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Pak drone loaded...

the 3,880-metre-high holy cave shrine.

In a first-of-its-kind seizure in February last year, the Border Security Force had recovered a drone-dropped consignment of 14 Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) with in-built magnets along the International border in Samba district.

The in-built magnets could be used as "sticky bombs" by sticking them on vehicles and controlling them using a timer and a remotely-held device.

On April 28, the security forces had detected such an IED on Sidhra bypass in the outskirts of Jammu.

Four IEDs fitted with sticky bombs were recovered in Poonch district in August and September, last year.

On June 20, 2020, the BSF had shot down the first Pakistani Hexa-copter drone with a payload of five-and-a-half kilograms, including a sophisticated US-made M4 semi-automatic carbine and seven Chinese grenades at Border Outpost Pansar in Kathua district.

On July 23, 2021, the police had brought down a drone carrying five kilograms of IED along the International Border in Kanbachak area in the outskirts of Jammu.

The security forces had also recovered a huge cache of arms and ammunition besides high grade narcotics airdropped by drones from Pakistan over the past couple of years.

Traffic cop killed...

Kalai, a police official said.

Bashir died on the spot while his son and three others escaped with minor injuries, he said. The car was completely damaged in the accident, the official said, adding, police have registered a case and further investigation is on.

CISF Jawan injured...

Head Constable Surinder Kumar, they said.

The officials said Malha was overpowered and disarmed by other personnel, while Kumar was shifted to the district hospital in Ramban for treatment.

What prompted Malha to open fire is not yet known, they said, adding that a case has been registered and an investigation is underway.

RS polls: BJP...

Maharashtra and Bihar and one candidate each from Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand and Haryana.

Union minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi and Vinay Sahasrabuddhe whose tenures are ending did not feature in the BJP's first list of candidates.

The name of BJP general secretary Dushyant Gautam, who was a Rajya Sabha member from Haryana, was also missing from the first list of candidates.

The party has given ticket to former MLA Krishan Lal Panwar from Haryana.

Kavita Patidar will be the party's nominee from Madhya Pradesh, Ghanshyam Tiwari from Rajasthan and Kalpana Saini from Uttarakhand.

For Bihar, the party has fielded Satish Chandra Dubey and Shambhu Sharan Patel.

Union Commerce & Industry Minister Goyal and Anil Sukhdevrao Bonde have been nominated from Maharashtra, according to a BJP release.

Union Finance Minister Sitharaman and actor-turned-politician Jaggesh will be the party's nominee from Karnataka.

Elections will be held on June 10 to fill 57 Rajya Sabha seats from 15 states falling vacant due to the retirement of members on different dates between June and August. The last date for filing nominations is May 31.

Magisterial inquiry ordered...

the night staff. Taking serious note of the video, Gupta ordered the Vijaypur sub-divisional magistrate (SDM) to conduct an inquiry into the absence of the night staff at the PHC and submit his report within three days.

19 held so...

in connection with the case.

Police said the youths are advised to stay away from such subversive activities. Such activities will never be tolerated at all, now or in future, police said.

Sidhu Moosewala shot...

artist, a wonderful human".

"Satnam shri waheguru. Very shocking and very sad, a great artist and a wonderful human being, may god give the strengths to his family," the comedian wrote.

Musician Vishal Dadlani called Moosewala an "authentic modern artist" and said his courage and legacy will never be forgotten.

"I only knew #SidhuMoosewala through his music, yet the news of his demise has cut deep. India has very few authentic modern artists. He was right on top of that list. I'm without words. He's a legend, his voice, his courage & his words will never be forgotten. What a sad day!"

Shubhdeep Singh Sidhu, known as Sidhu Moosewala, was among 424 people whose security was withdrawn by the Punjab Police on Saturday.

He had fought on the Congress ticket from Mansa assembly seat in the recent assembly election and was defeated by AAP's Dr Vijay Singla.

"Terrible news coming in from Punjab.. this is not right RIP #sidhumoosewala you legend! Angry and sad!" actor Karan Kundra tweeted.

Actor Himanshi Khurana wrote she was "speechless".

"RIP brother," she tweeted.

Actor Gautam Rode said he was "at a loss for words" while actor Zareen Khan dubbed his passing away as "absolutely devastating and shocking".

Musician Armaan Malik also took to Twitter and said he "shocked and devastated"

"Terrible news. Extremely shocked to hear about #SidhuMoosewala May his soul rest in peace," singer Harshdeep Kaur tweeted.

