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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh interacting with army personnel at Srinagar.

front against the Chinese aggression near Patrolling Point 14 in Galwan Valley. In November last year, he was posthumously awarded Mahavir Chakra, the second-highest military award for acts of gallantry in the presence of the enemy.

Months after the deadly confrontation, the Army built a memorial for the 'Gallants of Galwan' at Post 120 in eastern Ladakh.

The memorial mentioned their heroics under operation 'Snow Leopard' and the way they evicted the PLA troops from the area while inflicting 'heavy casualties' on them.

The names of the 20 Army personnel were also inscribed on the National War Memorial in Delhi in January last year.

The eastern Ladakh border standoff between India and China began in early May of 2020.

As a result of a series of military and diplomatic talks, the two sides completed the disengagement process last year in the north and south banks of the Pangong lake and in the Gogra area.

Each side currently has around 50,000 to 60,000 troops along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the sensitive sector.

## 20 DCs designated...

EROs, EROs, AEROs in Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory under "The Representation of Peoples Act-1950". 243 officers as Assistant Electoral Registration officers to assist EROs of 90 assembly segments. Of them, 112 have been appointed as AEROs for 47 seats of Kashmir and 131 as AEROs for 43 seats of Jammu. The commission has also appointed two officers as AEROs for cantonment areas of Srinagar and Jammu. It has also appointed three officers as AEROs for Kashmiri migrants who will assist the EROs of 47 assembly segments of Jammu and Kashmir.

## NIA searches 6...

disruptive secessionist activities, the spokesperson said.

In February 2019, the Centre had banned the JeI for five years under anti-terror laws on grounds that it was "in close touch" with militant outfits and was expected to "escalate secessionist movement" in the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir.

A notification banning the group under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act was issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs after a high-level meeting on security chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Hundreds of JeI activists were arrested in a major crackdown across Jammu and Kashmir following the ban, which came just months ahead of the abrogation of the special status of Jammu and Kashmir, and its bifurcation into two union territories in August 2019.

## J&K Bank rolls..

'JKB Special Karz Mukti Scheme - 2022' for NPAs in presence of the entire top-management at corporate Headquarters. Bank's Divisional Heads of Jammu, Kashmir and Rest of India besides the Heads of all Zones and Clusters also joined the function through Video-Conferencing mode along with other senior officers.

Complementing the concerned team for devising such scheme, MD & CEO Baldev

Prakash said, "I see 'JKB Special Karz Mukti Scheme - 2022' as an attractive offer developed for the targeted borrowers. Therefore I hope all the eligible account holders would avail this golden opportunity to settle their accounts and benefit from the best possible incentives, concessions provided under the scheme."

Emphasizing upon the need for direct and in-person communication with borrowers to make them aware about the scheme parameters, MD & CEO directed the participants to persuade every borrower in person for early resolution under the scheme while working in close coordination with each other for effective implementation of the scheme.

Earlier, General Manager (IAPMD) Syed Shujaat Hussain Andrabi gave an overview of the Bank's NPA Scenario and urged upon the participants to implement the OTS scheme which has been devised to provide an enabling environment to the operative levels to effect recoveries.

"Under the scheme, which is non-discretionary and non-discriminatory, faster payment of OTS amount has been incentivized. For making full payment within one month from the date of sanction, the beneficiary of the scheme can avail an incentive of 5% of the amount arrived at as per the settlement formula while as those paying within two months can avail 2% of the OTS amount as incentive", he said.

A detailed presentation covering all the features of the scheme was made on the occasion. The scheme is valid for 3 months till 16th September, 2022 with maximum repayment period of six months from the date of sanction. The sanction or otherwise for the scheme will be accorded and conveyed within seven working days from the date of receipt of application.

The function concluded with MD & CEO expressing hope that the operative levels will reach out to all the eligible borrowers under the scheme and make it huge success.

Notably, accounts classified as Doubtful 3 (NPA for 4 years and above) and Loss assets with outstanding amount below Rs 15 lakhs as on 31st March, 2022 are eligible for settlement, which include cases pending before Courts/DRTs besides those wherein the Bank has issued notice u/s 13(2) or taken action u/s 13(4) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act (SARFAESI-2002).

## Four terrorists killed...

area of Mishipora, he added.

However, the security forces maintained the cordon and continued the search operation, which resulted in a fresh gunbattle on Thursday, leading to the killing of two ultras, the spokesperson said.

One of the slain terrorists was identified as Zubair Sofi of Kulgam's Mohanpora, he informed.

