BJP by contesting elections against the INDIA bloc in Jammu and Kashmir.

Despite being regional rivals, the PDP and the NC had joined the opposition alliance but failed to arrive at a seat sharing agreement.

"It is they (PDP) who were selfish. They had tied up with the INDIA bloc with the only aim of getting this (Anantnag-Rajouri) seat."

"The INDIA alliance is fighting the BJP, and the INDIA alliance is here on this stage."

Those who are not on this stage are trying to benefit the BJP. This is a fact," Abdullah said at an election rally at Bijbehara in Anantnag district, the native place of Mehbooba Mufti. He said the objective of forming the alliance was to counter the communal forces "especially the BJP". "In Jammu and Kashmir also, we joined the INDIA bloc with the same aim. The aim was not to look for seats or our own benefits. We were looking at the interests of Jammu and Kashmir and the rest of the country."

Intensifying its drive against the sale of illicit liquor, launched on the directions of Senior Superintendent of Police Ramban Anuj Kumar, the police have arrested two Bootleggers and recovered 70 bottles of illicit alcohol, each bottle measuring 750 milliliters, from their possessions in the jurisdiction of Police Station Ramban.

The arrested accused persons have been identified as Mohd Yousaf, son of Mohd Hussain Sheikh, resident of and Mukhtar Ahmed, son of Abdul Gani Malik, both residents of Alehiward Arhama Hiller Tehsil Kokernag, District Anantnag.

A police party of Police Station Ramban, comprising SHO PS Ramban under the supervision of DySP Hqrs Ramban and Additional SP Ramban, while on Naka duty at Naka Shan Palace, Ramban, arrested two bootleggers who were illegally selling liquor and recovered 70 bottles of illicit liquor from their possession.

An FIR No. 85/2024, pursuant to Section 48(a) of the Excise Act, has been registered at Police Station Ramban, and investigation entrusted to PSI Shiv Dutt.

## Missing girl traced, reunited with legal heirs

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A missing girl was traced and reunited with legal heirs by Police Post Rehari.

That on December 20, 2023, one missing girl (name withheld) resident of Jammu was lodged in Police Post Rehari Jammu on a written complaint. Acting upon this, a Police team led by SHO Police Station Pacea Danga & IC PP Rehari did strenuous efforts and with the help of technical assistance, said missing girl, was got traced by the police team, and after completing all legal formalities, she has been handed over to his legal heirs.

## Absconder evading arrest since 14 years arrested

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Sunday arrested an absconder who was evading arrest since 14 years.

A team of police station Bus Stand Jammu after strenuous efforts by making use of technical and human int. led by SHO Inspector Vikas Dogra under the supervision of SP North Shivam Siddharth IPS and SDPO North Devinder Singh Bandral apprehended one absconder evading arrest since 14 years namely Harmeet Singh, son of Rajinder Singh, resident of Reshamghar colony at present Digiana Model Town Jammu from Chatha Jammu. The said Absconder is wanted in case FIR No. 39/2012 u/s 307/2012 RPC of PS Bus Stand, the said Absconder will be produced before the competent court.

## Cyber cell DPO Jammu solves online financial fraud of Rs. 1,68,000

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Cyber Cell of District Police Jammu solved three separate online cyber crime complaints.

A complaint was received regarding financial fraud of Rs.39000.The complainant invested Money on Facebook advertisement and lost an amount of Rs.39000.

One complaint was received regarding financial fraud of Rs.1,04,000 in which Review on task was given to victim and the complainant invested money and fraudster committed fraud with him for an amount of Rs 1,04,000.

A complaint of financial fraud of Rs 24,800 in which victim received a call from unknown person posing himself as officer of amphalla jail who asked him that his father has been seriously injured in jail and needs some money for his treatment as the father of victim was already in Jail and com-

plaintain send him an amount of Rs.24,800 . Later on he found that online cyber fraud committed with him.

During the investigation, the Cyber Cell DPO Jammu, acted swiftly and exhibited hectic efforts which ultimately led to put on hold an amount of Rs 1,30,800/- out of 1,68,000/ in these three separate online cyber crime complaints . Further investigation is underway.

## 4 smugglers arrested, 42 bovines rescued

### STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Police apprehended 04 bovine smugglers, rescued 42 cattles and seized 01 vehicle used for bovine smuggling at Tikri, Udhampur.

Police Team of Police Post Tikri led by PSI Sahil Chib apprehended 03 groups of bovines smugglers at nakapoint Tikri who were taking bovines towards Kashmir on foot and also apprehended 01 vehicle bearing regd. No. JK02BK 2563 and rescued total 42 bovines from the clutches of 04 bovine smugglers namely Mohd. Shabeer, son of Mohd Farruq R/O Reasi (driver of vehicle JK02BK 2563), Sadam Hussain, son of Mohd Sadiq, resident of Anantnag, Mohd. Akther, son of Mohd. Sain, resident of Ramban and Zakir Ahmed Khatana, son of Mohd. Iqbal, resident of Anantnag (S.No. 2, 3 and 4 taking bovines by foot). 4 cases FIR No. 103/2024, 104/2024, 105/2024 and 106/2024 U/S 188 IPC stand registered in PS Rehambal. Further investigation of the cases is underway.

## 9 vehicles seized for illegal mining & transportation of minerals

### STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR/SAMBA: Cracking a whip on illegal mining of minerals at Wagoora & Delina Baramulla, Police seized four tractors and arrested their drivers.

The Police initiated the action under the supervision of DySP Hqrs Baramulla, SDPO Kreeri assisted by IC PP Delina & IC PP Wagoora. The drivers have been identified as Showkat Ahmad Bhat son of Gh Mohammad resident Palpora Palhallan, Mohammad Umar Chopan son of Mohd Sultan resident of Mirangund, Shabir Ahmad Bhat son of Gh Rasool resident of Wagoora & Khurshid Ahmad Dar son of Gh Nabi resident of Delina Ghad.

The drivers alongwith their vehicles were found involved in illegal extraction/ transportation of minerals and accordingly cases under relevant sections of law have been registered in Police Station Kreeri & PS Baramulla and investigations have been taken up.

Continuing its drive against illegal mining in the district, Samba Police has seized five vehicles across district Samba which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material.

In police sub-division Samba, Police teams headed by SHO Police Station Samba, SHO Police Station Ghagwal, Incharge Police Post Supwal and Incharge Police Post Mansarwhile performing patrolling duty in their respective jurisdictional areas, have seizedthree dumpers bearing registration Nos. JK08K-9721, JK21-8772 & JK21G-5779 and one tractor trolley without registration No.for illegal mining/transportation of construction material in the area.

Similarly, a Police party of Police Station Vijaypurheaded by SHO PS Vijaypur has seized one dumper bearing registration No. JK14B-9029 at Naka AIIMSfor illegal mining/transportation in the area.

The above mentioned vehicles have been seized by Samba Police and handed over to Geology & Mining Department, Samba for further action.

## JKOBCWA delegation calls on LG Sinha



Delegation members calling on LG Manoj Sinha on Sunday.

### STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A joint delegation of Jammu and Kashmir Other Backward Classes Welfare Association and Social Activists led by Iqbal Ahangar, Chairman JKOBCWA called on Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha at Rajbhawan on Tuesday.