Popular TV host Ramvijay Singha called it a "shocking news" and wrote he could not believe Moosewala was no more.

Leaders of the Congress and other political leaders also expressed their shock and anger over the killing of Moosewala and attacked the AAP government for with-

drawing his security cover.

Expressing grave shock and strongly condemning the killing of famous singer and senior Congress Leader Sidhu Moosewala, JKPCC has squarely blamed Aap Govt in Punjab for his day light killing.

JKPCC said that the incompetent and cheap publicity hungry Aap Govt withdrew his security and publicised the list for the information of his killers.

Those responsible should be booked under law and the incapable CM should be asked to resign by his party high command, who avail high security for themselves but exposed Sidhu to the designs of killers. Such immature and unlawful action of a publicity hungry govt is security threat to the peaceful atmosphere in Punjab where peace had returned after lot of sacrifices of Congress leadership and other peace loving citizens.

Deep condolences were offered to his family, friends and fans of Sidhu, on behalf of entire rank and file of the party, JKPCC handout said.

JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla also deeply condoled killing of Sidhu Moose Wala. Expressing its condolence, Bhalla said Moose Wala's "murder" came as terrible shock to the party and the nation. The murder of Sidhu Moose Wala, Congress candidate from Punjab & a talented musician, has come as a terrible shock to the Congress party & the entire nation, my deepest condolences to his family, fans & friends.

Foiling Pakistan's design...

by the enemy to smuggle the contraband into the country.

Following the tip-off, a detailed strategy for the search operation was evolved keeping in mind the difficult terrain of the border and the operation was launched jointly by the Army's Poonch Brigade and the police in the general area of Bagyaldara near the LOC, Baksotra added.

In the intervening night of May 25 and 26, some suspicious movement was noticed which was challenged by alert troops which, however, came under fire. The active ambush party retaliated but taking advantage of the terrain and the darkness, the suspected anti-national elements managed to flee away, the SSP said.

He said a massive search operation was launched in the area using quadcopters and sniffer dogs with action being backed by a well-integrated surveillance grid and extensive domination of areas close to the LoC.

The operation led to the spotting of two big gunny bags wrapped in cloths near a house on May 28 and on being checked the bags were found containing 32 polythene packets, each containing about 1.4 kg narcotic-like substance with a total weight of 49 kgs, Baksotra said.

The packets were having stamps of Shafiq Hilmand Karwan Al-saadat Afgaan Milat (999) and Superstar international 2017, the SSP said, adding a case under the relevant sections of law was registered at Poonch police station and an investigation was taken up.

Terming the recovery a big success , the SSP said two major catches were also recovered by the forces in January.

No one was arrested in connection with the recovery so far, he said, adding that massive searches in the general area are still going on.

Baksotra said the Army and the police are fully alert to frustrate the nefarious designs of Pakistan.

Pakistan is trying to smuggle narcotics to ruin the lives of youngsters and harm the country. We are alert to the threat, he said.

COVID: J&K records ...

stands at 4,752. There are 51 confirmed cases of mucormycosis (black fungus) in the Union Territory as no fresh case was reported since Saturday evening.

BJP's working committee...

Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the unprecedented growth and development in Jammu and Kashmir.

The region is witnessing major development under the direct observation of our hardworking prime minister, he said and accused the past governments of not making any efforts to strengthen democracy in Jammu and Kashmir.

PM Modi-led Union government ensured grassroot level democracy in Jammu and Kashmir by holding elections to all the institutions coming under three-tier democracy. The Narendra Modi government is also working on the principle of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwaas', he said.

He enumerated various public welfare schemes like PMAY, Swachh Bharat, e-shram cards and pension schemes and their direct welfare benefits to the people.

Thanking party activists for their dedicated efforts in making BJP a reckoning force in Jammu and Kashmir, the BJP leader claimed that the main opposition parties, including Congress, National Conference and PDP, have been rejected by the people.

BJP is confident of forming the next government in Jammu and Kashmir with absolute majority, Raina said.

Former MLA and spokesperson R S Pathania read out a statement on 'Present Political Situation and Security concerns' and explained that due to tightened noose on terrorism and terror funding, a new module of hybrid warfare has been devised out by forces from across the border.

We should focus on invoking the civil society of Jammu and Kashmir and ensure shrinking of political space for those who are involved in fundamentalism, regionalism and hatred, he said.

Raina later told reporters that a resolution was passed by the participants, condemning Pakistan for its continued support to terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting also paid tributes to those who lost their lives in the recent past and saluted the sacrifice, valour and bravery of the police and security forces involved in the fight against Pakistan-sponsored terrorism.

