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Shinde also urged LG Sinha to provide land in Srinagar to set up 'Maharashtra Bhavan'.

Pune-based NGO Sarhad, which is dedicated to fostering people-to-people relationships and promoting harmony across India's borders for the past 30 years, welcomed the proposal.

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### Army exposes ISI's...

the adversary. "The propensity of infiltration along the Line of Control in

Kashmir may have shown some decrease but there have been some attempts in South of Pir Panjal as well as neighbouring Punjab.

"We need to be cautious and not let our guard down at any cost. National security is our prime responsibility. We will leave no stone unturned to maintain it," he said.

"We are cognisant of the likely threats from across and accordingly ensure to the best of our abilities that the current peace and normalcy achieved through collective efforts is not put at risk by inimical elements," he said.

He said the mounting pressure and actionable intelligence-based operations have kept the terrorists on their toes and a majority of them have either "migrated out of the valley or have been lying low".

The "invisible form of terrorism is a cause of concern and we are jointly working towards weeding out this phenomenon", the officer said.

"It is difficult to give the exact number of terrorists either local or foreign but to my estimates, it is definitely at its lowest since the past 33 years," the officer said.

The terror attacks and encounters between terrorists and security forces have witnessed a decline in Kashmir this year which reflects a positive sign and augurs well towards peace and normalcy in all spheres and domains, he said.

The officer said there is a perceptible shift in the sentiments of the local population towards violence which is highly commendable and "the challenge for us is to sustain it in the coming times."

The need of the hour is to strengthen the confidence of the population with the security forces and the relevant government machinery, he said.

"After all, if we have been able to reach this point, it is thanks to the cooperation of the people," Lt Gen Anuja said.

Based on the changing security environment, "we have also amended our methodology and given in for more people-friendly operations," the officer said.

"I am optimistic that collectively we will be successful in ushering a new normal of peace in Kashmir in the days to come," he said.

Lt Gen Anuja complimented the synergy between all security forces in ensuring an incident-free G-20 meeting held recently in the valley.

### Wholesale drug store...

"The war against drugs is among the top priorities and strict action against those involved in luring youth in addiction is being taken," he said.

### Justice Wasim visits....

Thereafter, construction work of the court building was brushed up and executing agency was given instructions for the speedy completion of the work.

Later, Justice Wasim called up a meeting with the heads of District Administration and stressed upon them to provide all required infrastructure like electricity, seating arrangements for the litigants, water facility, installation of CCTV Cameras, Solar system, renovation of court buildings etc at District Judiciary so that the judicial officers do not face any difficulty in dispensing justice.

A separate meeting was also held with judicial officers of district Kupwara and instructions were conveyed to them to mitigate the problems of poor litigants by providing speedy justice to them.

Justice Wasim also held meeting with the bar members and paid attention to their problems and assured for placing their concern before the relevant wings.

Afterwards the Administrative Judge visited Handwara Court complex and issues pertaining to court building, lawyers chambers, litigants shed and residential quarters of the judicial officers were taken up with the Administration.

### Sigdi B1 declared...

by constitution of village surveillance team to ensure contact monitoring and inputs from ground, he said.

Yadav said the intensive testing procedures were conducted to ensure that the panchayat was truly free from substance abuse.

The declaration of Nasha Mukta Panchayat is provisional and claims can be submitted to the office of the DC, Kishtwar; within one month and once verified a panchayat gets confirmed as Nasha Mukta, an official said.

He said these steps ensure that necessary corrective actions are being taken to maintain the panchayat's drug and substance abuse-free status. Yadav said 12 more Panchayats are in the line to achieve this milestone.

### Court rejects closure...

"The investigation in the case has reached a dead end without identification of the offenders...the excuse of the IO that it is not possible to trace or identify the accused is preposterous, as the deceased was not alone in the camp, there were a number of Army personnel along with officers on duty then and there," the court said.

It said investigations conducted by the IO's show total reluctance on their part to unravel the truth or lack of modicum knowledge of law needed to investigate an offence like murder.

"The casualness and callousness of the police is reflected from the fact that they are not able to identify the accused within the four walls of a camp The court is dissatisfied with the manner in which the police were dragging its feet in failing to make proper investigation, raising serious doubts that efforts were being made to protect someone," the court said.

The court said it is astonished to note that the closure report was kept at Police Station Banihal for six years after the completion of the investigation, as the closure report was prepared in 2016, but presented before court in 2021.

The case demands further investigation in order to do justice, the court said.

"Much time has passed and there is undoubtedly an urgency in the matter now therefore, this court directs that further investigation must be concluded within a period of three months from today and the police report be filed before the court concerned where after the matter shall proceed in accordance with law."

### Woman among 4...

their residential houses. Subsequently, a special team headed by DySP HQRS Kulgam accompanied by SHO Police Station Kulgam and concerned Executive Magistrate raided the specific locations. During search, 41 Kgs and 34 Kgs of poppy straw were recovered from respective residential houses. Both the drug peddlers have been arrested and shifted to police station.