Sofi was involved in the killing of Rajni Bala, a teacher, on May 31, the spokesperson said, adding that the identification of the other terrorist is being ascertained.

The operation is still in progress, a police official said.

Another encounter broke out between terrorists and security forces in the Hangalgund area of neighbouring Anantnag district, the spokesperson said.

Two Hizbul Mujahideen terrorists were killed in the operation, which was going on till last reports came in, he added.

"Killed #terrorists identified as Junaid and Basit Bhat of HM #terror outfit. #Terrorist Basit was involved in #killing of BJP's Sarpanch Gh Rasool Dar and his wife, a Panch on 9/8/21 in #Anantnag," Inspector General of Police, Kashmir Vijay Kumar said in a tweet.

## LG launches online...

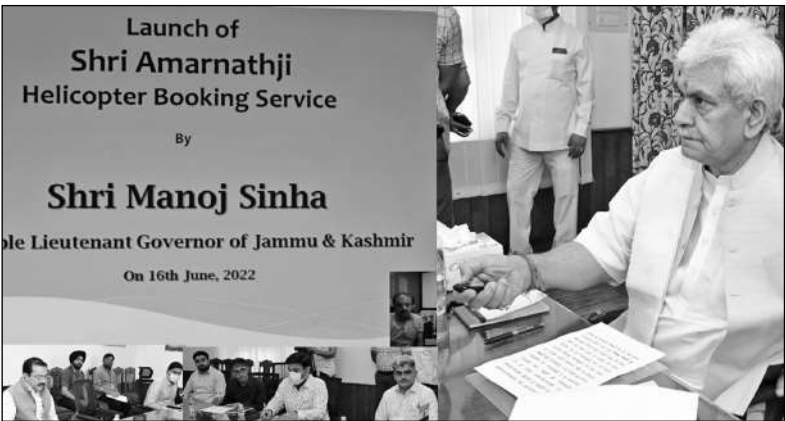
The Lt Governor further directed the Shrine Board and NIC officials to ensure hassle free and secure online helicopter booking service for the pilgrims.

Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor briefed the Lt Governor about the new helicopter booking service portal for Shri Amarnath Ji yatra.

Earlier, helicopter services were operational for only two sectors, but now, the pilgrims can avail the services in four sectors (to & fro) viz. Srinagar to Neelgrath, Srinagar to Pahalgam, Neelgrath to Panchtarni, & Pahalgam to Panchtarni, with total 11 helicopters to remain available for the passengers. Addition of two new sectors from Srinagar will encourage those yatris who wish to complete the yatra in a single day, and can return home.

This facility is also available for the devotees who want to travel only one way. The one-way tariff from Srinagar to Neelgrath shall be Rs. 11,700; Srinagar to Pahalgam Rs. 10,800; Neelgrath to Panchtarni Rs. 2,800 and Pahalgam to Panchtarni Rs. 4,200.

The portal was designed & developed by National Informatics Centre, State



LG Manoj Sinha launching online helicopter booking service portal for Shri Amarnath Yatra.

Unit Dehradun, Uttarakhand.

The Yatra 2022 shall commence on 30th June and culminate on 11th August. Expecting a heavy footfall of yatris, the Shrine Board has made adequate arrangements this year. In 2020 and 2021, due to Covid, no yatra was held.

Atal Dulloo, Financial Commissioner, (Additional Chief Secretary)Agriculture Production Department; Vivek Bhardwaj, Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary) Finance Department; Akshay Labroo, Director Information & Public Relations Department; Rahul Singh, Additional Chief Executive Officer, SASB; Anup Kumar Soni, OSD to CEO SASB and other officers were present on the occasion at Raj Bhawan.

## GST Council to...

the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on July 1, 2017, the 14th meeting of the Council was held on May 18 and 19 in the city. GST rates on 1,211 items were approved at the two-day meeting.

The 47th GST Council meeting assumes significance as it is expected to discuss the report of the panel of state ministers on rate rationalisation and also the tax rate on casinos, race courses and online gaming.

The GST Council, chaired by the Union Finance Minister and comprising state counterparts, is also expected to discuss certain simplifications in procedures.

Ahead of the Council meeting, the panel of state ministers on GST rate rationalisation is scheduled to meet on June 17 to discuss possible tweaking in tax rates, sources said.

The Group of Ministers (GoM) is likely to discuss possible changes in tax slabs, the sources said, adding that the final report of the panel would take some more time.

The Council had last year set up a seven-member panel of state ministers, headed by Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, to suggest ways to augment revenue by rationalising tax rates. The GoM had last met in November 2021.