Govt withdraws advisory...

"Aadhaar Identity Authentication ecosystem has provided adequate features for protecting and safeguarding the identity and privacy of the Aadhaar holder," the statement added.

Diversity strengthens us...

for the Santhali community and offered it as a gift," Modi said.

"This is a living example of the spirit of 'Ek Bharat-Shrestha Bharat'," he added. Modi also noted that the holy pilgrimage of 'Char-Dham' in Uttarakhand is cur-

tered a case in this regard.

As per details, Bansi Lal who went to Arnia area to handover Court's summons to a person, was attacked due to which he got injured. Police has registered a case and started investigation.

4 killed, 4 injured in separate mishaps

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Four persons were killed while four others got injured in separate road mishaps in Jammu Division on Sunday.

As per details, Makhan Singh, resident of Dhanu Parole, who along with his father Mohd Fareed, was going towards their house on a bike (JK08J-0210) got hit by a tractor on Ujh bridge, Lander, due to which they got injured. Both were shifted to hospital where Mohd Fareed was declared as brought dead by doctors.

Meanwhile, door of a Billawar-bound bus opened suddenly while taking a sharp curve near Galak area, due to which a passenger fell from it. He was shifted to local hospital from where after giving first-aid, he was referred to GMC Jammu. The injured was identified as 36 years Pardeep Singh, son of Mukhtiyar Singh, resident of Dyalachak.

At Hiranagar, a car (JK02AT-2411) hit a bike due to which three persons got injured. They were shifted to hospital where one of them was declared as brought dead by doctors. The deceased was identified as Sumit, son of Naresh Kumar, resident of Kathua, while injured revealed their identity as Akash, son of Naresh Kumar and Sabi, son of Jarja, who are under treatment at Kathua hospital. Police has detained car driver and registered a case against him.

Meanwhile, 30 years old Pardeep Kumar, son of Dev Raj, resident of Chak Natthal, Sajhi Morh died after his bike skidded-off the road in Sunjwan area. At R S Pura, Rahul, son of Ramesh Kumar, resident of R S Pura also died after his bike skidded-off.

4 arrested with heroin, sharp-edged weapons

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Police on Sunday nabbed four narco-smugglers besides recovering heroin and sharp-edged weapons from their possession.

As per details, a party from Police Station Miran Sahib led by SHO Zaheer Mushtaq during Naka checking at Kullian Miran Sahib intercepted a motorcycle (JKo2BS 7176) with three persons. During checking, 12 gm heroin and 3 Tokas were recovered from their possession. The trio, identified as Paramjeet Kumar alias Chungi, son of Devi Dass, resident of R S Pura; Deepak Kumar, son of Dayal Chand, resident of Khour Deonian and Gulshan Kumar, son of Raj Kumar, resident of Dablear R S Pura were arrested and FIR no. 58/22 under sections 8/21/22/29 of NDPS & 4/25 of Arms Act was registered against them.

Meanwhile, a team of Police Post Narwal under supervision of SDPO East Syed Zaheer Abbas Jafari led by SHO Bahu Fort Inspr Nayat Ali assisted by Incharge Police Post Narwal SI Achal Rana, while on Naka duty, rounded up a suspect near Chacha Chowk, Narwal and on search, 35 gm heroin was recovered from his possession. The suspect, identified as Rayees Ahmed Khan, son of Wazir Ahmed Khan,

rently underway and thousands of devotees are reaching 'Char-Dham' every day, especially Kedarnath.

"People are sharing happy experiences of their 'Char-Dham Yatra'. But, I have also seen that some devotees are also very sad because of the filth being spread by some pilgrims in Kedarnath. Many people have expressed their views on social media as well," he said.

"Going on a holy pilgrimage and coming across a heap of filth there is not right. But friends, in the midst of these complaints, one is getting to see many good pictures, too. Where there is faith, there is also creation and positivity. There are many devotees who are worshipping in the Dham of Baba Kedar, as well as performing the 'sadhna' of cleanliness," he noted.

Some are cleaning near their place of stay, while others are removing garbage along the travel route, he said.

Many organisations, including voluntary organisations, are also working there along with the Swachh Bharat campaign team, he added.

"Just as a pilgrimage is important here, equally important is teertha sewa' as has been mentioned and I would also say that without teertha sewa', a pilgrimage is incomplete. There are many people in Devbhoomi Uttarakhand who are engaged in the sadhana' of cleanliness and service," Modi said.