Moreover, a police party headed by SHO Police Station Kulgam during patrolling

at Rangrezpora Kulgam intercepted a suspicious woman carrying a nylon bag. She has been identified as Rafeeqa Akhtar wife of Mashooq Ahmad Shah resident of Rangrezpora Kulgam. During search, 14.4 Kgs of Poppy Straw was recovered from her possession. She has been arrested and shifted to Women Police Cell Kulgam where she remains in custody.

Similarly in Baramulla, a party of Police Post Palhallan received an information that Javid Ahmad Mir alias Jai Kandur son of Mohd Ramzan Mir resident of Khambiyar Palhallan has hoarded psychotropic substance at his residence. Accordingly, a Police along with concerned Executive Magistrate raided the specific location. During search, 9 syrups of Codeine Phosphate was recovered. He has been arrested and shifted to police station.

Regarding the incidents, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered in respective police stations and investigations have been initiated.

### Ex-Deputy Commissioner...

detected the bank account used to transfer the money from Ex-DC Customs' account. The Cyber Police has always sounded alert to the mobile phone users in general to be extra vigilant and alert while receiving messages and calls from unknown numbers.

The cyber criminals are devising the news methods to cheat the public. This time they have been succeeded in befooling an officer of the rank of Deputy Commissioner Customs, who are trained to catch international level cheaters, fraudsters and narco smugglers.

### National Training Conclave...

should inculcate the importance of the 'Jan Bhagidari' spirit in every government employee. He credited the success of the Swachh Bharat Mission, Aspirational Districts Programme, Amrit Sarovar and the substantial share of India in digital payments in the world, to people's participation.

The prime minister said that training is for employees at every level and for everyone, and in this sense, the iGOT Karmayogi platform has brought about a level playing field as it provides opportunities to everyone for training. He said iGOT Karmayogi registration crossing the 10 lakh user base mark shows that people in the system are keen to learn.

The Karmayogi Mission seeks to improve the orientation, mindset and approach of government personnel so that they feel content and happy and as a by-product of this improvement, the governance system improves organically, Modi said.

He wished all participants of the conclave the best for the day-long deliberations and suggested that they come up with actionable inputs which will help in improving the training infrastructure in the country.

Modi also suggested making an institutional mechanism for organizing the conclave at regular intervals.

"Attended the National Training Conclave today, a part of our efforts to learn and serve better. Highlighted the importance of capacity building, ending silos and enhancing service delivery," Modi said on Twitter after the event.

"We shall keep transforming challenges into opportunities for a New India," Modi said.

### Conjuring magic: J&K...

added. A self-taught artist in this art form, Bhat said his family has been a pillar of support.

"My family has always been my supporters, they have helped me reach this platform. My seven-year-old daughter is learning this art from me. Many people approached me to learn this art. But it requires patience and so, many of them walked away," he said.

Bhat said three to four months of commitment is required towards one piece of art.

Having won many admirers over the years, Bhat now wants to showcase his creations on the national and international stage.

"As an artist, I want to showcase my art at the international and national levels and want to reach out to people who have an eye for it. The Department of Handicrafts, Kashmir, has helped me to showcase my artwork in this exhibition, I am very thankful to them," he said.

Bhat said he met with the Director of Handicrafts and Handloom Mehmood Ahmed Shah, who was inspired by his work.

"The director gave me a registration number and asked me to show my artwork. After seeing my work, he welcomed my initiative, work of art and encouraged me as well. This is a one-of-a-kind art form. I want my art to reach every art lover," he said.

Shah said his department was trying to promote art that is not much recognised or known to people.

"This is our seventh exhibition here. As the diversity of art is very rich, we are trying to help artists in showcasing their craft.

"We are trying to connect them with buyers as well as on e-commerce platforms. We need to glorify our artisans and give them a platform for the dissemination of their artwork at international and national levels," the official said.

Shah said his department is planning to connect Bhat with people so that he can promote his work.

"He is the first artist in Kashmir who is making such amazing pieces, and we want people to buy and appreciate his art," he added.

Irfan, a visitor at the exhibition, said he found Bhat's theme and idea impressive.

"He (Bhat) has been inspired by the mosaic art form, which is a rare art form and there are around 19 mosaic artists in the whole world. So, now we have one in Kashmir," he said.

Another visitor at the exhibition, Newsheeba, said she was very overwhelmed. "This is the first time I have seen this kind of art. Stone and stand emulsion has been used together. It is very inspiring for new artists who want to come into this field," she added.

### Man held for...

namely Joginder Singh, son of Payar Singh, resident of Meer Panchari District Udhampur and also recovered stolen property. The teams were headed by SHO Bhawan Khyatimaan Khajuria.

## Chanakya Academy conducts Toppers Talk by Parsanjeet, Nitin, Irfan

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Civil Services Exam preparation needs a dedicated approach while preparing for the exam and only the right guidance can help students prepare in the right direction. And, considering this need of right guidance for all the serious Civil Service aspirants in Jammu, Chanakya IAS Academy Jammu organized an exclusive seminar with the toppers of CSE Parsanjeet Kaur, Nitin Singh and Mohd Irfan.