The GoM has been mandated to review items under inverted duty structure to help minimise refund payout, and review the GST exempt list with an objective to expand the tax base and eliminate breaking of input tax credit (ITC) chain.

Under GST, a four-tier structure exempts or imposes a low tax rate of 5 per cent on essential items and levies the top rate of 28 per cent on cars and demerit goods. The other slabs of tax are 12 and 18 per cent.

Besides, a cess is imposed on the highest slab of 28 per cent on luxury, demerit and sin goods.

The Council will also consider a report of the panel of ministers on applicability of GST on casinos, race courses and online gaming.

The group of state ministers unanimously decided on hiking the tax rate on these services to 28 per cent, besides working out a method of valuing these services for the purpose of levying this tax. Currently, casinos, horse racing and online gaming services attract 18 per cent GST.

The Council may also consider some modification in summary return and monthly tax payment form GSTR-3B with a view to check fake input tax credit claims and expedite settlement of genuine ones.

According to sources, the modified form will provide clarity with regard to gross input tax credit due to taxpayer, the amount claimed in a particular month and the net amount left in the taxpayer's ledger.

## Satish Chandra takes oath as Chairma of J&K PSC



Satish Chandra taking oath as Chairman of Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission before LG, Manoj Sinha.

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Satish Chandra was on Thursday sworn in as the Chairman of Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission. He took and subscribed to the oath of office before Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha.

Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor conducted the proceedings of the Oath Ceremony.

Atal Dulloo, Financial Commissioner, (Additional Chief Secretary) Agriculture Production Department; Administrative Secretaries; Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, IGP Kashmir; members of JKPS; Chairman JKSSB, besides senior officers; family members and friends of Satish Chandra were also present on the occasion at Raj Bhavan Auditorium.

## Army signs MoU to provide coaching to selected students for higher education in Jammu zone

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu-based White Knight Corps of Indian Army on Thursday signed a memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with centre for Social Responsibility and Leadership (CSRL) and Petronet LNG Limited (PLL) for a coaching project 'Petronet Jammu Super 30', a defence spokesman said.

Under this project, 30 selected students from the entire Jammu region will be imparted coaching by qualified teachers in a fully residential facility established by the Army at Reasi, the spokesman said.

He said the project is part of the relentless efforts to facilitate the youth of remote areas by providing quality education and thereby enabling them to realise their aspirations.

General Officer Commanding, White Knight Corps, Lt Gen Manjinder Singh interact-



General Officer Commanding, White Knight Corps, Lt Gen Manjinder Singh along with CSRL officials.

ed with officials of CSRL and Petronet and complimented them for their valuable contribution towards such a noble initiative aimed at guiding the underprivileged youth towards a brighter tomorrow. He also emphasized that such initiatives will provide much needed special coaching for higher education to talented youth from remote areas of Jammu region, which will enable the youth for admissions in reputed engineering institutes.

Selection of the students for such institutes will be a matter of pride for J&K and the Indian Army, the GOC said.

He conveyed his best wishes, success and a better future to all students and faculty of the project and assured all possible support by the Army.

Lt Gen Singh also assured that the Army will continue working towards the betterment of people of Jammu and Kashmir with much more initiatives for empowerment of youth.

## CRIME REPORT

### Purse containing Rs 45,000 cash snatched from woman

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BISHNAH: A purse containing Rs 45,000 cash was snatched from a woman in Bishnah area on Thursday.

As per details, Shashi Bala, resident of Bishnah lodged a complaint with police that some bike-borne youth snatched purse from her hands containing Rs 45,000 cash. She said that she raised alarm but by then the youth fled from the spot. Police has registered a case and started investigation.

### Bootlegger nabbed with 17 bottles of illicit liquor

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Thursday nabbed a bootlegger and recovered 17 bottles of illicit liquor from his possession.

As per details, Kanachak Police acting on a tip-off laid a Naka and intercepted a car. During checking, 17 bottles of illicit liquor were recovered from vehicle. The driver identified as Sunil Gupta, resident of Purkhoo was arrested and a case under relevant sections of law was registered against him.

### Youth's body found from forest area

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Body of a youth was found from forest area in Bagh-e-Bahu on Thursday.

As per details, locals on seeing a body lying in forest area of Qasim Nagar informed police, which rushed to the spot and shifted it to morgue for identification. Police has registered a case and started investigation.

### Three narco-smugglers nabbed with heroin

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH/ UDHAMPUR: Police on Thursday foiled narcotics smuggling bids by arresting three smugglers and recovered heroin like substance from their possession.