The prime minister called upon the people to maintain the dignity of these pilgrimage sites.

"Purity, cleanliness and a pious environment...we should never forget these, and for that, it is imperative that we abide by the resolution of cleanliness. A few days later, the world will celebrate the 5th of June as Environment Day'. We should run positive environment campaigns around us and this is a never ending task," he said.

"This time, you should join everyone together you should certainly make some effort for cleanliness and tree plantation. Plant a tree yourself and inspire others, too," Modi told the listeners.

Mehbooba says Centre...

Directorate's (ED) summon to Abdullah, who is also the president of People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD).

Mehbooba noted that political parties in Jammu and Kashmir will have to find their space in such a situation to defeat their nefarious designs .

We have to work in the space there is. We tried many a times to protest against the excesses, but you know, my (residence) gates are locked. I wanted to visit the home of a Kashmiri Pandit who was injured, but I am not allowed. We will have to find our space in this situation and defeat their nefarious designs. They (Centre) will not allow any other space to us. They fear our political activities. They did not leave anything to defame us, she said.

The PDP leader underlined the need to get united and resist as there was a danger that they will try to erase our existence .

The orders that are coming from Delhi after August 5, 2019, it seems our jobs and lands resources are for sale. So, unless we get united and resist, there is a danger that they will try to erase our existence, she said.

She added that the Centre was making tall claims across the world that everything is fine in Jammu and Kashmir after the revocation of Article 370, but the ground situation has not improved.

You cover someone's mouth with tape and shackle them, then say he is not shouting. How will he shout? The way the blood is being shed in Kashmir -- be it Rahul Bhat, Saifullah Qadri, Shoaib Ganie or Amreen Bhat -- such incidents are taking place on a daily basis, she said.

The former chief minister also claimed that the BJP's policies were pushing the Kashmiri youth towards militancy.

Everyday, youth are leaving their homes because of the atmosphere the BJP has created and are joining militancy because of the anger. Then they are killed after a few days. So, everywhere the blood of Kashmiris is being spilled -- be it Muslims, Hindus or Sikhs.

Perhaps, it is because of this bloodshed, the BJP is getting votes in the rest of the country by telling the people what they are doing in Kashmir. But, this policy will not work and they will have to work on the healing touch policy of (former PM) (A B) Vajpayee and (former chief minister) Mufti (Mohammad Sayeed), she said.

Mehbooba said her government had withdrawn FIRs against many youth, but they are now being arrested and sent to outside jails.

The parents of these youth are poor and cannot go to meet them there. When we (PAGD leaders) met the L-G (Manoj Sinha) over the issue of Kashmiri Pandits, I told him that his policy in J-K that if someone says something, he is arrested... I told him that if he does not change this policy, then the situation in J-K will not improve, she said.

About a resolution passed by the Jamiat-Ulama-Hind against the uniform civil code, she said it was good that the Muslims in the country were getting united.

They have put forward their view point. The situation in the country is worsening. Questions are being raised on mosques, they are talking about Taj Mahal, Qutub Minar. In such a situation, if our people, the Muslims, are getting united, it is a good thing as there should be discussions, she said.

Mehbooba also said courts should take suo motto notice of the 'derogatory' remarks by BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma on Prophet Muhammad.

Umran Malik ‘breath ...

He congratulated Malik for being selected in the India cricket team

Let's hope he does well. Congratulations to him for being selected in the Indian squad. We all hope that he goes from strength to strength, Whatmore said.

Asked about his favourites for the IPL final match to be played between Rajasthan Royals and Gujarat Titans, Whatmore said it is really good for the IPL for those two teams to be playing in the finals.

I am not sure which way to go. There are good reasons for both to win the IPL. Maybe later in the day, I will have some leaning, but both are very very good teams, he said.

Whatmore, who was part of the Australian squad which played a match here in 1979, expressed hope that his second visit to the valley would not be his last.

I played a match here in 1979 when Australia toured India and there was a match in Srinagar. I remember that was the first game on the tour, so that was my first experience of Srinagar, he said. That was wonderful. This is my second visit here and I hope it is not last.

resident of Boniyar, Baramulla, was arrested and cognizance of matter has been taken by Police Post Narwal. The overall operation was done under the supervision of SP South Mamta Sharma.

Man accused of abducting, raping minor girl held with 24 hrs

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: A man was arrested within 24 hours of abducting and raping a minor girl in Domana area.

As per details, on May 27, 2022, a complaint was lodged by father of a minor girl against accused namely Anil Kumar, son of Parshotam Lal, resident of Chak Bhalwal, Jammu alleging that he kidnapped his minor girl and raped her when she was going to school.