The seminar was held at Chanakya IAS Academy, Jammu Centre, Gandhi Nagar Jammu. The motivation for hundreds of Civil Services aspirants, successful candidates, while addressing the candidates, shared their rich experiences while also shedding light on important tips on how one should approach the exam and the important factors needed to prepare well for the Indian Administrative Service and Kashmir Administrative Service. The seminar began with the success stories of all the toppers of CSE 2022 followed by a deeper insight into the Civil Services Exam and the duties that must be followed during the job.

Moreover, the participants were encouraged to actively participate and bring forward their queries which were fur-



Toppers of CSE Parsanjeet Kaur, Nitin Singh and Mohd Irfan during the event.

ther answered by both the toppers.

When we spoke about the seminar with one of the Owais Ali Bhat Director at Chanakya IAS Academy, he said, Chanakya IAS Academy Jammu has always endeavoured to provide quality guidance and education to Civil

Services aspirants and create able administrators for the nation. This seminar on the same lines aims at addressing all the queries and doubts of the participants regarding IAS/KAS, and also shed light on syllabus & effective preparation strategy for all the 3 stages of the exam.

### Misra highlights contribution of Abhinavagupta to 'Trika'

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JAMMU: Youth for Kashmir- Sanjeevni Sharda Kendra organised an online lecture on Acharya Abhinavagupta who was a 10th century scholar and philosopher. The lecture was delivered by Prof Rajnish Kumar Misra who is currently involved in research on Kashmir Shaiva philosophy and literary theory at the Centre of Linguistics and English, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

Prof Misra delivered detailed information about Acharya Abhinavagupta and his contribution to particular tradition of Shaivism

that flourished in Kashmir known as 'Trika'. He also informed the participants that UNESCO Memory of the World Register now includes this submission from India about "Abhinavagupta (940-1015 CE): Collection of Manuscripts of his works" which is a glorious and notable moment.

The participants who attended the lecture were very much enthusiastic by receiving the enriched information about the great ancestor of Kashmir.

The lecture was hosted by Pradeep Kisroo and the vote of thanks was proposed by Avtar K Trakroo.

## Make Yoga part of day-to-day life: Raj Guru asks students

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JAMMU: On the eve of 29th Punyatithi of Yoga Guru Swami Dharendra Brahmachari, Shivalik College Udhampur Government Polytechnic College Jammu, in collaboration with the Happy Model Foundation, Udhampur and Aparna Asharam Jammu organized an Yoga class in the institution, here on Sunday.

The camp was organized under the guidance of veteran national volleyball player and yoga teacher Raj Guru who demonstrating various yoga asana.

Speaking on the occasion, Raj Guru raised awareness about the benefits of yoga among students. He stressed on the need for coordination

between the educators and youth to make Yoga a part of their life. He further stressed on making physical activity and yoga part of day-to-day life.

A large number of students of students and staff of the college and Happy Model School participated.

Padma Shri Dr. S P Verma was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Yoga expert Master Chhajuram, Ashok, Vikram Gulati, Dr. K. C Sharma, B.K Mahajan, Neelam Thanda, Surisha Sharma and Yoga Teacher Raj Guru were felicitated on the occasion.

Dr. Vikram Gulati played a pivotal role in organizing the function and Dr Munish Gulati presented vote of thanks.

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SRINAGAR: Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari said on Sunday that Jammu and Kashmir is destined to remain a part of India, and New Delhi holds the resources and capacity to resolve the problems and challenges the J&K is facing, especially post August 5, 2019.

Bukhari made these comments while addressing a massive party convention at Reshnagri in south Kashmir's Shopian district today.

Besides Bukhari, the party stalwarts

## Craving for unprecedented progress, PM Modi carving new India: Kavinder



Senior BJP leader Kavinder Gupta and other after launching office of Jago Jammu.

the responsibility of every national citizen to provide another term to BJP in 2024 to allow the party to continue with its revolutionary initiatives to help the country touch pinnacle of progress in the coming time.

Kiran Verma, owner of the Jagao Jammu earlier welcomed Kavinder and other guests and assured that he

will try to work with added zeal while upholding the principles of journalism. Others present on the occasion include Corporator Dinesh Gupta, Advocate Parshotam Sharma, BJP OBC Morcha President Sunil Prajapati, Bhushan Verma, Manish Saini, Ashok Singh and Satish Poonchi.

### New Delhi holds key to required solutions: Bukhari

who also addressed the gathering included the party's senior vice president, Ghulam Hassan Mir, vice president, Zaffar Iqbal Manhas, party chief coordinator, Abdul Majeed Padder, and others.

Bukhari promised people that the Apni Party would ensure ideal solutions to the issues that farmers and orchardists in J&K are facing.

He said, "Given my personal experience in the farming and orchard cultivation business, I understand your problems better than anyone else. I am also