As per details, a checking party from Police Station Surankote along with Army Draba Battalion while checking duty at Lassana area apprehended one Parvaiz Ahmed, son of Abdul Aziz, resident of Seri Khawaja Tehsil Surankote. During search, 10 gm heroin like contraband substance and weighing machine were recovered from his possession. The accused was arrested and FIR No. 163/2022 under section 8/21/22 of NDPS Act was registered at Police Station Surankote. The arrest and recovery took place with special efforts of Surankote Police on directions of SSP Poonch Rohit Baskotra.

Meanwhile, a party of Police Station Udhampur led by Insp Chaman Gorka SHO Udhampur under the supervision of Sahil Mahajan DySP Hqrs Udhampur laid a Naka at Jakhani Naka point for checking of vehicles. During checking, police intercepted a Tiago car (JK14G 8924) coming from Samroli towards Udhampur and during checking, recovered 50 gm Heroin (Chittta) from possession of two accused, namely Niklesh Goswami, son of Late Anand Kumar, resident of Bus Stand Udhampur and Purshotam Kumar, son of Bagh Mal, resident of Sui, Udhampur. The duo was arrested on the spot and FIR No. 261/2022 under sections 8/21/22 of NDPS Act was registered against them at Police Station Udhampur.

### 6 vehicles seized for illegal mining

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

Jammu: In a quest to stern menace of illegal mining, a multi-pronged strategy was devised by Jammu Police in which police teams of Police Stations Nagrota, Miran Sahib and Police Post Phallian Mandal acted stringently on



specific inputs and raided at different locations in their respective areas and seized 6 vehicles involved in illegal mining. The seized vehicles included i.e., a dumper (JK02CJ-6055), 2 tippers (JK02CU7821 and JK02BD 5686) seized by Nagrota Police; a tractor-trolley without registration number seized by Miran Sahib Police and 2 tractor-trolleys (JK02CU-0787, JK02CX- 3419) seized by Phallian Mandal Police. The recoveries were made by SHO Nagrota Insp Vishva Partap Singh, SHO Miran Sahib Insp Zaheer Mushtaq and Incharge Police Post Phallian Mandal PSI Ajesh Singh Jamwal in their respective jurisdictions.

### Three nabbed with 44.1 Kg poppy straw

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Continuing its drive against drug trafficking and substance abuse,

Jhajjar Kotli Police achieved major success by arresting three persons with 44 Kg 120 gm poppy straw during Naka checking.

As per details, a team of Police Station Jhajjar Kotli constituted under the supervision of SDPO Nagrota Pardeep Kumar and led by SHO Jhajjar Kotli Insp Vikram Sharma, while on Naka duty rounded up three suspects. On search, 44 Kg 120 gm poppy straw was recovered from their possession, which was hidden in tool box of truck (PB13BM-8662). The accused, identified as Sunil Kumar (driver), son of Sada Ram, resident of Kullian, Tehsil & District Hoshiarpur (Punjab); Ravi Kumar, son of Ram Murti, resident of Puran Nagar, Tehsil and District Hoshiarpur and Gurjinder Singh, son of Hari Paul Singh, resident of Khurdan, Tehsil Dasuya, District Hoshiarpur were arrested and FIR no.146/2022 under sections 8/15/25/29 of NDPS Act was registered against them at Police Station Jhajjar Kotli.

### SFs detect IED planted by terrorists in Pulwama

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Security forces on Thursday averted a major tragedy with timely detection of an improvised explosive device (IED) planted by terrorists in Pulwama district, police said. Two associates of terrorists were arrested in connection with the recovery of the IED, a senior police official said.

Police and other security forces averted a major tragedy by recovering an IED, weighing around 15 Kg, planted by terrorists in village Armullah in Litter area of Pulwama, he said, adding that a case has been registered in this regard.

### Anti-tank mine found near IB at Samba, defused

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: An anti-tank mine was detected during some construction work near International Border in Rangarh sector of Samba district, officials said on Thursday.

The mine, which was found buried by Border Security Force (BSF), was later safely defused by experts of bomb disposal squad, the officials said, adding that BSF personnel were carrying out some construction work in Tanggur border outpost area, when they noticed anti-tank mine and immediately summoned explosive experts, who later defused it.

### Truck smashes into Forest Deptt office's wall

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SUNDERBANI: A truck loaded with iron bars hit a wall of Forest Department office in Sunderbani.

As per details, truck (JK02AD 8602) loaded with iron bars, which was on way from Jammu to Rajouri, went out of control and smashed into a wall of Forest Department's office. Sunderbani Police registered a case for investigation.