On this, FIR No. 193/2022 under sections 363 376, 342 of IPC and 3/4 of POCSO Act was registered at Police Station Domana and investigation started, after which a team of Police Station Domana under supervision of SDPO Domana Sunil Singh led by SHO Insp Tilak Raj assisted by PSI Danish Qaiser, after putting in strenuous efforts and with support of technical assistance, arrested accused from Chak Bhalwal Jammu. During sustained questioning, accused confessed his crime and after completing all medico-legal formalities, victim was handed-over to legal guardians.

16 bovines rescued, 5 smugglers arrested

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

AKHNOOR/SAMBA: Police on Sunday foiled two bovine smuggling bids by rescuing 16 bovines and arrested 5 smugglers.

As per details, a team of Chowki Chourah Police led by SI Saroop Singh foiled a bovine smuggling bid and arrested two bovine smugglers. During checking, a rashly driven vehicle was stopped for checking and two persons onboard revealed their names as Amber Hussain, son of Farooq Ahmed, resident of Ari Mendhar District Poonch and Tariq Hussain, son of Tufail Hussain, resident of Gursai Mendhar, District Poonch. On checking of vehicle (JK11A- 8201), 4 bovines were found laden in it which were rescued and duo was arrested. FIR No. 154/2022 under sections 188/34 of IPC, 11 of PCA Act, 50, 52, 54 read with 56 of Transportation of Animal Act 1978 and 3/181 of MV act was registered against them and further investigation started under supervision of SHO Akhnoor Hilal Azhar. The arrest and recovery was made by Police Post Chowki Choura under the guidance of SDPO Akhnoor Varun Jandial and SP Rural Sanjay Sharma.

Meanwhile, acting on information received from reliable sources regarding illegal transportation of bovines, a party from Police Station Samba at Nud, Samba intercepted a truck (JK01AI/4327) for checking. 12 bovines were found laden inside truck, which were rescued. The accused Shahib Ahmed, son of Nazir Ahmed, resident of Wuyan Tehsil, Pulwama; Raffiq Ahmed Tarwa, son of Fazal Din Tarwa, son of Marwal, Kishtwar and Shah Jahan, son of Jahangir; resident of Bypass Sidhra, Jammu were arrested and FIR No.129/2022 under sections 188 of IPC 11 of PCA Act was registered and investigation started. All bovines were rescued and vehicle involved in smuggling was seized.



Youth arrested with Charas

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

UDHAMPUR: Police on Sunday nabbed a youth and recovered 340 gm Charas from his possession.

As per details, Chenani Police during patrolling near Domail Top Chenani intercepted a youth, who tried to flee on seeing police. During frisking, 340 gm Charas was recovered from his possession. The accused, identified as 36 years old Anchal Singh, son of Hem Raj, resident of Satyalta, was arrested and a case under relevant section of law was registered against him.

8 women among 12 injured in attack by Gujjar community

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

RAMBAN: In a dispute over grazing goats in Sanasar area of district Ramban, members of Gujjar community attacked and injured 12 people including 8 women.

According to information, some families had gone to Sanasar to graze goats and suddenly some Gujjar family members came there, after which a dispute erupted. The dispute escalated so much that members of Gujjar community attacked the families with sticks due to which 12 people, mostly women, were injured. On getting information, DySP and SHO Batote immediately rushed to the spot along with police team and shifted injured to Batote Hospital. Meanwhile, attackers fled from the spot. Police has started investigation in this regard. The injured were identified as Ranjit Singh, son Paras Ram; Pyar Chand, son Chandu; Ratan Chand, son Mir Chand; Sheela Devi, wife of Shankaru; Geeta Devi, wife of Ratan Chand; Darshana Devi, wife of Tara Chand; Chanchla Devi, wife of Geg Ram; Neesha Devi, wife of Kuldeep Singh; Rannu Devi, wife of Kapoor Chand; Chanchla Devi, wife of Tulsi Ram; Arjun Sharma, son Bansi Lal; Kanta Devi, wife of Bansi Lal, all residents of Sanasar.

Girl found hanging

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: A girl was found hanging in her house at Sarwal area on Sunday.

As per details, a girl, resident of Sarwal was found hanging in her room by parents, who shifted her to hospital where doctors declared her as brought dead. Police is investigating the matter.

Court's employee attacked, FIR registered

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

ARNIA: A Court's employee was attacked in Arnia area, however police has regis-

